

Kent, or the act in the statute of Illinois,) any portion of the inhabitants of said city, or bribe any portion of the citizens of said city for malicious purposes, or in any manner or form excite the prejudice of the community against any portion of the citizens of said city, for evil purposes, he, she, or they, shall be deemed disturbers of the peace, and upon conviction before the Mayor, or Municipal Court, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisoned six months, or both, at the discretion of said Mayor or court.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained, that nothing in the foregoing section shall be so construed as to interfere with the right of any person to be tried by a jury of his vicinage; with the freedom of speech, or the liberty of the press, according to the most liberal meaning of the constitution, the dignity of freemen, the voice of truth, and the rules of virtue.

Sec. 3. And be it further ordained, that this ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

Passed June 10th, 1844.

GEORGE W. HARRIS, President pro tem.
W. Richards, Recorder."

DISCOURSE

By Prest. Heber C. Kimball, Bowery, Sunday Morning, Aug. 23, 1857.

[REPORTED BY G. D. WATT.]

I feel very much pleased at the arrival of our brethren that take missions. I know how to sympathize with them. There are a great many young Elders that are taking missions now. Twenty years ago I was laboring in England; I baptized br. G. D. Watt, 20 years ago last month, (July) in 1837. That was the first foreign mission that was taken by the Elders of this Church.

At that time it was almost impossible to realize what we now see and understand. I went over to England at the time the church was broken up in Kirtland. There were very few persons then who could stand by 'Mormonism' faithfully and uphold our Prophet Joseph Smith; where one would stand valiantly and uphold him, there were twenty who did not.

That day was a day wherein the Saints were tested, their integrity was proved, they were put to the test whether they would stand by 'Mormonism' and by the Prophet or not.

Many people now pretend that they stand by what they call ancient 'Mormonism' or 'Mormonism' in their own way, but in br. Brigham they do not believe particularly.

No man can believe in 'Mormonism' except he believes in the man that leads the church of God, in the man that holds the keys of life and salvation pertaining to this people.

How is it possible for a limb to be attached to a tree, and at the same time manifest its disapprobation of the tree? That limb will die and wither away except it manifests its approbation, faith and favor to the tree to which it is connected.

So it is impossible that a man or a woman who disbelieves that br. Brigham is a prophet, that he is God's representative and holds the keys of his kingdom pertaining to this people, can retain the Holy Ghost and partake of the life and sap of the true vine. Such persons have no faith of the genuine bearing kind and consequently there are no works to correspond.

Will good works produce faith? Yes, there is very little faith without works; and then again there never was but very little works without faith.

How can my body exist when my spirit leaves it? It cannot. Can my spirit exist without this tabernacle? It can, but the body cannot exist without the spirit, because the spirit that dwells in my body is the life of my body, and there is no life without it.

Some say the earth exists without a spirit; I do not believe any such thing; it has a spirit as much as any body has a spirit. How can anything live except it has a living spirit? How can the earth produce vegetation, fruits, trees and every kind of production if there is no life in it? It could not any more than a woman could produce children when she is dead; she must be alive to produce life, to manifest it and show it to the world. It is so with 'Mormonism.' We must manifest our faith by our works.

I speak these things because they come to my mind. When I arise to speak I have never a premeditated subject, I let God by the Holy Ghost dictate me and control me just as a musician would his violin. It is the player on the instrument that plays the tune, the instrument does not dictate the player. So I should be in the hands of God, to be dictated by him, for we are told that the Holy Ghost the Comforter will teach us all things past, present, and to come.

The Holy Ghost knows the minds of this people and what is necessary to deal out to every man and every woman in due season their portion. If I am not dictated by the Holy Ghost I cannot communicate to you that which is necessary.

Supposing you are all pure except a very few, say there are twenty or thirty men in the assembly that are impure and then there are a dozen or fifty women that do not keep the commandments of God, when I am speaking to the disobedient, the Spirit in me alludes to those persons only.

Why do men or women condemn me, when the word of God is sharp, and say I am harsh and hard? It is because they are not right, and that is the way I prove them. You never would complain of the sharpness of the word of God if you were not under transgression.

You say I allude to you, so I do, or it is the Spirit of God alludes to you through me, you are the persons who are under censure, you are the birds that flutter, because it hits you. Why should a person find fault who is not under condemnation? That proves they are.

How shall we manifest our faith by our works? will speak of that a little further, and I cannot

speak the truth as it is in Christ Jesus without I censure many of you. I will ask those who have been here for four, seven and eight years past, and from the day that we came into these valleys, if they have proved by their works their faith in the words of the Prophet Brigham?

