SUNDAY SERVICES.

Religious services were held in the Salt Lake Tabernacle, Sunday, July 16, 1893, commencing at 2 p. m. First Angus M. Cannon, president of the Stake, presided. After singing by the choir, prayer was offered by Bishop Wm. B. Preston. The choir and congregation then joined in singing the hymn, "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning," after which the sacrament was administered, the President of the First ward officiating.

Elder Orson F. Whitney was called to address the congregation. He read from the 27th chapter of St. Matthew, 11th to 15th verse, and 22nd to 25th verse. Said the speaker: There are to the student of the Scriptures three great facts that stand out prominently. First, that God, from the earliest times has had a chosen people on the earth. Second, that He has worked through that people for the salvation of mankind. Third, that having revealed to that people His will, He has required of them a life superior to that of the nations around them.

God chose Abraham and his descendants, that in them all nations of the earth might be blessed. He did not want Israel merely for his own sake. It was not only for a salvation of Abraham's children that God chose them for a peculiar people, but it was for the salvation of the whole world. Abraham understood this, though apparently all his descendants did not. He was chosen to be the father of the faithful, that a lineage might be provided for the Son of God, the Savior of mankind. And not only was Jesus preordained as the Savior before the foundation of the world, but Abraham was also preordained for his mission, as well as many others to play their parts in the great drama of Time. Abraham, in offering Isaac, typified the great offering of the Son of God by His Father. Proving faithful he was promised that his seed should be as numerous as the stars. In Jacob, the son of Isaac, was this promise perpetuated, and from him came the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

The speaker traced the history of the house of Abraham down to the days of the Savior, showing how the Almighty had shaped events with a view to fulfilling His purpose of blessing all nations. The coming of Christ was a fulfillment of the promise of Abraham that in him should all the nations of the earth be blessed.

The Savior taught the Jews to love their enemies—a new doctrine to them. They had been taught to regard as a duty to hate their enemies, to take an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth; to practise the law of retaliation. It was no wonder, therefore, that they were astonished at this doctrine, when He required kindness to be paid even to sinners, who send His rain and sunlight on the evil and on the good. Christ also noticed the people that what their ancestors had done under the teachings of Moses was wicked and vain, that the law of Moses was wrong. But He told them he came to fulfill the law. It had done its work, and a new or higher condition was to supersede the old. It was a declaration that the work of the Lord is progressive and must go on in progression.

This was not the first time that men had been taught to love their neighbors and do unto others as they would that others should do unto them, but it was a new doctrine to the Jews. Confucius had taught it to the Chinese centuries before. God sends great men into all nations to teach them truths essential to their salvation, truths that they are fitted to receive. An example of of this kind was Mohammed, who turned the idolatrous sons of Ishmael to the worship of one God. Mohammed was not a Prophet sent as Moses to Israel, but he did a measure of truth for the people to whom he was sent, and they received according to their capacity.

Some might think it presumptuous for mortal men in sin to become perfect; but that was the doctrine of the Savior. If Christianity, or as it is now called, Mormonism, means anything, it is that men and women, the children of God, may become like their Father and Mother in heaven; that the difference between them is merely a matter of education and development. It was to further this development that the Savior taught His disciples to love their enemies and not hate them. We are not expected to become perfect all at once, but are expected to advance and approximate toward perfection day by day.

The Lord told the Israelites, through Moses and the Prophets, that if they kept His law they should be free, but if they did not they should be scourged, brought into bondage, and carried into captivity. Their history from Joshua down is one of scourges and bondage for their wickedness, and of deliverance and freedom when they turned again to the Lord. The words of the Prophets were not fulfilled. Israel eventually was taken from his own land and scattered among all nations. A small portion only was left in the promised land, for a blessing through which might come the Savior. Not only was the house of Israel scattered on the eastern hemisphere by the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities, the taking away of the Ten Tribes and the final dispersion of the Jews, but a portion beyond the western hemisphere, in fulfilment of the Book of Mormon, gives a history, and the Aborigines Indians are their descendants. A time is now in the wilderness of Israel. It was foretold by those who spoke as the mouthpieces of God, that in the latter days Israel should again be gathered. These, the speaker believes, are the latter days. When the Jews will return Jerusalem, when the children of Joseph will build up Zion on the American continent, when the Ten Tribes will be brought from the north, and Israel gathered from every land. It will be the whole work of time to fulfill the word of God through the Prophets. Christ is to come in His glory, and it was necessary as a preliminary to follow the Gospel—the old religion, as it was, as Moses came before the everlasting Gospel. Joseph Smith, a literal descendant of Joseph who was sold into Egypt, was chosen to be a Prophet in the dispensation on the same lineage that Abraham was chosen to stand at the head of all the generations.

A work is in progress to prepare the world for the coming of the King of Kings and the advent of the Millennium. The one prepared the way for the Saviour. The latter-day Saints, who are descendants of Abraham, gathered out from all nations to bring about His purposes. Their work is one of peace, good will and salvation, not merely for themselves but for all men. They are elected to be a light for all the rest of the earth, saviors of men. They have their faults, but they are sincere, and their mission is for the good of men and the glory of God. His purpose is not to exalt any one nation and trample the other under your feet, but to lift up all mankind. He has worked to this end from the beginning, using not only Prophets and Priests, but poets, philosophers, statesmen and great men in general. He was with the pilgrim fathers, such as Luther and Wesley. He was with the patriot founders of this nation, and with patriots in the central principles upon which it was founded. He is paving the way for a reign of peace and righteousness, love and sympathy, morals and virtue. He is working in ways we never knew, and a higher one than that of retaliation, the gospel of hate, must be practiced by those who are to be His chosen agents in bringing it about.

The choir sang the anthem, "Behold my power, saith the Lord," and benediction was offered by Elder Henry P. Richards.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

John Frank Allred Crushed by a Falling Log.

Correspondence of the News.

STAKES CITY, JULY 15TH, 1893.—Permit me to say through the columns of your valuable paper for the gratification of the many friends of John Frank Allred who may have heard of his serious accident that he is progressing very favorably under the skillful treatment of Dr. Woodring, coupled with the more powerful remedy applied by "He that spake as never man spoke" when He said "Thy faith hath made the whole." This accident and marvelous escape should have been reported at the time, but no one took it upon himself to do so. He had a number of logs rolled on end for use, with his hay fork, and was up thirty feet arranging matters when the high wind of Tuesday carried the whole thing over. When he found it was going he slid down about fifteen feet, but by this time it was so far over that it swung him under and the log fell on him, crushing his chest and breaking his right leg above the ankle.

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