

LESSON 8 / "O How Great Our God"

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The Passion of the Christ movie... any comments?

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2 deaths / What is each? What is reason for each?

Jacob's reason for this discourse on two deaths (2Nephi 9:3)..... Jacob understood the greatness of what Christ did for us!

We would all remain with Satan forever

1. Atonement offers redemption from both deaths

- 2 Nephi 9:5-7,12 What did Savior do to overcome both deaths?..... "infinite atonement" means what? Without atonement, what?
- 2 Nephi 9: 10 What is the "awful monster"? grave = physical death & hell = spiritual death
- 2 Nephi 9:15 What must all people face following death? judgment
- 2 Nephi 9:22-24 Why won't everyone be saved (spiritually)? All will be saved physically, but not all saved spiritually

2. What actions will assure us blessings of atonement?

Assign a scripture to different class members.

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- Why is faith in Christ essentials before receiving all blessings?
- How? Meanings of both? What does it mean and how?
- What doesn't perish and how do we "feast"?
- How does being thankful help us draw closer to God?

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How do we waste our days? Wisdom and skills for wrong purpose (v 28)

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- See #5 above / vs carnally minded / what is reward of each?
- In ancient Israel, a man who was uncircumcised was breaking a covenant with God. So what does this scripture mean?
- Jacob prophesied that descendents would perish and Jews dispersed because of disbelief. When repent, they will be restored and gathered.

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What does it mean to be "reconciled to the will of God"?

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