Here is br. Amasa Lyman, br. Woodruff and other brethren who recollect Brigham testifying most strenuously in the Bowery then occupied by the pioneers when we first entered the valley, of the propriety of this people laying up grain and other stores for seven years, because, said he, 'the time has come when the words of the prophets should be fulfilled that the earth should rest every seventh year.'

He said it was our duty to lay up grain for seven years, because he foresaw what would be; he foresaw what we came here for, viz: to be the saviors of men. I have spoken also of these things constantly. How oft have you heard these things proclaimed for four years past? And, after all we have said, who is there that has laid up grain to last them one year, much less two, previous to the late scarcity we have past through?

Those that did lay up a little, had to feed that out or be called scoundrels constantly. Some of the people considered a man a scoundrel that would not hand out the last kernel he had or the last load of wood he had at his door.

Br. Brigham, myself and Jedediah have blazed away on this matter for the last four years, and how many have manifested their faith by their works? Have one of you got wheat laid up to last you seven years? No, not one of you have got enough laid up to last three years.

Uncle Sam—I won't call him uncle—he is a likely man, but his children have degenerated most awfully, and one of his sons who sits in the chair of State, Mr. Buchanan, is most awfully adulterated and sunk in degradation, that he would permit an army of 2,500 or 3,000 men to come here to enforce officers upon us contrary to the Constitution, and to enforce a governor upon us when we have got one of our own choosing.

The prophet said that our Governor should rise up among ourselves; that you will find in the 30th chapter of Jeremiah. 'And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their Governor shall proceed from the midst of them, and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me, for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me?' saith the Lord.

Now that day has come, as true as you live; our nobles will proceed from ourselves, and our Governor and our Judges and all of our officials shall come out of ourselves from this day forth. [Voices, 'Amen!']

Now mark it. Gentlemen and ladies, the day has come for this people to take care of themselves. The President of the United States has taken a course, that is, the Lord has let him do it, knowing that no man can do anything against the truth but for it; he has organized his work in that way; the Lord has permitted him to pursue a course that has brought you to your senses, to know whether or not it is necessary that you should lay up wheat, because you did not believe what br. Brigham said, and if you had believed what he said, you would believe what brs. Heber, Jedediah and Daniel said, and the Twelve.

You have never believed me nor br. Brigham, nor one of the prophets, ancient nor modern. You say, you did believe it, but you did not think it was so near to us. You should always be the judges should you not?

Have I any fears about them coming here? No. If the day has come for there to be a collision between us and the United States and the world, they will come, you may depend upon it, because God will stir them up; but if the time has not come, they do not come here, so you may set your hearts at rest.

You now see there is a time coming for every man to go to with his might and lay up his wheat and his oats, his barley, his peas and his beans, and dry your fruit and lay it up, and then when you have done it this year, do it next year, and then prize it as the most precious thing upon the earth.

The Bible says, a man will give all he has got for his life; if you had a million of dollars in gold or in silver you would give the whole of it for food to save your life. Well, then, why do you not take a course to lay up that very thing that will save your lives and the lives of others, as Joseph did the lives of the people of Egypt and his father's house?

Joseph warned the people of a famine that was coming on the land and laid up corn; so Brigham and Heber have taught you that we are going to see a day similar to that, but more terrible, more awful.

How strange it is, brethren, that you are so dilatory in these things that pertain to your salvation and the salvation of millions besides us? Am I taking that course? I am. And before I built my store house I saw these things and I went to work and set an example that was worthy imitation, although it was small, and the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society gave me a diploma, but did not give me any money, although I had done the best, in their thoughts, of the kind. And I am going to continue.

I have got somewhere between eleven and twelve hundred bushels of old wheat now in my store house, and it will stay there until Brigham says, 'I want it.' And I have room for another twelve hundred, yes, for twelve times twelve, and when that is filled I will fill another one, and so I will keep it going. The Lord will put means in my hands that I will continue to do so, and he will bless every man and woman that will take that course and continue it; they will increase in their stores, while those who take the opposite course will decrease and they will wither away.

Do you not see that the man who will store up knowledge, virtue, wisdom and understanding, will in rease in those principles? It will be just so with the fruits of the earth.

I shall continue to teach you these things and arouse your minds.

