

Chapter 19

{Original 1830 Chapter IX}

The Twelve Prepare the Multitude for Continued Teaching from Jesus

1 **And** now

it came to pass

that when [He] Jesus had *ascended* _____ *into* **heaven**
the multitude *did* disperse
and **EVERY man** *did* take **his wife**
and **his children**
and *did* *return*
to **his own home**

aa

2 **And** it was noised abroad

among the people **immediately**
before it was yet dark

and that **He** [Jesus] had **ministered**
unto them
that the multitude had **seen** **Jesus**

and that **He** [Jesus] would also _____ **show Himself**
unto the multitude **on the morrow**

bb

3 **Yea**

_____ **and even** **ALL the night**
it was noised abroad concerning Jesus

[Note: Donald Parry (1992:414) views the above verses 2-3 as *chiastic*:

- 2 **And** [A] And it was noised abroad among the people immediately
[B] before it was yet dark
[C] that the multitude had seen Jesus,
[D] and that He had ministered unto them,
[C] and that He would also show Himself on the morrow unto the multitude.
- 3 [B] Yea, and even all the night
[A] it was noised abroad concerning Jesus]

[Par. aa – Circular repetition “the multitude”]

[Par. bb – Like beginning and End of paragraph “bookends”]

And insomuch did they *send* forth
unto the people

that there were MANY
yea an exceedingly GREAT number [added in 1981]

[who] did labor exceedingly
ALL that night

[They did labor] that they might be
on the morrow

in the place where Jesus
should show Himself
unto the multitude

{The Second Day}

4 And it came to pass
when _____ that on the morrow
behold Nephi the multitude was gathered together [see 3 Ne. 11:1]

and his brother whom he had raised from the dead
and also his son whose name was Timothy
and also Mathoni whose name was Jonas cc
and Mathonihah his [Mathoni's] brother dd
and Kumen
and Kumenonhi
and Jeremiah
and Shemnon
and Jonas
and Zedekiah
and Isaiah

now these were the names
of the disciples whom Jesus had chosen ee

And it came to pass
that they [the disciples] went forth
and stood in the midst
of the multitude

[Par. cc – Enumeration]
[Par. dd – Many “and”s]
[Par. ee – Circular repetition “the disciples”]

and they [the disciples] desired that the Holy Ghost
should be given
unto them

The Nephite Apostles Are Baptized and Receive the Holy Ghost

10 And when they [the disciples] had thus _____ prayed
they [the disciples] went down unto the water's edge 04
and the multitude followed them

11 And it came to pass
that [he] Nephi [a disciple] went down into the water hh
and [he Nephi] was _____ baptized

12 And he [Nephi] came up out of the water [opposites] 05
and [he Nephi] began to baptize 06
and he [Nephi] _____ baptized
ALL those whom Jesus had chosen ii

13 And it came to pass
when they [the disciples]
were ALL baptized

and [when] [the disciples] had come up out of the water
the Holy Ghost did fall
upon them [the disciples]

and they [the disciples] were filled with the Holy Ghost
and with fire

14 And behold they [the disciples] were encircled about
as if it were by fire

and it [the fire]
came down from _____ heaven

and the multitude did witness it
and [the multitude] do/^did bear record [of it]
[?, 1830 / ^1920]

[Heb. 04 – Compound preposition]
[Par. hh – Like beginnings “he Nephi”]
[Heb. 05 – Compound preposition --- repetition]

[Heb. 06 – Use of “began to”]
[Par. ii – Like paragraph endings]

and angels did come down out of heaven
 and [angels] did minister
 unto them [the disciples]

{Christ's Visit on the Second Day}

15 And it came to pass
 that while the angels were _____ ministering
 unto the disciples

behold [He] Jesus _____ came
 _____ and stood in the midst
 _____ and ministered
 unto them [the disciples]

jj

The Savior's Prayer Cannot Be Written or Uttered by Man

16 And it came to pass
 that He [Jesus] spake unto the multitude
 and [He Jesus] commanded them

kk

and also that His disciples _____ that they should kneel down again upon the earth
 _____ should kneel down upon the earth

07

17 And it came to pass
 that when _____ they had ALL knelted down _____ upon the earth
He [Jesus] commanded
His disciples
 that they should pray

18 And behold _____ they began to pray
 _____ and they did pray
 unto Jesus
 calling Him
Their Lord
 and Their God

19 And it came to pass
 that [He] Jesus _____ departed out of the midst
 _____ of them

[Par. jj – Like beginnings “He Jesus”]

[Par. kk – Circular repetition “them/they”]

[Heb. 07 – Compound preposition – repeated]

