

3 Nephi 19-22

I. Condition of Children in our World Today: Some Stats and Demo's
Children Suffering, Children Abused, Children Killed

II. 3 Nephi 19:

1-8 *The 12 prepare the multitude for continued teaching from Jesus*

1 FHE

2-3 Good News is spread, all day and all night

4-12 Apostles called

9-15 *Nephite Apostles are baptized and receive the Holy Ghost*

9 What do you desire most?

10-11 Baptism of Water

12-14 Baptism of Fire - where there's smoke, there's fire/where there's fire, there's Christ

15 Jesus Appearance

16-34 *The Saviors prayer cannot be written or uttered by man*

16-18 Pray to Jesus

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19-23 Christlike mediation prayer

24 Jesus concludes his prayer - multitude still praying

25 The smile of Jesus the Christ

26 Pray on - what the heck

27-29 Christ's second prayer

30 Prayer and Transfiguration - Smile - Melvin J. Ballard

31-35 Third Messianic Prayer

35-36 Never greater faith manifested anytime, anywhere

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“I know of no single practice that will have a more salutary effect upon your lives than the

practice of kneeling together as you begin and close each day. Somehow the little storms that seem to afflict every marriage are dissipated when, kneeling before the Lord, you thank him for one another, in the presence of one another, and then together invoke his blessings upon your lives, your home, your loved ones, and your dreams” (Gordon B. Hinckley, *Ensign*, June 1971, pp. 71-72).

[An experience similar to the one in 3 Nephi 19 was described by Elder Bruce R. McConkie. He, with the other Apostles, had been with President Spencer W. Kimball when the great revelation on the priesthood being made available to all worthy men was given].

‘On the first day of June in this year, 1978, the First Presidency and the Twelve, after full discussion of the proposition and all the premises and principles that are involved, importuned the Lord for a revelation. President Kimball was mouth, and he prayed with great faith and great fervor; this was one of those occasions when an inspired prayer was offered.... He prayed by the power of the Spirit, and there was perfect unity, and complete harmony, between the Presidency and the Twelve on the issue involved.... The Lord in his providences poured out the Holy Ghost upon the First Presidency and the Twelve in a miraculous and marvelous manner, beyond anything that any then present had ever experienced. The revelation came to the President of the Church; it also came to each individual present.... The result was that President Kimball knew, and each one of us knew, independent of any other person, by direct and personal revelation to us, that the time had now come to extend the gospel and all its blessings and all its obligations, including the priesthood and the blessings of the house of the Lord, to those of every nation, culture, and race, including the black race. There was no question whatsoever as to the word and message that came.... You are familiar with Book of Mormon references where the account says that no tongue could tell and no pen could write what was involved in the experience and that it had to be felt by the power of the Spirit. This was one of those occasions.... I cannot describe in words what happened; I can only say that it happened and that it can be known and understood only by the feeling that can come into the heart of man” (Bruce R. McConkie, *A Symposium on the Book of Mormon*, 1979, pp. 4-5).

35-36 *Miracles performed because of great faith*

“If we would advance in holiness—increase in favor with God—nothing can take the place of prayer. . . . Give prayer—daily prayer, secret prayer—a foremost place in your lives. Let no day pass without it. Communion with the Almighty has been a source of strength, inspiration, and enlightenment through the world’s history to men and women who have shaped the destinies of individuals and nations for good” (Ezra Taft Benson, *God, Family, Country: Our Three Great Loyalties* [1974], 8).

3 Nephi 20:

1-9 *Jesus miraculously provides the sacramental elements*

- 1 Jesus commands not to pray
- 2-8 The sacrament - a miraculous provision

“To those brothers and sisters who may have allowed themselves to become lax in this vital renewal of the covenants of the sacrament, I plead in words of the First Presidency that you ‘come back and feast at the table of the Lord, and taste again the sweet and satisfying fruits of fellowship with the saints’ (‘An Invitation to Come Back,’ Church News, 22 Dec. 1985, 3). Let us qualify ourselves for our Savior’s promise that by partaking of the sacrament we will ‘be filled’ (3 Nephi 20:8; see also 3 Nephi 18:9), which means that we will be ‘filled with the Spirit’ (3 Nephi 20:9). That Spirit—the Holy Ghost—is our comforter, our direction finder, our communicator, our interpreter, our witness, and our purifier—our infallible guide and sanctifier for our mortal journey toward eternal life.

