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Word Portraits from Third Nephi

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Abstract: A series presenting narrative taken from 3 Nephi 1-28 with accompanying illustrations. Illustrations depict the events surrounding Christ's birth, death, and visit on the American continent.





1. There were a great many people gathered together marveling at the great change that had taken place, great change that had taken place, when they heard a voice, but they understood it not. It was neither harsh nor loud, and notwithstanding its being a small voice it did pierce them to the very soul. They heard it again and understood it not. The third time they did look towards heaven from whence the sound came and understood the voice which said unto them, "Behold my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, in whom I have glorified my name — hear ye him.'' And behold they saw a man descending out of heaven. He came down and stood in the midst of them, stretched forth his hand, and said "Behold, I am Jesus Christ whom the prophets testified shall come into the world." (Chapter 11, v. 1 to 10.)



3. Behold ye have heard the things which I taught before I ascended to my Father. I am the law and the light, Look unto me and endure to the end, and ye shall live; for unto him that endureth to the end will I give eternal life. Then Jesus spoke unto the Twelve whom he had chosen: "Ye are my disciples; and ye are a light unto this people; and this is the land of your inheritance; and the Father hath given it unto you. And not at any time hath he commanded that I tell it unto your brethren at Jerusalem." (Chapter 15.)



2. He spake unto Nephi and commanded him that he should come forth and said, "I give unto you power that ye shall baptize this people when I am again ascended into heaven." The Lord called others. Now the number of them who had been called and ber of them who had been called and given power and authority to baptize was twelve. Jesus said unto the multi-tude, "Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve," and "blessed are ye if ye shall believe in me and be baptized, after that ye have seen me and know that I am. And again, more blessed are they who shall believe in your words that testify ye have seen me and know that I am." (Chapter 11, v. 21; Chapter 12.)



4. This much did the Father command me that I should tell unto them. "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. I say unto you, that ye are they of whom I spoke. Further, I say, that I have other sheep which are not of this land, neither of the land of Jerusalem who have not as yet heard my voice and shall be numbered among my sheep, that there may be one fold and one shepherd." (Chapter 15,

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