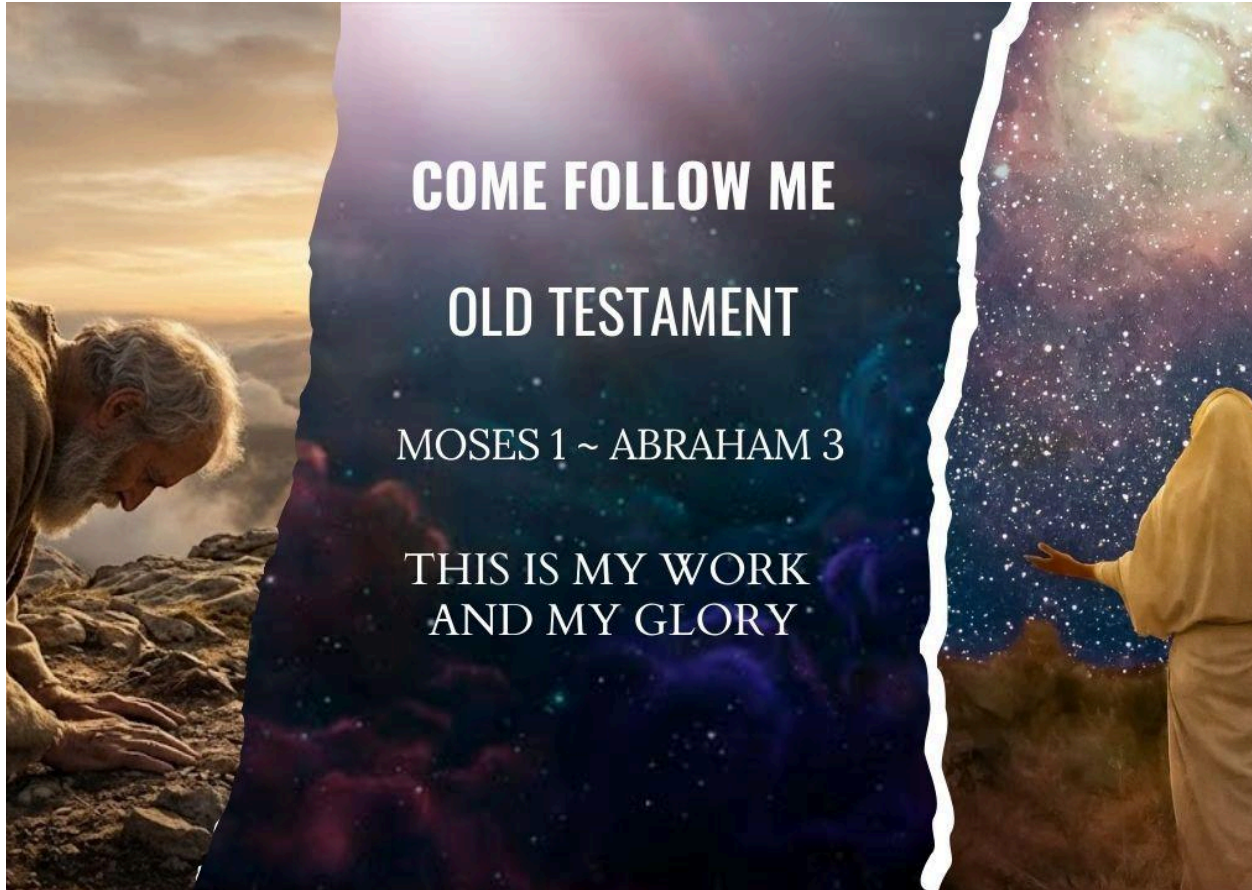


Faith and Reason

This is My Work and My Glory

CFM Moses 1 and Abraham 3



WEEK 1: PROLOGUE TO ETERNITY

A Study of Moses 1 & Abraham 3 | “Who am I? And where is God in the darkness?”

INTRODUCTION: THE COSMIC FRAME

Before we step onto the dusty soil of Genesis, we must first ascend the mountain of Moses and gaze at the stars of Abraham. If Genesis is the story of God's Temple (Creation), then these two chapters are the architectural blueprints.

Moses 1 and Abraham 3 are not merely prefaces; they are **covenantal constitutions**. They reframe the ancient question of "dominion." In a world where Pharaoh claimed to be the "Son of Ra" (the sun god), God takes a Hebrew refugee up a mountain to show him the *real* suns and the *true* Son. This is political theology at its finest: God is establishing His Royal Family—and you are in it.

