

Repent, Obey, Forgive

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Mosiah 3:6 ...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...

*What are some other words / synonyms for
“keep” the commandments
that are used in the scriptures?*

Keep

Do

Remember

Observe

Be obedient to

Walk in/after

Obey

Hearken to

Fulfill

Execute

Act upon

Accomplish

(did something)...According to / agreeable to

...judged, went to battle, served bread/wine, ordained , etc.

Emphasis words

Diligent in keeping

Faithful in keeping

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Jonah’s story will lead us into our study of repentance and forgiveness

- ❖ First command to go...Fled
- ❖ “spent some time in the fish”
- ❖ second time...went and preached (reluctantly)
- ❖ Jonah was displeased that the Lord forgave them...why?
- ❖ Could feel more remorse for the gourd than for the people

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D&C 58:9d By this ye may know if a man repenteth of his sins: Behold, he will **confess them** and **forsake them**.

Why Repent?

Gen 6:54 And our father Adam spake unto the Lord and said,

Why is it that men must repent and be baptized in water?

Gen 6:55 And the Lord said unto Adam, Behold, I have forgiven thee thy transgression in the garden of Eden.

Gen 6:56 Hence came the saying abroad among the people that the Son of God hath atoned for original guilt, wherein the sins of the parents cannot be answered upon the heads of the children, for they are whole from the foundation of the world.

Gen 6:57 And the Lord spake unto Adam, saying, Inasmuch as thy children are conceived in sin [*with the knowledge of when they sin*], even so, when they begin to grow up, sin conceiveth in their hearts; and they taste the bitter, that they may know to prize the good.

Gen 6:58 And it is given unto them to know good from evil; wherefore, they are agents unto themselves.

Gen 6:59 And I have given unto you another law and commandment; wherefore, teach it unto your children that all men, everywhere, must repent, or they can in no wise inherit the kingdom of God.

Conditions of repentance

Hel 5:65 And ye shall hear my [Samuel]words, for, for this intent I have come up upon the walls of this city--that ye might hear and know of the judgments of God which do await you because of your iniquities; and also that ye might know the conditions of repentance;

Hel 5:67 And if ye believe on his name, ye will repent of all your sins, that thereby ye may have a remission of them through his merits.

Hel 5:71 But behold, the resurrection of Christ redeemeth mankind, yea, even all mankind, and bringeth them back into the presence of the Lord;

Hel 5:72 Yea, and it bringeth to pass the conditions of repentance

A story of “Repentance” without these conditions being met...

Mormon 1:16 And I, being fifteen years of age and being somewhat of a sober mind, therefore, I was visited of the Lord and tasted and knew of the goodness of Jesus.

1:17 And I did endeavor to preach unto this people; but my mouth was shut, and I was forbidden that I should preach unto them; for behold, they had willfully rebelled against their God, and the beloved disciples were taken away out of the land because of their iniquity.

Mormon 1:34 And it came to pass that the Nephites began to repent of their iniquity and began to cry, even as had been prophesied by Samuel, the prophet;

Mormon 1:36 And it came to pass that when I, Mormon, saw their lamentations, and their mourning, and their sorrowing before the Lord, my heart did begin to rejoice within me, knowing the mercies and the long-suffering of the Lord, therefore, supposing that he would be merciful unto them, that they would again become a righteous people.

1:37 But behold, this my joy was vain, for their sorrowing was not unto repentance because of the goodness of God; but it was rather the sorrowing of the damned because the Lord would not always suffer them to take happiness in sin.

1:38 And they did not come unto Jesus with broken hearts and contrite spirits, but they did curse God and wish to die.

Consequences of not repenting [*this example specific from Alma to Ammonihah*]

Alma 7:13 Behold, now I say unto you that he commandeth you to repent; and except ye repent, ye can **in no wise inherit the kingdom of God.**

7:14 But behold, this is not all. He has commanded you to repent, or he will utterly destroy you from off the face of the earth; yea, he will visit you in his anger, and in his fierce anger he will not turn away.

