

We read in the Bible that the Lord told Joshua to sanctify Israel, for says he, "there is no accu-

ed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel." And on the morrow they sanctified themselves by stoning

to death Achim the son of Carai, who stole the wedge of gold and Babylonish garment. They also stoned to death his wife and his children, his oxen and his asses, and burnt them with fire, together with his tent, the silver, the gold, and the garment in the valley of Acher.

Thus all Israel put to death the transgressor, and sanctified themselves before the Lord.—Would it not be an excellent course to pursue with this people, to sanctify them to the fullest extent of the word?

There are individuals in these valleys who profess to be Latter Day Saints—but do they by their works make their profession honorable? No, their works, and their profession are very dissimilar indeed. I think it would be an excellent thing for this people to be sanctified from such persons.

You may say, "you might put this into practice—but it would extend to many who are *passing thro'* here, who steal and plunder, and drive away

cattle and horses;" but let me inform you, that there are many instances of that kind, where they are encouraged, or property put into their hands by characters who dwell here, and profess to be Saints.

When you undertake to prune a diseased tree,

you commence your operations at the root of the evil, and continue to trim it out to the top of the tree, or as far as it extends, and throw the diseased branches into the brush heap and burn them, as I used to do when I was logging, and thou take

the ashes and make pot ash, and soap with them, and then cleanse away filthiness with it. This is what I call sanctification.

So you see I am in full fellowship with my brethren, tho' I was not here last Sunday when the subject was introduced. I can bear testimony

to every word they said as being true, because I never knew them to tell a lie. My feelings are, I wish to God wickedness was done away from our midst. My brethren and myself have often reflected and remarked upon the happiness we

Previous to our coming to these valleys, I have wished, and prayed, that when we went to the valleys, there would not any of the wicked men

sous follow us, who are eternally hanging on our skirts. These are my feelings and desires now and the earnest wishes of hundreds and thousands of men and women who dwell in these valleys.

I know there is a good people here; a better

people than dwell in any other portion of the world. And the emigrants who are going to California are perfectly astonished when they arrive here, to see that we are a civilized people. They are astonished beyond measure, as they gaze upon this people whom they supposed to be poor.

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miserial, outcast race of beings. Did any of
them ever go into a city where there was more
peace, and prosperity, and as few loafers, since
they were born? We never saw any loafers in
our streets, until they came. I am not saying

viewed they entertain about us. They have ex-
pressed in many times, that they never were as
astonished as when they came into these valleys;
and found a civilized and industrious people;
people who know how to build up a city, and to

people, who are now to stand up a city, a corporate it, and enforce the laws; and a day will come when we shall put them in force more strictly. God is only waiting upon you in his compassion, that peradventure you may repent of and forsake all evil, and turn to him.

We are the people of God; we are the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—the foundation of which in these last days, was begun by the Almighty sending an holy angel to Joseph Smith to reveal to him his will, and establish the everlasting gospel that was preached in the days

of Jews, even faith, repentance, and the laying on
of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost, and the
ordaining of Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, Evan-
gelists, Pastors, Patriarchs, Bishops, Deacons,
Priests, and Elders.

This is the true Church of God, altho' there may be a few in the valleys who do not live up to their holy profession; but because they are unfaithful to their God, and to their religion, it does not effect in the least the truthfulness of the principles of heaven. I see some turn away from the

church because of the conduct of others. This has nothing to do with our faith; but we are to have our faith grounded. It is for us to dig deep and lay our foundation upon a rock, that when the winds blow, and the storms and hurricanes

I will tell you gentlemen,—I address myself to those who have nothing to do with us as a people—this is the Church and Kingdom of our God;—and the day will come eventually, when the

tions and kingdoms of the earth will become the "kingdoms of our God and his Christ." This doctrine is found in this good old book, the Bible, wherein all of you profess to believe, and have to kiss, to give validity to your oaths, when you are

We believe in every man having his rights, and being sustained in them. And we wish you to understand, that we are not exactly such a people as many suppose.

It is believed in the world that our females are all common women. Well in one sense they are common—that is, they are like all other women, suppose, but they are not unclean, for we wipe all uncleanness from our midst; we not only wipe

them from our streets, but we wipe them out of existence. And if the world want to practice uncleanliness, and bring their prostitutes here, if they do not repent, and forsake such sins, we will wipe the evil out. We will not have them in this valley, unless they repent: for so help me God, while

Such things cannot exist here. The civil authorities will never make a law admitting of prostitution in the City of the Great Salt Lake—

never can be permitted while we live. We know it is the custom among some nations to authorize by law such abominations, giving licenses to houses of ill fame. But remember, if ever it is allowed among this people, it will be when righteousness has ceased to dwell in their midst. It never

can be allowed in this community in male or female, whether they belong to the Church or not, and we will wipe out such abominations, the Lord being our helper.

That is sanctification. Our holy religion is to

...purity, pure, cleanse, and sanctify this people.—
We care not what people think or say about our
course in this respect. It is our religion, and we
will not have corruption where we dwell, if we
can help it. That is one reason we were not
permitted to live in the State;—we were deter-

ined, by the help of God, to be virtuous men and women; so they drove us from time to time, and from place to place, until they drove us into the mountains; and I assure you, I for one feel thankful to my God that I live in these mountains, as the Lord has said, when he said, "I will dwell in the high and lofty place."

The Lord has led us up stairs until we have entered into the chamber; and for Heaven's sake let us not pollute it, for fear we shall be led down stairs again. We are now high up towards the

presence of the Lord, and he feels to bless us, and his hand is over us for good, and he will curse every hand that is raised against us, if we will do right; and our enemies will go backwards and not forwards.

My prayer is, by night and by day, that every man and woman that blesses this people, and desires to do them good, may be blessed of the Lord.