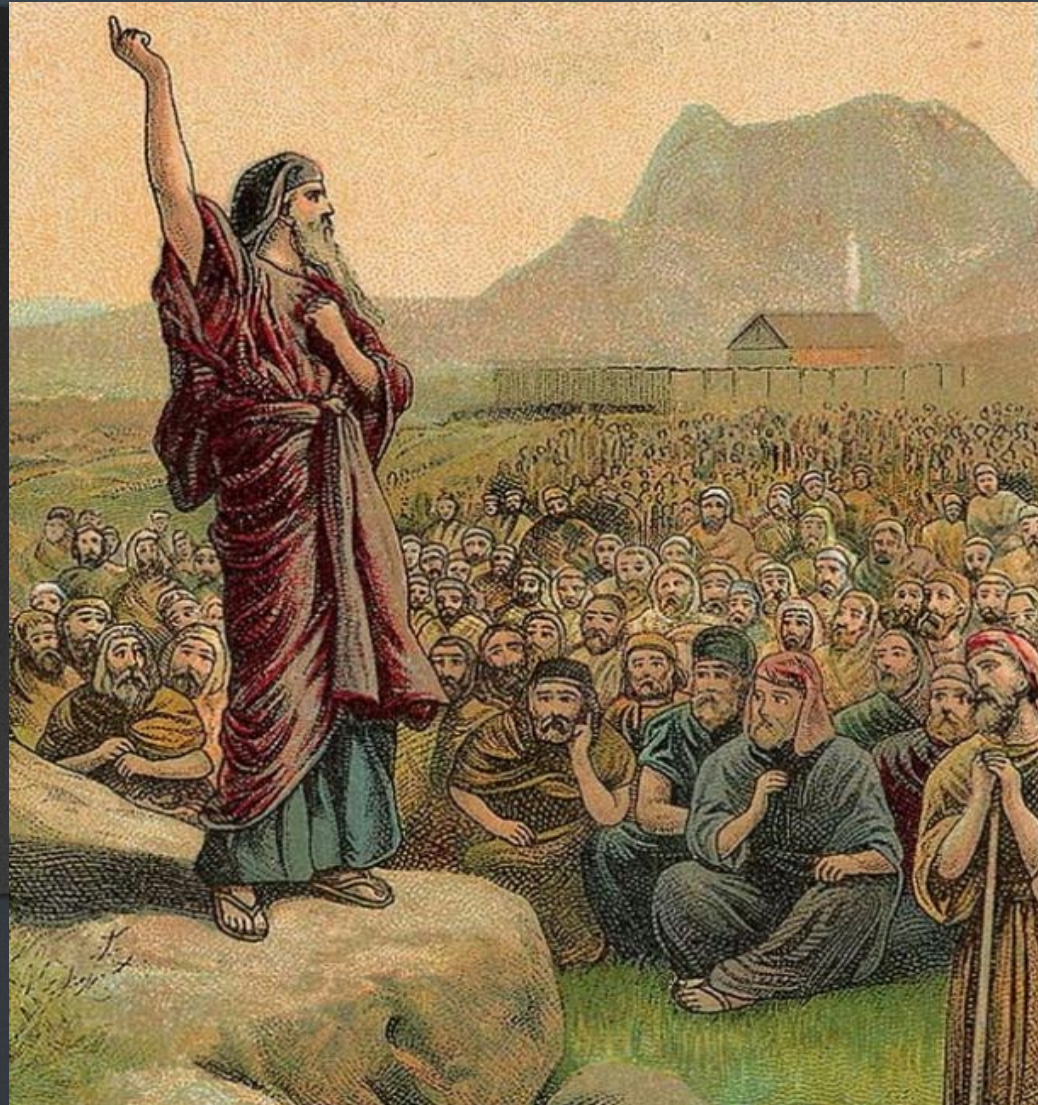


May 11–17

Deuteronomy 6–8; 15; 18; 29–30; 34

“Beware Lest Thou Forget the Lord”



Humility and Prosperity

Deut 8:2-3

What characteristics did the Lord seek to develop in the Israelites during their 40 years in the wilderness?

From your recollection of studying the pride cycle in the Book of Mormon, what characteristic follows humility?

Humility and Prosperity

Deut 8:10-14

What did Moses say the Israelites must do to avoid forgetting the Lord when they prosper?

Remember the Lord

Deut 8:17-19

Why was it important for the Israelites to remember that their prosperity came from the Lord?

How can we always remember God and all that He has done for us?

Spencer W. Kimball

“The reason the Lord asked Adam to offer sacrifices was so he and his posterity would remember—remember the basic things that they had been taught. There are many lessons that we learn which have a tendency to slip from us.

“I remember a young Navaho boy returning from his mission who was supported largely by a seventies quorum in the Bonneville Stake. I happened to be present the day he made his report and as tears rolled down his face, he said, 'Oh, if I could only remember always just how I feel now.'" (The Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball, pp 113)

Remember the Lord

Deut 6:10-12

What are the Israelites in danger of forgetting as they prosper in the Promised Land?

Ezra Taft Benson

"The great commandment of life is to love the Lord...

"To love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength is all-consuming and all-encompassing. It is no lukewarm endeavor. It is total commitment of our very being-physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually-to a love of the Lord....

