

gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is a spirit of freedom; and I am going to be free, and not be in bondage any longer. We shall be a free people, if we only do right, and reform and live our religion; and we never will be in bondage again, worlds without end. I most sincerely wish that you so had the Spirit on you that you could see it all, without a man's saying one word, or giving you a single wink.

My forefathers came out of the old world, and some of them were in the American revolution. One of their motives was, 'Go ahead,' and the other was 'Press forward.' Do you not perceive that I possess the same spirit? I am one of the sons of the revolution, and in the first beginning of this church God called upon that class of men, and they are the ones to sustain the constitution of the United States, for they are of the real blood of Israel; and they will raise up a royal priesthood, and you cannot help yourselves. I have 23 boys living and 10 dead, and lots of girls. They were all honestly begotten, and the Almighty will sustain them, and they will be like lions among this generation; they will live to let live, and the world cannot help themselves.

Do I feel as though I ever wanted to stop? I never will; as the Lord lives, I never will stop.—I will always strive to root out iniquity; and Jedediah will work behind the veil, and I will work this side with br. Brigham; and may God aid us, and all who love truth, in bringing to pass righteousness, for his Son's sake.—Amen.

Reformation.

Sung at the Meeting of the 37th Quorum, at Seventies Hall, Dec. 6, 1856.

TUNE—"Paddy Miles."

Oh! now is the time for us all to be proving
Ourselves and determine to whom we belong—

Whether God or the Devil our spirit is moving,
And which we desire, to do right or do wrong:

For the hour is approaching when those who've
neglected

To weigh up themselves, will by others be
weighed

In a balance by which ev'ry fault is detected,
And even the thoughts of the heart are displayed.

CHORUS:

Then—let's wake from our slumbers,
And rise up in numbers,
And prove that we're servants and saints
of the Lord!

The word has gone forth that it is the intention
Of those who now lead us this people to
prove,

And where they discover the seeds of dissen-
tion,

To take proper measures the cause to re-
move—

That is, they've resolved on a grand revolution
In moral, as well as religious complaints;

And mean to eradicate sin and pollution
And sinners themselves from the midst of
the Saints.

'Tis surely no fable our teachers are telling—
The time has arrived when the Saints must
be pure;

Not only each person, but even each dwelling
Must really be clear, or it cannot endure:

Then woe to all those who love filth and cor-
ruption,

Whose thoughts and desires are to evil in-
clined;

But joy and rejoicing without interruption,
All lovers of truth will eventually find.

Yet still there is mercy for those who have
faltered,

If they will give proof of their honest intent,
That what has been wrong in their lives shall
be altered—

Confess all their faults and sincerely repent;
To make them feel free, they will be permitted

To enter the font and be baptized again,
Whereby they may have all their past sins re-
mitted,

Unless blood is needed to take out the stain.

Then who is so foolish as not to take warning,
While mercy's extended to those who repent?

'T would be worse than madness for us to be
scorning

The counsel which for our salvation is sent.
Oh! let us then come to a fixed resolution,

No matter what may be to us the expense,
Wherein we have wronged to make full resti-
tution

And live our religion in every sense.

HENRY MAIBEN.

G. S. L. CITY, Nov. 20, 1856.

REMARKS

By Elder Wilford Woodruff, Tabernacle, Dec. 21, 1856,
Afternoon.

[REPORTED BY GEO. D. WATT.]

We have some few missionaries returned very recently, and I wish to notify them to meet with us on Tuesday evening in the Seventies' Council Hall; and we want all the Bishops in the city and the missionaries who have been appointed to labor here, to meet at the same place, on the same evening.

I attended the High Priests' meeting last evening in company with brs. F. D. Richards and Lorenzo Snow, and I want to say to all the High Priests in this city, I want them to meet with their quorum; and we are going to meet with you; the Twelve will meet with you, and with the Seventies, and I want every man who is a president of Seventies to meet with his quorum at the time appointed. There was not more than half the High Priests out last evening.

We are called upon to wake up and reform and it makes me feel curious when I go into the High Priests' meeting and see not one half of them there when a meeting is held to prepare them to wake up the people.

I want this people to listen to what they have heard to-day. I feel thankful to see br. Kimball again come into this stand. I expressed my feelings when I saw the sacrament removed from the table; I felt that it was a loud sermon to this people; I said I knew not what would come next; I thought likely the Presidency would be removed next from us; not that I expected they would die; br. Grant, however, is gone; the load he undertook to draw killed him—the same load that was pressing the President of this church to the earth, when Jedediah rose up to bear it off; his spirit was strong enough, but as br. Kimball said, his mortal body was not strong enough to bear its weight. The First Presidency have not addressed this people but a little time since the sacrament was removed, therefore I was glad to see and hear br. Kimball to-day.

