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Book of Mormon Gems of Truth: Lesson 8

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Abstract: Monthly Book of Mormon lessons for adult women (Relief Society). Each month a verse of Book of Mormon scripture is presented with accompanying quotes from General Authorities and writers of the Church.

Visiting Teacher Messages

Book of Mormon Gems of Truth

Lesson 8—"He That Will Not Believe My Words Will Not Believe Me—That I Am" (Ether 4:12)

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Objective: To show that when one truly accepts Jesus Christ, he accepts his words as well.

IT is only logical to presume that if we believe in Christ, we will also believe his words. Likewise those who do not believe his words do not truly accept him, for he and his doctrine are inseparable. Belief in Christ is equivalent to saying, "I believe that thou art, so unreservedly I believe all thy words also."

From time to time we hear people remark casually, "Why, yes, of course I believe in Jesus Christ." But when this assertion is followed by discussion, it may be found that, in reality, they do not believe in him, for they reject many of his teachings. They may say, "Yes, I believe that principle, but not this one," or "I will accept that doctrine with reservation." This attitude belies the former statement of belief in Jesus Christ. The two are not compatible.

It is not necessary to have individual proof of certain facts to know that they are so. A great percentage of the knowledge we have concerning places and people and things comes to us second hand, third hand, or even more removed. Nor is it practical for each individual to expect that ordinary facts be verified for him personally. Some of the information in our sacred writings we receive second hand, or

more removed, as well; but pertaining to spiritual matters we may know personally by faith and through the operation of the Holy Ghost that a certain doctrine is true, as surely as we know any other undisputed material fact. When the Holy Ghost testifies to an individual that the words of Christ are true, he knows they are, just as surely as though Jesus himself came to him personally and told him so. An interesting statement regarding such knowledge was made by Warren Weaver, Director for the Natural Sciences in the Rockefeller Foundation, in the October 1950 issue of *Scientific American*. He declared: "It is rather surprisingly the case that the only time man is ever really sure is not when he is dealing with science, but when he is dealing with matters of faith."

Human beings are so constituted that when they entertain an attitude demanding proof that certain doctrine is true, they bar themselves from receiving the firm testimony that can come from the Holy Ghost. Individual revelation comes when there is a desire to find the truth. "Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you," said Jesus. Never did he say, "Re-

sist, and ye shall know. Reject and criticize, and ye shall know." The humble searching of an honest heart will be answered by the unshakable testimony of the Holy Ghost.

Faith is a wonderful gift from God to those who diligently seek it. Through it one may know that Jesus is the Christ and that all the words he has spoken are true,

Work Meeting—Sewing

THE ART OF MENDING

(A Course for Optional Use by Wards and Branches at Work Meeting)

Lesson 8—Linens and Household Articles

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(Textbook: *The Complete Book of Sewing*, by Constance Talbot)

A good homemaker will be just as diligent in repairing worn areas that occur in household textiles as those in clothing. It is thrifty and necessary to keep linens and other articles in good repair.

A careful survey should be made at regular intervals to check up on the condition of table linen, sheets, pillow cases, towels, bedspreads, and bath mats. Much time and effort can be saved by catching worn areas before they break into holes or tears. By making reinforcements early, you may save an article that you could not replace.

Blankets are always worth any extra time you spend in prolonging their life. When bindings wear out, rip off the ragged, worn, parts and replace them with new bindings. This will prevent tears from starting. You may buy material and make your own, or use that already prepared and sold in bolts at notions counters. It comes in a variety of colors, both cotton and rayon. If the blanket is not worth a new binding, strengthen the ends

with a blanket stitch finish after first stitching a couple of times on the machine to give strength.

Watch bath towels for the first sign of fraying on the selvage. Arrest the wear here by turning under the edge once and stitching two or three times on the machine. Darn small holes in terry bath towels with darning cotton, using a plain darn.

Repair terry bath mats the same way as you would towels unless the worn part is near the edge. In this case, cut off the worn part and bind the new edge with twilled tape.

When bedspreads need mending, patching material can be taken from the corners at the foot or from the end of an extra long spread. On tufted or chenille spreads straight tears can be drawn together with an overhand stitch. Then put in new tufts and the mend will scarcely show. In the absence of matching tufting yarn, six strand embroidery floss will do.

When patches are used either on lace or tufted spreads, set in patches that match the pattern as nearly as possible.