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Book of Mormon Gems of Truth: Lesson 7

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Abstract: Monthly Book of Mormon lessons for adult women (Relief Society). Each month a verse of Book of Mormon scripture is presented with accompanying quotes from General Authorities and writers of the Church.

bough by a well, whose branches run over the wall" (Genesis 49:22). You may recall that another group also came. Mulek, a son of Zedekiah, last king of Judah, was brought to the promised land. We read in *The Book of Mormon: Helaman 9:21*:

And now will you dispute that Jerusalem was destroyed? Will ye say that the sons of Zedekiah were not slain, all except it were Mulek? Yea, and do ye not behold that the seed of Zedekiah are with us, and they were driven out of the land of Jerusalem? (See also *Jeremiah 52:10*.)

America was the land assigned to Joseph and his posterity, and the Lord made preparation for its development. Lehi, speaking to his son Joseph, who was a descendant of Joseph in Egypt, said:

And great were the covenants of the Lord which he made unto Joseph.

Wherefore, Joseph truly saw our day. And he obtained a promise of the Lord, that out of the fruit of his loins the Lord God would raise up a righteous branch unto the house of Israel; not the Messiah, but a branch which was to be broken off, nevertheless to be remembered in the covenants of the Lord (*II Nephi 3:4, 5*).

Our future lessons will consider the rise, decline, and fall of this civilization. It flourished in the Americas for over a thousand years.

Suggested Readings

Pearl of Great Price, *The Book of Abraham*.

II Nephi, chapter 3.

Questions for Discussion

1. How were the tribes of Israel formed?
2. How were they dispersed?
3. What peoples did the Lord use to scourge Israel?

Visiting Teacher Messages

Book of Mormon Gems of Truth

Lesson 7—"I Have None Other Object Save It Be the Everlasting Welfare of Your Souls" (*2 Nephi 2:30*).

Leone O. Jacobs

For Tuesday, April 1, 1952

Objective: To help us appreciate the fact that there are many people who are interested in our everlasting welfare.

IN this text Father Lehi, that great Book of Mormon prophet, gives tender and solicitous advice to his sons. Truly this instruction is from the heart of a real father, for an honest parent strives to the best of his ability to instill righteous principles into the lives of his children. Almost all fathers and mothers have

the welfare of their children at heart, so far as they understand it.

But there are others, in addition to parents, who have our everlasting welfare at heart. How gratifying it is to know this. In this day when selfishness and greed are manifest on every hand, when bribes are given and received in return for person-

al gain, it is not surprising that we become suspicious of men—suspicious that they may have ulterior motives of mind in their dealings with us.

But with perfect trust we can look to our Heavenly Father and his Son, Jesus Christ, and know that they have none other object than the everlasting welfare of our souls. And all the instruction they have given us or will give us, is for our everlasting welfare.

God's representatives on earth are also interested in our welfare. Our present prophet, President David O. McKay, who stands at the head of our Church, is deeply concerned with the welfare of our souls. The General Authorities of the Church say at every general Church conference, "I have none other object save it be the everlasting welfare of your souls." Presidents of stakes,

bishops of wards, Church teachers and leaders also share in this feeling toward their fellow men.

Sometimes we hear people who have become discouraged say, "Oh, what's the use? Nobody cares about me. Nobody cares what I do or what becomes of me." This is not true. Someone does care. All these we have mentioned care deeply. And if we could only make these disheartened ones know this, it might give them a desire to continue in righteous conduct. And whenever we ourselves become despondent, let us recall this verse, repeat it over and over again until we convince ourselves that we will go steadfastly on, for there are those who care. How foolish and ungrateful we are if we do not hearken to their words of counsel, for if we will follow their teachings, our everlasting welfare is assured.

Work Meeting—Sewing

THE ART OF MENDING

(A Course for Optional Use by Wards and Branches at Work Meeting)

Lesson 7—Sleeves, Underarm Patches, and Mending Sheers

Jean Ridges Jennings

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(Textbook: *The Complete Book of Sewing*, by Constance Talbot.)

SLEEVES and underarm sections are the first and perhaps the most frequent sources of wear and strain in women's clothes. Countless dresses that are otherwise in good condition are needlessly discarded because of worn-out, torn-out, or uncomfortable sleeves.

Underarm sections of dresses and blouses that have become worn or

stained can be patched successfully. If only a small patch is needed, set in a shield-shaped matching piece of material. Set the patch in under the arm, matching the grain and design of the cloth as nearly as possible.

Remember when you cut the patch to leave a double seam allowance on the patch edge to be sewed