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HOW THE GOSPEL SHOULD BE PREACHED

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Method by Which the Elders Should Travel-To Take Neither Purse Nor Scrip - Elders Sent Out to Prove the World -Take No Thought What Ye Shall Say - Gospel Must be Preached as a Witness - Early Experiences - Faith of the Elders Tested-Many Nations Yet to be Warned - Exhortation to Greater Zeal.

I feel led this afternoon to read some | prisonment, I do not see that it will extracts from the revelations which God has given unto this Church concerning the preaching of the Gospel, The Lord says:

Therefore ... ye into all the world, and whatsoever place ye cannot go into ye shall send, that the testimony of the Gospel may go from you into all the world unto every creature. (Revelation given September, 1832; Section st of Doc. and Cov., v. 62.)

He gave unto His Elders the method which they should travel and make the Gospel known unto the inhabitants of the curth.

"And in whatsoever house ye enter, and they receive you, leave your blessing upon that house;

And in whatsoever house ye enter. and they receive you not, ye shall de-part speedily from that house, and whake off the dust of your feet as a stimony against them;

And you shall be filled with joy and and you shall be then you for any and gladness; and know this out in the day of judgment you shall be the judges of that house, and condemn

And it shall be more tolerable for the heathen in the day of judgment than for that house; therefore gird up your oins and be faithful, and ye shall overcome all things, and be lifted up at the list day. Even so. Amen. (Revela-tion given January, 1832; Section 75 of

one and Cov., vs. 19-22.) And again I say unto you, my riends, (for from henceforth I shall all you friends), it is expedient that I give unto you this commandment, that become even as my friends in the we when I was with them traveling preach the Gospel in my power For I suffered them not to have purse or scrip, neither two coats;

Behold I send you out to prove the world, and the laborer is worthy of his bire.

And any man that shall go and preach this Gospel of the kingdom, and all not to continue faithful in all things, shall not be weary in mind, neither darkened, neither in body, limb, per joint; and an hair of his head shall not fall to the ground unnoticed. And they shall not go hungry, neither

Therefore, take no thought for the morrow, for what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, or wherewithal ye shall

For consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toll not, neither do they spin; and the kingdoms of the world, in all their glory, are not arrayed

harm Elders to be imprisoned. I know it is very painful and irksome to be deprived of one's liberty, for I have tried it. But if any man in this Church exocts that this Gospel will be preached to the inhabitants of the earth without there being painful circumstances connected with it, it seems to me he is very much mistaken. I expect it will cost a great there I expect it will cost a great deal of gelf-sacrifice and suffering to warn the inhabitants of the earth as God hus commanded us, especially in going to lands that are locked up, so to speak, against the truth, the people of which will do all in their power to pre-vent the propagation of the truth among them. I think we ought to be prepared to lay down our lives, if it be necessary to the preaching of this lospel, and not to be afraid of such a result. According to the accounts giv-en, the Twelve Apostles who lived in the days of Jesus were all slain, ex-cepting John, and they tried to kill bim; and they were martyred because they told the truth and preached the ospel of the Son of God with great lainness. There was a charge upon them that they should testify to the thuth of the Gospel that Jesus revealed, and they were treated with great sever-ity and persecuted. We have an ac-count in the Testament of some of their persecutions, but the greater part of that which they endured is not written. Peter was crucified, we are told, with his head downwards, at his own request, because he considered hitoself unworthy to be crucified as His Lord and Master was. Paul was beheaded. Andrew was crucified. Others of the Apostles were put to death in various ways, The Prophets of old were also spain. It has come down to us that Isalah, one of the greatest Prophets that ever lived, was sawn asunder. He laid down his life for the truth, as and down his fife for the truth, as other Prophets have done both before and since his day. And if we as Elders expect to preach this Gospel to the world without suffering persecution and performance doubted by the second seco perhaps death, we certaintly have not comprehended the character of our mis-

