

THERE IS A GOD, AND HE IS CHIRST! CONVINCED?

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There is a God, and He is Christ

Nephi prophesied of how his people would come to belief in Jesus Christ in the latter days.¹ He spoke not only concerning the *convincing of the Jews, that Jesus is the very Christ*, however. Nephi also explained how “*it must needs be that the Gentiles be convinced also, that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God*”²

Why do we, who are called Gentiles, need to be *convinced* that *Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God*? There are many traditions, opinions, speculations, assertions, false doctrines, errant teachings, confused beliefs, assumptions, temptations, deceptions, etc., in existence among us concerning the true identity and nature of our God. Notwithstanding all the confusion that exists over the identity of Jesus Christ, Nephi has pointed us in the *right way* by declaring, “*There is a God, and he is Christ.*”³

*Behold, my soul delighteth in proving unto my people the truth of the coming of Christ: For, for this end hath the law of Moses been given: And all things which have been given of God from the beginning of the world, unto man, are the typifying of him. And also, my soul delighteth in the covenants of the Lord which he hath made to our fathers; Yea, my soul delighteth in his grace, and his justice, and power, and mercy, in the great and eternal plan of deliverance from death. And my soul delighteth in proving unto my people, that save Christ should come, all men must perish. For if there be no Christ, there be no God; and if there be no God, we are not, for there could have been no creation. But **there is a God, and he is Christ**; and he cometh in the fullness of his own time. (II Nephi 8:7-14)*

¹ II Nephi 11:26-34

² II Nephi 11:78-79

³ II Nephi 8:14

*And now behold, my people, ye are a stiff-necked people; wherefore, I have spoken plain unto you, that ye can not misunderstand. And the words which I have spoken, shall stand as a testimony against you; for they are sufficient to teach any man the right way: **For the right way is to believe in Christ and deny him not; for by denying him, ye also deny the prophets and the law.** And now behold I say unto you, that the right way is to believe in Christ, and deny him not; **and Christ is the Holy One of Israel:** Wherefore ye must bow down before him, and worship him with all your might, mind and strength, and your whole soul, and if ye do this, ye shall in no wise be cast out. (II Nephi 11:52-56)*

Are you convinced that *Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God*? According to the Title Page of the Book of Mormon, this is one of the main purposes for the coming forth of this precious book, that is, to convince us of this singular truth. Therefore, to highlight the *convincing* witness of Jesus Christ as it is found in the Nephite record, a number of quotes from the Book of Mormon have been provided in the next section titled, “*To the Convincing.*”

As opposed to holding onto tradition or other views of Jesus Christ, please prayerfully consider anew *holding* directly onto *the Word of God*. Begin as in times of old by *holding fast to the Rod of Iron*, which God has provided for us in these latter days to help guide us unto Himself through *the mists of darkness*.⁴ Call upon God to have His Holy Spirit bear witness unto you of the Father and Son. Seek the confirming *Testimony of Jesus* that it might be established within yourself.⁵

*If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; **for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the son of God hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*** (I John 5:9-12)

To the Convincing

I Nephi 2:4-6

- 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,** [Jesus Christ]⁶ 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 those who are not of the world.*
- 6 *Wherefore I shall give commandment unto my seed, that they shall not occupy these plates with things which are not of worth unto the children of men.*

I Nephi 5:197-200

197 *For there is **one God and one Shepherd** over all the earth;*

⁴ cf. I Nephi 4:38,39 & Helaman 2:26 with I Nephi 3:125,179-216; see also Ephesians 4:7-16 with John 16:13

⁵ cf. I Corinthians 1:6 with III Nephi 5:37-38, 7:30; see also John 14:15-26 & II Nephi 13:26 with Ether 2:3

⁶ cf. Moroni 10:29,30 with I Nephi 5:340

- 198 *And the time cometh that **he** shall manifest **himself** unto all nations, both unto the Jews, and also unto the Gentiles;*
- 199 *And after **he** has manifested **himself** unto the Jews and also unto the Gentiles; then shall **he** manifest **himself** unto the Gentiles, and also unto the Jews,*
- 200 *And the last shall be first, and the first shall be last.⁷*
- 201 *And it shall come to pass, that if the Gentiles shall hearken unto the Lamb of God in that day that **he** shall manifest **himself** unto them in word,⁸ and also in power, in very deed, unto the taking away of their stumbling-blocks, and harden not their hearts against the Lamb of God, they shall be numbered among the house of thy father;*
- 202 *Yea, they shall be numbered among the house of Israel;*
- 203 *And they shall be a blessed people upon the promised land for ever...*

