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- 4 For the fullness of mine intent is that I may persuade men to come unto the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob and be saved;
- 5 Wherefore, the things which are pleasing unto the world I do not write, but the things which are pleasing unto God and unto them which are not of the world.

7 Wherefore, we labored diligently among our people that we might **persuade** them to come unto Christ and partake of the goodness of God, that they might enter into His rest,

Lest by any means He should swear in His wrath they should not enter in, as in the provocation in the days of temptation while the children of Israel were in the wilderness.

8 Wherefore, we would to God that we could <u>persuade</u> all men not to rebel against God, to provoke Him to anger,

But that all men would believe in Christ and view His death and suffer His cross and bear the shame of the world; Wherefore, I, Jacob, take it upon me to fulfill the commandment of my brother Nephi.

- 3 And I did read many things unto them which were written in the books of Moses;
- 4 But that I might more fully persuade them to believe in the Lord their Redeemer, Wherefore, I did read unto them that which was written by the prophet Isaiah,

- 41 Wherefore, these things shall go from generation to generation as long as the earth shall stand; And they shall go according to the will and pleasure of God;
- 42 And the nations which shall possess them shall be judged of them, according to the words which are written;

43 For we labor diligently to write, to **persuade** our children and also our brethren to believe in Christ and to be reconciled to God,

44 For we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all that we can do.

- 32 And I also thank my God, yea, my great God, that He hath granted unto us that we might repent of these things, and also that he hath forgiven us of those our many sins and murders which we have committed, and took away the guilt from our hearts, through the merits of His Son.
- 33 And now behold, my brethren, since it has been all that we could do, (as we were the most lost of all mankind,) to repent of all our sins and the many murders which we have committed, and to get God to take them away from our hearts, for it was all we could do to repent sufficiently before God, that he would take away our stain.

5 And the things which I have written in weakness will He make strong unto them, for it persuadeth them to do good; It maketh known unto them of their fathers, And it speaketh of Jesus, and persuadeth men to believe in Him, and to endure to the end, which is life eternal,

14 For behold, the Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that they may know good from evil. Wherefore, I show unto you the way to judge: For everything which inviteth to do good and to persuade to believe in Christ is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ;

86 And for this cause I write unto you:
That ye may know that ye must all stand before
the judgment seat of Christ, yea, every soul
which belongs to the whole human family of Adam;
87 And ye must stand to be judged of your works,
whether they be good or evil;
And also that ye may believe the gospel of Jesus Christ
which ye shall have among you;

- 88 And also that the Jews, the covenant people of the Lord, shall have other witness besides that which they saw and heard, that Jesus whom they slew was the very Christ and the very God;
- 89 And I would that I could persuade all ye ends of the earth to repent and prepare to stand before the judgment seat of Christ.