

The Power of Faith.

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(REPORTED BY ARTHUR WINTER.)

I have never attended a conference since I have been a member of this Church—now nearly sixty years—at which I have refused, when called upon by the proper authority and the Spirit of God, to speak and to bear my testimony according to the light that I feel in me, and I disliked to pass over this conference without saying something. I have been in poor condition for public speaking, having had a severe cold upon my lungs during the past week, which has prevented me from doing almost any kind of business.

I have been deeply interested in the testimony of the merchants of God who have addressed us during this conference. They have laid before us many great truths. My mind rests upon the subject of faith. Faith is the first principle of the Gospel. What is faith? It is, in writing to the Hebrews, undertaken to explain it. He says that "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." He goes on to prove this. He goes on to tell what different things are accomplished through faith. He (chap. of Hebrews), I look upon him as one of the most important principles that God ever revealed to man. Here we have four temples in this tabernacle, and hundreds of people are laboring in them. Why for? Forth for the living and the dead. Why do they labor for the dead? For the dead? I even the resurrection of the dead? I do not see the reason or revelation, that they have faith in it, and as an evidence of the faith they perform this work. This work forward to the resurrection and eternal judgment, to the celestial kingdom and the great blessings which God has revealed to the children of men. They do by faith, and it is by this power that they have accomplished what they have done. The tabernacle has been built, these temples have been reared, and now people have been reared, and thousands of people on earth. Thousands of

Children have been called, not from college, but from the various occupations of life, and least from into the world to be made a part of the Kingdom of God without price. Now for many years they have gone forth and preached the Gospel. Men have listened to them and have said, "I believe that what they say that the testimony which these children have borne was true. These humble men of God have gone forth and have preached the Gospel, and the building Gospel has been created by the administration of angels; the Lord has raised up prophets and inspired men to have spoken the word of the Lord to earth." This was in the days of Jesus Christ, and the Apostles were brought by this Gospel; henceforth to be the great prophets of the Gospel. When Christ said, "I will give you my testimony, and of your own testimony, report of your own testimony into the water, and be baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, that shall I now record and witness unto you that what we say is true." What has been the testimony of the children? They believed that testimony and proved that it was true. These children bore by faith; they traveled by faith; they worked by faith. It was by faith that they traveled all day through. They traveled without money and scrip, and during their faith the God of heaven shed angels upon them, and they were made like Him. This has been the case now for six years. And many people have believed the testimony of these simple men. They repented of their sins, and believed the testimony of them, and the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; they received the Holy Spirit, and were made like to Him, the Spirit of the Father.

brothers and sisters, it is by faith that you are here today, gathered from the nations of the earth. By that power you have been sustained, until you have accomplished these things that are set before you in your history. It is simply to look at the things that are set before you to have faith, not only in what is true but in what is to come. It is to faith that we look forward to the resurrection of the dead. Our brothers are in the spirit world. They died without the Gospel. They never saw the face of a prophet or an apostle. They lay down their bodies, and their spirits went into the spirit world. There they have

returned to the Gospel in China. Jesus said that the Gospel in the spirit was while His body lay in the tomb. Joseph Smith, Hyrum Smith and those like them who have been martyred are those who have done for the world of men what Jesus did for the world to prepare this Gospel there. Smith in prison has received their testimony. The prison doors have been opened. These spirits will come forth in the morning of the resurrection. They will be given their blessings and glories the same as if they had heard and received the Gospel. The Book. And these Latter-day Saints have built these temples and gone to the temple. God has given them the keys of the kingdom. The things which I had seen recorded in these books by the trump of the arrangement of God. They have said, this faith, and they

That is in this condition the Latter-day Saints are. As to supplicants, we may expect that, because the enemy has labored against the work of God in all ages of the world, that he will continue to do so until he shall lead us to Our Heavenly Father that we may be as well as we are today because. Hail, ye saints, the Latter-day Saints to the rescue. The Latter-day Saints are the prophets spoke as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost, and they speak the truth. The Lord has said just what we need to know, and we need to know the word of the Lord will never fail us. fulfilled. If you want to know what is coming to pass, read the revelations in the Book of Mormon, the Bible, and in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants. The revelations of the Lord through the Prophet Joseph make us glad to know that the work of God is not abandoned in the commencement of the work has been fulfilled to the very bottom to the present. So it will continue.