I Nephi 5:233-264

- 233 *Yea, even **the very God of Israel**, do men trample under their feet;*
- 234 *I say, trample under their feet; but I would speak in other words:*
- 235 *They set him at nought, and hearken not to the voice of his counsels;*
- 236 *And behold, he cometh according to the words of the angel, in six hundred years from the time my father left Jerusalem.*
- 237 *And the world, because of their iniquity, shall judge him to be a thing of nought; wherefore, they scourge him, and he suffereth it; and they smite him, and he suffereth it.*
- 238 *Yea, they spit upon him, and he suffereth it, because of his loving kindness and his long-sufferings towards the children of men.*
- 239 *And the God of our fathers, who⁹ were led out of Egypt, out of bondage, and also were preserved in the wilderness by him;*
- 240 ***Yea, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, yieldeth himself according to words of the angel, as a man, into the hands of wicked men, to be lifted up according to the words of Zenock,***
- 241 ***And to be crucified,** according to the words of Neum,*
- 242 ***And to be buried in a sepulcher,** according to the words of Zenos, which he spake concerning the three days of darkness,*
- 243 *Which should be a sign given of his death, unto those who should inhabit the isles of the sea;*

⁷ This statement is in reference to the Jews and the Gentiles concerning their receiving the gospel in their time; cf. D&C 87:3c & Acts 13:46 with Matthew 21:35-56

⁸ i.e. The Book of Mormon & the witness of the Holy Ghost (cf. III Nephi 7:22, 12:1-6 & 14:1-3 with Moroni 10:4-7)

⁹ Meaning, their “fathers.”

- 244 *More especially given unto those who are of the house of Israel.*
- 245 *For thus spake the prophet, The Lord God surely shall visit all the house of Israel at that day;*
- 246 *Some with his voice, because of their righteousness, unto their great joy and salvation;*
- 247 *And others with the thunderings and the lightnings of his power, by tempest, by fire, and by smoke, and vapor of darkness, and by the opening of the earth, and by mountains which shall be carried up;¹⁰*
- 248 *And all these things must surely come, saith the prophet Zenos.*
- 249 *And the rocks of the earth must rend;*
- 250 *And because of the groanings of the earth, many of the kings of the isles of the sea shall be wrought upon by the Spirit of God, to exclaim, The God of nature suffers.*
- 251 *And as for those who are at Jerusalem, saith the prophet, they shall be scourged by all people, because they crucify the God of Israel, and turn their hearts aside, rejecting signs and wonders, and power and glory of the God of Israel;*
- 252 *And because they turn their hearts aside, saith the prophet, and have despised the Holy One of Israel, they shall wander in the flesh, and perish, and become a hiss and a byword, and be hated among all nations;*
- 253 *Nevertheless, when that day cometh, saith the prophet, that they no more turn aside their hearts against the Holy One of Israel, then will he remember the covenants which he made to their fathers...*

II Nephi 1:23

- 23 *Behold, I say, If the day shall come that they will reject **the Holy One of Israel, the true Messiah, their Redeemer and their God**, behold, the judgments of him that is just, shall rest upon them;*

II Nephi 5:24-26

- 24 *And he also has shewn unto me, that **the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, should manifest himself unto them in the flesh;***
- 25 *And after he should manifest himself, they should scourge him and crucify him, according to the words of the angel, who spake it unto me.*
- 26 *And after they have hardened their hearts and stiffened their necks against **the Holy One of Israel**, behold the judgments of **the Holy One of Israel** shall come upon them.*

¹⁰ See III Nephi 4

II Nephi 6:10

10 *For it behooveth **the great Creator that he suffereth himself to become subject unto man in the flesh**, and die for all men, that all men might become subject unto him.*

II Nephi 6:43-45

- 43 *O the greatness of the mercy of **our God, the Holy One of Israel!** For he delivereth his saints from that awful monster the devil, and death, and hell, and that lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment.*
- 44 *Oh how great the holiness of **our God!** For he knoweth all things, and there is not anything save he knows it.*
- 45 *And **he cometh into the world that he may save all men**, if they will hearken unto his voice;*

