

healing of the sick and miracles. But we obeyed the word and proved all these things, and in this way obtained redemption from death. We could not obtain it in any other way. It is the doctrine of Christ that all mankind must repent, must be baptized for the remission of sins, must receive the efficacy of the precious blood of Christ and fellowship of the Holy Ghost, that they may be redeemed of God. This message is to all, priest and people.

The difference between the Latter-day Saints and the world is that we have received this Gospel and the world has not. We have come out of the various sects and systems that we belonged to. The Lord has converted us, and drawn us into His fold, and He has given us a living testimony. All mankind can have the same, if they earnestly and sincerely desire it. The reason our young men go out to proclaim these principles is that those who desire to obtain eternal life and a standing in the kingdom of God may have it.

Therefore, I say, we who are the redeemed of the Lord, we who are striving to prepare ourselves for His kingdom and coming, we who have separated ourselves from the world and cannot associate with them in any of their iniquities, we can rejoice in the Lord, and we can patiently wait for His kingdom and coming; for if we pass behind the veil we shall come with Him, and if we are here, we shall meet Him when He comes. What is going to give us this right? Because we have accepted of His doctrine and have obeyed these everlasting conditions. If we had rejected them, we would have no such hopes. Our Christian friends say, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. That is what we are preaching all the time. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and cease believing in the doctrines of men. Accept the doctrine of Christ, and that will give you redemption from death, a glorious resurrection, and a hope for the marriage supper of the Lamb, which you never can obtain by preaching and believing false doctrines. How can we ever be sanctified by the truth unless we have the truth? I bear testimony that we have the truth. That intelligence has come to us. Scholastic attainments alone cannot be called true intelligence. No matter how corrupt a man may be, he can obtain scholastic education; but the intelligence that comes from God is only understood by the pure in heart, those who love Him and keep His commandments. He gives them eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to understand. The highest intelligence is to know things as they have been, as they are, and as they will be, by the power of the Spirit of God. But the world will not have this. It is not popular. The doctrine of Christ never was popular, and never will be until we all see eye to eye, and there is a separation of the wheat from the tares. As long as they grow together there always will be opposition against the truth. What does the history of the world teach us? That there has always been anti-Christ; and anti-Christ is everything that is opposed to Christ and regards the doctrine of Christ as non-essential. Those who are for Christ believe in His doctrine and in living it. But those who love the world and the things of the world do not have the love of God in their hearts. If we loved the world, the love of God would not be with us. Our ambition should be to please God, to keep His commandments, and to see His righteousness established upon the face of the earth, because it brings happiness. The love of the

world does not bring happiness. The greatest happiness that anyone can enjoy is godliness with contentment, and to visit the widow and the fatherless, and keep ourselves pure and unspotted from the world. That produces the most unalloyed happiness that we can attain to.