comprehended the character of our his-sion. It is said that if the Elders were to go to a number of countries where the Gospel has not been proclaimed they would be imprisoned. Suppose they would be, what difference does that make? Are we to hesitate about going to a country and warning the peo-ple because we fear that imprisonment ill follow? Certainly not. I do not believe that we will ever go where God and Christ are in the celestial king-dom unless we have manifested our illingness to lay down our lives for the truth. We will be tested to 866 the truth. We will be tested to see whether we love our lives better than we do the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and some may have to lay down their lives. In that re-spect we must not expect that we went there. are any better than our predecessors. GOSPEL MUST BE PREACHED AS A WITNESS. This Gospel of the kingdom has to be preached to all nations as a witness. Who shall preach it? The men who have received the Priesthood. It is have received the Priesthood. their duty to do so, and God will hold them accountable unless they do it. know this to be true. And we shall preach the Gospel, too, without purse and scrip, according to the revelations which God has given unto us. Now, instead of lingering year after year in untries that have heard the Gospel for fifty or sixty years, we should have a desire to go among other peoples who have not been warned. How soon we could warn a city or a village if we were to adopt the plan that God has marked out! If people do not receive us and our message, go on to those who will. Go from house to house; not, how-ever, in haste, for the Lord has commanded us not to preach the Gospel in haste, and the people must be thoroughly warned. Until the Civil War broke out the Eld. ers of this Church went out in that fashion. I was presiding in Europe in 1860-4. Money at that time became in 1860-4. Money at that time became more pientiful in this country, and some of the Elders over there began to receive funds from their parents, with which they might travel and see Europe. By degrees this fashion has grown, until now it is almost universal, Well, I do not believe in it. Up to that time we all preached the Gospel with-out purse and serie, and you know out purse and scrip, and you know how successful the work was. That fashion was then introduced, innacently enough and without any wrong intention: but it has had a demoralizing ef-fect upon the Elders of this Church. I noticed the effect it had in Europe on the few who received money from home the few who received money from home while I was there; in almost every in-stance it injured the man's usefulness, and took from him his zeal, and his faith to a certain extent. Why should a man exercise faith for the Lord to provide him with friends to entertain him when he had plenty of money in his pocket? Why should he follow the method the Lord set forth, and do as He commanded, when he was independ-ent as to whether the people would re-

In a very shabby condition. Brother | rest. We have to do our duty, so that F. A. Hammond, who now presides no people will be able to say that they over the San Juan Stake, remarked a number of times that I needed some iew clothes, and he did not know what was going to do if I did not get some boon. Well, I did not notice it + very nuch. I said to him that the clothes

would come all right, though I did not know where they would come from, for the people were very poor. I prayed to the Lord about it; for in all my minis-I never called upon the people for anything except to entertain me. I could not ask them for money or for lothing, and the Lord spared me in hat respect. But I prayed to the Lord most earnestly. At last, when it seemed as though something had to be done, I received a present of a suit of clothes. If it had come from heaven, it would not have been more surprising and welcome than it was,

FAITH OF THE ELDERS TESTED.

I might enumerate numbers of cases of this kind. What effect does this have Elders? It tests their faith. They have to exercise faith before the Lord to furnish them with the things they d. This whole afternoon and even-could be occupied by Elders in relating instances of the wonderful man-ner in which the Lord has opened their way and furnished them means. At one ime it was deemed necessary on the Sandwich Islands to buy a press, paper, and all the material necessary to run a printing office, for the purpose of printing the Hawalian translation of the Book of Mormon. It seemed impossible to raise the means among a possible to raise the means allows a people who were so poor that they would go to law over the price of a chicken; but the Lord opened the way before us, and we succeeded in accom-plishing what was desired. When it came to returning from our missions, the Lord was sought for, and it was marvelous how the Elders were furhished means with which to return home. The Elders of this Church in the early days had no other way of traveling and preaching the Gospel.

MANY GREAT NATIONS YET TO BE WARNED.

We have a large portion of the world yet to warn. Instead of crowd-ing into English-speaking countries, it seems to me that our Elders must begin to crowd into lands where the English language is not spoken, and to exercise faith for the gift of tongues, and for the glft of interpretation. These gifts have been given for this purpose.Elders will have to exercise faith before God acquiring foreign languages, so that they can go and warn the people of the earth and carry the glad tidings salvation to them, because God has said that from every land under heaven there shall be people gathered to swell the hosts of Zion. Every nationality, must be visited; and when we can-not go, as the Lord has told us, we must send His word, and not have it as to the new Lords for the term as it is now. Lands famous in history, people the most elevated, according to civilized standards, have never heard the Gospel in their own tongue! God has commanded us that we must preach the Gospel to every land, to every people; and where we have men join the Church belonging to a foreign nation, as soon as they are able and qualified they should be sent to their land to bear testimony of what God has revealed to them. As the Lord has said, let every man be warned and warn his neighbor. It is incumbent upon every man to warn his neighbor, and in this manner to spread the knowledge of the Think of the lands that at Gospel. them, while in other lands the Elders are crowded, withhowever, accomplishing much. True, they are warning the people; but the people can be warned far quicker if we will follow the command of God, and our garments will be clean from the blood of this generation, which is a very important thing for all of us. And liberty will follow us. You know how it was in Germany when our Elders first

no people will be able to say that they never heard of the work God is doing in the earth. EXHORTATION TO GREATER ZEAL