II Nephi 6:50

50 *For the **Lord God, the Holy One of Israel**, hath spoken it; ¹¹*

II Nephi 7:5-14

- 5 *Wherefore, as I said unto you, **it must needs be expedient that Christ** (for in the last night the angel spake unto me that this should be his name) **should come** among the Jews, among those who are the more wicked part of the world;*
- 6 ***And they shall crucify him: For thus it behooveth our God;***
- 7 *And there is none other nation on earth that would crucify their God.*
- 8 *For should the mighty miracles be wrought among other nations, they would repent, and know that he be their God;*
- 9 *But because of priestcrafts and iniquities, they at Jerusalem will stiffen their necks against him, that he be crucified.*
- 10 *Wherefore, because of their iniquities, destructions, famines, pestilence and bloodsheds, shall come upon them;*
- 11 *And they who shall not be destroyed, shall be scattered among all nations.*
- 12 *But behold, **thus saith the Lord God: When the day cometh that they shall believe in me, that I am Christ, then** have I covenanted with their fathers, that they shall be restored in the flesh, upon the earth, unto the lands of their inheritance.*
- 13 *And it shall come to pass that they shall be gathered in from their long dispersion from the isles of the sea, and from the four parts of the earth;*
- 14 *And the nations of the Gentiles shall be great in the eyes of me, saith God, in carrying them forth to the lands of their inheritance.*

¹¹ Who is the Holy One of Israel? Jesus Christ. See II Nephi 11:55, II Nephi 13:32, Omni 1:46 & Alma 8:104

II Nephi 8:14

14 *But there is a God, and he is Christ; and he cometh in the fullness of his own time.*

II Nephi 11:78-79

78 *And as I spake concerning the convincing of the Jews, that Jesus is the very Christ, it must needs be that the Gentiles be convinced also, that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God; and that he manifesteth himself unto all those who believe in him, by the power of the Holy Ghost;*

79 *Yea, unto every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, working mighty miracles, signs and wonders, among the children of men, according to their faith.*

II Nephi 13:32

32 *And now behold, this is the doctrine of Christ, and the only and true doctrine of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, which is one God, without end. Amen.*

Mosiah 1:102-104

97 *For behold, the time cometh, and is not far distant, that with power, the Lord Omnipotent who reigneth, who was, and is from all eternity to all eternity, shall come down from heaven, among the children of men, and shall dwell in a tabernacle of clay,*

98 *And shall go forth amongst men, working mighty miracles, such as healing the sick, raising the dead, causing the lame to walk, the blind to receive their sight, and the deaf to hear, and curing all manner of diseases;*

99 *And he shall cast out devils, or the evil spirits which dwell in the hearts of the children of men.*

100 *And lo, he shall suffer temptations, and pain of body, hunger, thirst, and fatigue, even more than can man suffer, except it be unto death;*

101 *For behold, blood cometh from every pore, so great shall be his anguish for the wickedness and the abomination of his people.*

102 *And he shall be called Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of heaven and earth, the Creator of all things, from the beginning; and his mother shall be called Mary.*

103 *And lo, he cometh unto his own, that salvation might come unto the children of men, even through faith, on his name;*

104 *And even after all this, they shall consider him a man, and say that he hath a devil, and shall scourge him, and shall crucify him.*

Mosiah 1:116-118

- 116 *And moreover, I say unto you, that there shall be no other name given, nor any other way nor means whereby salvation can come unto the children of men, only in and through the name of **Christ, the Lord Omnipotent**.*
- 117 *For behold, he judgeth, and his judgment is just, and the infant perisheth not, that dieth in his infancy;*
- 118 *But men drink damnation to their own souls, except they humble themselves, and become as little children, and believe that salvation was, and is, and is to come, in and through the atoning blood of **Christ, the Lord Omnipotent**:*

Mosiah 3:21

- 21 *Therefore, I would that ye should be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in good works, that **Christ, the Lord God Omnipotent**, may seal you his, that you may be brought to heaven, that ye may have everlasting salvation and eternal life, through the wisdom, and power, and justice, and mercy of him, who created all things, in heaven and in earth, **who is God above all**. Amen.*

