Lesson 45
Isaiah 54:13; 1 Nephi 1:1; Mosiah 4:14–15; Doctrine and Covenants 68:25; 93:40

Isaiah 54

Verse 13: To whom is the Lord speaking in this verse? Does “of the Lord” mean “by the Lord” or “about the Lord”? What kind of peace do you think the Lord is promising? Does the context of this verse help you answer that question?

1 Nephi 1

Verse 1: What does Nephi specify as the consequence of having goodly parents? Nephi makes “having been highly favored of the Lord” and “having had a great knowledge of the goodness and mysteries of the Lord” parallel. By doing that, is he telling us that the second of these describes how he was highly favored? Does the phrase “goodness and mysteries” refer to one thing (as “without form and void” does in Genesis 1:1), or does it refer to two different things? If it refers to one thing, in what sense is God’s goodness a mystery?

Mosiah 4

Verse 14: Does it change the meaning of this verse and the next if we notice that they are part of a series of things
connected by the word and? Verse 12 tells us that if we do the things that Mosiah has told us we must, then we will retain a remission of our sins, and something else, and something else, and several other things. He could have put that if in front of each of the verses that start with and so this verse could be understood to say, “If you do the things that Mosiah has told us of, then we will not allow our children to go hungry,” and so forth. What does that mean?

How do we teach our children to walk in the ways of truth and soberness? Is truth and soberness one thing or two? If one, why is the truth described here as sober?

Are “love one another” and “serve one another” intended to mean the same here?

Should we understand the two clauses of this verse, the two pieces on each side of the semicolon that divides the verse into two parts, as saying the same thing? Does this tell us that teaching to walk in ways of truth and soberness is the same as teaching to love and serve?

**Doctrine and Covenants 68**

**Verse 25:** Why is the list of what must be taught children so short—just faith, repentance, baptism, and the gift of the Holy Ghost? What about the rest of the things that we have learned by latter-day revelation?

**Doctrine and Covenants 93**

**Verse 40:** Does the preposition in tell us anything about what is being commanded here? What does it mean to be brought up in truth rather than aware of truth?

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