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## LESSON 60.—NEPHI'S SHIP IS FINISHED.

PLACE.—Coast of the Arabian Sea.

DATE.—About 590 B. C.

TEXT.—I Nephi 17:53-55; 18:1-6.

53. And it came to pass that the Lord said unto me, Stretch forth thine hand again unto thy brethren, and they shall not wither before thee, but I will shock them, saith the Lord, and this will I do, that they may know that I am the Lord their God.

54. And it came to pass that I stretched forth my hand unto my brethren, and they did not wither before me, but the Lord did shake them, even according to the word which he had spoken.

55. And now, they said, We know of a surety that the Lord is with thee, for we know that it is the power of the Lord that has shaken us. And they fell down before me, and were about to worship me, but I would not suffer them, saying, I am thy brother, yea, even thy younger brother; wherefore, worship the Lord thy God, and honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God shall give thee.

1. And it came to pass that they did worship the Lord, and did go forth with me; and we did work timbers of curious workmanship. And the Lord did show me from time to time after what manner I should work the timbers of the ship.

2. Now I, Nephi, did not work the timbers after the manner which was learned by men, neither did I build the ship after the manner of men; but I did build it after the manner which the Lord had shown unto me; wherefore, it was not after the manner of men.

3. And I, Nephi, did go into the mount oft, and I did pray oft unto the Lord; wherefore the Lord showed unto me great things.

4. And it came to pass that after I had finished the ship, according to the word of the Lord, my brethren beheld that it was good, and that the workmanship thereof was exceeding fine; wherefore, they did humble themselves again before the Lord.

5. And it came to pass that the voice of the Lord came unto my father, that we should arise and go down into the ship.

6. And it came to pass that on the morrow, after we had prepared all things, much fruits and meat from the wilderness, and honey in abundance, and provisions

according to that which the Lord had commanded us, we did go down into the ship, with all our loading and our seeds, and whatsoever thing we have brought with us, every one according to his age, wherefore, we did all go down into the ship, with our wives and our children.

1. I Nephi 17:8. 2. I Nephi 17:5. 3. I Nephi 8:1; 16:11; 18:24.

### LESSON STATEMENT.

A little while after the events had occurred which formed the subject of our last lesson the Lord told Nephi to stretch forth his hand again toward his brethren, and that they should not wither; but the power of God should smite them; and this he was commanded to do that they might know that the Lord was their God. So Nephi stretched forth his hand as he was commanded, and the Lord shook Laman and Lemuel as He had promised. Then they fell down to worship their younger brother, whom in times past they had so much abused; but he would not permit them. He said, "I am your brother, even your younger brother, wherefore worship the Lord thy God, and honor thy father and thy mother."

Then the brothers of Nephi worshiped the Lord, and showed their repentance by helping Nephi to build the ship; while he, from time to time, received

the word of the Lord as to how he should work its timbers; for he did not work after the manner of the ship-builders of that time, nor after any manner that men were accustomed to. But he built the ship just as the Lord had shown it to him; and we cannot doubt that it was admirably suited for its purpose. Nephi also often went up into the mount and prayed to the Lord, and God showed him many great things.

When the vessel was finished, Nephi's brothers saw that it was good, and its workmanship exceedingly fine, therefore they again humbled themselves before Heaven. Then the voice of the Lord came to Lehi and commanded the company to go on board, which word they willingly obeyed, and at once put forth to sea.

#### NOTE.

**MOUNTAINS AS PLACES OF WORSHIP.**—Men of God frequently availed themselves of mountains as places of worship, to which they could go to pray and commune with Him. The men who have written the most about God, and who have communicated His will to their fellows, have been men who communed with Him in solitary places. Sublime and elevated thoughts are appropriate to such places. In the desert, in the wilderness, and upon mountain peaks, nature is witnessed in all its simple yet impressive majesty, and its solemn stillness is favorable to thanksgiving and prayer, and man is brought nearer to his Creator. The Savior Himself "went up into a mountain apart to pray," and brought His disciples, Peter, James and John "up into a high mountain apart," when He was transfigured and had His interview with Moses and Elias.

#### WHAT WE MAY LEARN FROM THIS LESSON.\*

1. The Lord told Nephi to stretch forth his hand again and his brethren should not wither before him; but God would shock them. 2. He would do this that they might know that He was the Lord their God. 3. That God's word to Nephi was fulfilled, for when Nephi stretched forth his hand his brothers did not wither but they received a severe shock. 4. That they then

recognized the power of God which was in Nephi and fell down before him with the intention of worshiping him. 5. That he would not permit them to act thus foolishly, but told them to worship the Lord, and honor their father and mother. 6. That from that time forth Nephi's brothers assisted him in the building of the ship. 7. That the Lord, from time to time, gave him the necessary instructions with regard to the building of the ship. 8. That Nephi often went into the mountain and prayed to the Lord, and the Lord showed him many great things. 9. That when the ship was finished Lehi and his colony all went on board. 10. That they took with them their provisions and loading, and also the seeds they had brought from Jerusalem.

#### QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. What did the Lord tell Nephi regarding stretching forth his hands? 2. When he stretched forth his hand what results followed? 3. What did his brethren then do? 4. What did Nephi tell them? 5. What promise did he say was made to those who honored their parents? 6. What course did Nephi's brothers now pursue? 7. After what fashion did Nephi build the ship? 8. To what place did Nephi often go to pray? 9. What did the Lord reveal to him there? 10. When the ship was finished what did the Lord command? 11. Who went on board? 12. In what order did they go? 13. What did they take on board with them? 14. Why do men often go up into mountains to worship? 15. Name some who thus went to pray. 16. What may we learn from this lesson with regard to God's dealings with His servants?

\* A short review of the previous lesson will be highly advantageous in enabling the student to understand the present one.