



20a. King Benjamin's Speech (cont.)

Mosiah 4–6

King Benjamin Preaching from His Tower

“Believe in God; believe that he is, and that he created all things, both in heaven and in earth; believe that he has all wisdom, and all power, both in heaven and in earth; believe that man doth not comprehend all the things which the Lord can comprehend. And again, believe that ye must repent of your sins and forsake them, and humble yourselves before God; and ask in sincerity of heart that he would forgive you; and now, if you believe all these things see that ye do them.” (Mosiah 4:9-10)

Outline of Benjamin's Address

(2:9–6:3, **Sermon**)

- **Benjamin Reviews His Stewardship** (2:9–14, sermon)
 - Serving God (2:15–26)
 - Benjamin completes his reign: SERVICE (2:27–2:30)
 - Benjamin's charge to the people (2:31–41)
- **Benjamin Teaches of Christ** (3:1–27, sermon continued)
 - The Angel's Prophecy of Christ (3:1–15)
 - The Angel Explains the Fall and the Atonement (3:16–23)
 - The Angel's Warning from the Lord (3:24–27)
- The Reaction of the People: **the Process of Repentance** (4:1–3)
- Benjamin Continues: **Man and God** (4:4–30)
 - Who Is Saved? (poetic discourse, 4:4–8)
 - Retaining a Remission of Sins: Believe in God . . . (hymn and poetic discourse, 4:9–16)
 - We Are All Beggars . . . (4:17–27)
 - Final Instructions (4:28–30)

The Process of Repentance (4:1–3)

- “. . . he cast his eyes round about on the multitude, and behold **they had fallen to the earth, for the fear of the Lord had come upon them.**”
- “. . . And they all cried aloud with one voice, saying: ***O have mercy, and apply the atoning blood of Christ that we may receive forgiveness of our sins, and our hearts may be purified; for we believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God***, who created heaven and earth, and all things; who shall come down among the children of men.”
 - Not just a process of steps > recognition, remorse, confession, restitution, and forsaking > ***faith must be expressed!***
 - Confession can include a confession of faith as well as of guilt
 - See D&C 45:3-5
- “. . . after they had spoken these words the Spirit of the Lord came upon them, and ***they were filled with joy, having received a remission of their sins, and having peace of conscience, because of the exceeding faith which they had in Jesus Christ . . .***”

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Benjamin Continues: God and Man (4:4–30)

- **Retaining a Remission of Sins: Believe in God . . . (4:9–16)**
 - “Believe in God; believe that he is, and that he created all things, both in heaven and in earth; believe that he has all wisdom, and all power, both in heaven and in earth; **believe that man doth not comprehend all the things which the Lord can comprehend.**” (4:9)
 - “. . . I would that ye should remember, and always **retain in remembrance, the greatness of God, and your own nothingness, and his goodness and long-suffering towards you, unworthy creatures, and humble yourselves even in the depths of humility, calling on the name of the Lord daily, and standing steadfastly in the faith of that which is to come**” (4:11)
 - “. . . if ye do this ye shall always rejoice, and be filled with the love of God, and always retain a remission of your sins . . .” (4:12)
- **We are all beggars . . . (4:17–30)**
 - “. . . ye will not suffer that the beggar putteth up his petition to you in vain . . .” (4:16)
 - “For behold, ***are we not all beggars? Do we not all depend upon the same Being, even God?***” (4:19)

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The People Covenant to Follow Benjamin's Instructions (5:1–6:3, narrative)

- The people believe (5:1-5)
 - “And they all cried with one voice, saying: Yea, we believe all the words which thou hast spoken unto us; and also, **we know of their surety and truth, because of the Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent, which has wrought a mighty change in us, or in our hearts, that we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually.**” (5:2)
 - “And we are willing to enter into a covenant with our God to do his will, and to be obedient to his commandments in all things that he shall command us, all the remainder of our days . . .” (5:5)
- **Becoming Children of Christ** (5:6-6:2; see next slide)
- Names recorded (6:1–2)

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Becoming Children of Christ

- “And now, **because of the covenant which ye have made ye shall be called the children of Christ, his sons, and his daughters**; for behold, this day he hath spiritually begotten you; for ye say that your hearts are changed through faith on his name; therefore, ye are born of him and have become his sons and his daughters.” (5:7)
- Father = one who gives life
 - **Heavenly Father: gave our spirits life**
 - **Earthly father (parents): gave us physical life**
 - **Christ: gives us Eternal Life** (cf. John 14:18 and note 18a: we will not be orphans but Christ will come and be our father)
- Christ as Father (start keeping a list, looking forward to Mosiah 15:1–5!)
 - **Father of heaven and earth: creator, gave physical creation life**
 - **Father through the covenants we make with him**
 - A child takes its father's name

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