

celestial kingdom, cannot abide the glory of such a kingdom. They must abide a kingdom which is lesser; which does not shine so brightly, which is not so rich nor so glorious as that which they might have attained; for by sacrificing their selfish feelings, by conquering their prejudices, by exerting their faith to the uttermost, by being humble and prayerful and faithful, they might have attained to the highest glory and entered into the presence of God.

God works by faith. It is the secret of His power, the mainspring of His energy. His course is ever onward; there is no beginning, there is no end; it is one eternal round. Life has no end. Death is but a finger-post, a milestone, a door-way, and the grave is but a gateway to everlasting life to the faithful. "Blessed are they who are in the Lord, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them." Blessed are they who endure righteousness' sake, of whom all speak evil falsely, for great is their reward in heaven. "I saw them," says John, "and they sat with him, and judgment was given them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God; they had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." These are they who shall come up in the first resurrection, to reign with Christ on during the great Millennium; hence to inherit the celestial kingdom of God as a reward of their faithfulness in the face of penalties, imprisonment and death.

It is important that we obey every precept which God reveals, and not for excuses and pretenses to justify disobedience to His will, nor shrink from the performance of duty because of fear of man and the wrath and retribution of the ungodly.

Look around me to-day and I see that the faces are absent which are familiar to those who attend this place. Our present Brother Angus M. Cannon, no longer with us. He has been committed to take up his cross and follow Lord and Master. He and other brethren are incarcerated in prison this day, while we are here worshipping God—the same God whom he worshipped, whose faithful servant has been for many years. He has been his faithfulness, his heroism, to have his brethren who are with him. Rather than relinquish their consciences; rather than fear man to the point that they would disobey God, have gone cheerfully within the holy yonder Penitentiary. I feel in my heart that they will remain true; they are men of the right kind of men. They are men who would have died for God, even if, as Job said, He slay them. It does not argue that they are sinful or that a people are because they are made to suffer. It is such a thing—and this world is such a thing—and its cost—such a thing as suffering for righteousness' sake. God meant what He said when He promised that all who should, shall suffer persecution. Blessed are you, said He, when you shall revile you and persecute and despise you and cast you into prison, hale you before judges and arraigners for my name's sake; for I thus treated the Master—and the Master is greater than his servant—you shall hope to escape. Jesus Christ was persecuted by law; He was persecuted by "justice," so called. He was before the Roman magistrate, whose witnesses were suborned to testify to his guilt. He appeared in the robes of the Roman world as a malefactor, as one who would not obey laws, who was seditious, who was insurrection and treason against Caesar; who was accused of insurrection and of uttering blasphemy against the name of God. He was persecuted in the name of the law. He was brought to judgment by the law; He was accused by the law, the high and the mighty, the learned, the Scribes and the Pharisees; they who made long prayers and made them upon the street corners where they could be seen of all who were so punctilious in their observance of forms and ceremonies of "righteous men," pure souls, who were to "cast the first stone" at the man taken in adultery, but vexed by "holy" spirits at the blasphemous constantly being uttered by this man who called himself the Son of God. These were the agencies that brought to bear upon Jesus of Nazareth, which caused Him to be despised, and the greatest lawyers of the time in Christian nations have said in His crucifixion was "a judicial law." The law, then, sometimes is wrong. There is such a thing as an unpopular people, despised and despised, being right, and the despised will have to answer for their deeds. They may have the power here; they have the law, the human law, on their side; they may have the engines of oppression in their hands; but all that are given into their possession for wise purpose, that they may show it in the inwardness of their hearts, in the righteousness must prove themselves by submitting and enduring in us to come for Christ's sake. It does not depraved because they are accused of being so. There never was a reformer who I ever heard of, who was not persecuted of some terrible thing. No reformer where we look for them, we will find their motives have ever been misinterpreted and aspersed, and the

false construction put upon their words and deeds has been made to justify their oppression and in many cases their death.

Some may say, what right have you to talk this way, you are not being persecuted. Perhaps not in the same way; but I never expect to see the time, my brethren and sisters, when the wrongs of my people will not be my wrongs, when my brother or my sister will be made to suffer, and the wound will not pierce my heart. I envy not the man who can sit complacently by and say that he is not affected when his brethren are arraigned before magistrates unjustly, persecuted and imprisoned or put to death. The Latter-day Saints should have larger souls than that. The cause of God is their cause. The aim of all of us is common. We should not sit by and say that we are not being persecuted, and it is not our right to complain, because we are not the immediate targets of oppression. I feel for my brethren who have gone to the Penitentiary. I believe I feel worse than they do, to-day; for they went cheerfully, with smiling faces, feeling that they were martyrs, believing they were persecuted for righteousness' sake; I have a feeling of sadness in my heart that I no longer see their faces.

