

50 Questions of Alma 5

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Key Scripture Alma 5:53–59

Explanation The last ten rhetorical questions that Alma asks the people of Zarahemla are listed in this chart. These questions concern refusing to repent of sins. Alma’s phrase “trample the Holy One under your feet” (Alma 5:53) poignantly illustrates that individuals blatantly mock God when they know the source of salvation and yet refuse to repent and partake of that free gift. By ending his speech with these ten questions, Alma places the burden of repentance directly on the shoulders of each person who seeks to live a life pleasing to God.

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Questions		Verse
Refusing to Repent		
41. Can you withstand these sayings?		53
42. Can you lay aside these things and trample the Holy One under your feet?		
43. Can you be puffed up in the pride of your heart?		
44. Will you still persist in the wearing of costly apparel and setting your heart upon the vain things of the world, upon your riches?		
45. Will you persist in supposing that you are better than another?		54
46. Will you persist in the persecution of your brethren, who humble themselves and do walk after the holy order of God, wherewith they have been brought into this church having been sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and they do bring forth works which are meet for repentance?		
47. Will you persist in turning your back upon the poor and the needy, and in withholding your substance from them?		55
48. The names of the righteous shall be written in the book of life, and unto them will I grant an inheritance at my right hand. What have you to say against this?		58
49. What shepherd is there having many sheep doth not watch over them, that the wolves enter not and devour his flock?		59
50. If a wolf enter his flock doth the shepherd not drive him out?		