

Engaging Gospel Doctrine (Episode 213)

LESSON 39: 3 NEPHI 17-19

“Behold, My Joy is Full”

Hook	We learn a great deal from the way Jesus interacts with the people in these chapters. Take careful note of his love, concern, personal ministry, tender emotions, and counsel regarding acceptance and unity.
Goal	
Overview	<p>16? Don't worry, it will be part of next lesson</p> <p>17:1-10 Jesus heals the sick</p> <p>17:11-25 Jesus prays and blesses the children</p> <p>18:1-16 Jesus institutes the sacrament</p> <p>18:17-38 Instructions regarding fellowship; Jesus departs</p> <p>19:1-14 People gather a greater crowd, Twelve are baptized</p> <p>19:15-35 Jesus' "Intercessory Prayer"</p>
Main Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This lesson's reading is short enough we can just engage in a close reading of the entire text. • 17:1-10 what we learn from Jesus' character • 17:11-25: humility of a divine being, focus on personal ministry, talk about importance of children • 18:1-16: Discuss the sacrament, see parallels • 18:22, 25, 30-32: Really focus on the teachings about acceptance (the male gendered language all over is unfortunate) • End of 25 is interesting. Does humble love and acceptance protect from temptation? • 18:27: An obedient God is pretty cool theology (Relationship between Jesus and the Father, and then us and Jesus, who becomes our father at baptism, cf. King Benjamin's speech etc) • 18:36 Note Jesus' physical contact, intimacy • 19:3 Good missionary verse • 15-36: beautiful prayer, both by the multitude and Jesus. Parallels John 17, "Intercessory prayer" • 19:26, "whiteness" cf. 1 Ne. 8:11, the fruit on the tree. Also, Blessing of Aaron in Numbers 6:23-27
Other Comments/ Discussion Starters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17:8 confuses me. How would they know what Jesus did in Jerusalem? • Explanation of the phrase "my bowels are filled with compassion" • 18:19 cf. Luke 22:31, And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired <i>to have you</i>, that he may sift <i>you</i> as wheat • 18:20 Discussion of answered (and unanswered) prayers? • 18:31-32. How does this work? Clear insider/outsider boundaries? • 19:4 The Three Nephites (and nine others) are mentioned. Stay tuned for

	<p>Chapter 28.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19:11 I am guessing Timothy baptized Nephi (based on parallel with Joseph/Oliver and Alma/Helam) • Limitations of language brought up several times in these chapters (17:17; 19:32-34)
Concluding Points	

“bowels” is a translation of the Greek “splanchnon” which is the root of the verb “to have compassion or pity on”. The word literally means your entrails or “guts” and was used the same way as we use “heart”. Perhaps ultimately goes back to that weak feeling you experience in your abdomen and lower in the presence of fear or other strong emotion.

<p>3 Ne 18:7, 10 And this shall ye do in remembrance of my body, which I have shown unto you. And it shall be a testimony unto the Father that ye do always remember me. And if ye do always remember me ye shall have my Spirit to be with you...And when the disciples had done this, Jesus said unto them: Blessed are ye for this thing which ye have done, for this is fulfilling my commandments, and this doth witness unto the Father that ye are willing to do that which I have commanded you.</p>	<p>D&C 20:77 O God, the Eternal Father, we ask thee in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, to bless and sanctify this bread to the souls of all those who partake of it, that they may eat in remembrance of the body of thy Son, and witness unto thee, O God, the Eternal Father, that they are willing to take upon them the name of thy Son, and always remember him and keep his commandments which he has given them; that they may always have his Spirit to be with them. Amen.</p>
<p>18:11 And this shall ye always do to those who repent and are baptized in my name; and ye shall do it in remembrance of my blood, which I have shed for you, that ye may witness unto the Father that ye do always remember me. And if ye do always remember me ye shall have my Spirit to be with you.</p>	<p>D&C 20:79 O God, the Eternal Father, we ask thee in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, to bless and sanctify this wine to the souls of all those who drink of it, that they may do it in remembrance of the blood of thy Son, which was shed for them; that they may witness unto thee, O God, the Eternal Father, that they do always remember him, that they may have his Spirit to be with them. Amen.</p>