7:15 Behold, do ye not remember the words which he spake unto Lehi, saying that, Inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments, ye shall prosper in the land?

7:16 And again it is said that, Inasmuch as ye will not keep my commandments, ye shall be cut off from the presence of the Lord.

7:24 But behold, I say unto you that if ye persist in your wickedness, that your days shall not be prolonged in the land, for the Lamanites shall be sent upon you;

7:25 And if ye repent not, they shall come in a time when you know not, and ye shall be visited with utter destruction;

7:26 And it shall be according to the fierce anger of the Lord; for he will not suffer you that ye shall live in your iniquities to destroy his people.

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No time wasted in any of the scriptures in mention of repentance:

First mention of repentance

Gen 4:8 [command to worship Lord, offer sacrifice, angel's question]

Matt 5:3, 4 believe, depths of humility, baptized, receive remission of sins

I N 1:3 [prophets preached repentance to Jerusalem]

D&C 1:5c, f [preface 1831] 2:4 [1828]

Latter Day Revelation

D&C 6:4b, 10:4b,

Say nothing but repentance unto this generation

D&C 13:3, 14:3,

the thing which will be of the most worth unto you will be to declare repentance unto this people, that you may bring souls unto me, that you may rest with them in the kingdom of my Father

D&C 18:4d

...of tenets thou shalt not talk; but thou shalt declare repentance, and faith on the Savior, and remission of sins by baptism and by fire, yea, even the Holy Ghost

Early preachers of repentance:

Adam

Gen 4:8 Wherefore, thou shalt do all that thou doest in the name of the Son. And thou shalt repent and call upon God in the name of the Son forevermore.

Gen 5:1 And the Lord God called upon men, by the Holy Ghost, everywhere, and commanded them that they should repent.

Gen 5:2 And as many as believed in the Son and repented of their sins should be saved.

Gen 5:44 And thus the gospel began to be preached from the beginning, being declared by holy angels sent forth from the presence of God, and by his own voice, and by the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Gen 5:45 And thus all things were confirmed unto Adam by a holy ordinance, and the gospel preached, and a decree sent forth that it should be in the world until the end thereof; and thus it was. Amen

Gen 6:1 And Adam hearkened unto the voice of God and called upon his sons to repent.

Gen 6:24 And they [the genealogy of the sons of Adam] were preachers of righteousness, and spake, and prophesied, and called upon all men everywhere to repent. And faith was taught unto the children of men.

Early preachers of repentance:

Enoch

Gen 6:27 And he heard a voice from heaven, saying, Enoch, my son, prophesy unto this people and say unto them, Repent, for thus saith the Lord, I am angry with this people,

...

Gen 6:30 And a hell I have prepared for them if they repent not.

Gen 7:12 And the Lord said unto me, Go forth to this people and say unto them, Repent, lest I come out and smite them with a curse and they die.

Gen 7:13 And he gave unto me a commandment that *I should baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, who is full of grace and truth, and the Holy Ghost, which beareth record of the Father and the Son.*

Gen 7:14 And it came to pass that Enoch continued to call upon all the people, save it were the people of Cainan, to repent.

Early preachers of repentance:

Noah

Gen 8:7 But the Lord was with Noah, and the power of the Lord was upon him; and the Lord ordained Noah after his own order and commanded him that he should go forth and declare his gospel unto the children of men, even as it was given unto Enoch.

Gen 8:8 And it came to pass that Noah called upon the children of men, that they should repent; but they hearkened not unto his words.

Gen 8:11 And it came to pass that Noah continued his preaching unto the people, saying, Hearken and give heed unto my words. *Believe, and repent of your sins, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, even as our fathers did, and ye shall receive the Holy Ghost, that ye may have all things made manifest;*

Melchisedec

Alm 10:12 But Melchisedec, having exercised mighty faith and received the office of the high priesthood, according to the holy order of God, did preach repentance unto his people.

