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## REVELATION AND JUDGMENT.

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I feel very refreshed to get away from home once in a while and mingle with the people, and listen to the teachings, revelations and prophecies of the prophets, apostles, seers and revelators among the Latter-day Saints. I am glad to meet with the Saints today in Ogden.

I have a good many things upon my mind that I do not expect I shall express here this afternoon; but a few things I want to say.

The subject of revelation is frequently referred to. We occupy a position before God, angels and men, and at least one world, that is very interesting and important. God never gave to man a dispensation of more importance than the one you and I live in; and to suppose that this Zion of God, this great work of preparing the way for the final triumph of the Son of God and the establishment of His throne and kingdom on earth could pass through a generation without revelation is one of the most mysterious things on the face of the earth. God never had a people or a Church in any age of the world that was not governed by men who held the Holy Priesthood and the keys of the kingdom of God, and those men were obliged to have revelation. We have the records containing some of their revelations before us.

With regard to this dispensation I want to give you some of my views. In the first place, the dispensation was pointed out and proclaimed through the mouth of almost every prophet that has ever dwelt in the flesh. These prophets pointed to this Zion, to this work, to this gathering together, and to the warning of the world by prophets, apostles and elders, called of God to go out and proclaim the Gospel and warn the nations, that they might be left without excuse in the days of God's visitation of judgment upon the world. There is no Elder who has gone out to preach and who has baptized anybody but knows that he has had to have revelation to enable him to magnify his calling. He could not live without this and do his duty. In the commencement of this work the Lord raised up a man to be a prophet, seer and revelator. Joseph Smith was kept in the spirit world for thousands of years to be born in the flesh at the right time, and to be inspired of God, to be visited by Him,

and to be qualified and prepared for the mission given into his hands. How long did Joseph Smith live in the flesh after he organized this Church? A little over fourteen years. What did he do during that time? He organized the Church of God, upon the foundation of apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus being the chief corner stone. He also gave unto us a code of revelations. No more sublime revelations were ever given by God to man. Read the Bible, the Book of Mormon, and all the books on earth, and then read these revelations, and you will see the Spirit of God, not only in him, but in the dispensation in which these revelations were given. He gave us a foundation to work upon, and revelations to guide us and carry us into the celestial kingdom. The question may be asked, How is it with regard to those that followed him? Where are the revelations of President Young? Do you find them on record? Only a few; but the Holy Ghost and the revelations of God were with Brigham Young from the day that he received this Gospel until the day that he laid down his life and his tabernacle was carried to the grave. There was no necessity particularly for Brigham Young to give written revelation, only in a few instances. So with John Taylor. So with Wilford Woodruff. And so in a great measure probably with all who may follow us, until the coming of the Son of man. But are we without revelation? We are not. We know our duty, and in a measure we know what lies before us. Some of the people have had the idea that the Presidency of this Church and the Twelve Apostles should have nothing to do with temporal matters. Well, we would be in a bad fix if we did not deal in temporal matters. Joseph Smith stood at the head of this dispensation all the days he dwelt in the flesh. So did Brigham Young. I traveled with Brigham Young at home and abroad, and I never saw a day in my life but what he had the spirit and power of revelation of God with him. This power was with him when he came to this land. It was with him when he laid the foundations of our temples, and when he laid out the city of Salt Lake. He did all these things by the inspiration and Spirit of Almighty God.

The Lord requires a great deal of this people. The Elders of Israel were called from the various occupations of life to go and preach the Gospel. They preached to you in your native lands. They told you, in the name of the Lord, if you would receive the Gospel, repent of your sins, and be baptized for the remission of them, you should receive the Holy Ghost. Did you not receive it? Yes, you did, or else you have no business here. You would not be here

if you had not been inspired by the Spirit of God. These are truths, and you know them for yourselves. The fruits of the Gospel have been manifest from the beginning of this Church, and will be until the scene is wound up.

I saw a curious thing here today as I came to meeting. I saw a military camp at the depot. It brought a flood of reflection to my mind. I traveled with Joseph Smith, sixty years ago this summer, one thousand miles, to Jackson County, Missouri, our brethren having been driven by a military body from their homes. We went up there and accomplished all we were sent to do. We have had military gatherings in this land for the last sixty years. We had quite a military display in Jackson County. We had a military gathering in Clay County. We had a military gathering in Ray County, and in Caldwell County. What were all these military gatherings for? Was their object to protect the railroads of the nation? Not at all. What was their purpose? It was to drive the Latter-day Saints, to destroy them, to take their property, and root them out of the earth if they had the power; and except for the power of God they would have accomplished it. I was singularly struck in looking at this military body. What are they here for? Are they here to drive the "Mormons" out of Ogden? It does not look like it. I think it is to protect the property of these railroads. What does all this mean? Does it not mean that there is a change of affairs in the earth? What are the signs of the times? Do the Latter-day Saints comprehend them? This is a fast age. The Lord is going to cut His work short in righteousness. Read these revelations, for they contain the history of what is going to pass in the earth. The Lord said to Joseph in the beginning of this Church:

"Behold, verily I say unto you, the angels are crying unto the Lord day and night, who are ready and waiting to be sent forth to reap down the fields;

But the Lord saith unto them, pluck not up the tares while the blade is yet tender, (for verily your faith is weak), lest you destroy the wheat also.

Therefore let the wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest is fully ripe, then ye shall first gather out the wheat from among the tares, and after the gathering of the wheat, behold and lo! the tares are bound in bundles, and the field remaineth to be burned."

What is the matter with the world today? What has created this change that we see coming over the world? Why these terrible earthquakes, tornados, and judgments? What is the meaning of all these mighty events that are taking place? The meaning is, these angels that have been held for many