PART I: THE BATTLE FOR IDENTITY (Moses 1)

The Scripture

"And God spake unto Moses, saying: Behold, I am the Lord God Almighty... And, behold, thou art my son." (Moses 1:3–4)

The Life Application

Imagine the silence on that mountain. The wind has stopped. The noise of the Israelite camp is miles away. It's just Moses and the Maker. And what does God do? He doesn't hand Moses a to-do list. He doesn't ask for a status report. He hands Moses a mirror. *"Thou art my son."*

We live in a world that loves to slap labels on us. "Employee." "Parents." "Failure." "Addict." Satan loves these labels. Later in verse 12, the Adversary slithers in and whispers, *"Moses, son of man, worship me."* Do you see the demotion? God says *Prince*; Satan says *Peasant*. God says *Son*; Satan says *Slave*. Your battle this week isn't against traffic, bills, or a difficult boss. Your battle is to remember who you are when the world tries to tell you you're just "dust." You are dust, yes—but you are dust with a destiny.

The Devotional Insight

THE COST OF THE VISION *Reflecting on Moses 1:10: "Man is nothing."*

To see God is to be wrecked. We cannot stand in the presence of the Holy One with our pockets full of our own importance. Moses had to be "transfigured"—he had to be dismantled and rebuilt by glory—before he could endure the face of God. Are you willing to be nothing? We often want the comfort of God without the consuming fire of God. We want the "sonship" without the "similitude." But God will not fill a vessel that is already full of itself. You must come to the end of your strength. You must fall to the earth. It is only when you realize you are *nothing* without Him that you are capable of becoming *everything* through Him. **The crisis of identity is solved only by the surrender of the will.**

PART II: THE ARCHITECTURE OF HEAVEN (Abraham 3)

The Scripture

"And the Lord said... These two facts do exist, that there be two spirits, one being more intelligent than the other; there shall be another more intelligent than they; I am the Lord thy God, I am more intelligent than they all." (Abraham 3:19)

The Life Application

Abraham looks up. The night sky over the desert is spilled ink and diamonds. God points a finger at a star—Kolob—and says, *"I run the show."* It's easy to feel small, isn't it? Like a speck on a speck in a corner of the universe. But God doesn't show Abraham the vastness of space to make him feel insignificant; He shows it to reveal the **Order**. Your life is not a random collision of atoms. You are not floating in a chaotic void. You are an "Intelligence." You have an orbit. You have gravity. Just as the stars answer to Kolob, your spirit answers to Christ. You were known before you were named.

The Theological Context

THE DIVINE COUNCIL & THE VOCATION Abraham is shown the "Noble and Great Ones" (Abr 3:22). This is the language of the **Divine Council**. In the ancient worldview, kings held court to decide the fate of nations. Here, God holds court to decide the fate of worlds. But notice the vocation: *"We will go down... and we will prove them."* The "First Estate" (pre-mortal life) was not a waiting room; it was a commissioning service. We were not sent here to merely "survive" or "be nice." We are here on a royal mission of colonization—to bring the order of Heaven (the Kingdom) down to the chaos of Earth. We are image-bearers charged with reflecting the "intelligence" of God into the dark corners of creation.

The Devotional Insight

THE SECOND ESTATE *Reflecting on Abraham 3:25: "To see if they will do all things..."*

Life is not a vacation; it is a proving ground. The "Second Estate" is the arena where faith is tested against the cold hard reality of silence. God is looking for obedience. Not the obedience of a robot, but the obedience of a lover—one who chooses the Beloved even when the "stars" seem dark. "We will prove them." What is being proven? Not your talent. Not your intellect. **Your loyalty.** Will you obey God when the feeling is gone? Will you stand in your orbit when every other star seems to be falling? The "Noble and Great" are not the ones who are famous; they are the ones who remain faithful when no one is watching.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. **The Identity Check:** In Moses 1, Satan attacks Moses immediately *after* a spiritual high point. When are you most vulnerable to forgetting your identity as a child of God? What is your personal "Get thee hence, Satan" phrase?
2. **The Cosmic Perspective:** Abraham learns that God's time is different from ours (1 day = 1,000 years). How does "Kolob time" help you deal with a prayer that hasn't been answered yet?

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3. **The First Estate:** If you were chosen and "foreordained" before you were born (Abraham 3:23), how does that change the way you view your current trials? Are they accidents, or are they part of your training?
 4. **The Chambers Challenge:** Oswald Chambers speaks of being "broken bread and poured out wine." Moses had to lose his strength to find God. What is one area of self-reliance you need to let go of this week?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, Lord of the Spirits and Master of the Stars, I come to You from the dust of this earth, acknowledging that without You, I am nothing. But in Your light, I see who I am. Silence the voice of the Adversary that calls me "son of man." Wake me from the spiritual amnesia that makes me forget my royal origin. Help me to keep my Second Estate with honor. Make my will rigid against evil and soft in Your hands. I surrender my orbit to Your gravity. In the name of the One who is more intelligent than them all, Jesus Christ. Amen.