Mosiah 5:43-46

- 43 *And a prophet of the Lord have they slain; yea, a chosen man of God, who told them of their wickedness and abominations, and prophesied of many things which are to come, yea, even the coming of Christ.*
- 44 *And because he said unto them, that **Christ was the God, the Father of all things**, and said that he should take upon him the image of man, and it should be the image after which man was created in the beginning;*
- 45 *Or in other words, he said that man was created after the image of God, **and that God should come down among the children of men, and take upon him flesh and blood, and go forth upon the face of the earth**;*
- 46 *And now because he said this, they did put him to death; and many more things did they do, which brought down the wrath of God upon them.*

Mosiah 8:13

- 13 *Have they not said that **God himself should come down among the children of men, and take upon him the form of man**, and go forth in mighty power upon the face of the earth?*

Mosiah 8:28-32

- 28 *And now Abinadi said unto them, **I would that ye should understand that God himself shall come down among the children of men, and shall redeem his people**;*
- 29 *And because he dwelleth in flesh, he shall be called the **Son of God**:*

- 30 *And having subjected the flesh to the will of the Father, **being the Father and the Son; the Father because he was conceived by the power of God:** and the Son, because of the flesh; thus becoming the Father and Son:*
- 31 *And they are **one God, yea, the very eternal Father of heaven and of earth;***
- 32 *And thus the flesh becoming subject to the Spirit, or the Son to the Father, **being one God,** suffereth temptation, and yieldeth not to the temptation, but suffereth himself to be mocked, and scourged, and cast out, and disowned by his people.*

Mosiah 8:91

- 91 *Teach them that redemption cometh through **Christ the Lord, who is the very eternal Father.** Amen.*

Mosiah 9:10-12

- 10 *And he said unto him, Abinadi, we have found an accusation against thee, and thou art worthy of death.*
- 11 ***For thou hast said that God himself should come down among the children of men;***
- 12 *And now for this cause thou shalt be put to death, unless thou wilt recall all the words which thou hast spoken evil concerning me and my people.¹²*

Omni 1:46,47

- 46 *And now, my beloved brethren, I would that ye should **come unto Christ, who is the Holy One of Israel,** and partake of his salvation, and the power of his redemption.*
- 47 *Yea, come unto him, and offer your whole souls as an offering unto him, and continue in fasting and praying, and endure to the end; and as the Lord liveth, ye will be saved.*

Alma 8:81-82, 93-96

- 81 *Now Zeezrom said, **Is there more than one God?***
- 82 *And he answereth, **No.***
- ...
- 93 *Now Zeezrom saith again unto him, **Is the Son of God the very eternal Father?***
- 94 ***And Amulek said unto him, Yea, he is the very eternal Father of heaven and of earth, and all things which in them is;***
- 95 *He is the beginning and the end, the first and the last;*

¹² See also Alma 14:70

96 *And he shall come into the world to redeem his people; and he shall take upon him the transgressions of those who believe on his name; and these are they that shall have eternal life, **and salvation cometh to none else;***

Alma 8:104

104 *And shall be brought and be arraigned before the bar of Christ the Son, and God the Father, and the Holy Spirit, **which is one eternal God,** to be judged according to their works, whether they be good or whether they be evil.*

Alma 12:103-108

103 *And then Ammon said, Believest thou that there is a Great Spirit?*

104 *And he said, Yea.*

105 *And Ammon said, **This is God.***

106 *And Ammon said unto him again, Believest thou that **this Great Spirit, who is God, created all things,** which are in heaven and in the earth?*

107 *And he said, Yea, I believe that he created all things which are in the earth; but I do not know the heavens.*

108 *And Ammon said unto him, The heavens is a place where God dwells, and all his holy angels.*

Alma 16:207-218

207 *Behold, I say unto you, that **I do know that Christ shall come** among the children of men, to take upon him the transgressions of his people, and that he shall atone for the sins of the world; for the Lord God has spoken it;*

208 *For it is expedient that an atonement should be made; for according to the great plan of the eternal God, there must be an atonement made, or else all mankind must unavoidably perish;*

209 *Yea, all are hardened; yea, all are fallen, and are lost, and must perish except it be through the atonement which it is expedient should be made;*

210 *For it is expedient that there should be a great and last sacrifice; yea, not a sacrifice of man, neither of beast, neither of any manner of fowl; **for it shall not be a human sacrifice: but it must be an infinite and eternal sacrifice.***

211 *Now there is not any man that can sacrifice his own blood, which will atone for the sins of another.*

212 *Now if a man murdereth, behold, will our law, which is just, take the life of his brother? I say unto you, Nay.*

