

LESSON 45 ? Ether 1-6

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(Objective: to help members understand how faith helps us eternally)

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*Outlined by
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(FARMS, Journal of Book of Mormon Studies, Vol.4, Number 2, p.123)

SUPPLEMENT #2

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Quoting President Hinckley: "I don't know how to get anything done except getting on my knees and pleading for help and then getting on my feet and going to work."

(General Conference, October, 1997)

SUPPLEMENT #3

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The brother of Jared may not have had the great belief in himself, but his belief in God was unprecedented. In that there is hope for us all. His faith was without doubt or limit... Once and for all it was declared that ordinary people with ordinary challenges could rend the veil of unbelief and enter the realms of eternity."

(Christ and the New Covenant [1997], 29)

I know families who are in the "barges" as I write. They cannot see where the Lord is taking them, and having lost the moorings that bind them to familiar lands, they are utterly in his hands, waiting and hoping for him to bring them finally to a land of promise of their own.

During the crossing they were often buried by the waves and tempests of the deep. How did they spend their time? Giving thanks.

They might have done so many other things during that year of sailing. They might have argued over land divisions. They might have speculated on the kind of choice land the Lord was giving to them. They might have passed the days playing shuffleboard or other shipboard games. And perhaps they did some of these things, but the brother of Jared is anxious for us to know that they spent much of their time in gratitude. In the absence of the blessings they sought, they were willing to give thanks for the blessings they had. This is another great lesson for those of us who find ourselves sailing blindly toward an unknown destination in our own barges.

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The combination of faith and prayer can work miracles. No account in the scriptures teaches this principle with more clarity. The brother of Jared knew how to get answers, and he had faith enough to make it happen. Let him teach you what it means to cry unto the Lord.

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What is meant “Lord had compassion”?

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Ether 1:34 What did Jared ask of his brother?What kind of person must the brother of Jared been?
Ether 1:35-43 What did BofJ do? / How did Lord respond?What is difference being “crying unto Lord” and saying prayers?

2- The Jaredites begin their journey to the promised land

Ether 2:7-8 What warning did the Lord give?For whom had the Lord preserved this Promised Land?
Ether 2:9-12 What was said about the decrees of God?Did Moroni speak from experience? This is for all inhabitants.
Ether 2:13-14 Why did Lord chasten BofJ?Why might he (we) have neglected to call upon the Lord?
Ether 2:15-17 What did BofJ do after repenting?The had built them before after Lord’s instructions (v6)
Ether 2:19 What problems did BofJ foresee?What about steering, air, and light?
Ether 2:20,23-25 How did Lord respond?What can we learn from BofJ’s experience with Lord?
Supplement #2 Elder Russell M. NelsonHow can we solve our own problems?

3- The brother of Jared sees Jesus Christ

Ether 3:1-5 How did BofJ propose to solve light problem?How do the words of this request show humility and faith?
Ether 3:6-9 How did the Lord respond to BofJ’s request?Why was BofJ frightened? What did Lord say about faith?
Ether 3:10-12 How did BofJ demonstrate faith?Where did such faith come from?
Ether 3:13-14 How did Lord describe himself?What was necessary for BofJ to see Lord? (redeemed from Fall)
Ether 3:15-18,25-26 What did Lord show BofJ?His physical body, all the inhabitants of the earth
Ether 3:27-28; 4:1 What did Lord instruct BofJ to do now?Write and hide up until after Christ came to America

4- Moroni seals up the writings of the brother of Jared

Ether 4:4-7 What do we learn about the plates & us?When can we receive these records? (3 requirements)
Ether 4:8,10-11 What about those who deny / believe?What great blessings must the Lord have in store for us!
Ether 5:1 To whom is this chapter addressed?Amazing!

These verses continue the record of the Jaredites journey to the Promised Land

5- The Jaredites travel to the promised land

Ether 6:3-4 How can this apply to us?They did all they could for themselves and left rest to the Lord
Ether 6:8-9 What did Jaredites do day and night?How can we “continually” give praise to the Lord?
Ether 6:12 What did Jaredites do in promised land?Might this be similar to our return to our Heavenly Father?

How does this apply to me?

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