

LESSON 15 ? Mosiah 1-3  
“Eternally Indebted to Heavenly Father”

(Objective: to help us understand our indebtedness to God)

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# LESSON 15 ? Mosiah “Eternally Indebted to Heaven”

Among the great political leaders in the history of the world, King Benjamin shines like the sun. By virtually any standard, he is as good a man and great a king as ever lived. The cursory descriptions given by Amaleki and Mormon show us the intriguing outlines of a life centered in Christ and his service.

This is an election year and candidates are lining up and clamoring for my vote already. I will cast my vote for the man whom I think to be the best choice. But I would be much happier in the voting booth if Benjamin were on the ballot.

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- 1- language
- 2- prophecies
- 3- records

- Mosiah 1:2-3 Our first account of Benjamin describes what? ..... Not about his reign as king, but what he taught his sons
- Mosiah 1:5 What would happen without scriptures? ..... How is this reflected in modern society?
- Mosiah 1:15-16 What did Benjamin give his son Mosiah? ..... Kingdom, brass plates, plates of Nephi, sword of Laban, Liahona
- Mosiah 1:16 What do you suppose was Mosiah's charge? ..... Preserve scriptures in safety (D&C 42:56)
- Mosiah 1:10-12,18 Why did Benjamin want people gathered? ..... Give name of Christ (in lesson 16) / people gathered at temple

### 2- King Benjamin teaches the people

Lot / Genesis 13:12 -door toward Sodom / 14:12-lived in Sodom

- Mosiah 2:5-6 How did people organize while at temple? ..... According to family / door toward temple
- Mosiah 2:7-8 What did Benjamin do to help people hear? ..... Compare to general conference today?
- Mosiah 2:9 What should people do with B's teachings? ..... Not trifle with words / open ears, hearts, and minds
- Mosiah 2:10-16 How did Benjamin serve as king? ..... Service to people / no taxes / no jails / no bondage/ no wickedness
- Mosiah 1:1 How did Benjamin's service affect people? ..... Does leadership by example mean anything today?
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- Supplement #1 *President Joseph Fielding Smith*
- Mosiah 2:34 (1/2 only) How can we render all we have and are? ..... What can we do?
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- Mosiah 2:36-39 (skip) What are consequences of refusing to obey? ..... Read on your own / you already know

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- Mosiah 3:2-3, 5-10 Why did Jesus suffer temptations and pain? ..... Read verses 2,3,9,10
- Supplement #2 *Elder Robert D. Hales* ..... Explains why Jesus came
- Mosiah 3:10 Who receives salvation through Atonement? ..... (11)died not knowing / (12-13)repentant people / (16,18,21)little children
- Mosiah 3:19 Why is a "natural man" an enemy to God? ..... How can we "put off" natural man? (see list in verse)
- Supplement #3 *Elder Bruce R. McConkie* ..... defines "natural man"

## How does this apply to me?

Though we can never repay God, he will bless us for trying our best!

This wonderful sermon of the great and good King Benjamin teaches us this process of being reconciled as well as it is taught anywhere in the scriptures. And certainly the sermon in which he gives us these teachings is one of the five finest sermons ever recorded in the standard works. We will conclude our study of his words in the lesson next week.

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