I never expect to see the day when Mormonism can be assailed without assailing me. I hope never to be in that condition of mind when I can look on and see my brethren and sisters oppressed and say it is no concern of mine. God help me, God pity me if I ever get into that condition. I care not who the man is who is taken before the courts, convicted on the flimsiest evidence, and goes to prison for the sake of his and my religion, he is a representative of the kingdom of God. It is the kingdom of God that is being assailed in his person. It is not a matter of individuality. What do they care for individual sins? What do they care for crime and corruption? Criminals, blacklegs, adulterers, whores, walk our streets unpersecuted, unwhipped of justice, while men who would rather die than give up a principle of their religion are thrown into prison to suffer for the sake of their convictions. If the powers that be want to convince the Mormons that they are operating in the interest of morality, let them convict the whoremonger, the adulterer and the bawd who flaunt their shame to open day, fearlessly, feeling that the officers of the law are their friends and that they run no risk in exposing their sins in open sunlight. You cannot convince us that it is morality that is being subverted, or that the object of the Edmunds law was the suppression of crime so long as such thing are permitted to continue. We revolt at the hypocrisy of the picture, and we detest it as the gates of hell. We know it is our religion that is being assailed and that too in the land of Washington, in the land of Jefferson, in the land of patriots who fought, bled and died to hand down the great blessings of liberty to us who are the children—many of us—of the fathers who died in the revolution. You cannot throw dust in our eyes, the world cannot do it. They may crush our bodies into the dust, but they cannot convince our minds by force. We are not to be thus compelled. We are the free sons and daughters of God. We claim the exercise of our agency. We reaffirm the declaration of the patriots, that this land was and is intended for a land of liberty, where all may worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences so long as they do not infringe upon the rights of others. And I am at the defiance of the world to prove that the Latter-day Saints have ever infringed upon the rights of their fellow creatures. We are persecuted, we are trampled upon for the sake of our religion, but we are willing that the other side should monopolize that part. We propose to treat all men as friends and brothers until they prove themselves otherwise. But we do not propose to shake hands with the devil to show how liberal and tolerant we are. We have nothing to do with him, nor his ways. He fell because he would have compelled men to do as he wished. The doctrine he preached was the doctrine of devils, and for it he was cast out of heaven to wander up and down this earth with his evil host of unembodied spirits, tempting and trying the children of men, putting it into the hearts of one class to persecute another for their honest convictions, trying to entice men from virtue to vice and drag them down to everlasting degradation and perdition. Our mission is of another character. We desire to benefit our fellow-creatures. Our missionaries go to the ends of the earth preaching what we solemnly testify is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the only plan of life and salvation, which men reject and persecute to their condemnation, but accept to their salvation and exaltation in the presence of God.

My hope for the future is that the world will be able to see these things in their proper light; that a spark of revelation may descend from the eternities upon their minds, that they may recognize what "Mormonism" is and what it is intended to accomplish; that they may not fight against it to their utter condemnation, for I know that it will be woe to those who fight against God and His work. This work will be accomplished, no matter how many Latter-day Saints lay down their lives, no matter how many are thrown into dungeons for the testimony of Jesus. Our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ cannot be obliterated from the face of the earth nor stricken from the hearts of

this people. The word of Almighty God has been pledged that this Church, which is the embryo of the kingdom over which He will reign as King of kings, shall never be taken from the earth nor given to another people; but it will be perpetuated in the posterity of those who are now being persecuted for righteousness' sake. The more blood that is shed the wider the seed will scatter, and fit will blossom and bloom until the surface of the earth is covered and God's glory shall radiate from the rivers to the ends of the earth; when all flesh shall be filled with his spirit, when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is God and that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. This is our mission; it is what we expect to see accomplished in this generation, and it is that of which I testify as a servant of God, this day, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

During the first years of our association with the Gentiles who came here with merchandise to make their fortunes, they were treated cordially, and in turn treated us with due respect. They were very pleased to associate with the heads of the Church, and their numerous households, and were not so fastidious as to feel in the least shocked, but on the contrary were delighted to have the privilege of attending our social parties, to be entertained at the homes of polygamists, and to partake of their bounty. This

PLURAL ORDER

was not by them pronounced a vice until after certain Federal officials came here accompanied by unmarried women and undertook to introduce their favorite but disreputable practices among the "Mormons," when they were given the cold shoulder. Afterwards some corrupt judges and lawyers were sent out to meddle with our social and religious affairs, but they were so soon discouraged as to accept the first occasion to resign, and left the Territory rather wiser than when they came, but only to be followed by a more hungry swarm. They had their

PLANS ALL ARRANGED.

The homes of the Saints were to be divided, and their wives and daughters were among the spoils. But the noted

"BUCHANAN BLUNDER."

ended in disgrace, and is now a matter of history. It was afterwards concluded to send a peace commission, as the wiser and more proper course; which, though it came rather late in the day, soon brought matters to a satisfactory issue.

They found the "Mormons" were very much like other human beings, and that they intended to be treated as such; that they were made of the wrong kind of material to bow to petty tyrants or to stoop to do a mean act in retaliation. Neither did they ask any odds of people who had driven them from their midst and compelled them for the second time to flee in the dead of winter over bleak and barren wastes and at last seek refuge in these mountains, where they soon proved that they could exist without asking their country's assistance or succor. This people had done nothing to deserve such a fate; and the old wounds were still too painful to allow the heel of oppression so soon to be set down upon our necks, crushing out those cherished rights and liberties which we considered had been fairly earned. At all events,

WE HAD COME TO STAY.

