

LESSON 22 ? Alma 5-7

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Supplement #3

Alma’s Spiritual Checklist (Chapter 5)

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- 2 v14 Have ye received his image in your countenances?
- 3 v14 Have ye experienced this mighty change in your hearts?
- 4 v15 Do ye exercise faith in the redemption?
- 5 v15 Do you look forward with an eye of faith?
- 6 v16 Can you imagine that ye hear the voice of the Lord?
- 7 v17 Do ye imagine that you can lie unto the Lord?
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- 9 v19 Can ye look up to Go with a pure heart & clean hands?
- 10 v20 Can ye think being saved when you yielded to the devil?
- 11 v22 How will you feel before God with stained garments?
- 12 v26 If ye have experienced a change of heart, can ye feel so now?
- 13 v27 Have ye walked blameless before God?
- 14 v27 Could ye say that ye have been sufficiently humble?
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Who knows whose hearts will be changed by our recorded words and testimonies
Does it matter that our personal history contains our testimonies, or is this a concern only for a Prophet?

1- Alma tells people how to experience a change of heart

Supplement #1	Ezra Taft Benson.....	Why was it important for Alma resign as chief judge and preach?
Alma 5:3-9	Who was Alma speaking about? <i>(Do not read)</i>	Why important to remember previous experience with god’s mercy?
Alma 5:10 (11-13)	What are answers to three questions?	Answers in v 11-13 / What was message that led to Alma’s conversion?
Alma 5:13	What happened to people who believed Alma?	They were saved / Can other testimonies lead to mighty change of heart?
Alma 5:14	Mighty change=born of God = conversion?.....	What does it mean to be converted? Mosiah 5:2; 27:24-26)
Supplement #2	Elder Bruce R. McConkie.....	Is conversion a single event or a process? (should give us hope)
Alma 5:14-20, 22, 26-30	How do each of us answer these questions?.....	Have 13 class members read these verses
Supplement #3	Alma’s Spiritual Checklist	Countenance = behavior, face, appearance express inner character
Alma 5:31-35	After questions, what did Alma advise?	How can this same invitation to us give us hope?
Alma 5:37	Who is the shepherd?	How does Savior call us? What shows we have hearkened? Not because of
Alma 5:43-49	Alma’s testimony (any prophet’s testimony?)	Pretend these are the words of President Hinckley today seeing angel!
Alma 5:53-56	How many times “Will ye persist...”?	(4 times) If something in sermon needs your attention, persist or repent?
Alma 5:57	How can we “be separate”?	Can we be in the world but not of the world?

2- Alma establishes the order of the Church in Zarahemla

Alma 6:1-3	What did many do after Alma’s discourse?	Repentance and baptism (some excommunication – why? pride)
Alma 6: 4-6	How does church help the conversion process?...	Opportunities to have experiences & share experiences

3- Alma testifies of Jesus Christ in Valley of Gideon

Alma 6:8	Where did Alma preach after Zarahemla?	(19,094 killed in first battle) Valley of Gideon where Alma rested after pursuing and slaying Amlicites
Alma 7:7	What event is “of more importance” than any?	Savior’s coming I’m from WVC, from Salt Lake, from Utah
Alma 7:10	Where was Jesus born?.....	Bethlehem = “land of Jerusalem” / only 6 miles separate both cities
Alma 7:11	What did Alma teach about Savior’s mission?.....	Fulfillment of prophecy
Alma 7:12	Why did savior suffer so much pain?	So he can help his people in ways they need help
Alma 7:23-25	Who does this describe?	People who have experienced a change of heart spoken of by Alma

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