

LESSON 24 ? Alma 13 - 16

“Give Us Strength According to Our Faith... in Christ”

(Objective:help class members recognize importance of foreordination)

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(The Role of Righteous Women” Ensign, Nov. 1979, 102)

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Alma 13:10 = we are talking about the Melchizedek Priesthood

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| Alma 13:3-4
<i>Supplement #1</i> | When are men first called to priesthood? <i>Joseph Smith</i> | What did men demonstrate in premortal that they were worthy?
<i>What does this really mean to us men?</i> |
| Alma 13:8-10
<i>Supplement #2</i> | How do men demonstrate worthiness?..... <i>President Spencer W. Kimball</i> | How do men remain worthy of this foreordination in this life?
<i>This foreordination applies to women and men</i> |
| Alma 13:6
<i>Supplement #3</i> | Why do men receive priesthood? <i>Elder Bruce R. McConkie</i> | Opportunities of brethren to teach? / What does “rest” mean?
<i>Doesn't a long “rest” sound good?</i> |
| Alma 13:11-13 | How can we become pure?..... | <u>Look at sin with abhorrence, humble selves, repent</u> |

2- Alma, Amulek. others persecuted for their righteousness

Have you witnessed this in your children or family? / I Nephi 16:1-3

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| Alma 14:1-5 | Did anybody in Ammonihah believe?..... | Why do some people become angry when called to repentance? |
| Alma 14:6-7 | How did people respond to “new” Zeezrom?..... | Remember last week? It was the righteous few that kept away destruction |
| Alma 14:7-9 | What did wicked people do to believers? | Read last sentence of v 7 and 8,9 Remind you of King Noah? |
| Alma 14:10-11 | Why did the Lord allow this to happen? | Blood of innocent stand as a witness against them |
| Alma 14:12-13 | Why did Lord spare lives of Alma and Amulek? | There work was not done |
| Alma 14:14-25 | What happened to Alma & Amulek in jail? | Smitten, spit upon, hunger & thirst, naked, (summarize) |
| Alma 14: 26-29 | How were Alma & Amulek finally delivered? | What must we do to be delivered from our oppressions? |

3- Zeezrom is healed and baptized

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| Alma 15:1 | Who did Alma & Amulek meet with in Sidom?..... | All who had been cast out, including Zeezrom |
| Alma 15:3-5 | What did Zeezrom ask A&A in Sidom?..... | In whom did Zeezrom realize he really trusted? |
| Alma 15:6-12 | What can we learn from Zeezrom’s actions?..... | He was truly repentant because he was baptized and preached |
| Alma 15:13-15 | How did the people of Sidom receive A&A? | many were baptized and a church was established |
| Alma 15:17 | What does the word check mean?..... | To check means to slow or to stop |
| Alma 15:18 | What did Alma do for Amulek?..... | What does this reveal about Amulek? About Alma? |

4- The words of Alma are fulfilled / Ammonihah destroyed

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| Alma 16:1-3,9-11 | What happened to Ammonihah?..... | Wow! |
| Alma 16:4-8 | How did Zoram rescue his captive brethren? | Summarize (Chief Captain Zoram ask Alma and saved all captives) |
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