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and [He Jesus] *went a little way off*
from them

and [He Jesus] bowed _____ Himself to *the earth*

and He [Jesus] **said**
[Prayer quoted from 1^o source (Jesus?) -- comprising v. 20-23]

20

Father
I [thy Son] thank Thee LL
that Thou hast **given** _____ the Holy Ghost
unto these
whom I [thy Son] have chosen [see v. 28]

And it is because of their belief in Me
that I [thy Son] have **chosen** them _____ *out of* the world

21

Father
I [thy Son] **pray** Thee
that Thou wilt **give** _____ the Holy Ghost
unto ALL them
that shall _____ **believe**
in their words

22

Father
Thou hast **given** them the Holy Ghost
because they believed in Me [deleted in 1830] mm
and Thou seest
that they believe in Me
because Thou hearest them
and they pray unto Me
And they pray unto Me
because
I [thy Son] **am** with them

23 And **now**

Father
I [thy Son] **pray**
unto Thee for them
and also for ALL they * [* O / changed to "those"—see note]
who shall _____ **believe**
on their words (AG)

[Question: Is there a difference between believing "in" their words and believing "on" their words?]

[Par. LL – Like beginnings "I thy Son"]

[Par. mm – Like endings "Me"]

that I [thy Son] may be in that they may believe in Me
 as Thou Father art in Me
 that We
 may be One

24 And **it came to pass**

that **when** [He] Jesus had _____ thus **prayed**
 unto **the Father**

He [Jesus] **came**
 unto **His disciples**

and **behold** they [His disciples] **did** still **continue**
without ceasing
 to **pray** unto **Him**

and they [His disciples] **did** NOT multiply
 MANY words

for it was **given**
 unto them [His disciples] what they should **pray**
 and they [His disciples] were **filled** with **desire**

25 And **it came to pass**

that [He] Jesus [upward gradation]
 beheld / ^blessed them [His disciples] [P/ ^1830]
 as they [His disciples] **did** **pray** unto **Him** nn

[A] And **His countenance** **did** smile [Synonymous parallelism]
 upon them [His disciples]

[A] and the **light** of **His countenance** **did** shine
 upon them [His disciples]

and **behold** they [His disciples] were **as** **white** 08 oo
as the **countenance**
 and also **[as]** the **garments** of **Jesus**

And **behold** the **whiteness** thereof
did exceed ALL the **whiteness**

[Par. nn – Upward gradation]
 [Heb. 08 – Simile --- multiple = parable]

[Par. oo – Circular repetition “white”]

yea even there could be NO THING _____ upon *earth*
so white
as the whiteness thereof

26 And **[He Jesus]** **said**
unto them **[His disciples]** _____ **Pray** on

nevertheless they **[His disciples]** did NOT cease to **pray**

27 And **He [Jesus]** **turned**
from them **[His disciples]** **again**

and **[He Jesus]** *went a little way off*

and **[He Jesus]** bowed _____ **Himself** to the *earth*

and **He [Jesus]** _____ **prayed again**
unto **the Father**

saying

[Prayer quoted from 1^o source (Jesus?) - comprising v. 28-29]

28 **Father**
I [thy Son] thank **Thee** pp
that **Thou** hast **purified**
those **[disciples]** **whom I [thy Son] have chosen** [see v. 20]
because of their **faith**

And **I [thy Son]** _____ **pray**
for them **[My disciples]**
and also for **them who shall believe**
on **their** _____ **words**
that **they may be purified**
in **Me** qq
through **faith**
on **their** _____ **words**
even as **they are purified**
in **Me**

[Par. pp – Like beginnings “I thy Son”]
[Par. qq – Like endings “purified in Me”]

29 Father
 but I [thy Son] _____ pray NOT for the world
 [I thy Son] _____ pray] _____
 for those whom Thou hast given Me out of the world
 because of their faith
 that they may be purified
 in Me
 that I [thy Son] may be in them
 as Thou Father art in Me
 that We
 may be _____ One
 that I [thy Son] may be glorified in them

30 And it came to pass [deleted in 1837]
 that when [He] Jesus had spoken these words rr
 He [Jesus] came again
 unto His disciples
 and behold they [His disciples] did pray steadfastly
 without ceasing
 unto Him
 and He [Jesus] _____ did smile
 upon them [His disciples]
 again
 and behold they [His disciples] were white
 even as Jesus

31 And it came to pass
 that He [Jesus] went again a little way off
 and prayed ss
 unto the Father
 [Omission from the record?]
 32 [A] And tongue canNOT speak the words [personification] tt
 [B] which He [Jesus] _____ prayed

[Par. rr – Like beginnings “He Jesus”]
 [Par. ss – Circular repetition “prayed”]