Alm 10:13 And behold, they did repent; and Melchisedec did establish peace in the land in his days;

Another Example

Enos

Enos 1:3 And I will tell you of the wrestle which I had before God before I received a remission of my sins;

Enos 1:4 Behold, I went to hunt beasts in the forest; and the words which I had often heard my father speak concerning eternal life and the joy of the saints sank deep into my heart.

Enos 1:5 And my soul hungered; and I kneeled down before my Maker, and I cried unto him in mighty prayer and supplication for mine own soul;

Enos 1:6 And all the day long did I cry unto him; yea, and when the night came, I did still raise my voice high, that it reached the heavens.

Enos 1:7 And there came a voice unto me saying, Enos, thy sins are forgiven thee, and thou shalt be blessed.

Enos 1:8 And I, Enos, knew that God could not lie; wherefore, my guilt was swept away.

Enos 1:9 And I said, Lord, how is it done?

Enos 1:10 And he said unto me, **Because of thy faith in Christ**, whom thou hast never before heard nor seen.

Enos 1:11 And many years pass away before he shall manifest himself in the flesh; wherefore, go to; **thy faith hath made thee whole.**

Alma [the younger] to various cities:

Zarahemla

Alm 3:19 And now, I ask of you, On what conditions are they [your fathers] saved?

Alm 3:25 And behold, he [Alma I] preached the word unto your fathers, and a **mighty change was also wrought in their hearts**; and they **humbled themselves** and put their trust in the true and living God. 26. And behold, they were **faithful until the end**;

Alm 3:30 ...exercise faith in the redemption of him who created you

Alm 3:40 ... garments must be purified until they are cleansed from all stain, through the blood of him of whom it has been spoken by our fathers who should come to redeem his people from their sins.

Alm 3:57 Behold, he sendeth an invitation unto all men; for the arms of mercy are extended towards them, and he saith, Repent, and I will receive you.

Alm 3:58 Yea, he saith, Come unto me, and ye shall partake of the fruit of the tree of life

Alm 3:86 [Alma's call] to preach unto all, both old and young, both bond and free; yea, I say unto you, the aged, and also the middle aged, and the rising generation; yea, to cry unto them that they must repent and be born again.

Alm 3:87 Yea, thus saith the Spirit, Repent, all ye ends of the earth, for the kingdom of heaven is soon at hand; yea, the Son of God cometh in his glory

Alma [the younger] to various cities:

Gideon

Alm 5:5 [firstly, he points out that they] were not in the awful dilemma that their brethren were in at Zarahemla.

Alm 5:13 [he proceeds to point out] There be many things to come; and behold, there is one thing which is of more importance than they all:

Alm 5:14 For behold, the time is not far distant that the Redeemer liveth and cometh among his people.

Alm 5:17 But behold, the Spirit hath said this much unto me, saying: Cry unto this people, saying, Repent ye, repent ye, and prepare the way of the Lord, and walk in his paths, which are straight;

Alm 5:18 For behold, the kingdom of heaven is at hand, ...

Alm 5:24 Now I say unto you that ye must *repent and be born again*; for the Spirit saith, If ye are not born again, ye cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven;

Alm 5:25 Therefore, come and be baptized unto repentance, that ye may be washed from your sins, that ye may have faith on the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, who is mighty to save and to cleanse from all unrighteousness;

Alm 5:27 Yea, come, and go forth, and show unto your God that ye are willing to repent of your sins, and enter into a covenant with him to keep his commandments, and witness it unto him this day by going into the waters of baptism.

Alma [the younger] to various cities:

Melek

Alm 6:5 And he began to teach the people in the land of Melek according to the holy order of God by which he had been called

Alm 6:7 And they were baptized throughout all the land, so that when he had finished his work at Melek, he departed thence

Alma [the younger] to various cities:

Ammonihah

Alma goes to city to preach as commanded, is run out, and upon leaving is told by an angel to return...