I would like to see our young men take upon themselves this labor more zeal than they have done. Many have manifested great courage and determination, and have gone forth fear-lessly; but there are too many, it seems to me, who do not look upon missions in the right light. Some want to go to Germany, or to some other country, be-cause they will have a good time there spend money, and see the eights of Europe. That is not the proper feeling to have, nor is it the way in which to preach the Gospel. Every Elder should go forth filled with burning geal, valu-ing the souls of the children of men as

riccless in the sight of God, and deter ained to do his best to save the peopl from the evils that are impending. With such a desire for the salvation of man tind, he will be willing to lay down h If necessary, for the cause of God I have said several times of late that if the Lord would grant me health I would just as soon go on a mission now is any time in my life; for there is no labor equal to that of preaching this Gospel There is no loy equal to that experi-enced by a faithful servant of God in proclaiming salvation to the inhabitant of the earth. Our young men should be filled with love for the couls of men, and not think of their own pleasure, and not think of the enjoyment which they are going to have when they get to Germany, or to Great Britain, or to some other country where they can spend money and have a good time. T tell you it is contrary to the will of God to preach the Gospel in that way, or to have that spirit. There are too many Elders in some places, and yet they are writing for more and more. They no doubt tract the country, but the fruits are not commensurate to the labors per-formed. I think we will have to thin them out of those lands and send them elsewhere. Who is in Portugal, in France, or in the Danubian principal ties? Who is in Spain? Of course, with the present feeling there against Amercans, it would not be wise to send Elders there. But who is in Hungary? Who is in Poland? Who is in Russia, with its millions of people? Are there honest souls in those lands! Are there none that will be delighted to hear the glad tidings of salvation? Perhaps thous-ands of them are offering prayers to God, as they did in America when this Course was first revealed as these did is Gospel was first revealed; as they did in Great Britain, in Scandinavia, and in other lands-offering prayers to God to open the way for them to know the truth as it was taught in uncient days by the servants of God. Brethren and sisters, to me this is a most serious subject. It induces solemn reflections. I have felt greatly im-pressed for a long time upon it. There is a great deal to be said about if, but probably enough has been said now; at any rate, the time for closing our meet.

ing has nearly arrived. But I would like to arouse this feeling in the breasts of our young men, that they may grow up with a desire to preach this Gospel, warn the people everywhere, and to do it according to the rotaniand of God. Let them put their trust in Him, and He will open the way for them. He never has failed yet to fulfill His prom-ises. He has furnished Elders money. clothing and food, and He has opened doors before them, because they went as His servants, praying and weeping as they went, and God has rewarded them by giving them souls for their hire, and they will rejoice in the kingdom of Goo with these souls who have been brought to the knowledge of the truth through their testimonies and labors. This will be a happy time for them. We have the example of all the early Elders in this Church before us to account this Church before us to encourage us We need not think that God's arm is shortened and He cannot defend us now as much as He ever could. He is not





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"Neither take ye thought beforehand what ye shall say, but treasure up in our minds continually the words of life, and it shall be given you in the very hour that portion that shall be nated unto every man." (Revelation given September, 1832; Section 84 of Doc and Cov., vs. 77-85.)

TREASURE UP WORDS OF LIFE.

This last paragraph contains a very ctant command. It was carried by the Elders in the early days of the Church. I do not know how gen-stally it is observed today. I sometimes the Church. have thought that many of our Elders fallen into the fashion of taking thought beforehand what they shall say, and preparing themselves to address orgregations. Some things have come to my knowledge that have suggested such a thought to me, and I have felt for some time that I would call attenon to this command which God has given so emphatically unto His people. The Lord however, did not expect His servants to be idle and not exercise their brains; for they were commanded to "treasure up in your minds continu-ally the words of life, and it shall be given unto you in the very hour that offion that shall be meted unto every man.

The revelation goes on:

Therefore let no man among you, (for this commandment is unto all the faithful who are called of God in the hurch unto the ministry), from this hour take purse or scrip, that goeth forth to proclaim this Gospel of the kingdom."

That is a very emphatic statement.