I have referred to you, ladies. I told you a week or two ago to take some of your fine clothes and buy wheat. Let me bring up a circumstance of a certain woman that came to me and wanted an every day dress. She said she had seven dresses too good for every day. I said, 'why do you not make an every day dress of some of them, for one of them will out-wear three dresses made of twenty five cent calico?'

I would advise you to take every thing that is unnecessary and buy wheat and barley and such things as you need with it, and lay up your stores for the time that is to come, that you can feed your own kindred and friends, who will actually come to you. Lots of my kindred will come to me, and br. Brigham's will come to him, as Joseph's father and mother and brethren came to him in Egypt; as that is true, this is, as the Lord liveth.

The Lord says that saviors shall come upon Mount Zion in the latter days. Mount Zion is here in the tops of the mountains, and has not our Governor come out of us? He has come out of this Church, out of a branch of the house of Israel. Yes, our Governor and our Lieutenant Governor and our Judges and Marshals, etc.

Now sisters, I am going to bring before you a circumstance of one man, he is our barber down here, br. Squires. Although he is shaving to good advantage, if he had subjects enough, he could make ten dollars a day, that is, if he could get enough for it—he went down here close to a piece of land I am keeping and he worked four or five days; he took his wife and two children with him and he averaged two and a half bushels every day at gleaning the heads of wheat that were scattered.

Now, supposing those that have got no wheat would take the same course. Is the wheat there? I presume there could be fifty bushels gleaned from ten acres with all the ease in the world. Go to br. Brigham's ten acres and fifty bushels could be gleaned there; a man would make his bushel a day. I am telling you how to get your wheat.

Would it not be better for you to leave your mechanic shops, every one of you, and spend a week in the wheat field and see what you could do? Will we discharge you? Yes, go in peace and God Almighty bless you and make you glean double all the time. Do we want that wheat saved? We do.

Hundreds of this people have not raised a kernel, and br. Squires can go with his wife and two children and glean two and a half bushels a day. It is a pretty good example, ladies. How much better are you than they, that is, if they do right and keep the commandments of God? I want to know why one person is better than another, without they surpass another by their good works?

Says one, 'I used to belong to the aristocracy in the States and I belonged to that class in the old country'; but, gentlemen and ladies, I belong to the aristocracy, and that is all the difference there is between you and me.

Supposing you have been brought up in 'high life', what made you well off? Because, in the providence of God, you had a rich father or a rich uncle and they made you comfortable, but I had the misfortune to be a poor boy and had to go from house to house to beg my bread.

I want to know if I am any the worse for that? Joseph of old was a shepherd and was considered one of the most inferior boys in his father's house, but God made him a king and a prophet and a savior of his father's house and millions of the human family, and so he will you and so he will me, so sure as I am faithful, honor my calling and be obedient to my superiors and honor the priesthood and God will honor me, but he will not honor me except I honor myself.

If I had time I would go into the wheat field myself, and esteem it a privilege, in preference of doing what I have to do here.

Need you take the straw and stubble and bring it to your homes? No. Be like the honey bee; he carries away the honey and leaves the rest, he goes and gathers the bee bread and leaves the flowers behind him and of this he makes pots or bins to store away the honey, that is all the bee bread is for. We use it for many purposes. Br. Squires, instead of taking the straw, broke off the heads of wheat and put them in a bag; he took the wheat and left the straw.

Are these things interesting to you? There is not one of you has got an article of clothing on your back but what has been obtained through the industry of men and women.

We talk about smart women; we have the smartest women on the earth, and the smartest men and the smartest boys, and we have also got some of the meanest men and women there is on God Almighty's footstool; they are the taglocks and will be sheered off.

The farmer never takes a sheep into the water to wash him until the taglocks are first cut off, because they have taglocks so quickly again, they become the wool. They did that where I lived, still there was a great many things done where I lived that was not done where you lived.

I merely speak of br. Squires to show you what advantages there are to be gained by gleaning. Then I will go to the field where men and women have been and gathered up a few scattering straws and make a better sweep of it than they, and then another will follow me up and gather a good pile. What is the cause of this? They cannot see much, only now and then a few stalks.

I will be bound to say, in this County of Salt Lake, that if people will go to work they may gather four thousand bushels of wheat from the gleaning, and I am not straining it one particle, and it is the best of the wheat that falls to the ground.

Just so with the Saints; the best Saints lay at the feet of Jesus, serving him and doing the will of God. These things are not only for you who are present to-day, but they will go to every city and place throughout the mountains, to arouse the people, and they will think more of them than

you do that are continually under the droppings of the sanctuary.