Alm 6:21 Yea, say unto them, except they repent, the Lord God will destroy them.

Alm 6:37 And the word came to Alma, saying, Go; and also say unto my servant Amulek, Go forth and prophesy unto this people, saying, Repent ye, for thus saith the Lord, Except ye repent, I will visit this people in mine anger; yea, and I will not turn my fierce anger away.

7:13 Behold, now I say unto you that he commandeth you to repent; and except ye repent, ye can in no wise inherit the kingdom of God.

Alm 7:46 And now, my beloved brethren, for ye are my brethren, and ye had ought to be beloved, and ye had ought to bring forth works which are meet for repentance,

Alm 8:96 [*Amulek, in answer to Zeezrom's question*] And he shall come into the world to redeem his people; and he shall take upon him the transgressions of those who believe on his name; and these are they that shall have eternal life, and salvation cometh to none else.

What became of Ammonihah?

People of Ammon (Anti-Nephi-Lehis)

Alm 14:7 And now, it came to pass that when the king had sent forth this proclamation, that Aaron and his brethren went forth from city to city and from one house of worship to another,

Alm 14:8 Establishing churches, and consecrating priests and teachers throughout the land among the Lamanites, to preach and to teach the word of God among them; and thus they began to have great success.

Alm 14:11 Yea, I say unto you, As the Lord liveth, as many of the Lamanites as believed in their preaching and were converted unto the Lord never did fall away, for they became a righteous people.

Alm 14:12 They did lay down the weapons of their rebellion, that they did not fight against God any more, neither against any of their brethren.

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Alm 14:29 Now these are the words which he [Lamoni's brother] said unto the people concerning the matter: I thank my God, my beloved people, that our great God has in goodness sent these our brethren, the Nephites, unto us to preach unto us and to convince us of the traditions of our wicked fathers.

Alm 14:30 And behold, I thank my great God that he has given us a portion of his Spirit to soften our hearts, that we have opened a correspondence with these brethren, the Nephites;

Alm 14:31 And behold, I also thank my God that, by opening this correspondence, we have been convinced of our sins and of the many murders which we have committed;

Alm 14:32 And I also thank my God, yea, my great God, that he hath granted unto us that we might repent of these things, and also that he hath forgiven us of those our many sins and murders which we have committed, and took away the guilt from our hearts through the merits of his Son.

Alm 14:33 And now, behold, my brethren, since it has been all that we could do (as we were the most lost of all mankind) to repent of all our sins and the many murders which we have committed, and to get God to take them away from our hearts--for it was all we could do to repent sufficiently before God, that he would take away our stain--

Alm 14:34 Now, my best beloved brethren, since God hath taken away our stains and our swords have become bright, then let us stain our swords no more with the blood of our brethren.

Alm 14:35 Behold, I say unto you, Nay, let us retain our swords, that they be not stained with the blood of our brethren;

Alm 14:36 **For perhaps if we should stain our swords again, they can no more be washed bright through the blood of the Son** of our great God, which shall be shed for the atonement of our sins.

People of Ammon (Anti-Nephi-Lehis)

The people of Ammon felt forgiven for murder . Is this a forgivable offense?

Alm 19:9 Yea, and whosoever murdereth against the light and knowledge of God, it is not easy for him to obtain forgiveness; yea, I say unto you, my son, that it is not easy for him to obtain a forgiveness.

D&C 42:6 And now, behold, I speak unto the church: Thou shalt not kill; and he that kills shall not have forgiveness in this world nor in the world to come.

Are there sins for which, through God's judgment, a punishment is affixed and paid but forgiveness is not granted?

Can a debt/trespass that is not forgiven be paid?

