

**BKM Lesson 10:** “He Inviteth All to Come unto Him” 2 Nephi 26-30 (See L10 [Study Guide](#))

**Purpose:** To help us understand that through the Restoration of the gospel and the teachings of the Book of Mormon, the Lord will cause truth to triumph over evil. †1. Elder Gene R. Cook

**How can we discern between Satan’s illusions and God’s truths?**

**1. Nephi prophesies of the Savior’s ministry among the Nephites.** (Read [2 Nephi 26](#).)

- 2 Ne. 26:1-7 Nephi prophesied of the Messiah and of the destruction of the wicked among his people.
- 2 Ne. 26:8-9 Nephi prophesied that the righteous would be spared.
- 2 Ne. 26:10-11 Nephi prophesied that after four generations of righteousness, could come a “speedy destruction”.

**Why is pride such a serious sin?** †2. Elder Charles Didier

**What can we do in our lives to keep the Spirit of the Lord with us?**

- 2 Ne. 26:22 **How will Satan use flaxen cords?** †3. Elder Carlos E. Asay
- 2 Ne. 26:23-27,33 **How does the Savior lead us to salvation?**

**How can we help our children and our friends partake of this salvation?**

- 2 Ne. 26:29 **What are priestcrafts?** (See also [Alma 1:16](#))
- 2 Ne. 26:30-31 **How can we counteract the effects of priestcrafts in our lives?**  
(See also [3 Ne. 18:24](#); [Moro. 7:45-47](#)) †4. Elder M. Russell Ballard

**2. Nephi testifies of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon.** (Read [2 Nephi 27](#).)

- 2 Ne. 27:6-9 An ancient book would be delivered to a man for translation.
  - 2 Ne. 27:19-23 **Why did the Lord choose a young, unlearned man to translate the Book of Mormon?**
  - 2 Ne. 27:15-18 **Why did the learned man want to see the book?** (See [Joseph Smith—History 1:63-65](#))
- In what ways might the Book of Mormon be “sealed” from those who seek the glory of the world?**
- 2 Ne. 27:12-14; [Ether 5:2-4](#); [2 Corinthians 13:1](#) The law of three witnesses.
  - 2 Ne. 27:26, 29-30, 35 **What changes have you seen because of the power of the Book of Mormon?**

**3. Nephi prophesies that Satan will spread false doctrines in the last days.** (Read [2 Nephi 28](#).)

- 2 Ne. 28:3-9 Nephi prophesied that in the last days people would deny the power of God and teach false doctrines.
- How is that prevalent today?**  
**How did Nephi describe the false teaching that people would use to justify sinning?**  
**What are the dangers of not worrying about “committing a little sin”?**
- 2 Ne. 28:12-15 **How is pride a stumbling block to our spiritual growth? How can we become humble?**  
**How might a desire for “fine clothing” or luxuries cause us to neglect the poor?**  
**How can we help those who are less fortunate, both physically and spiritually?**
  - 2 Ne. 28:20, 28 **Why do God’s words so often “stir [many] up to anger against that which is good”?**
  - 2 Ne. 28:21 **What is carnal security?** “The word *carnal* refers to the flesh. To have carnal security is to find security in following the appetites of the flesh or trusting in worldly objects or ideas.” (*Lesson Manual*)  
**How can the contentment of carnal security keep us from repentance?**  
**What does the phrase “leadeth them away carefully” suggest about Satan’s tactics?**
- †5. Elder James E. Faust †6. President Ezra Taft Benson

**4. Mormon teaches about the importance of the Book of Mormon.** (Read [2 Nephi 29-30](#).)

- 2 Ne. 29:3; 28:29 **Why will some people in the last days reject the Book of Mormon?**
- 2 Ne. 29:4-14 **Why should we study the Book of Mormon as well as the Bible?** †7. Joseph Smith
- 2 Ne. 30: 3-7 Nephi testified the Book of Mormon would successfully bring Gentiles, Lehi’s posterity and Jews to a belief in Jesus Christ as the Savior. **How are these prophecies beginning to be fulfilled?**

Next Week L11: “Press Forward with a Steadfastness in Christ”; See L11: [Class Member Study Guide](#). † •

## BKM 10 Quotes

†1. **Elder Gene R. Cook:** “Last summer on a lonely stretch of desert highway, we saw ahead what appeared to be the road covered with water. My children would have wagered their entire savings on that fact. But within a few minutes we were at the distant spot and saw not one drop of water. What an illusion!

