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But behold i say unto you, if ye suppose that ye cannot worship god, ye do greatly err, and ye ought to search the scriptures, if ye suppose that they have taught you this, ye do not understand them. do ye remember to have read what zenos, the prophet of old, has said concerning prayer or worship? for he said thou art merciful, O god, for thou hast heard my prayer, even when i was in the wilderness; yea, thou wast merciful when i prayed concerning those who were mine enemies, and thou didst turn them to me; yea o god, and thou wast merciful unto me when i did cry unto thee in the field; when i did cry unto thee in my prayer, and thou didst hear me. and again, o god, when i did turn to my house thou didst hear me in my prayer. and when i did turn unto my closet, o lord, and prayed unto thee, thou didst hear me: yea, thou art merciful unto my children when they cry unto thee to be heard of thee, and not of men, and thou wilt hear them; yea, o god, thou hast been merciful unto me, and heard my cries in the midst of thy congregations; yea and thou hast also heard me when i have been cast out, and have been despised by mine enemies; yea, thou didst hear my cries, and wast angry with mine enemies, and didst visit them in thine anger with speedy destruction; and thou didst hear me because of mine afflictions and my sincerity; and it is because of thy son that thou hast been thus merciful unto me, therefore i will cry unto thee in all mine Afflictions, for in thee is my joy; for

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and hyphenation for word wrapping).

(Alma 33:1-11)

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2 And Alma said unto them: Behold, ye have said that ye could not worship your God because ye are cast out of your synagogues. But behold, I say unto you, if ye suppose that ye cannot worship God, ye do greatly err, and ye ought to search the scriptures; if ye suppose that they have taught you this, ye do not understand them.

3 Do ye remember to have read what Zenos, the prophet of old, has said concerning prayer or worship?

4 For he said: Thou art merciful, O God, for thou hast heard my prayer, even when I was in the wilderness; yea, thou wast merciful when I prayed concerning those who were mine enemies, and thou didst turn them to me.

5 Yea, O God, and thou wast merciful unto me when I did cry unto thee in my field; when I did cry unto thee in my prayer, and thou didst hear me.

6 And again, O God, when I did turn to my house thou didst hear me in my prayer.

7 And when I did turn unto my closet, O Lord, and prayed unto thee, thou didst hear me.

8 Yea, thou art merciful unto thy children when they cry unto thee, to be heard of thee and not of men, and thou wilt hear them.

9 Yea, O God, thou hast been merciful unto me, and heard my cries in the midst of thy congregations.

10 Yea, and thou hast also heard me when I have been cast out and have been despised by mine enemies; yea, thou didst hear my cries, and wast angry with mine enemies, and thou didst visit them in thine anger with speedy destruction.

thou hast turned thy judgments away from me,  
because of thy son.

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