"When we put God first, all other things fall into their proper place or drop out of our lives. Our love of the Lord will govern the claims for our affection, the demands on our time, the interests we pursue, and the order of our priorities." ("The Great Commandment-Love the Lord," Ensign, May 1988)

Remember the Lord

Deut 6:6-9

What did Moses instruct parents to do to help their children learn and remember the Lord's commandments?

Do you think the instructions in verses 8–9 are meant to be taken literally or figuratively?

Spencer W. Kimball

"The 'Mormon Church' has stood its ground for the first two generations. The first generation fired with a new religion developed a great enthusiasm for it. Surrounded by a hostile world, they were forced to huddle together for survival. There was good reason to expect they would live and die faithful to their espoused cause.

"The second generation came along born to men and women who had developed great faith, were inured to hardships and sacrifices for their faith. They inherited from their parents and soaked up from religious homes the stuff of which the faithful are made.

"But wait till the third and fourth generations come along, The fire will have gone out—the devotion will have been diluted—the sacrifice will have been nullified—the world will have hovered over them and surrounded them and eroded them—the faith will have been expended and the religious fervor leaked out." (The New Era, Feb 1974)

Remember the Lord



Ezra Taft Benson

"[Those who are] captained by Christ will be consumed in Christ... Enter their homes, and the pictures on their walls, the books on their shelves, the music in the air, their words and acts reveal them as Christians." (CR, Oct. 1985)

1 Nephi 7:9-12

9) How is it that ye have not hearkened unto the word of the Lord?

10) How is it that ye have forgotten that ye have seen an angel of the Lord?

11) Yea, and how is it that ye have forgotten what great things the Lord hath done for us, in delivering us out of the hands of Laban, and also that we should obtain the record?

12) Yea, and how is it that ye have forgotten that the Lord is able to do all things according to his will, for the children of men, if it so be that they exercise faith in him? Wherefore, let us be faithful to him.

Moses Tells of the Lords Coming

Deut 18:15-19

Who do you think Moses is prophesying of when he speaks of a prophet “like unto me”?

How does this passage teach that the Lord will reveal Himself to the Israelites?

What request did the Israelites make at Horeb (Mount Sinai), as described in verse 16?

Acts 3:22-24

22) For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

23) And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

24) Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days

3 Nephi 20:23

23) Behold, I am he of whom Moses spake, saying: A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass that every soul who will not hear that prophet shall be cut off from among the people.

Exodus 20:18-19

18) And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.

19) And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

Moses Tells of the Lords Coming

Deut 32:1-4

What does Moses teach about the Lord by referring to Him as “the Rock”?

How can we build our lives on the Lord and His gospel as our foundation?

Robert J. Matthews

"Experienced builders know that a structure cannot endure unless its foundation is strong. The words rock and stone, referring to the prime elements in ancient foundations, are used in the scriptures as metaphors signifying strength, steadiness, and durability. The prophets used these metaphors in a variety of ways, conveying an impression of the unwavering character of God as well as the need for spiritual solidarity in the foundation and structure of our own lives.

"Not only is Jesus a Rock, but his gospel also is likened to a rock. In a revelation to the Prophet Joseph Smith He said, '... this is my gospel... and upon this rock I will build my church; yea, upon this rock ye are built, and if ye continue, the gates of hell shall not prevail against you.' (D&C 33:12–13.)" ("I Have a Question," Ensign, Jan 1984)

Moses Tells of the Lords Coming

Deut 32:45-47

Moses Prophecies About the Latter Days

Deut 4:25-31

What does Moses prophesy will happen to the Israelites in the latter days, and what hope is given if they turn back to the Lord?

LeGrand Richards

"Moses told them that 'there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.' Just think how literally the very words of Moses spoken over 3,000 years ago are fulfilled.... But Moses didn't leave it at that. He said:

"When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice.' And we live in the latter days. Thank God we have found him through the raising up of this prophet."

(CR, April 1974)

Moses Passes On

Deut 34:1-6

What do we know about what happened to Moses beyond this account?

Alma 45:18-19

18) And when Alma had done this he departed out of the land of Zarahemla, as if to go into the land of Melek. And it came to pass that he was never heard of more; as to his death or burial we know not of.

19) Behold..., the scriptures saith the Lord took Moses unto himself; and we suppose that he has also received Alma in the spirit, unto himself; therefore, for this cause we know nothing concerning his death and burial.

Joseph Fielding Smith

"Elijah and Moses were preserved from death because they had a mission to perform and it had to be performed before the crucifixion of the Son of God. Christ is the first fruits of the resurrection; therefore if any former prophet had a work to perform preparatory to the mission of the Son of God, or to the dispensation of the meridian of times, it appears that it was essential that he be preserved to fulfill that mission in the flesh. For that reason Moses disappeared from among the people and was taken up into the mountain and the people thought he was buried by the Lord; the Lord preserved him, so that he could come at the proper time and restore his keys, on the heads of Peter, James and John, who stood at the head of the dispensation of the meridian of time." (Doctrines of Salvation, 2:110-111)

For Next Week:

May 18–24

Joshua 1–8; 23–24

“Be Strong and of a
Good Courage”

