

AMMON: A GREAT SERVANT

Chapter 23



The four sons of Mosiah left Zarahemla to teach the Lamanites the gospel. They each went to a different city. *Alma 17:12–13*



Ammon went to the land of Ishmael. As he entered the city, the Lamanites tied him up and took him to their king, Lamoni. *Alma 17:20–21*



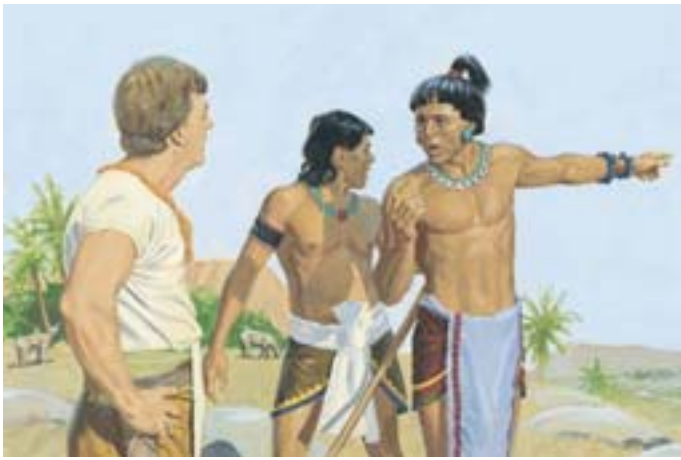
Ammon told King Lamoni that he wanted to live among the Lamanites. Lamoni was pleased and had his men untie Ammon. *Alma 17:22–24*



Ammon said he would be one of the king's servants. The king sent him to watch his flocks. *Alma 17:25*



One day while Ammon and some other servants were taking the flocks to get water, Lamanite robbers scattered the animals and tried to steal them. *Alma 17:26–27; 18:7*



The servants who were with Ammon were scared. King Lamoni had killed his other servants who had lost animals to these robbers. *Alma 17:28*



Ammon knew this was his chance to use the Lord's power to win the hearts of the Lamanites. Then they would listen to his teachings. *Alma 17:29*



Ammon told the servants that if they gathered the scattered animals, the king would not kill them. *Alma 17:31*



Ammon and the other servants quickly found the animals and drove them back to the watering place. *Alma 17:32*



The Lamanite robbers came back. Ammon told the other servants to guard the flocks while he fought the robbers. *Alma 17:33*



The Lamanite robbers were not afraid of Ammon. They thought they could easily kill him. *Alma 17:35*



The power of God was with Ammon. He hit and killed some of the robbers with stones, which made the rest of the robbers very angry. *Alma 17:35–36*



They tried to kill Ammon with their clubs, but each time a robber lifted a club to hit Ammon, he cut off the robber's arm. Frightened, the robbers ran away. *Alma 17:36–38*



The servants took the cut-off arms to King Lamoni and told him what Ammon had done. *Alma 17:39; 18:1*



The king was astonished at Ammon's great power. He wanted to see Ammon but was afraid to because he thought Ammon was the Great Spirit. *Alma 18:2–4, 11*



When Ammon did go in to see him, King Lamoni did not know what to say. He did not speak for an hour. *Alma 18:14*



The Holy Ghost helped Ammon know what the king was thinking. Ammon explained that he was not the Great Spirit. He was a man. *Alma 18:16–19*



The king offered Ammon anything he wanted if he would tell him what power he had used to defeat the robbers and to know the king's thoughts. *Alma 18:20-21*



Ammon said the only thing he wanted was for King Lamoni to believe what he would say. The king said he would believe everything Ammon told him.

Alma 18:22-23



Ammon asked King Lamoni if he believed in God. The king said he believed in a Great Spirit. *Alma 18:24-27*



Ammon said that the Great Spirit is God, that he created everything in heaven and on the earth, and that he knows people's thoughts.

Alma 18:28-32



Ammon said people were created in God's image. He also said God had called him to teach the gospel to Lamoni and his people. *Alma 18:34-35*



Using the scriptures, Ammon taught King Lamoni about the Creation, Adam, and Jesus Christ. *Alma 18:36, 39*



King Lamoni believed Ammon and prayed to be forgiven of his sins. Then he fell to the ground and appeared to be dead.
Alma 18:40–42



Servants carried the king to his wife and laid him on a bed. After two days the servants thought he was dead and decided to bury him.
Alma 18:43; 19:1



The queen did not believe that her husband was dead. Having heard of Ammon's great power, she asked him to help the king.
Alma 19:2–5



Ammon knew Lamoni was under the power of God. He told the queen that Lamoni would awaken the next day.
Alma 19:6–8



She stayed by Lamoni's side all night. The next day Lamoni got up and said he had seen Jesus Christ. The king and queen were filled with the Holy Ghost.
Alma 19:11–13



Lamoni taught his people about God and Jesus Christ. Those who believed repented of their sins and were baptized.
Alma 19:31, 35