- 213 *But the law requireth the life of him who hath murdered; therefore there can be nothing, which is short of an infinite atonement, which will suffice for the sins of the world; therefore it is expedient that there should be a great and last sacrifice;*
- 214 *And then shall there be, or it is expedient there should be, a stop to the shedding of blood; then shall the Law of Moses be fulfilled; yea, it shall all be fulfilled; every jot and tittle, and none shall have passed away.*
- 215 *And behold, this is the whole meaning of the law; every whit pointing to that great and last sacrifice; and that great and last sacrifice will be the Son of God; yea, infinite and eternal; and thus he shall bring salvation to all those who shall **believe on his name**;*
- 216 *This being the intent of this last sacrifice, to bring about the bowels of mercy, which overpowereth justice and bringeth about means unto men that they may have faith unto repentance.*
- 217 *And thus mercy can satisfy the demands of justice, and encircles them in the arms of safety, while he that exercises no faith unto repentance, is exposed to the whole law of the demands of justice; therefore, only unto him that has faith unto repentance, is brought about the great and eternal plan of redemption.*
- 218 ***Therefore may God grant unto you, my brethren, that ye may begin to exercise your faith unto repentance, that ye begin to call upon his holy name, that he would have mercy upon you; yea, cry unto him for mercy; for he is mighty to save;***

Alma 19:97

- 97 *And now the plan of mercy could not be brought about, except an atonement should be made; **therefore God himself** atoneth for the sins of the world, to bring about the plan of mercy, to appease the demands of justice, that God might be a perfect, just God, and a merciful God also.*

Helaman 3:59-60

- 59 *Nephi also testified of these things, and also almost all of our fathers, even down to this time; **yea, they have testified of the coming of Christ**, and have looked forward, and have rejoiced in his day which is to come.*
- 60 ***And behold, he is God**, and he is with them, and he did manifest himself unto them that they were redeemed by him; and they gave unto him glory, because of that which is to come.*

Helaman 5:66

- 66 *And also **that ye might know of the coming of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of heaven, and of earth, the Creator of all things**, from the beginning; and that ye might know of the signs of his coming, to the intent that ye might believe on his name.*

III Nephi 1:11-14

- 11 *And it came to pass that he went out and bowed himself down upon the earth, and cried mightily to his God, in behalf of his people; yea, those who were about to be destroyed because of their faith in the tradition of their fathers.*
- 12 *And it came to pass that he cried mightily unto the Lord, all that day; and behold, the voice of the Lord came unto him, saying, Lift up your head and be of good cheer, for behold, the time is at hand, and on this night shall the sign be given,*
- 13 *And on the morrow come I into the world, to shew unto the world that I will fulfill all that which I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of my holy prophets.*
- 14 *Behold, I come unto my own, to fulfill all things which I have made known unto the children of men, from the foundation of the world, and to do the will, **both of the Father, and of the Son of the Father, because of me, and of the Son, because of my flesh.***¹³

III Nephi 7:5-6

- 5 *Behold, I say unto you, that the law is fulfilled that was given unto Moses.*
- 6 *Behold, **I am he that gave the law, and I am he who covenanted with my people Israel;** therefore, the law in me is fulfilled, for I have come to fulfill the law; therefore, it hath an end.*

Mormon 1:88

- 88 *And also that the Jews, the covenant people of the Lord, shall have other witness besides him whom they saw and heard, **that Jesus whom they slew, was the very Christ, and the very God;***

Mormon 2:46

- 46 *They were once a delightsome people, **and they had Christ for their Shepherd; yea, they were led even by God, the Father.***

Mormon 3:29

- 29 *And he hath brought to pass the redemption of the world, whereby he that is found guiltless before him at the judgment day, hath it given unto him to dwell in the presence of God in his kingdom, to sing ceaseless praises with the choirs above, **unto the Father, and unto the Son, and unto the Holy Ghost, which are one God,** in a state of happiness which hath no end.*

¹³ cf. Mosiah 8:28-32

Mormon 4:70,71

- 70 *But behold, I will shew unto you a God of miracles, even the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and it is that same God who created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are.*
- 71 *Behold, he created Adam; and by Adam came the fall of man. And because of the fall of man, came **Jesus Christ, even the Father and the Son**; and because of Jesus Christ came the redemption of man.*