There has been a good deal said and written by the brethren about the earth being all right. What the brethren have said concerning our temporal condition is of importance to us. I still am of the opinion that inasmuch as Zion is going to be built on the earth, it is of more importance to get the earth right than to suffer ourselves. We ought not to cut ourselves. We ought not to wait for the world to come and plant and dig our potatoes, and then to build railroads and carry them to the Presidency of the Church but we should have a very heavy load connected with this sugar factory. Why should it not make sugar? (Laughter.)

great amount every year out of the Territory for sugar. This should be to. The soil is here and the talent here to raise beets and to make sugar. Why should not the Latter-day Saints do this and keep their money in the Territory? There are six hundred families here. If we do all the things we would like to do better, I think, the Lord would be pleased with us. I know there has been quite a feeling one way or another, because we have burdened ourselves with these labors. But it is our duty to get the Latter-day Saints to cultivate the earth and to produce what they eat and drink and what they wear. We have tried to do this. It is true, it cost a great

deal to establish the sugar plant, and the Church is led to shoulder a great measure of responsibility in connection with it, in order to carry it out. I do not think we have done wrong in that. When I go before my Father in heaven I am willing to bear my part of the responsibility, because if there is anything on earth that I was ever moved upon by the Spirit to do it was to unite in that enterprise with my brethren. I believe it is our duty to manufacture what we use, so far as we can, at home. We need to do these temporal things because they are here and always will be connected with us.

and how we will come. I feel that we are as well off as we are. There has been a period when we have been any better off than we are today. I have been back to the days when we were here. We found a barren desert. The man that led us here was Brigham Young. He was a prophet, a seer, and a revelator. He was a great man. He was a man of the day, that I feel was his, and his body was laid in the tomb. He was a great man—a man of God. We see the result of his work here. He was our architect, so to speak. He fulfilled his mission in a great and wonderful manner, and when he led his body down here, he went in with his brethren, and he is now with them.

The Gospel of Christ is true. The
Zion of God is true. We are here in
fulfillment of the revelations and visions
of the ancient patriarchs and prophets.
Read Isaiah, Jeremiah and the other
prophets, and see what they said. We
came here by the revelations of God.
Many of the brethren left H. H. to
leave our beautiful Nauvoo and to go to
the mountains. Had we not done this,
some of the revelations of God would
have fallen unfulfilled. I say to the
Latter-day Saints, have faith. Let us
have faith in the promises and revela-
tions of God. Do not let conscience

times of Goli. Do you comprehend what is manifest in the north today? The same as the South. The same as we have seen in the East. The judgments of God are beginning to go forth. But who acknowledges the hand of God in these things? I know that the cloud of darkness is being lifted from the eyes of our countrymen in respect to the latter-day work. But they are manifesting kindness towards us. Speaking of our Visit East, I continue it was marvellous in my eyes to see how different these things are today to what they were in the past. They began to see that the people in the north of Israel are worse than, and that they have some talent. I thank God for these things. I thank Him for the kindness we have received at the hands of the people of the north.

at the hands of our nation. My prayer to God is that His blessings may rest upon our nation and upon the leaders thereof, and that the spirit of liberty, of law, of righteousness, and of truth may dwell in the hearts of all Americans and everybody that dwells under the great government. It is one of the greatest governments God ever raised upon the earth. What has been raised up just that in our midst, if the Lord might establish His Zion and His work.

Hebren and sisters, let us be true and faithful in our duties and in our God. Let us look forward to the exaltation and the blessings that God has in store for those who keep His commandments.

Every man will be judged according to the deeds done in the body. There are two classes of men: the terrestrial and the celestial. We speak of the celestial church and of the heavenly body. They are those who have been changed on this earth, been faithful to God, and passed beyond the veil. And they are interested in the affairs of the individuals of the earth. They have looked out the material world and have looked into the material of the human family. They have seen the world as it is, they have seen the world as it is for it is in the flesh; they are not looking at the spirit world. There are the people who look to be faithful. We are here upon a mission. We are trying to fulfill the mission. I hope we may be true.