Example: Adultery

D&C 42:7e Thou shalt not commit adultery; and he that committeth adultery and repenteth not shall be cast out; but he that hath committed adultery and repents with all his heart, and forsaketh it, and doeth it no more, thou shalt forgive; but if he doeth it again, he shall not be forgiven but shall be cast out.

Church History vol 8, p. 71, 72

1926 President and Standing Council *interpretation*:

“In some instances, over a long period of years, [persons] atoned for the offenses with tears and suffering and through true repentance and right living...”

“A person standing excommunicado is in the status of a nonmember; and nonmembers requesting admittance to membership are examined as to fitness for such-repentance, faith, intentions, are factors to be considered...it does not appear from a critical examination of the law that such persons are forever barred from entrance into the church. The offense was not forgiven. They were cast out. They have suffered the penalty and paid a price for their sin.”

...not forgiven interpreted as a form of penance or penalty needed before re-admittance

Paid...not forgiven

King David pays a price

2 Samuel 24 / 1 Chron 21 David's sin in numbering his people

Directed by Satan to number his people (pride)

Conviction of sin (sorrow)

2 Sam 24:10 And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the Lord, I have sinned greatly in that I have done. And now, I beseech thee, O Lord, take away the iniquity of thy servant, for I have done very foolishly.

Judgment/dilemma of what consequence

2 Sam 24:12 [prophet Gad]unto David, Thus saith the Lord, I offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.

2 Sam 24:13 ...seven years of famine
...flee three months before thine enemies,
...three days' pestilence in thy land?

Staying of judgment on Jerusalem

2 Sam 24:16 And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord said unto him, Stay now thine hand; it is enough; for the people repented

Altar and purchase of plot and threshing floor (eventual spot for temple...Mt Moriah)

Conditions surrounding Samuel the Lamanite's Prophecy

Hel 4:44 ...they began again to forget the Lord, their God.

Hel 4:45 ...they began to wax strong in iniquity.

Hel 4:46 ...they did not mend their ways.

Hel 4:47 ...they did wax stronger and stronger in their pride and in their wickedness;

Hel 4:48 And thus we can behold how false and also the unsteadiness of the hearts of the children of men; ...we may see at the very time when he doth prosper his people--...doing all things for the welfare and happiness of his people--

Hel 4:51 Yea, then is the time that they do harden their hearts, and do forget the Lord, their God, and do trample under their feet the Holy One, yea, and this because of their ease and their exceeding great prosperity.

Hel 4:52 And thus we see that except the Lord doth chasten his people with many afflictions, yea, except he doth visit them with death, and with terror, and with famine, and with all manner of pestilences, they will not remember him.

Hel 4:53 ...how quick to do iniquity, and how slow to do good are the children of men--

Hel 4:54 Yea, how quick to hearken unto the words of the evil one, and to set their hearts upon the vain things of the world, yea, how quick to be lifted up in pride, yea, how quick to boast and do all manner of that which is iniquity,

Hel 4:55 And how slow are they to remember the Lord, their God, and to give ear unto his counsels, yea, how slow to walk in wisdom's paths!

Hel 4:56 Behold, they do not desire that the Lord, their God, who hath created them, should rule and reign over them; notwithstanding his great goodness and his mercy towards them, they do set at naught his counsels, and they will not that he should be their guide.

Samuel the Lamanite's Prophecy

(Repentance referenced 20 x in one chapter)

Hel 5:3 And it came to pass that he did preach many days repentance unto the people; and they did cast him out, and he was about to return to his own land...

Hel 5:7 Yea, heavy destruction awaiteth this people, and it surely cometh unto this people; and nothing can save this people, save it be repentance and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ, who surely shall come into the world, and shall suffer many things, and shall be slain for his people.

Hel 5:116 Therefore, as many as believed on the words of Samuel went forth unto [Nephi] to be baptized, for they came repenting and confessing their sins.

Hel 5:117 But the more part of them did not believe in the words of Samuel;

What becomes of these people who don't believe and don't repent?

