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Abstract: In this testimony, Pratt rejoices in the Book of Mormon and says that if the world accepted its gospel all evil would cease.

THE BOOK OF MORMON

"If the gospel, as set forth in the Book of Mormon, were accepted by a neighborhood, a town, a city, or a world, there would be no thieving there any longer, there would be no lying there any longer, no cheating, no deceiving, no intentional breaking of promises, no wrong dealing, no extortion, no hatred, no envy, and no evil speaking—because obedience to the gospel implies repentance, which means nothing more nor less than putting away all our evils and ceasing to do them."

"The joy which filled my bosom in reading that sacred record, waking up our minds and giving us the knowledge of the past dealings of God with the inhabitants of this vast western hemisphere, and of a nation of people as ancient as that of Abraham or of the Jaredites, and giving us knowledge also of a branch of scattered Israel led away from the land of their fathers 600 years B. C., and the glorious fact, the most important of all in the book, that the risen Jesus, in his glorified, immortal flesh and bones, set his feet upon this western hemisphere and ministered publicly to thousands and thousands of the Nephites, blessed them, revealed to them his gospel in its fulness, and was glorified in their presence * * all these things received in faith in my heart, and by the spirit of knowledge and of light and of understanding, and of hope and joy and charity, filled my heart in a way that I never can express to any being; to have the same joy understood, it must be experienced."—*Parley P. Pratt, Journal of Discourses*, vol. 3, pp. 179 and 308.