



## Alma 39–42

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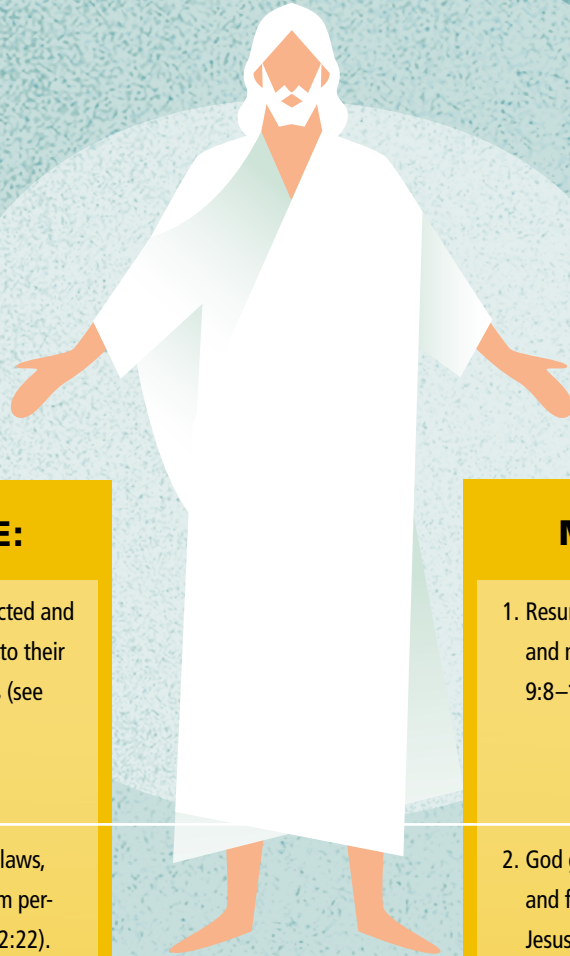
**I**t might seem like justice and mercy are at odds with each other, but both work together in God’s plan.



### DISCUSSION

What do the words *justice* and *mercy* mean to you? Why are justice and mercy both necessary in God’s eternal plan of happiness? How have you experienced the mercy of Jesus Christ in your life?

# How is God both just and merciful?



### JUSTICE:

1. All will be resurrected and judged according to their works and desires (see Alma 41:2–3).
2. God has given us laws, and He obeys them perfectly (see Alma 42:22).
3. We are not compelled to repent, but we will face the consequences of our deeds if we do not repent (see Alma 42:27).

### MERCY:

1. Resurrection is both just and merciful (see 2 Nephi 9:8–15).
2. God grants us repentance and forgiveness through Jesus Christ and His Atonement (see Alma 42:22–23).
3. We can choose to come unto Christ to be redeemed (see Alma 42:27).

Jesus Christ “atone-  
eth 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” (Alma 42:15).