The world, and many of the Saints abroad and at home are asleep, and that day will overtake them as a thief in the night, and it will come upon them like a whirlwind and so it will you if you do not wake up and listen to our words.

How many times I have heard it, 'we believe what br. Brigham says and we believe this and we believe that, but here is br. Heber, he is a kind of wild, kind of enthusiastic, he is full of visions and wild notions'.

Tell me one notion I have had that is not correct. Says you, 'some things you have prophesied have come to pass, but we do not know whether the rest will or not'.

I do not profess to be a prophet. I never called myself so, but I actually believe I am, because people are all the time telling me that I am. I do not boast of that, I say that every man and woman who will live their religion, be humble and be dictated by the Holy Ghost, the spirit of prophecy will be upon them.

Some of you, ladies, that go abroad from house to house blessing the sick, having your little circles of women come together, why are you troubling yourselves to bless and lay your hands on women and prophecy on them if you do not believe the principle? You make yourselves fools to say that that same power should not be on the man that has got the priesthood, and with sisters that have not got any, only what they held in connection with their husbands.

We can tell what will come to pass, and one of you can talk in tongues and pour out your souls to God and then one interpret; that is the course you take, and it is all right, go ahead and God bless you and multiply blessings on you; but do not go round tattling about your husbands and talking against the priesthood you are connected to. I do not say many of you do it, but you that do are poor, miserable skunks.

Brethren and sisters, let us go to work now, every man and woman, where you have it in your power, and lay up our grain, lay up our oats, barley and ever thing else that will keep and go to work and raise flax and make clothing.

Now you said you did not believe a word I said here a few Sundays ago, that if we would go to work and raise flax and cultivate it and pray for it and keep the commandments of God, it should have a coat on it four fold more. I said that, ladies and gentlemen. You go to and do as I told you and see if it does not come to pass.

Did not the Lord rain down the honey dew upon the trees and upon the vegetation in Utah? Yes. I can go down on Cottonwood here and show it to you, lots of it. If he can do that here, what will he not do if we keep the commandments of God? And gentlemen and ladies, if you will do just as you are told, without any deviation, you need never trouble yourselves about mobs, never, no, never.

The Lord said to Joseph, if you will do my will and listen to my counsel and the counsel of my servants, it is my business in the last days to fight your battles and provide for my Saints.

I have no more fears, nor never shall have, if you will do just as you are told, every one of you, and stop your contentions, your lying, your deceptions and your dishonesty, and let every man do right, let him do justice, and we will never be troubled with troops, and we will have one, two, three, just as good years of peace as we ever had since we were born, beginning now, and I know it. Gentlemen, it depends on your doing right.

Could the Lord stir you up through the testimony of br. Brigham or his brethren to believe it was necessary to lay up your stores, until the devil kicked up a fuss to show you that death and destruction would come on this people? That is true. Do not tell me that you listen to his counsel, when you do not practice his words.

And ladies, do not tell me that you take his counsel when I do not see you here with bonnets manufactured out of the elements of this valley; it is a lie before God when you say you listen to his counsel and come here before him and sit under his eyes in open disobedience to it.

Where did you get your bonnets? Were they made here? No, they were made in the States, they came by succoring those poor curses who would send us all to destruction, by nourishing these gentle merchants here; the best of them would sell this whole people for ten dollars and permit my life and Brigham's life to be taken in a minute. I know this.

What do they care for us? There is not one of them that is in any degree friendly towards us and feels to believe and sustain 'Mormonism.' There is not one of them but what would be perfectly willing that the troops should come here and massacre this whole people, for the sake of a few dollars.

Have we any confidence in them? Yes, as far as deal is concerned; but when it comes to 'Mormonism', I have not a particle. I never saw that man that had not an inclination in his heart to embrace 'Mormonism' that I ever had one particle of confidence in.

Many of you have sustained Judge Douglas as being a true friend to this people, and he is just as big a damned rascal as ever walked, and always has been; he has taken a course to get into the chair of State, and that is what he is after; he will try to accomplish that if he goes to hell the next day, but he will not go into the chair of State, he will go to hell.

Now do not be scared; I am going to talk what I feel and I ask no odds of anybody except my leader; I will be subject to him. I will be amenable to any branch belonging to the true vine of Jesus Christ and I will nourish it and cherish it, but those poor curses, I have not one particle of confidence in them.

I never knew an instance in the days of Joseph when he confided in those poor devils but what they turned traitor to him, and were the very men that took his life, aided by the apostates that left this church, and I know it, and so do you.

How many times have I been through the mill?