Behold, I send you out to reprove the world of all their unrighteous deeds, and to teach them of a judgment which

And whose receiveth you, there I will also, for I will go before your face: will be on your right hand and on ur left, and my Spirit shall be in hearts, and mine angels round about you, to bear you up. "Whoso receiveth you receiveth me, and the same will feed you, and clothe

and give you money.

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is not my disciple; by this you may know my disciples.

He that receiveth you not, go away rom him alone by yourselves, and leanse your feet even with water, pure , whether in heat or cold, and testimony of it unto your Father which is in heaven, and return not again unto that man. And in whatsoever village or city ye

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And if any man shall give unto any of you a cost, or a sult, take the old and cast it unto the poor, and go your MAY rejoicing." (Doc, and Cov., section

These extracts are from the word of Lord to His people. Of late my upon these points. All my missionary experience, and the experience of comconformed directly to these It is said that now it is impossilospel in that man on must have some money or they arrest you and put you in prison as a vagrant, and perhaps expel you from the country. Of course, where the rules and laws of a country are of this character there should be exceeding strat care taken to avoid being en-trapped. But if, when wisdom is ex-ercised and all done that should be done, it be necessary then to suffer iment as to whether the people would re-ceive him or not? EXPERIENCES OF EARLY ELDERS

I am positive that we could do a greater work in warning the inhabitants of the earth by adhering to the word of the Lord. I do not want to cast any reflections at all upon that which has been done or is being done; I simply debeen done or is being done; i simply de-sire to call attention to the old way. There is not a man who preached this Gospel in the early days but preached it in the way pointed out by the revela-tions, and God has prospered them in doing so. They know He has opened their way, and has pointed out to them His disciples. He has given them a sure sign by which they might know His dis-ciples—they would receive them and ensign by which they might know His dis-ciples—they would receive them and en-tertain them. We have proved this time and time again. The Lord says, "Be-hold I send you out to prove the world, and the laborer is worthy of his hire." One of the objects of our going out is to prove the world, and to gather out those who are willing to receive the Gospel. I know that I, as well as many others, have taken great pleasure in doing as the Lord has commanded in this matter. When people have re-ceived me, even before they were bapthis matter, when people have baj-ceived me, even before they were baj-tized. I have read to them that which I have read this afternoon, "By this yo may know my disciples," and I tell you It filled their hearts with gladness to think they had done something accord-ing to the word of the Lord. I think that on my first mission we had as many difficulties to encounter as any missionaries could have but we never missionaries could have, but we never went hungry or naked. We were fur-nished with that which was necessary.

it was all that was essential to enable us to fill our missions. We exercised falth, and we saved souls. I remember on one occasion, while out on that mission, my clothes were getting

It may not have been good always, hul

They were rejected had to work by stealth. Brother Maeser, Brother Schoenfeld, and others who were baptized there, had to be baptized secretly. The Elders were scarcely known, if they had been they would probably have been expelled. As it was, many suffered imprisonment, and others were banished. But the preaching of the Gospel and the appearance of the Elders in that land, and their willingness to suffer imprisonment, have had the effect to increase liberty there. The Elders have more liberty now than they ever had. If imprisonment has to be ubmitted to, why let the Elders go and he imprisoned, trusting in God to defend and save them, and to open the way be-fore them that they may gather out even though it be but a few souls from each nation. The preaching of the Gos-pel now is like the gleaning of grapes after the vintage is over. That is the comparison used by the prophet, and a nost striking one it is. Brother Barker most striking one it is. Brother Barker has told us about their labors in Aus-tralia. The bulk of the people reject the Gospel; but they find a few honest souls. That is our position. We do not expect to convert all the inhabitants of the earth; but we expect to warn them. We expect to gather out every honest

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ast degree. If we will put our trust in lim He will furnish us. Then when Him He will furnish us. our Elders come back, having traveled in this manner and tested the Lord in various ways, they will be full of faith and be mighty men in the earth. It is this that has constituted the strength of the people in the past. When Bri ham, Heber, and the rest of the Twel left Nauvoo, they were men who had proved God. They knew that He heard and answered their prayers, and that He would open their way. They were men of mighty faith, and that faith had been gained by doing the very things that God commanded them to do. So it has been sinc

I know that the First Presidency and many other leading brethren, in their missionary labors, traveled and preach. ed as the Lord has commanded in His revelations; and it has been a great help to our faith, for we have proved the Lord. In this way we have also proved the inhabitants of the earth wherever we have labored.

I pray God to bless us and fill us with His Holy Spirit, and enable us to live by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God, and eventually to be saved and exalted in His presence, which I humbly ask in the name of soul, and the Lord will deal with the | Jesus. Amen.

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