Jesus said that whoso would do the will of the Father should know of His doctrine, and we know that Jesus spoke the truth. How do we know it? By our experience. We know that Jesus is the Christ, and that Joseph Smith was a true prophet sent of God to usher in a dispensation of the fulness of times. We never could have been born of the water and of the spirit if we had not accepted this doctrine. If there had been no Priesthood there would have been no ordinances. If there had been no ordinances there would be no redemption, because unless a man is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness." That is the way with the Latter-day Saints today. We testify what we do know and what we have seen. We plead with men to be reconciled to God, and to accept these glorious principles, that they may enjoy the happiness which—experience, and have the same living testimony. What a shame it would be, my brethren and sisters, if we did not value these blessings. Do we value these privileges? Do we appreciate this glorious redemption? And do we manifest unto Him our appreciation by keeping His commandments? Are we magnifying our callings? If we are ward teachers, are we faithful in visiting the flock entrusted to us? Do we visit the widow and the fatherless? Do we comfort the hearts of the oppressed and the distressed? Are we seeking the welfare and blessing of the families entrusted to our care, by seeing that everything is in order, and that their children attend the Primaries, the Sabbath schools and the Mutual Improvement Associations, according to their age? Do we see that there is no hardness of heart, no backbiting, no evil speaking? Are we expounding the Scriptures? Are we showing the value of a well spent life? Are we in our lives, in our ministry and in our teachings portraying the life of Jesus Christ? This question comes to all individually. Am I doing this? We want to work out our own salvation, to magnify the everlasting Priesthood, to be true and faithful to the promises we have made to God, to serve Him and keep His commandments. It is the only way to be saved. The Lord says if we will love Him and keep His commandments He will raise us up at the last day. He provides for us today also. There is nothing that we have but He has provided for us. He brought us into His Church. He gathered us to Zion. He gave us the Priesthood. He gave us our endowments and the blessings and keys of everlasting lives. He gave us our companions and our children. And all that He asks from us is that we will give Him our hearts and keep His commandments. He desires us to consecrate to Him one-tenth of everything He gives us to demonstrate to Him that we appreciate His blessings. He has told us to do this that the land of Zion may be sanctified unto Him and His statutes and His judgments may be kept thereon that it may be most holy. Don't you want His statutes to be kept? Don't you want His power to be made manifest? Don't you want redemption for the living and the dead? These are the questions that come to us individually. How are we living? Are we in har-

mony with these everlasting principles? For we are living in the last days—in the days of wickedness and vengeance. We are living in the days when the Lord is going to pour out His judgments upon the people of the world, preparatory to the second coming of the Messiah. Every intelligent man and woman realizes that the time is short, and that we have no time to waste.

The testimony that was borne here in relation to the people of Scotland observing the Sabbath day I can endorse. I labored in Scotland a few years myself, and the people there believe in keeping holy the Sabbath day. The Latter-day Saints here believe in keeping the Sabbath day holy. It is the latter day sinners that do not. If we are Sabbath-breakers, we shall have to suffer the penalty. There are penalties for the transgressor. It is not worth while to break the commandments of God. It is wiser to keep ourselves clean and have the Sabbath day for what it was intended—a day of rest, a day of peace, a day to associate ourselves together and hear the word of the Lord, to partake of the Sacrament—the emblems of the death and suffering of the Savior. There are plenty of days to have all the enjoyment we need; "but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work." The Lord requires that of His people; and I want you to understand that His people keep that commandment. The Lord's own do not break that commandment. I remember on one occasion I was called to attend the funeral of a man who had been out shooting on the Sabbath day and had accidentally got shot. Did he not pay the penalty of his wrong doing? But how many have broken the Sabbath day and have as yet paid no penalty? The Latter-day Saints keep the commandments of God. But the wheat and the tares are growing together, and the tares are sometimes pointed to in order to prove that we are not the Church of God. Individually we have our weaknesses and our idiosyncracies; but the Church of Christ is immaculate, and whose subscribes to these everlasting principles of His Gospel will become everlasting men and women. The Lord Jesus Christ was the prototype. He set the example. We have taken upon us His name, and we have to be Christlike. To these brethren who have come back from missions, where they have had such joy in the service of God, I say, continue in your labors. Go to the Sabbath schools and preach the Gospel to the rising generation. Set an example that you need not be ashamed of in the midst of the people. Mind your own business; attend to your own affairs; work out your own salvation; love God and keep His commandments. In doing this you will keep your armor bright and not become busybodies, nor gossipers, nor faultfinders, nor bearers of false witness against your neighbor.

In conclusion, let me say, my dear brethren and sisters, let us be kind to ourselves; let us patiently work out our own salvation; let us love our wives and children, and treat them with kindness and tenderness, and seek for the salvation of our own households. If we will do this, we will enjoy the blessing of our Father, and we will understand what it means to have that peace which passeth all understanding, which we have a right to have in our households. I pray God that He will be merciful unto us as a people; that He will pardon our transgressions, and blot out our iniquities; that He will give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and understanding hearts; that He will bestow upon us the intelligence that cometh from above, that we may be sanctified by the truth to Him and His service, through Jesus Christ. Amen.