

“The Word is in Christ unto Salvation”: Alma 32-35

Layer 1: Storyline

Alma 32-33 : A group of poor outcast Zoramites come to Alma for guidance, and Alma preaches to them about the experimenting on the word of God.

Alma 34: Amulek continues the sermon and expounds further upon Christ and the Atonement.

Alma 35: The Zoramites who believe Alma’s teachings (converts) are cast out of the city and go to Jershon to the people of Ammon. The evil Zoramite rulers are angry at the Ammonites for taking the converts in, and begin to team up with the Lamanites to go to battle against the Ammonites.

Layer 2: Character or Setting Analysis

In the Original edition of the book of Mormon, chapters 30-35 were written as one continuous chapter.

1. Korihor the Anti-Christ comes & Alma confronts him (Alma 30)
2. Alma decides to preach to the apostate Zoramites (Alma 31)
3. Alma and Amulek teach to the poor Zoramites (Alma 32-34)
4. Poor Zoramites convert and are cast out to Jershon--Nephites prepare for attack by Zoramites and Lamanites (Alma 35)

If we were to look at Alma 30-35 as one chapter, such as it was originally written, how would that change the message of what was taught? What would be the main idea of the chapter??

Layer 3: Doctrine ALMA TEACHES POOR ZORAMITES HOW TO RECOGNIZE TRUTH (the ultimate defense against false prophets!)

1. Alma: 32: 12 Humility can increase _____. How does God humble us?? How have you been humbled this year?_____

Have you thought about what God is trying to teach you?_____

2. Alma 32:27 What does Alma ask the Zoramites(and us) to do before proceeding to teach us his truths?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

3. Alma 32: 28 “The word” is likened unto a seed. CAUTION: We are entering allegorical territory. Easy, rote answers do not always apply. Many layers exist--much truth to be found.

THE SEED= The Word of God, or gospel principles (surface level meaning)

THE SEED= CHRIST (deeper level meaning)

THE PLANTS THAT GROW FROM THESE SEEDS CAN BE USED TO.....

1. Make flour
2. Speed fryer growth
3. Increase the egg production of hens
4. Make hamburger, pork, ham, or veal substitute
5. Feed cattle
6. Make salad dressing, margarine, shortening, etc. with the oils
7. Make green salads
8. Make snack foods like peanuts or corn nuts
9. Make noodles
10. Create lecithin to help heart patients
11. Stop amoebic dysentery
12. Make cream cheese, crackers, waffles, cookies
13. Make bread
14. Make highly resistant plastic steering wheels and car bodies
15. Make glue for plywood and paneling
16. Make paint
17. Make caulk
18. Make an ice cream substitute
19. Make wallpaper
20. Make gasoline
21. Make tires
22. Create foam for fire extinguishers
23. Lubricate printing presses
24. Make baby, dog, and rabbit food
25. Make sauce for steak and spaghetti
26. Make cardboard

The fruits or results of planting the name of Christ in our hearts and becoming like him.....

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First, what choice do we have to make? We must _____ that it may be planted into our heart.
How do we do this? a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

If we do this, what 4 things will we feel
(if the seed is good)? (Alma 32:28)

- 1.) S= the seed will "swell" within you
- 2.) E= _____
- 3.) E= _____
- 4.) D= it will be "delicious" to you.

*Alma 32:33: If this happens, you know the seed is _____

*Alma 32:35 Is this not _____?

But- not a perfect knowledge. We just know now that it is good.

HOW DO WE GET THE FRUIT??

Alma 32:38 (Circle action words.)

Alma 32: 36-39 What 3 things does alma warn us against?

Alma 32:41 (number the three ways to nourish the seed) FAITH, *great diligence* & _____
Alma 32:42-- What is the fruit of the tree?>? _____.

*Alma is teaching the people how to _____ (so they don't get duped by people like Korihor or wicked priests)

----- ALMA 33 and 34 -----

Alma 33: 1= Poor Zoramites question: HOW do we obtain this fruit? HOW do we plant the seed, or word?
HOW do we exercise this faith?

1. How do Alma and Amulek suggest we exercise faith in Alma 33:3-11; 34:18-27? _____
2. How do Alma and Amulek suggest we exercise faith in Alma 33:12-18; 34:30? _____
3. How do Alma and Amulek suggest we exercise faith in Alma 33:19-23; Alma 34:5-10? _____
4. How does Amulek suggest we exercise faith in Alma 34:14-17, 30? _____
5. How does Amulek suggest we exercise faith and receive answers to prayer in Alma 34:28,29? _____
6. What additional suggestions does Amulek give for strengthening faith in Alma 34:37-41? _____
- 7> What is the ultimate reward of nourishing the tree? (Alma 33:23) _____

Layer 4: Personal Application. Your own spiritual experiment:

A. What gospel principle or teaching do you think the Holy Ghost would prompt you to plant in your heart starting today?

B. How would you "find a place" for this principle or teaching in your life? What weeds would you have to pull? What fields may need to be plowed under in order to find a place in the busy-overcrowded fields of your life?

C. How could you use faith to nourish the plant?

D. How could you use great diligence to nourish the plant?

E. How could you use patience to nourish the plant?

F. How could your prayers change during this nourishing process? What are three things you could pray about that could help you nourish this plant? _____

G. What could the ultimate goal of this mature plant be? _____

DO YOU DESIRE THIS? _____

ARE YOU WILLING to partner with Christ and develop a true knowledge of this gospel principle/teaching? _____