What makes God Angry?

Alma 16:188 For it is not written that Zenos alone spake of these things, but Zenock also spake of these things; for behold, he said, Thou art angry, O Lord, with this people, because they will not understand of thy mercies which thou hast bestowed upon them, because of thy Son.

What is justice?

Our problem?

Humanity is in the grasp of justice.

<u>Alma 19:96</u> And thus we see that all mankind were fallen, and they were in the **grasp** of justice; yea, the justice of God, which consigned them for ever to be cut off from his presence.

No remedy within our ability to pay, for our problem.

An infinite penalty deserved an infinite payment. Not in our power to pay.

Adam and Eve—you shall surely, what?

But Did they?

The First death.

Helaman 5:70 Yea, behold, this **death** bringeth to pass the resurrection and redeemeth all mankind from the **first death**-that spiritual **death**, For all mankind-by the fall of Adam, being cut off from the presence of the Lordare considered as dead, both as to things temporal and to things spiritual.

Second death

<u>Jacob 2:65</u> And loose yourselves from the pains of hell, that ye may not become angels to the devil, to be cast into that lake of fire and brimstone, which is the **second death**.

Alma 9:28 "And now behold, I say unto you, then cometh a death, even a second death which is a spiritual death;

<u>Alma 9:52</u> "Therefore, God gave unto them commandments, after having made known unto them the plan of redemption, that they should not do evil, The penalty thereof being a **second death** which was an everlasting death as to things pertaining unto righteousness,

Helaman 5:73 But whosoever repenteth not is hewn down and cast into the fire, And there cometh upon them again a spiritual death, yea, a **second death**, For they are cut off again as to things pertaining to righteousness.

<u>Helaman 5:74</u> "Therefore, repent ye, repent ye! Lest by knowing these things and not doing them, ye shall suffer yourselves to come under condemnation and ye are brought down unto this **second death**.

But how?

Is it enough to have a savior?

God himself shall come down.

Infinite Atonement for a penalty of infinite price.

Alma 16:210 For it is expedient that there should be a great and last sacrifice; yea, not a sacrifice of man, neither of beast, neither of any manner of fowl; for it shall not be a human sacrifice: but it must be an **infinite** and eternal sacrifice.

Alma 16:213 But the law requireth the life of him who hath murdered; therefore there can be nothing, which is short of an **infinite** atonement, which will suffice for the sins of the world; therefore it is expedient that there should be a great and last sacrifice;

<u>Alma 16:215</u> And behold, this is the whole meaning of the law; every whit pointing to that great and last sacrifice; and that great and last sacrifice will be the Son of God; yea, **infinite** and eternal; and thus he shall bring salvation to all those who shall believe on his name;

Just enough to believe? If you believe, you will be....what?

Changed. Born again means to be spiritually changed.

What is the Heart?

Answer to life: You must be spiritually changed.

<u>Genesis 6:63</u> For, by the water ye keep the commandment; **by the Spirit** ye are justified; and by the blood ye are sanctified.

All must be 'born again'—i.e. spiritually changed I thought I had to....

..unless you do these things...salvation comes to none else

Mosiah 11:188 Yea, born of God, changed from their carnal and fallen state, to a state of righteousness, being redeemed of God, becoming his sons and daughters; and thus they become new creatures; and unless they do this, they can in no wise inherit the kingdom of God.

Mosiah 11:189 I say unto you, Unless this be the case, they must be cast off; and this I know, because I was like to be cast off.

Unless what? Unless your heart is changed, none else.

Justice and mercy.

Mosiah 1:128 Therefore, they have drunk out of the cup of the wrath of God, which justice could no more deny unto them than it could deny that Adam should fall, because of his partaking of the forbidden fruit; therefore, mercy could have claim on them no more for ever.

