

354_Oh_That_I_Were_An_Angel_v2

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*Alma 29: Alma desires to cry repentance with angelic zeal--The Lord grants teachers for all nations--
Alma glories in the Lord's work and in the success of Ammon and his brethren. About 76 B.C.*

- 1 G C
O that I were an angel,
 G C
and could have the wish of mine heart,
G C D G
that I might go forth
 F Bb
and speak with the trump of God,
 F Bb
with a voice to shake the earth,
 F Bb C F
and cry repentance unto every people!
- 2 G C
Yea, I would declare unto every soul,
 G C
as with the voice of thunder,
G C D G
repentance and the plan of redemption,
 F Bb
that they should repent and come unto our God,
 F Bb
that there might not be more sorrow
F Bb C F
upon all the face of the earth.
- 3 G C
But behold, I am a man,
 G C
and do sin in my wish;
G C D G
for I ought to be content
F Bb
with the things
F Bb
which the Lord
F Bb C F
hath allotted unto me.

4
 G C
 I ought not to harrow up
 G C
 in my desires
 G C D G
 the firm decree of a just God,
 F Bb
 for I know that he granteth unto men
 F Bb
 according to their desire,
 F Bb C F
 whether it be unto death or unto life;

G C
 yea, I know that he allotteth unto men,
 G C
 yea, decreeth unto them decrees
 G C D G
 which are unalterable,
 F Bb
 according to their wills,
 F Bb F Bb
 whether they be unto salvation
 C F
 or unto destruction.

5
 G C G C
 Yea, and I know that good and evil have come before all men;
 G C
 he that knoweth not good from evil is blameless;
 D G
 but he that knoweth good and evil,
 F Bb
 to him it is given according to his desires,
 F Bb
 whether he desireth good or evil,
 F Bb C F
 life or death, joy or remorse of conscience.

6
 G C
 Now, seeing that I know these things,
 G C
 why should I desire more than to perform
 G C D G
 the work to which I have been called?
 F Bb
 7
 Why should I desire that I were an angel,
 F Bb
 that I could speak
 F Bb C F
 unto all the ends of the earth?

8
 G C
 For behold, the Lord doth grant unto all nations,
 G C
 of their own nation and tongue,
 G C D G
 to teach his word, yea, in wisdom,
 F Bb
 all that he seeth fit that they should have;
 F Bb
 therefore we see that the Lord doth counsel in wisdom,
 F Bb C F
 according to that which is just and true.

9 I know that which the Lord hath commanded me,
 and I glory in it. I do not glory of myself,
 but I glory in that which the Lord hath commanded me;
 yea, and this is my glory, that perhaps
 I may be an instrument in the hands of God
 to bring some soul to repentance; and this is my joy.

10 And behold, when I see many of my brethren truly penitent,
 and coming to the Lord their God,
 then is my soul filled with joy;
 then do I remember what the Lord has done for me,
 yea, even that he hath heard my prayer;
 yea, then do I remember his merciful arm which he extended towards me.

11 Yea, and I also remember the captivity of my fathers;
 for I surely do know that the Lord
 did deliver them out of bondage,
 and by this did establish his church;
 yea, the Lord God, the God of Abraham,
 the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,

did deliver them out of bondage.
 12 Yea, I have always remembered
 the captivity of my fathers;
 and that same God who delivered them
 out of the hands of the Egyptians
 did deliver them out of bondage.

13 G C
 Yea, and that same God
 G C
 did establish his church among them;
 G C D G
 yea, and that same God hath called me by a holy calling,
 F Bb
 to preach the word unto this people,
 F Bb
 and hath given me much success,
 F Bb C F
 in the which my joy is full.

14 G C
 But I do not joy in my own success alone,
 G C
 but my joy is more full because of the success of my brethren,
 G C D G
 who have been up to the land of Nephi.
 F Bb

15 F Bb
 Behold, they have labored exceedingly,
 F Bb
 and have brought forth much fruit;
 F Bb C F
 and how great shall be their reward!

16 G C
 Now, when I think of the success of these my brethren
 G C
 my soul is carried away,
 G C D G
 even to the separation of it from the body,
 F Bb
 as it were, so great is my joy.

17 F Bb C Bb
 And now may God grant unto these, my brethren,
 F Bb C F
 that they may sit down in the kingdom of God;

 G C
 yea, and also all those who are the fruit of their labors
 G C
 that they may go no more out,
 G C D G
 but that they may praise him forever.
 F Bb
 And may God grant that it may be done
 F Bb
 according to my words,
 F Bb C F
 even as I have spoken. Amen.

(Alma 29:1-17)