

Invitations

of the Book of Mormon

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Key Scriptures 2 Nephi 26:33; 33:10; Mosiah 4:10; 3 Nephi 27:20; Moroni 7:13; 10:4, 32

Explanation The Book of Mormon is a very inviting book. The following charts present only a few of the verses in the Book of Mormon that invite all people everywhere to come unto Christ (see 2 Nephi 26:33), to believe in him and his words (see 2 Nephi 33:10), to forsake sin and be forgiven by the Lord Omnipotent (see Mosiah 4:10), to become sanctified and spotless before God (see 3 Nephi 27:20), to do good and to love God and serve him (see Moroni 7:13), to ask God for a witness of the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon (see Moroni 10:4), and to become perfected in him (see Moroni 10:32). These heartfelt invitations, universally extended by Nephi, Benjamin, Mormon, Moroni, and Jesus Christ himself, consistently greet all people with open arms, inviting them to come and partake of the fulness of God's joy. Through invitations such as these, readers everywhere feel included in God's saving love. They accept these invitations in faith by forsaking their sins, being baptized, and going forth to do good under the Lord's inspired direction.



[The Lord] doeth nothing save it be plain unto the children of men; and he inviteth them all to come unto him and partake of his goodness; and he denieth none that come unto him, black and white, bond and free, male and female; and he remembereth the heathen; and all are alike unto God, both Jew and Gentile.

—2 Nephi 26:33



*Hearken unto these words and
believe in Christ; and if ye believe
not in these words believe in Christ.
And if ye shall believe in Christ ye
will believe in these words, for they
are the words of Christ.*

—2 Nephi 33:10



Believe in God; believe that he is, and that he created all things, both in heaven and in earth; believe that he has all wisdom, and all power, both in heaven and in earth; believe that man doth not comprehend all the things which the Lord can comprehend. And again, believe that ye must repent of your sins and forsake them, and humble yourselves before God; and ask in sincerity of heart that he would forgive you; and now, if you believe all these things see that ye do them.

—Mosiah 4:9–10



*Repent, all ye ends of the earth,
and come unto me and be bap-
tized in my name, that ye may
be sanctified by the reception of
the Holy Ghost, that ye may
stand spotless before me at the
last day.*

—3 Nephi 27:20



*Behold, that which is of God
inviteth and enticeth to do
good continually; wherefore,
every thing which inviteth and
enticeth to do good, and to love
God, and to serve him, is
inspired of God.*

—Moroni 7:13

Moroni's Promise

Key Scripture Moroni 10:4

Explanation Moroni was the last to write on the plates of Mormon. He sealed the record with his testimony and called upon God as his primary witness of the truth of the records he was sealing up. He exhorted his brethren, the Lamanites (see Moroni 10:1–23). He admonished readers to ponder the words of the Book of Mormon in their hearts (see Moroni 10:3) and then to ask God with real intent, having faith in Christ, “if these things are not true.” He testified that God will manifest the truth of the Book of Mormon by the power of the Holy Ghost and that “by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things” (see Moroni 10:4–5).



And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost.

—Moroni 10:4

Moroni's Invitation

Key Scripture Moroni 10:32

Explanation Moroni concluded his record by addressing “all the ends of the earth” (see Moroni 10:24–34). He invited all to come unto Christ, to lay hold upon every good gift, to avoid all ungodliness, and to love God. Thus, through the grace of God, all may become “perfected,” or complete, in Christ. The structure of this passage shows that becoming perfected in Christ calls for a double emphasis on shunning evil, together with a double measure of the grace of God.



*Come unto Christ,
and be perfected in him,
and deny yourselves of all ungodliness;
and if ye shall deny yourselves of all
ungodliness,
and love God with all your might,
mind and strength,
then is his grace sufficient for you,
that by his grace
ye may be perfect
in Christ*

—Moroni 10:32