Ether 1:72-85

- 72 *And the Lord said unto him, Because of thy faith thou hast seen that I shall take upon me flesh and blood; and never has man come before me with such exceeding faith as thou hast; for were it not so, ye could not have seen my finger. Sawest thou more than this?*
- 73 *And he answered, Nay, Lord, shew thyself unto me.*
- 74 *And the Lord said unto him, Believest thou the words which I shall speak?*
- 75 *And he answered, Yea, Lord, I know that thou speakest the truth, for thou art a God of truth, and canst not lie.*
- 76 *And when he had said these words, behold the Lord shewed himself unto him, and said, Because thou knowest these things, ye are redeemed from the fall; therefore ye are brought back into my presence; therefore I shew myself unto you.*
- 77 *Behold, I am he who was prepared from the foundation of the world to redeem my people. **Behold, I am Jesus Christ. I am the Father and the Son.***
- 78 *In me shall all mankind have life, and that eternally, even they who shall believe on my name; and they shall become my sons and my daughters.*
- 79 *And never have I shewed myself unto man whom I have created, for never has man believed in me as thou hast.*
- 80 ***Seest thou that ye are created after mine own image?** Yea, even all men were created in the beginning, after mine own image.*
- 81 *Behold this body, which ye now behold, is the body of my spirit; and man have I created after the body of my spirit; and even as I appear unto thee to be in the spirit, will I appear unto my people in the flesh.*
- 82 *And now, as I, Moroni, said I could not make a full account of these things which are written, therefore it sufficeth me to say, that Jesus shewed himself unto this man in the spirit, even after the manner and in the likeness of the same body, even as he shewed himself unto the Nephites;*
- 83 *And he ministered unto him, even as he ministered unto the Nephites; and all this, that this man knew that he was God, because of the many great works which the Lord had shewed unto him.*

- 84 *And because of the knowledge of this man, he could not be kept from beholding within the veil; and he saw the finger of Jesus, which, when he saw, he fell with fear; for he knew that it was the finger of the Lord;*
- 85 *And he had faith no longer, for he knew, nothing doubting; **wherefore, having this perfect knowledge of God, he could not be kept from within the veil; therefore he saw Jesus, and he did minister unto him.***

Ether 1:101

- 101 *And in that day that they shall exercise faith in me, saith the Lord, even as the Brother of Jared did, that they may become sanctified in me, then will I manifest unto them the things which the Brother of Jared saw, even to the unfolding unto them all my revelations, **saith Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of the heavens and of the earth, and all things that in them are.***

Ether 1:106-109

- 106 *For because of my Spirit, he shall know that these things are true for it persuadeth men to do good; and whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do good, is of me; for good cometh of none, save it be of me.*
- 107 *I am the same that leadeth men to all good; he that will not believe my words, will not believe me, that I am; and he that will not believe me, will not believe the Father who sent*
- 108 *For behold, **I am the Father, I am the light, and the life, and the truth of the world.***
- 109 *Come unto me, O ye Gentiles, and I will shew unto you the greater things, the knowledge which is hid up because of unbelief.*

Moroni 8:8

- 8 *And the word of the Lord came to me by the power of the Holy Ghost, saying, **Listen to the words of Christ, your Redeemer, your Lord, and your God.***

Moroni 10:8-14

- 8 *And again I exhort you, my brethren, that ye deny not the gifts of God, for they are many and they come from **the same God;***
- 9 *And there are different ways that these gifts are administered, but **it is the same God** which worketh all in all; and they are given by the manifestations of the **Spirit of God** unto men to profit them.*
- 10 *For behold, to one is given by the **Spirit of God**, that he may teach the word of wisdom; and to another, that he may teach the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; and to another, exceeding great faith; and to another, the gifts of healing by the **same Spirit;***

- 11 *And again, to another, that he may work mighty miracles; and again, to another, that he may prophesy concerning all things; and again, to another, to the beholding of angels and ministering spirits; and again, to another, all kinds of tongues; and again, to another, the interpretation of languages and of divers kinds of tongues.*
- 12 *And all these gifts come by the **Spirit of Christ**; and they come unto every man severally, according **as He will**.*
- 13 *And I would exhort you, my beloved brethren, that ye remember that every good gift cometh of Christ.*
- 14 *And I exhort you, my beloved brethren, that ye remember that **He is the same yesterday, today and forever**, and that all these gifts of which I have spoken, which are spiritual, never will be done away, even as long as the world shall stand, only according to the unbelief of the children of men.*