[Par. tt – Alternating parallelism]

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[A] NEITHER can be written by man

the words

[B] which He [Jesus] _____ prayed

33

And the multitude did hear
and [the multitude] do [did?] bear record

and their hearts were open [personification]
and they did understand
in their hearts

the words

which He [Jesus] _____ prayed

34 Nevertheless

so GREAT
and [so] marvelous were the words
which He [Jesus] _____ prayed

that they CANNOT be written uu
NEITHER can they be uttered by man

Miracles Performed Because of Great Faith

35 And it came to pass

that when [He] Jesus had made an end of praying 09

He [Jesus] came again
to the disciples
and said
unto them

[Quoted from 1^o source -- comprising v. 35-36]

So GREAT faith have

I [the Lord] NEVER seen
among ALL the Jews

wherefore

I [the Lord] could NOT show unto them
so GREAT miracles
because of their unbelief

[Par. uu – Repetition of NOT, NEITHER, NEVER, NONE]
[Heb. 09 – Use of “made an end”]

36 Verily I [the Lord] say
 unto you [My disciples]

there are NONE of them
 that have seen
 so GREAT things

as ye [My disciples] _____ have seen

NEITHER _____ have they heard
 so GREAT things

as ye [My disciples] _____ have heard

[Note: In **3 Nephi 19:4**, the names of the twelve disciples of Jesus are listed. According to Widtsoe and Harris in Seven Claims of the Book of Mormon,

in no instance is there a letter "Q", "X", or "W" in an uncorrupted proper name in the translated Nephite records. Nor is one of them in an uncorrupted Hebraic proper name found in the Bible. Not one of these letters occurs in the Hebrew alphabet under any name, and the Nephites as Israelites, or Hebrews, could not therefore make use of them. . . . Furthermore, there are no surnames in the Book of Mormon—a profoundly wise omission, since surnames first came into general use about A.D. 1040.

(Quoted in Roy E. Weldon, Book of Mormon Deeps, Vol. III, p. 289.)]

[Note: The name of one of the Lord's disciples listed in **3 Nephi 19:4** – Timothy – seems to be Greek in origin. Is there an explanation for the appearance of a Greek name in the Book of Mormon? According to Stephen Ricks, one possibility may be that the name Timothy, as well as other manifestations of Greek influence, were brought to the New World by the Mulekites. The people of Mulek may have made their escape to the New World on a Phoenician ship (see Ross T. Christensen, ed., Transoceanic Crossings to Ancient America, S.E.H.A.) The Phoenicians, whose port cities included Sidon, Acco, and Tyre, were the greatest seamen of the region. They had regular contacts both with Greek speaking merchants and traders and with the Israelites. (See, for example, Judg. 1:31; 2 Sam. 5:11; 1 Kgs. 5:1-12; Matt. 11:21-22; Mark 3:8). (Stephen D. Ricks, "I Have A Question," The Ensign, Oct. 1992, p. 53.)]

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[Note: In an article by Stanford Carmack, he writes:

Extensive comparative study shows that the Book of Mormon contains archaic, nonbiblical usage to such a degree as to reasonably rule out Joseph Smith as its author . . . In the case of syntax, the Book of Mormon contains various large-scale archaic patterns and many individual archaic structures that are nonbiblical and nonpseudobiblical.

Carmack cites one of the most relevant ones as “the object ‘they’.” He writes: “The Book of Mormon has three examples of object **they** after the preposition **for**, each with a following relative clause.” He then gives **3 Nephi 19:23** as one example:

And now Father, I pray unto thee **for them**,
And also **for all they** which shall believe on their words.

(Stanford Carmack, “Bad Grammar in the Book of Mormon Found in Early English Bibles.” *Interpreter: A Journal of Latter-day Saint Faith and Scholarship* 36 (2020): 1-28.)]

[Note: According to Greg Wright (1976:89), **3 Nephi 19:31-35** can be seen as a **chiastic** structure as follows:

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| A | “he went again a little ways off and prayed unto the Father” | (19:31) |
| B | “and tongue cannot speak the words which he prayed” | (19:32) |
| C | “ neither can be written by man” | (19:32) |
| D | “ the words which he prayed ” | (19:32) |
| E | ... and their hearts ” | (19:33) |
| F | “were open” | (19:33) |
| F | “and they did understand” | (19:33) |
| E | “ in their hearts ” | (19:33) |
| D | “ the words which he prayed ” | (19:33) |
| C | “ . . . they cannot be written ” | (19:34) |
| B | “ neither can they be uttered by man.” | (19:34) |
| A | “and it came to pass that when Jesus had made an end of praying ” | (19:35) |