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Book of Mormon Gems of Truth: Lesson 47

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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 47—"And What Is It That Ye Shall Hope For? Behold I Say Unto You That Ye Shall Have Hope Through the Atonement of Christ and the Power of His Resurrection, to Be Raised Unto Life Eternal, and This Because of Your Faith in Him According to the Promise" (Moroni 7:41).

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Objective: To show that faith in Jesus Christ is the key to eternal life.

ALL of our lives we should be working toward one goal—that of achieving eternal life. The hope we have of achieving that goal helps us to meet the problems and adversities that beset us in mortality. That hope gives comfort in our sorrows and courage to continue onward without ever losing sight of the destination.

As has been said, "faith is the moving cause of all action" (*Lectures on Faith*, page 8), and faith in Christ is the power by which we may reach this goal of eternal life. Mormon says, "For no man can be saved, according to the words of Christ, save they shall have faith in his name . . ." (Moroni 7:38).

Faith is a mighty force, and its possibilities are unlimited. Faith requires a positive attitude of mind. Doubt and fear flee from its presence. When we comply with the necessary requirements, we can gain perfect faith in the atonement of Christ and in his resurrection.

Many passages of scripture point out the great power of faith. ". . . If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed . . . nothing shall be impossible unto you." (Mt. 17:20). ". . . According to your faith be it unto you" (Mt. 9:29). ". . . Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole . . ." (Mark 5:34), said Christ to the woman who touched the hem of his garment. "I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me" (Phillipians 4:13). "And Christ hath said: If ye will have faith in me ye shall have power to do whatsoever thing is expedient in me" (Moroni 7:33).

It is by faith that one accepts the words of Christ. It is through faith in Christ ". . . that the Holy Ghost may have place . . ." (Moroni 7:32) in our hearts. Thus, if faith in Jesus Christ is the principle that can bring us eternal life, let us read and study and work to attain it.

. . . From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect . . . unto all good works (II Timothy 3:15-16).