Alma 14:101 Behold, he did not exercise his **justice** upon us, but in his great **mercy** hath brought us over that everlasting gulf of death and misery, even to the salvation of our soul

Alma 16:217 And thus mercy can satisfy the demands of justice, and encircles them in the arms of safety, while he that exercises no faith unto repentance, is exposed to the whole law of the demands of justice; therefore, only unto him that has faith unto repentance, is brought about the great and eternal plan of redemption.

Mercy could not rob justice.

Alma 19:94 Therefore, according to **justice**, the plan of redemption could not be brought about, only, on conditions of repentance of men in this probationary state; yea, this preparatory state; for except it were for these conditions, **mercy** could not take effect except it should destroy the work of **justice**.

<u>Alma 19:97</u> And now the plan of **mercy** could not be brought about, except an atonement should be made; therefore God himself atoneth for the sins of the world, to bring about the plan of **mercy**, to appease the demands of **justice**, that God might be a perfect, just God, and a merciful God also.

<u>Alma 19:103</u> And if there was no law given if men sinned, what could **justice** do, or **mercy** either: for they would have no claim upon the creature.

Alma 19:104 But there is a law given and a punishment affixed, and repentance granted; which repentance, mercy claimeth: otherwise, justice claimeth the creature, and executeth the law, and the law inflicteth the punishment; if not so, the works of justice would be destroyed, and God would cease to be God.

Alma 19:106 And thus they are restored into his presence; to be judged according to their works; according to the law and justice; for behold, justice exerciseth all his demands, and also mercy claimeth all which is her own; and thus, none but the truly penitent are saved.

Alma 19:107 What, do ye suppose that mercy can rob justice? I say unto you, Nay; not one whit. If so, God would cease to be God.

Not enough to just say I forgive you.

Salvation comes to those whose hearts are changed and to none else

Alma 8:96 And he shall come into the world to redeem his people; and he shall take **upon** him the transgressions of those who believe on his name; and these are they that shall have eternal life, and salvation cometh to **none else**;

What is the evidence of a changed heart?

Mosiah 3:3 And also, we know of their surety and truth, because of the Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent, which has wrought a mighty **change** in us, or in our **heart**s, that we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually.

Mosiah 3:9 For behold, this day he hath spiritually begotten you; for ye say that your **heart**s are **change**d through faith on his name; therefore, ye are born of him, and have become his sons and his daughters.

Alma 3:11 Behold, he **change**d their **heart**s; yea, he awaked them out of a deep sleep, and they awoke unto God.

Alma 3:29 Have ye experienced this mighty change in your hearts?

What part do faith and repentance play?

Helaman 5:96 Yea, the prophecies of the holy prophets, which are written, which leadeth them to faith on the Lord, and unto repentance, which faith and repentance bringeth a **change** of **heart** unto them

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What is the point of life?

Didn't have a marvelous miraculous change. I got baptized because I found the church and sometimes there are good times and sometimes life is rough. In fact, it seems more the latter.

- King Benjamin's people: no more disposition to do evil:
 - Mosiah 3:3 And also, we know of their surety and truth, because of the Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent, which has wrought a mighty change in us, or in our hearts, that we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually.

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- Alma jr: I have been born again
- Lamanite guards. Prison Story. Helaman 2: **114** And there were about three hundred souls who saw and heard these things; and they were bid to go forth and marvel not, neither should they doubt.
 - **115** And it came to pass that they did go forth, and did minister unto the people, declaring throughout all the regions round about, all the things which they had heard and seen, insomuch that the more part of the Lamanites were convinced of them, because of the greatness of the evidences which they had received;
- Lamanites swords in the earth. King speaks, thought he was a good salesman. No. Hearts were changed.
- Lamoni, I will give away all my sins
- Alma 12: **175** And it came to pass that when Ammon arose, he also administered unto them, and also did all the servants of Lamoni;

176 And they did all declare unto the people the self-same thing; that their hearts had been changed; that they had no more desire to do evil.

Israel, Exodus, symbolism.

What was the point of the Israelites journey?