Although Jedediah has been taken from us, that load, which in a measure has been removed from the Presidency of this church, has not returned onto them and I pray it never may. When Jedediah M. Grant went forth among the people through the north country and this city to carry out the views of President Young, and lifted up his voice like the trump of the angel of God, and called upon the people to awake out of their deep sleep and repent of their sins and turn unto God, the people were so sound asleep that they did not realize the importance of his mission; many felt that his labors and reproofs were unnecessary and uncalled for; the people did not know what he was doing. Had the vision of their minds been open as was br. Grant's, and those who sent him, they would have seen and felt the importance of that mission.

I tell you the people have been asleep, and they are not yet half awake, they have not more than one eye open, and not that quite; when we hear such things as we have to-day, this people have got to wake up to righteousness. I have lived twenty-three years in the church, and I have been acquainted with Prophets and have heard them prophecy, and I have not yet seen their words fall to the ground unfulfilled; and when they speak Israel should hear and obey.

We have been called upon, some of us, as missionaries to the people of this city, to wake them up. We shall be among you, brethren, and we do not intend to let you sleep. Br. Orson Hyde is with us to-day; he has had a dream which refers to the wheat and the thrashing floor. I am glad br. Hyde is with us, and I want to say to you, br. Hyde, in the name of the Lord, wake up and rise up in the midst of your brethren the Twelve, and lead them forth into the field of labor and we will stand by you; if you will lead the Twelve, br. Hyde, in the spirit and power of your calling as an Apostle of Jesus Christ, you will see your brethren by your side; we will back you up, and step forth and help to bear that mighty load which has rested upon the Presidency of the church like a mountain and nearly crushed them to the ground. As a quorum we have got to more fully obtain the spirit and power of our apostleship and take more upon ourselves the care and burden of the church and kingdom of God than we have done.

The Twelve Apostles have got to rise up and magnify their calling or they will be removed out of their place. The High Priests, the Seventies, the Bishops and every other quorum of the church and kingdom of God have got to do the same or they also will be removed; we cannot sleep any longer with the priesthood of Almighty God resting upon us, and the work that is required at our hands. WE CANNOT SLEEP. I do not wonder that calling on the people to wake up has killed one man, and it will kill more if we do not respond to the call; mortality cannot endure the visions of eternity that rests on them when they look on the priesthood and see the position they are in; it has nearly laid br. Young in the grave; he felt he could not live until some man rose up and started the work of reformation.

I know it is my duty to wake up and enter into the labors of my calling, and it is the duty of Elder Hyde, and the duty of every other man in Israel that bears this priesthood to do the same; it is our duty to bear off that burden and labor which has been resting like a mountain upon the leaders of this church. I know they have groaned under the load that has rested on them, when they have seen all Israel going to sleep.

Let the Twelve Apostles, and the Seventy Apostles, and the High Priest Apostles, and all other Apostles rise up and keep pace with the work of the Lord God, for we have no time to sleep. What is a man's life good for, or his words or work good for when he stands in the way of men's salvation, exaltation and glory? They are of no use at all.

As an individual I am determined to wake up and do my duty, God being my helper. I want to see br. Hyde, who is the president of the Twelve, walk into all these quorums and attend their meetings, and we will back him up; I want him to lift up his voice like a trumpet and go to winnowing the wheat; it is for the Twelve to rise up and carry off the load. The Seventies have got to walk up in their place and do their duty. I know God requires this at our hands. The law of God, the holy priesthood, and the holy anointing and washing, and everything else that is holy requires it at our hands. I know this.

It is necessary to reform. The question may be asked, what is the matter? Why, we are asleep; if the eyes of any man or woman is opened as they should be, they could see the things of God as they are in one moment; they

would see there is a necessity of waking up and doing something. Here is a great and mighty dispensation committed into the hands of this people for the living and the dead; the candle of the Lord God is placed in these mountains like a city that is set on a hill that cannot be hid; the work is on your shoulders, ye Priests of the Most High God!—on you rests the salvation of this generation, and the Lord will require this stewardship at your hands.

The Lord has given you the keys of the priesthood with all the blessings pertaining to it—as great and as mighty a work as ever was committed to any man on the earth, and that too in the midst of the last dispensation and fulness of times. The Lord requires us to prepare this generation, both Jew and Gentile, either for salvation or damnation through the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the administering of the ordinances of the House of God, and we go to sleep!—the Apostles go to sleep!—the Seventies go to sleep!—the Elders of Israel close their eyes to slumber, and we the only people God has on the earth, upon whose shoulders he has laid the responsibility of performing this great and mighty work!

