

twelve tribes of Israel, because they were righteous in the latter days.

Following this, John says:

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

"Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of his judgment is come."

Again, John says:

"And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

Following this, he speaks of the reaping down of the earth and of the judgments of God which were to come upon the inhabitants thereof.

In fulfilment of the declaration of St. John, the angel of God has flown through the midst of heaven. He has delivered the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the inhabitants of the earth, and revealed unto them the word of the Lord. The Holy Priesthood has also been restored. This Gospel was to be preached "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." It has now been preached almost sixty years—from the organization of the Church until today; and in fulfilment of the revelations of these inspired Prophets and Apostles, a multitude of people are today gathered together in these valleys of the mountains. In fulfilment of those revelations I stand today in this Tabernacle, which the prophet saw was to be built upon the tops of the mountains, as a covering from the heat and the storm. In this Tabernacle today, also, are ten thousand Latter-day Saints, which is a witness to Jew and Gentile of the fulfilment of the promises of God. Yet the infidel says, "Behold, there is no God." The man who says there is no God is a fool. We are here in fulfilment of prophecy and revelation. We have received the Gospel of Christ. The Kingdom of God has been organized. It is rolling on; and it will continue to roll on until this scene is wound up.

Now, I want to give a little exhortation to my brethren. Brother George Q. Cannon touched upon a very important principle this forenoon—a principle which has often rested upon my mind; that is, with regard to the spirits that surround us. He said that one-third of the hosts of heaven were cast out because of their rebellion. I suppose we may say that at least one hun-

dred thousand millions were cast down from heaven to earth. Where are they? Some are in Salt Lake, some in New York, some in Amsterdam, some in Constantinople, some in Jerusalem; in fact, they are in every city and hamlet wherein the inhabitants of the earth dwell, and especially where there are any Latter-day Saints. And whether there are one hundred or not to every man, woman and child, there are enough of them, at least, to labor for our overthrow. I say to my Counselors, to the Apostles, to the Seventies, the High Priests, the Bishops, and all men who bear the Holy Priesthood, do you suppose these devils are around us without trying to do something? Are they asleep? Have they not a work to perform? I say to my brethren who bear the Priesthood, we have got a mighty warfare to wage with these spirits. We cannot escape it. What will they do to you? They will try to make us do anything and everything that is not right. These devils would be very glad to make me and my brethren think we are great men, smarter than any one else; to divide us one against the other, and to cause us to seek to confess our brother's sins instead of our own. We should therefore watch ourselves well. I should do this; my Counselors and the Apostles should; we all should. And unless we are united together, as has been said before, we are not the Lord's. But today we have certainly manifested a union here that the world is not acquainted with. We have, however, a mighty responsibility resting upon us. The eyes of all the heavenly hosts are upon us. The eyes of Father Allan, and the patriarchs and prophets, both ancient and modern, who have gone to the other side of the veil, are over us. And if our eyes are open to comprehend the things of God, we can comprehend our responsibilities; we can comprehend the powers of the Holy Priesthood and the relationship which we sustain to God. We certainly should humble ourselves before the Lord. We should labor with all our might to build up the Kingdom of God in what little time we have to spend here in the flesh. Our aim is high. We aim at eternal life; we aim at immortal glory; we aim at a place in the celestial Kingdom of our God, with God and Christ and those who have kept the celestial law. In order to get there, we have got to keep the same law that has exalted

those who have gone before us. This is not our home. We were kept in the spirit world until this generation, and have been brought forth, through the loins of Joseph and Ephraim, to stand in the flesh and to bear off the Kingdom, to hold the Holy Priesthood, to do the works of righteousness, to build temples, to redeem our dead, and to attend to those ordinances which the God of heaven has declared we shall perform. This is our work. We have a long eternity before us. But all of us will have to meet at the bar of God—the righteous and the wicked, those who are living and those who are dead.

This is the condition of the Latter-day Saints. I hope that we may escape the power of the enemy. As was said here this forenoon, it matters but very little what may take place outside of Zion, or outside of the Kingdom of God. The God of Israel holds the destiny of this nation; He holds the destiny of this people, and of all men on the face of the earth. They are at His command and in His power. He will hold this nation, as He did Jerusalem, responsible for the course they pursue with regard to the Latter-day Saints. We also will be held responsible for the course we pursue. The Lord has led this Church from its organization until the present day. He will lead it until the coming of the Son of Man. He is not going to desert His people nor His cause. But it is our duty to plead with the Lord, remember our prayers, keep our covenants, and walk perpetually before Him, that we may have His favor and blessing resting upon us.

I wish to say with regard to the rising generation—the sons and daughters of the Latter-day Saints—that they should take the counsel of their fathers; they should honor their parents, and honor God, and receive such counsel as is given unto them by wise men. I think many times that our children do not comprehend the position they occupy. They do not comprehend what lies before them. Their fathers are passing away. Yet this Kingdom has got to remain on the earth until the coming of the Son of Man. This work has got to follow their fathers; it has got to rest upon the sons and daughters of Zion. I have a great desire that the institutions which have been organized in Zion for their welfare may be blessed; that our sons and daughters may attend the Primaries, the Sabbath Schools and Mutual Improve-