

RULES REGARDING ‘REST’

A Contrast Between Worlds

Alma 12-13/D&C138

| Adam/Eve (Mortal) Alma 12:29-37/13:1-2 | Spirits (Pre-Mortal) Alma 13:3-19 | Spirits (Post-Mortal) D&C 138 |
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| 1. Plan of Redemption through the Son plainly taught (30, 32-34) | 1. Plan of Redemption through the Son plainly taught (3) | 1. Plan of Redemption through the Son plainly taught (19, 32-34) |
| 2. Agency given to choose good (31-32) | 2. Left to choose good or evil (3-5) | 2. Left to choose good or evil (16) |
| 3. Exercising of (30): A) Faith B) Repentance C) Holy Works leads to the receiving greater portion (Alma 12:10) | 3. Exercising of (3, 20): A) Exceeding Great Faith B) Repentance C) Good/Righteous Works leads to the receiving greater portion (Alma 12:10) | 3. Exercising of (12, 15, 23): A) Exceeding Great Faith B) Repentance C) Good/Righteous Works leads to the receiving greater portion (Alma 12:10) |
| 4. Exercising of (35-37): A) Hardening of the Heart B) Do Iniquity leads to the receiving lesser portion (Alma 12:11) | 4. Exercising of (4): A) Hardening of the Heart B) Blindness of Mind leads to the receiving lesser portion (Alma 12:11) | 4. Exercising of (20-21): A) Hardening of the Heart B) Blindness of Mind leads to the receiving lesser portion (Alma 12:11) |
| 5. Therefore; A) Remission of sins (34) B) Rest (34-37) | 5. Therefore; A) Sanctification (11-12) B) Rest (6, 12-13) | 5. Therefore; A) Sanctification (18, 22) B) Rest (50) |
| 6. Priest [after his holy order] <u>must</u> teach the commandments (13:1) | 6. Priest [after his holy order] <u>must</u> teach the commandments (6-7) | 6. Priest [after his holy order] <u>must</u> teach the commandments (57) |
| 7. Priest [ordained in a manner that the people might look forward to the Son and obtain rest] (13:2)* | 7. Priest [ordained in a manner that the people might look forward to the Son and obtain rest] (14-19)* | 7. Priest [ordained in a manner that the people might look forward to the Son and obtain rest] (38-39, 42-49)* |
| *Every Melchizedek Priesthood Holder (Bruce R. McConkie, <i>Promised Messiah</i> , pg. 451) | *Melchizedek (Bruce R. McConkie, <i>Promised Messiah</i> , pg. 448) | *In all rites & ordinances...(Bruce R. McConkie, <i>Promised Messiah</i> , pg. 377) |

For do we not read that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and in him there is no variableness neither shadow of changing? (Mormon 9:9)

I perceive that it has been made known unto you, by the testimony of his word, that he cannot walk in crooked paths; neither doth he vary from that which he hath said; neither hath he a shadow of turning from the right to the left, or from that which is right to that which is wrong; therefore, his course is one eternal round. (Alma 7:20)

“The Lord has clearly charted a course for us to obtain his blessings. He is bound by his divine law to bless us for our righteousness. The overwhelming question in each age is why each generation must test his law, when the Lord’s performance from generation to generation has been absolutely consistent. Is this not the time to again reexamine our position?” (L. Tom Perry, *Ensign*, May 1976, pg. 65)