

## Mormon telling how to judge good from evil...

2And now I, Mormon, speak unto you, my beloved brethren; and it is by the <sup>a</sup>grace of God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, and his holy will, because of the gift of his <sup>b</sup>calling unto me, that I am permitted to speak unto you at this time.

3Wherefore, I would speak unto you that are of the <sup>a</sup>church, that are the <sup>b</sup>peaceable followers of Christ, and that have obtained a sufficient <sup>c</sup>hope by which ye can enter into the <sup>d</sup>rest of the Lord, from this time henceforth until ye shall rest with him in heaven.

4And now my brethren, I judge these things of you because of your peaceable <sup>a</sup>walk with the children of men.

5For I remember the word of God which saith by their <sup>a</sup>works ye shall know them; for if their works be good, then they are good also.

6For behold, God hath said a man being <sup>a</sup>evil cannot do that which is good; for if he <sup>b</sup>offereth a gift, or <sup>c</sup>prayeth unto God, except he shall do it with real <sup>d</sup>intent it profiteth him nothing.

7For behold, it is not counted unto him for righteousness.

8For behold, if a man being <sup>a</sup>evil giveth a gift, he doeth it <sup>b</sup>grudgingly; wherefore it is counted unto him the same as if he had retained the gift; wherefore he is counted evil before God.

9And likewise also is it counted evil unto a man, if he shall pray and not with <sup>a</sup>real intent of heart; yea, and it profiteth him nothing, for God receiveth none such.

10Wherefore, a man being evil cannot do that which is good; neither will he give a good gift.

11For behold, a bitter <sup>a</sup>fountain cannot bring forth good water; neither can a good fountain bring forth bitter water; wherefore, a man being a servant

of the devil cannot follow Christ; and if he <sup>b</sup>follow Christ he cannot be a <sup>c</sup>servant of the devil.

12Wherefore, all things which are <sup>a</sup>good cometh of God; and that which is <sup>b</sup>evil cometh of the devil; for the devil is an enemy unto God, and fighteth against him continually, and inviteth and enticeth to <sup>c</sup>sin, and to do that which is evil continually.

13But behold, that which is of God inviteth and enticeth to do <sup>a</sup>good continually; wherefore, every thing which inviteth and <sup>b</sup>enticeth to do <sup>c</sup>good, and to love God, and to serve him, is <sup>d</sup>inspired of God.

14Wherefore, take heed, my beloved brethren, that ye do not judge that which is <sup>a</sup>evil to be of God, or that which is good and of God to be of the devil.

15For behold, my brethren, it is given unto you to <sup>a</sup>judge, that ye may know good from evil; and the way to judge is as plain, that ye may know with a perfect knowledge, as the daylight is from the dark night.

16For behold, the <sup>a</sup>Spirit of Christ is given to every <sup>b</sup>man, that he may <sup>c</sup>know good from evil; wherefore, I show unto you the way to judge; for every thing which inviteth to do good, and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ; wherefore ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God.

17But whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do <sup>a</sup>evil, and believe not in Christ, and deny him, and serve not God, then ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of the devil; for after this manner doth the devil work, for he persuadeth no man to do good, no, not one; neither do his angels; neither do they who subject themselves unto him.

18And now, my brethren, seeing that ye know the <sup>a</sup>light by which ye may judge, which light is the light of Christ, see that ye do not judge wrongfully; for with that same <sup>b</sup>judgment which ye judge ye shall also be judged.

19Wherefore, I beseech of you, brethren, that ye should search diligently in the <sup>a</sup>light of Christ that ye may know good from evil; and if ye will lay hold upon every good thing, and condemn it not, ye certainly will be a <sup>b</sup>child of Christ.