“How many things there are in this life that appear to be one way and all of a sudden are the reverse.... Satan operates that way. He is the master of illusion. He creates illusions in an attempt to detour, dilute, and divert the power and the attention of the Latter-day Saints from the pure truth of God.” (“[Spiritual Guides for Teachers of Righteousness](#),” *Ensign*, May 1982, 25)

†2. **Elder Charles Didier:** “Once a testimony is in place, just like a fire that needs fuel and oxygen to burn, it needs to be fed and tended or it will burn out and die. A dying testimony corresponds, in fact, to a forthcoming denial of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer....

“Unfortunately, there are those who gain testimonies and then deny them and lose them. How does this happen? If you follow the steps to obtain a testimony, you do exactly the opposite to deny it or lose it. Do not pray; the door to revelation will be closed. Do not be humble but listen to your own superior voice. Do not participate in the ordinances of the gospel but follow the practices of the world. Do not follow Church leaders but be critical of them. Do not listen to prophets and follow their counsel but interpret their declarations according to your own desires. Do not obey the commandments but live according to your own appetites and desires.” (“[Testimony](#),” *Ensign*, Nov. 1991, 63)

†3. **Elder Carlos E. Asay:** “The first wrongdoing is like a single strand of flaxen thread; it is easily broken and thrown aside. But each time the wrong is repeated another strand is intertwined around the first, and on and on it goes until an almost unbreakable cord of multi-strands is woven. ‘The chains of habit,’ said Samuel Johnson, ‘are too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.’” (*The Road to Somewhere: A Guide for Young Men and Women* [1984], 88)

†4. **Elder M. Russell Ballard:** “Therefore, let us beware of false prophets and false teachers, both men and women, who are self-appointed declarers of the doctrines of the Church and who seek to spread their false gospel and attract followers by sponsoring symposia, books, and journals whose contents challenge fundamental doctrines of the Church. Beware of those who speak and publish in opposition to God’s true prophets and who actively proselyte others with reckless disregard for the eternal well-being of those whom they seduce. Like Nehor and Korihor in the Book of Mormon, they rely on sophistry to deceive and entice others to their views. They ‘set themselves up for a light unto the world, that they may get gain and praise of the world; but they seek not the welfare of Zion’ (2 Nephi 26:29).” (“[Beware of False Prophets and False Teachers](#),” *Ensign*, Nov. 1999, 63)

†5. **Elder James E. Faust:** “Thomas R. Rowan ... said: ‘Author and commentator Malcolm Muggeridge once told a story about some frogs who were killed without resistance by being boiled alive in [a] cauldron of water. Why didn’t they resist? Because when they were put in the cauldron, the water was tepid. Then the temperature was raised ever so slightly, ... then a bit warmer still, and on and on and on. The change was so gradual, almost imperceptible, that the frogs accommodated themselves to their new environment—until it was too late. The point that Mr. Muggeridge was making was not about frogs but about us and how we tend to accept evil as long as it is not a shock that is thrust on us abruptly. We are inclined to accept something morally wrong if it is only a shade more wrong than something we are already accepting’” (*National Press Club Forum*).

“This gradual process was foretold by ancient prophets...

“[And others will he pacify](#), and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say: All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well—and thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell.” (2 Ne. 28:20-21.” (“[The Gift of the Holy Ghost—A Sure Compass](#),” *Ensign*, May 1989, 32)

†6. **President Ezra Taft Benson:** “The Book of Mormon exposes the enemies of Christ. It confounds false doctrines and lays down contention. (See 2 Ne. 3:12.) It fortifies the humble followers of Christ against the evil designs, strategies, and doctrines of the devil in our day. The type of apostates in the Book of Mormon are similar to the type we have today. God, with his infinite foreknowledge, so molded the Book of Mormon that we might see the error and know how to combat false educational, political, religious, and philosophical concepts of our time.” (“[The Book of Mormon is the Word of God](#),” *Ensign*, May 1975, 64)

†7. **Joseph Smith:** “Some of our friends ... are bold to say that we have everything written in the Bible which God ever spoke to man since the world began. ... Does it remain for a people who never had faith enough to call down one scrap of revelation from heaven, and for all they have now are indebted to the faith of another people who lived hundreds and thousands of years before them, does it remain for them to say how much God has spoken and how much he has not spoken?” (*History of the Church*, 2:18)

### **Recommended Reading / Videos:**

1. [BKM 10 Enrichment.pdf](#) contains more quotes and links to articles, blogs, and talks.

2. [Book of Mormon Student Manual: Religion 121-122](#), Select the link for Chapters 12 and 13.

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