“Any who may have thought it a small thing to partake of the sacrament should remember the Lord’s declaration that the foundation of a great work is laid by small things, for ‘out of small things proceedeth that which is great’ (D&C 64:33). Out of the seemingly small act of consciously and reverently renewing our baptismal covenants comes a renewal of the blessings of baptism by water and by the Spirit, that we may always have His Spirit to be with us. In this way all of us will be guided, and in this way all of us can be cleansed” (Dallin H. Oaks, *Ensign*, Nov. 1996, 61).

10-22 *The fulfillment of God’s covenant with Israel*

- 11 Search the words of Isaiah
- 14 Land of inheritance

“One of the unique features of the living Church of Christ is its ever-expanding body of fundamental spiritual knowledge about man’s identity and purpose....Lost books are among the treasures yet to come forth...Thus, just as there will be many more Church members, families, wards, stakes, and temples, later on, there will also be many more nourishing and inspiring scriptures. However, we must first feast worthily upon that which we already have” (Neal A. Maxwell, *CR*, October 1986, pp. 69-70).

“Zion, the New Jerusalem, on American soil! And we hasten to add, so also shall there be Zions in all lands and New Jerusalems in the mountains of the Lord in all the earth. But the American Zion shall be the capital city, the source whence the law shall go forth to govern all the earth. It shall be the city of the Great King. His throne shall be there, and from there he shall reign gloriously over all the earth” (Bruce R. McConkie, *Millennial Messiah*, pp. 301-302).

25-46 *The gathering of Israel fulfills the Abrahamic Covenant*

- 24 Prophets testify of Christ
- 41 Be clean

Story: Elder Boyd K. Packer, Washed Clean, CR, April 1997, pp. 8-11

3 Nephi 21:

1-7 *Coming forth of Book of Mormon is a sign of the Father's work*

8-11 *Joseph Smith and the Marvelous Work*

It is reported that Count Leo Tolstoy, in speaking of the Mormons said: "Their principles teach the people not only of heaven and its attendant glories, but how to live so that their social and economic relations with each other are placed on a sound basis. If the people follow the teachings of this church, nothing can stop their progress - it will be limitless. There have been great movements started in the past but they have died or been modified before they reached maturity. If Mormonism is able to endure, unmodified, until it reaches the third and fourth generation, it is destined to become the greatest power the world has ever known" (Thomas J. Yates, *Improvement Era*. February 1939, p. 94).

12-21 *Unrepentant Gentiles to be destroyed*

22-29 *Establishment of New Jerusalem*

3 Nephi 22:

1-17 *The Savior quotes Isaiah on the gathering of Israel*

III. Started with the importance of Children, now lets end with the same concept.
Dennis Deaton: Cambodian Children in Refugee Camp : Food Line and Hug Line
Client that would write on a wall to get spanked/just to be touched by her parents

Purity:

"Purity [is] the condition one attains unto, when, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, repentance, baptism by immersion, and baptism by fire and the Holy Ghost, he receives forgiveness of sins which works in him a spiritual rebirth, a birth through which he comes back into harmony with, and is sensitive and alive to, the things of the spirit. *Healed* is the term frequently used in the scriptures to denote the state of such an one" (Marion G. Romney, *Look to God and Live*, p. 261).

"The strength of this Church lies in the purity of the thoughts and lives of its members, then the testimony of Jesus abides in the soul, and strength comes to each individual to withstand the evils of the world" (David O. McKay, *LDS Speaker's Sourcebook*, p. 367).

Story: Elder Featherstone, The Incomparable Christ, p. 87-88 - Ballard Washburn

“It never occurred to me that clean hands, in administering before the Lord, as mentioned in the scripture, meant anything more than a good conscience; and I had never supposed but that a man could worship God just as acceptably all covered with dirt, and filth and slime, as though he had bathed in Siloam every hour, until I heard the Mormon prophet lecturing his people on the subject of neatness and cleanliness, teaching them that all was clean in heaven, and the Jesus was going to make the place of His feet glorious; and if the Mormons did not keep their feet out of the ashes, they could not stand with Him on Mount Zion” (Words of a Visitor to Nauvoo, *HC* 5:407).