REL 275C: The Teachings and Doctrine of the Book of Mormon

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1. Read 1 Nephi 17 and answer the following questions:
   1. This chapter represents a pivotal point where God moves forward with His promise to deliver Lehi and his family to the Promised Land. What do verses 2-3 teach about the idea that while God is working to give us specific blessings, he is also helping us become more like Him? God is blessing us but also making us strong like Him. We go through trials to learn and grow.
   2. As you read verses 4-6, consider the difference between waiting for the day promises will be fulfilled and arriving at the moment when they begin to be fulfilled. How is our faith tested in both experiences? Faith is tested when we wait and also w when we get. Waiting teachs us patience; receiving test our gratitude.
   3. Verses 7-11 illustrate how God makes us partners in obtaining our gifts from Him. How have you seen Him call you to a mountain, instruct you in doing something you must do, and then being left to follow through on His new and difficult guidance? Why are you grateful that he stretches and involves you in giving you His gifts? God tells us wat to do but we must do the hard work. It makes us better and strong
   4. Verses 13-14 teach two important outcomes that will be ours when God delivers on His promises to us? What are the outcomes? God will be with us, and we will be led to the promised land. We get blessings and guidance.
   5. Verses 17-20 show us we do not only need to believe in God's ability to deliver on His promises, but that we will also be tested as to whether we can exercise faith in His servants as they play their role in helping us obtain God's gifts. How can you prepare yourself to follow the prophet or another leader when they follow God's guidance? We must trust and follow our leaders with faith, believe they are guided by God.
   6. As you read verses 21-32 consider how challenging it is to keep our eyes on the eternal prize rather than settling for temporary distractions. How do you remember your opportunities so you can maintain the faith needed to remain faithful and not murmur? Focus on long-term goals, pray often, and remember God’s promises.
   7. What do verses 33-47 teach is the essential thing we must do if we are to receive God's choice blessings in our lives? We must obey God and have faith in Him.
   8. Verses 48-55 illustrate the choice we have to murmur and doubt or believe and support. How do you refuse to murmur and choose to believe? Trust God, stay positive, and support His plans.
2. Read 1 Nephi 20:1-7 and answer the following questions:
   1. What has God done in your life that caused you to know of His existence and power? God has blessed me with health and life, showing His power.
   2. According to these verses, why does God tell us things He will do long before He does them? To show His power and build our faith.
3. Read 1 Nephi 21:13-16 and answer the following questions:
   1. How do you suppose God feels if we feel neglected or forgotten? God feel sad cos He always remember us.
   2. Restate verse 15 in your own powerful words. Even if a mother forget her child, God will never forget us.
   3. How does it make you feel to know the Savior has retained the marks of His crucifixion as a reminder of His promises to you? It makes me feel loved and valued, knowing He sacrificed for me.
   4. What does the statement, "thy walls are continually before me" mean to you? God always sees our lives and cares for us.
4. Read 2 Nephi 10 and answer the following questions:
   1. A simple definition of a religious covenant is that it is a two-way promise between God and man. As you read verses 1-7 what do you see as the reason why God does not appear to be keeping His covenant to His people? People not keeping their part of the covenant.
   2. As you read verses 17-25 note the firm promise by God that He will fulfill the promises that He has made. How can you exercise more faith in God's determined commitment to keep His promises? What specific things do these verses suggest we can do to increase our faith in God's promises? Pray, obey commandments, and remember past blessings to increase faith.
5. Read 2 Nephi 19:16-21 and answer the following questions:
   1. What is the reason the anger of the Lord is kindled against His people and His promises are being withheld? People are sinning and not following God.
   2. Why does the Lord say twice in these few verses that, "his hand is stretched out still?" God always ready to forgive if we repent.
6. Read 2 Nephi 29:1-2, 5, 9, 14 and answer the following questions:
   1. As God affirms the reality and validity of His promises in these verses, why do you feel it is so hard for us to wait for Him to complete His work?  C We are impatient and want quick results.
   2. How can we come to know God's promises and be focused on them as He is? Study scriptures and pray to understand God’s promises.
7. Read Words of Mormon 1:7 and answer the following question:
   1. In spite of God's omniscience and our ignorance, we sometimes approach Him in prayer and seek to tell Him how things should be done. How can you remember His wisdom and your limitations so you are able to more patiently wait as he fulfills His promises in the days to come? Trust in God’s plan and timing, and pray for patience.