

We talk sometimes of going back into Jackson County and building that city. But who will go there? It will not be those who follow the example of the rebellious of whom we read in the camps of Israel, but those who are faithful and preserve a pure record before Israel's God. We need not be concerned. It all lies within our individual selves. All the difficulties that can be placed in our way today or tomorrow, either as a Church or as individuals, will not make the word of God of no effect. It will not prevent the Latter-day Saints who are faithful in carrying out the purposes of the Almighty from receiving those blessings which have been pointed out in the revelations given to us in the past. We should not be guided, directed, or influenced by any individual around us, whatever his position may be, against doing what our own conscience tells us is right. We should be calm and cool in all our transactions and in all the scenes through which we may be called to pass. All the obstacles which now present themselves will be removed from our path if we but continue true to God. We can afford to be calm and deliberate in the midst of our most severe persecutions, trials and afflictions, because we well know what will be the outcome of our faithfulness and perseverance. The Latter-day Saints, from the experience they have gained in the past, ought to know how to exercise patience. Do not become over excited; at the same time we should be ambitious in the performance of our duties.

There is a vast amount of anxiety in the minds of the people as to what will be the results of tomorrow's election. It is something very important to us. It concerns our interests very materially; but what is all this in comparison to having the knowledge that after these things shall have passed away there remains for us such glorious prospects behind the veil—the advantage of enjoying those beautiful associations which we have formed here on earth and dwelling in the presence of the holy and righteous, where all tears shall be dried, and where there shall be no more affliction or pain, but where our bodies shall be glorified and we shall enjoy all those blessings which have been so clearly pointed out to us in the revelations of God? If we have this it does not matter so much what may occur tomorrow, even though it may interest us. We cannot always tell what will be the results of our actions today, but this we can always tell—that whatsoever those results may be, if we do right and act conscientiously it will be well with us.

I would like to avoid persecution; it would be pleasing to us not to be deprived of our rights, of every vestige of our liberty. But when I embraced the Gospel I saw clearly that it was a gospel of sacrifice, as it was with the ancients who received it; and therefore I made up my mind to sacrifice everything for it, even my life if needs be. God bless you, and let me again say that in every circum-

stance of persecution, whenever our enemies seek to bring us into trouble, be calm and act conscientiously, and inwardly feel, as you ought, that all will yet be well.

APOSTLE JOHN HENRY SMITH

next addressed the congregation. I am pleased, he said, to have had the opportunity of listening to the remarks of President Woodruff. When we look back and recognize the fact that he alone, so to speak, remains among us of those members of the Council of the Apostles who first went forth into the world to proclaim the faith that has brought us here together, it is a matter of joy to hear, after his long experience, the testimony he bears that that which he received in the early times of the Church still remains with him today.

I was talking not very long ago with a gentleman who was formerly a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and who upon withdrawing from it united himself with what is known as the Reorganized Church. Speaking of the present head of that Church, he said that while regarding him as possessed of considerable ability as an organizer and leader, something of a writer and an orator, and while he was logical in his reasonings, he frequently lacked the spirit which characterized those early leaders who first brought to him the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and whose words and spirit sealed upon him and riveted on his soul the truth of that which Joseph Smith introduced among the children of men. It was a singular admission coming from such a source.

Were I today to ask those who have embraced this Gospel among the peoples of the world what brought them to accept that which the world so derides, the answer of every man, woman and child who had received the impress of that spirit would be, "It was the testimony of Jesus; it was the assurance that came to my own heart as the words fell from the lips of the man who uttered them that he was speaking by the inspiration of God; for he opened up to me the scriptures as they have never been presented to me before."

Though we live in this enlightened century, when the Christian religion, as it is called, has become the popular religion of the time, are we enabled to say, as Christians, that the hydra-headed monster, crime, hides himself from our sight? As we look out and study the history of the human family, he stands forth with his gaunt visage seeking the destruction of the sons and daughters of God as determinedly as He ever did before. We may go among the various peoples of the earth and we find drunkenness, debauchery and other social evils stalking abroad, and yet men shut their eyes to the conditions which exist around us. To seek the repentance and reformation of mankind, and attention to the interests of God, is the mission which has been entrusted in this day to that people which the world calls "Mor-

mons." Thank God we have the truth, and there is no necessity for our doing any wrong. Our Father has given to us that gem of gems. We have dug in the mountains and found a treasure which we appreciate, and we will utilize it in the interests of our fellowmen, seeking to benefit them if they will permit us. If we are traitors, as Judas was traitorous, our names will be blotted from the Lamb's Book of Life.

In these trying times, when excitement runs high, we should go to our Heavenly Father and in faith and with patience perform the part assigned to us with that spirit of heroism which is abiding, and should the result be other than we wished, let us carry our load with our heads up, for God rules over the nations and will assuredly accomplish His own purposes.

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In the course of his remarks, said—I love the principles of truth and equity that we have embraced. I realize that when the Latter-day Saint has a knowledge within his own breast of the principles of the Gospel and he knows he is laboring for the advancement of mankind and the bettering of his condition, it matters not what the world may say. The Latter-day Saints know that they are engaged in the work of God. They stand as Peter stood, upon the rock of revelation. The world has not revealed to them the principles of the Gospel; it has not given them a testimony thereof. Revelation is given them from God our Heavenly Father. They realize that He gives and takes away, that He holds the destiny of nations in His hands. Each and every Latter-day Saint is working out his own salvation, and no man or set of men can rob him of it if he keeps the commandments of God. We may be imprisoned and robbed of our rights and liberties, but if we are honest, sober and true He will eventually reward us.

The Latter-day Saints are an upright and virtuous people. Travel from one end of the earth to the other and where they live you will find a peace, happiness, brotherly love, and affection fills their hearts that the world knows not of. The word of God is onward and upward and it will triumph. Our Lord and Savior was put to death, but that did not stop His mission. Christianity has grown from that time, and "truth though crushed to earth will rise again." Although the Latter-day Saints may be robbed of their rights and privileges, and although the Supreme Court of the United States may hold constitutional a test oath which deprives them of their rights and liberties in Utah Territory, yet the day will come when those rights and liberties will be once more restored to us.

We are told that the Latter-day Saints do not love their country; but I here declare—and every Latter-day Saint can echo the sentiment—that we do love the institutions of our country, and we will yet live to show that we are ready and willing to stand upon the platform that men are entitled to rights,