We were imbued with the same patriotism which filled the souls of our revolutionary sires; and had supposed, like them, that we had escaped the dominion of our persecutors, and considered ourselves the rightful owners and proprietors of our "mountain home." And had we not "fairly won it from savage man and savage nature?" Yes, and we own it "by all the claims of actual possession; by toll and trial; by the ordeal of suffering; by peril, privation and hardships; by the baptism of sorrow and the shedding of blood." "No wonder that patriotism was the child of such travail and discipline. No wonder that the men from mountain and valley and forest, from the memories of the past, the aspirations of the present and the hopes of the future had drunk in the spirit of Liberty until their souls were pervaded with her sublime essence." Nor that we "esteemed honor above preferment, and truth more than riches. Without influence we became influential; without encouragement, great. Despised and mocked and hated, we have risen above our revilers. In the school of evil fortune we gained discipline of patience. Suffering without cause brought resignation without despair. Ourselves the victims of persecution, we became the founders of a colony—a common-wealth—a nation. We were the children of adversity, and the fathers and mothers of renown. Our gaze is turned ever to posterity. We believe in the future, our affections and hopes are with the coming ages. For our children we toil and sacrifice. With us the outcast found sympathy and the wanderer a home. If our houses were rude and thatched with straw, there were energy and thrift within. If only sod or wooden chimneys carried up the smoke, the fires of the hearthstone were kindled with

laughter and song. If creaking windmills flung abroad their ungainly arms in the wind, it was proof that the people had families to feed, and meant to feed them."

In spite of "Christian" examples, and mingling with them as we have for years, we are still so far behind in so-called

CIVILIZATION,

as to consider the rearing of a numerous family one of the noblest works devolving upon human kind. That all these things were calculated to enrage the feelings of our enemies we admit, particularly the priests and the clergy, with certain cliques whose plans have been so woefully defeated. The energy and perseverance which they have manifested in trying to stir up—not only this nation but even foreign powers, to assist in stopping the "Mormon" emigration, that they might be better able to wipe out the obnoxious sect, whose feet have become so firmly set in these rocky mountains, would be praiseworthy had they been directed in a proper way.

Determined to do nothing that could be construed as disloyalty to our country, the Latter-day Saints have submitted graciously to some very

EXTRAORDINARY REQUIREMENTS, and have tried to take as philosophical a view of them as possible. The Lord having declared that He would fight our battles, we take it that He does not require His people to study the art of war, and that He has something more Christian-like for them to do than the shedding of man's blood. Thus we felt as we viewed the step taken by our belligerent Governor, the late J. W. Shaffer, who was so eager to immortalize his name, that, having failed in attacking polygamy, the Lord suffered the dying hero to execute his "vow" against the "Mormons," by forbidding the muster drills or gatherings of the

NAUVOO LEGION

within the Territory of Utah. This was unlooked for. Having been so long accustomed to national and time-honored customs of our forefathers, training day and military drills were always looked forward to with an unspeakable delight. This was about the last work of that would-be conqueror, J. W. Shaffer.

SELF CONTROL

is a rare virtue, and has ever brought us victory, where violence has brought the opposite. Though Brigham Young, and many more who assisted him in carrying out the plans of the Almighty and in warding off the wicked darts of the enemy, have stepped upon another stage, their works will follow them, and we shall see Zion still rolling on under the watchcare of President Taylor and his brethren. As yet we have seen no symptoms of decay, but on the contrary a greater degree of vitality has been exhibited of late than ever before.

There are certainly some very

GREAT ABSURDITIES

being committed by some of the wise men of our nation. But the Lord has said "the wisdom of the wise shall perish;" and the things we witness are well calculated to convince us of this fact. We see what is called a free and liberal government employing against us our most bitter foes and traducers—those who have fanned, and are constantly adding fuel to the flames of prejudice and hatred, already kindled in the hearts of outsiders against a people who have never encroached upon any man's rights, but on the contrary have done good all the day long. And when we know that some of the worst are among those who have been made rich by "Mormon" traffic and industry, and not a voice has been raised by them in our behalf, is it not high time that we withdraw our patronage, instead of encouraging such characters to remain in our midst? It is not only the actors in

THIS WICKED CRUSADE

that are accountable, but those who by silence give consent to these outrages, which might, for all they know, end in the slaughter of thousands of innocent men, women and children. Such will be held responsible for these unconstitutional acts committed against our safety and welfare.

The Lord has told us that those who are not for us are against us. Their ruling motive is understood not only by their intended victims, but by some honorable Gentiles in our midst, who testify that it is not to suppress immorality, defend virtue, etc., as they pretend, but that such a claim is plainly a more subterfuge to hide their own selfish schemes and hypocrisy.

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