

50 Questions of Alma 5

Questions 1–17

Question	Verse
Remembering God's Acts for His People	
1. Have you sufficiently retained in remembrance the captivity of your fathers?	6
2. Have you sufficiently retained in remembrance God's mercy and long-suffering towards your fathers?	
3. Have you sufficiently retained in remembrance that he has delivered their souls from hell?	
4. Were your fathers destroyed?	8
5. Were the bands of death broken, and the chains of hell which encircled your fathers about, were they loosed?	9
Knowing the Essential Logic of the Gospel	
6. On what conditions were your fathers saved?	10
7. On what grounds had they to hope for salvation?	
8. What is the cause of your fathers' being loosed from the bands of death, yea, and also the chains of hell?	
9. Did not my father Alma believe in the words which were delivered by the mouth of Abinadi?	11
10. Was Abinadi not a holy prophet?	
11. Did Abinadi not speak the words of God?	
12. Did my father Alma believe them?	
Being Personally Converted	
13. Have you spiritually been born of God?	14
14. Have you received his image in your countenance?	
15. Have you experienced this mighty change in your heart?	
16. Do you exercise faith in the redemption of him who created you?	15
17. Do you look forward with an eye of faith?	

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Key Scripture Alma 5:6–15

Explanation This chart lists in three groups the first seventeen rhetorical questions Alma asks the people of Zarahemla in Alma 5. First, Alma asks if they have remembered their heritage and God's deliverance of their ancestors. This can have personal application to Latter-day Saints: just as the Nephites were admonished to remember God's deliverance of their ancestors, so should Latter-day Saints remember the sacrifices of the Prophet Joseph Smith and the pioneers—and the Lord's providing them the promised land of Zion. Second, he invites people to ponder the conditions of salvation and the need to believe the prophets of God. Third, he asks penetrating questions about each listener's repentance, change, faith, and hope. Still today, most of these questions invite a clear yes or no answer.