Forgiveness during administration Is there even need for a request to be forgiven?

James 5:14 Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

James 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

How might this relate to Matt 9:1-9

Matt 9:2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed; and Jesus, knowing their faith, said unto the sick of the palsy, 'Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee; go thy way and sin no more.'

Matt 9:5 For is it not easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee, than to say, Arise and walk?

Matt 9:6 But I said this that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins.

Matt 9:7 Then Jesus said unto the sick of the palsy, Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thy house.

Lamoni's Father

Alm 13:37 And also, what is this that Ammon said, If ye will repent, ye shall be saved; and if ye will not repent, ye shall be cast off at the last day?

Alm 13:38 And Aaron answered him and said unto him, Believest thou that there is a God?

Alm 13:45 And Aaron did expound unto him the scriptures from the creation of Adam, laying the fall of man before him, and their carnal state, and also the plan of redemption, which was prepared from the foundation of the world, through Christ, for all whosoever would believe on his name.

Alm 13:46 And since man had fallen, he could not merit anything of himself; but the sufferings and death of Christ atoneth for their sins through faith and repentance, etc.,

Alm 13:51 But Aaron said unto him, If thou desirest this thing, if thou wilt bow down before God, yea, if thou wilt repent of all thy sins, and will bow down before God, and call on his name in faith, believing that ye shall receive, then shalt thou receive the hope which thou desirest.

This caused the statement...

v. 50 "I will give up all that I possess; yea, I will forsake my kingdom,"
to turn into...

v. 53 "I will give away all my sins to know thee and that I may be raised from the dead and be saved at the last day."

Alma's wish

Alma 15:51 And thus we see the great call of the diligence of men to labor in the vineyards of the Lord; and thus we see the great reason of sorrow and also of rejoicing--sorrow because of death and destruction among men and joy because of the light of Christ unto life.

Alm 15:52 Oh, that I were an angel and could have the wish of mine heart, that I might go forth and speak with the trump of God, with a voice to **shake the earth and cry repentance unto every people;**

Alm 15:53 Yea, I would declare unto every soul, as with the voice of thunder, repentance and the plan of redemption--that they should repent and come unto our God, that there might be no more sorrow upon all the face of the earth.

Alm 15:54 But behold, I am a man and do sin in my wish; for I ought to be content with the things which the Lord hath allotted unto me.

Alm 15:55 I ought not to harrow up in my desires the firm decree of a just God; for I know that he granteth unto men according to their desire, whether it be unto death or unto life; yea, I know that he allotteth unto men, yea, decreeth unto them, decrees which are unalterable according to their wills, whether they be unto salvation or unto destruction;

Alm 15:57 Now, seeing that I know these things, why should I desire more than to perform the work to which I have been called?

Alm 15:58 Why should I desire that I was an angel, that I could speak unto all the ends of the earth?

Alm 15:61 Yea, and this is my glory, that perhaps I may be an instrument in the hands of God to bring some soul to repentance; and this is my joy.

Neither we nor God can take away man's AGENCY.

And what of those who turn away?

Hebrews 6:4 **For he hath made it impossible**

for those who were once enlightened,
and have tasted of the heavenly gift,
and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

Heb 6:5 And have tasted the good word of God
and the powers of the world to come,

Hebrews 6:6 If they shall fall away, **to be renewed again unto repentance**, seeing they crucify unto themselves the Son of God afresh and put him to an open shame.

How severe does sin have to be before we find ourselves in this condition?

D&C 76:4d ...having denied the Holy Spirit after having received it, and having denied the Only Begotten Son of the Father, having crucified him unto themselves and put him to an open shame.

3 Nephi 4:51 Behold, I have come unto the world to bring redemption unto the world, to save the world from sin:

therefore whoso repenteth and cometh unto me as a little child, him will I receive;

for of such is the kingdom of God.