I am thankful before the Lord for the blessings that I have enjoyed in this conference and for the testimonies I have heard from these Apostles. They speak of men having authority inspired by the spirit of God, and they say, "The fruit of many of our Elders that have labored with us have passed away. We will never get them back, away in our lives, may any say if it had not been for the progress of these thousands of Latter-day Saints, I today should have been struggling with my brethren in the apostasy." I know that I have heard precious words, and I am sure that you have.

and try to pray for my brethren who suffer, and I am still with you. I am very weak, and hardly qualified to magnify my calling as an Apostle, as the leader of the people of Israel, in fact, I am only as moved upon by the power of God. What little time I may stay here I hope my heart will not be on the riches of this world, but on doing the will of God and uniting with my brethren in bearing on the great work and responsibility resting upon us. We will do this, all will be right. When we get the other side of the veil, we shall know something. We now seek to do this. We have the

By faith, We have the evidence of things not seen. The resurrection, the angels, the saints, the Kingdom of God, and the great blessings that God has given to the holy anointings and endowment to the temples, are all for the future, and they will be fulfilled, inasmuch as we are created with a new will in the flesh, and which we necessarily comprehend that which is necessary in the world to come. It will pay any man to serve God and to keep His commandments, the next days he lives in the Kingdom of God. It will be a position before we can leave, I will say that we dwell with the Father and with the Son, as expressed in the hymn, "My Father, that has been sung here for many a year." Certainly, though it is not true in a carnal sense, it is true in a spiritual sense.

There are a great many sisters here in the spirit of revulsion. There is no reason why they should not be inspired as well as we. We desire in the presence of God India; we call for it, and it has been sent here upon a mission, and I do not want to live any longer myself that I can recognize that calling. What some of us is it to any man to dwell here and praise the subject for which he was sent, even eternal life. Therefore, it does not pay any man to sin. When a man sins it is because he yields to the temptation because the devil has power over him irrespective of his agency. The devil is laboring for the destruction

Our human family. But the Gospel is sent into the world to save them.

Hester and sisters, God bless you. I am glad to meet with you and to have a little time to speak to you. I hope and trust we may be true and faithful to the end of our days, that we may be satisfied when we get through with our work, that our hearts may be set upon anything that pertains to God, but that we may do what we can to keep up our own and bring forth children to minister as far as we have the opportunity while we dwell in the flesh. God bless us and yours as all in all our work, till Jesus-ake, Amen.

Notice to Seventies.

As it is desirable to give to our brethren of the Seventies special instructions relative to the organization and conducting of their theological classes, it has been thought proper, in order to hasten the work, to arrange for mass meetings of all the quorums of Seventies in Salt Lake City and vicinity, in the evenings of January 20th and 21st, 1924, at the Assembly Hall, at 7:30 p. m. The presidents of quorums should call upon the members of their quorums to be in attendance at these meetings. — The First Council.

The question has been asked if any Elders could attend. An invitation is extended to the Elders to be present at both meetings and to take their seats in the gallery.

WILLIAM D. YOUNG,
In behalf of the First Council of

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movements it had become utterly im-
possible to steer a course—in fact, he
had lost track of the course of the
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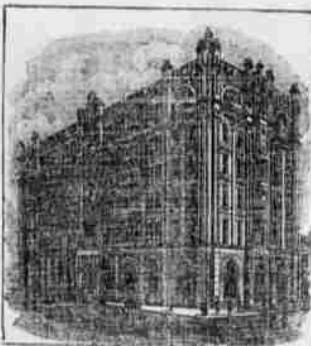
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| Deposits 1874, \$ | 13,670.72 | Deposits 1884, \$ | 138,110.65 |
| Deposits 1875, \$ | 18,130.79 | Deposits 1885, \$ | 142,720.18 |
| Deposits 1876, \$ | 10,148.92 | Deposits 1886, \$ | 103,063.88 |
| Deposits 1877, \$ | 21,028.84 | Deposits 1887, \$ | 207,331.50 |
| Deposits 1878, \$ | 20,812.71 | Deposits 1888, \$ | 428,464.79 |
| Deposits 1879, \$ | 42,763.66 | Deposits 1889, \$ | 626,700.52 |
| Deposits 1880, \$ | 60,671.01 | Deposits 1890, \$ | 74,281.97 |
| Deposits 1881, \$ | 99,427.39 | Deposits 1891, \$ | 701,622.11 |
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