Do you wonder that Prophets get up here and chastise, and draw the sword of justice and hold it over our heads? I do not. I wonder that our children at the fire side do not rise up and prophecy, with a voice like thunder and in flames of fire, unto their fathers and mothers; and unto the people of Israel. I know that the counsels we have had here through the mouth of the Prophets of God are just and true. I know that the warning voice that has been heard in this Stand, and the call that has been made on this floor is necessary; and I do hope and pray God that we, as missionaries, will listen to it. I want my brother missionaries in the first place to wake up, and get aroused with the mantle of salvation and Spirit of God ourselves, and get our own armor bright. It has been justly remarked here that we have got to labor ourselves until we get the Spirit of God, and then we can walk out among the people and correct them; but if we as Seventies, as High Priests, and Apostles, and Elders bearing the priesthood, if we are resolved to set our hearts upon things of this earth, without being engaged in the interest of the kingdom of God, what can we expect of the people? Not anything. I desire that we may all wake up, and listen to the counsel of these men who lead us from day to day.

We have no time to lose to prepare ourselves for the things that are coming on the earth; and who wants to lose his crown, his glory, and hope of eternal lives that he has had in days past and gone by receiving the gospel of Jesus Christ? No man that has any portion of the Spirit of God. Let us rise up and magnify our calling, and labor before God until we can get the Holy Spirit, and until our prayers rend the veil of eternity and enter into the ears of the God of Sabaoth and be answered in blessings upon our heads.

When shall the fire be kindled in Zion? I do not mean wild fire—there is a true fire, and that is the fire we need to get, that is necessary to kindle; and if we live up to our privileges, do our duty, walk up to the word of the Lord God and magnify our calling we do know that the blessings of God will attend us, and the sinners in Zion will tremble and fearfulness will surprise the hypocrite; and let what will come, all will be right with the Latter Day Saints.

There are great things awaiting us and the world—the Lord is withdrawing his Spirit from the nations of the earth, his sword is bathed in heaven and will fall upon Idumea or the world; the seals are about to be opened and the judgments of God poured out upon the wicked, for the cup of their wickedness and abominations is filled to the brim and the indignation of the Lord will be poured out without measure.

Let the Saints read the revelations of God and they will see that there are important events at our doors. Let us hearken and wake up, and be doing the things required of us. Let the missionaries first get their lamps trimmed and burning, and then go among the people, and go with the Spirit of God and the salvation of the gospel of Jesus Christ; and let the other quorums do the same; and when you do this you will see a reform, and sin and iniquity cannot abide in our habitations, in our wards, or in our city.

We have sin and sinners among us, and what are we going to do about it? Why, we are going to try to live our religion, and when we do that we shall do right. The business with me is to do right to-day, to live my religion to-day and leave the events with God; he holds the destinies of the nations and of all men; they are in his hand; he made the earth and controls the children of men upon it.

Then let events roll on—if we are only right, all is well. We have got to be tried even unto death. The Lord says he will prove us, and see if we abide in his covenants. There is where we have got to stand as a people, not only our horses, and gold and silver, and land and houses, but our lives have got to lie on the altar, and when anything comes to test us, even at the stake of our lives, we should be in the possession of the Holy Ghost not to flee from it, and such will be crowned with the gift of eternal lives, exaltation and glory.

There is nothing to encourage a man to draw back; there is nothing short of the most damnable principle that dwells in the spirit of devils that would tempt any man to shed the blood of the Lord's anointed, yet men will try to do it. There are men here to-day who will possess that spirit; I believe it; they are in our city. If they shed blood they have got the bill to pay. Let the wicked and the ungodly, who

will not repent, but fight against God, do their worst, their time is short, and the day will come, and that soon, when they will be called to judgment.

I remember what Joseph said, a short time before he was slain in one of the last sermons I ever heard him preach. Says he, 'Men are here to-day who are seeking my blood, and they are those who have held the priesthood and have received their washings and anointings; men who have received their endowments.' I saw the faces of those men at that time and they had a hand in slaying the Prophet. There are men who now possess the same spirit and the same desire. There are men here, too, that have faith, that have the priesthood and the spirit of it, and they will do their duty, and God will sustain them in it, and he will sustain this church and kingdom; let the trials of the Saints be what they will, the kingdom of God is not to be torn down any more at all—it will not again be taken from the earth until it is prepared to receive Christ at his coming.

Let us prepare ourselves and do our duty, and let the High Priests and Seventies go to their meetings, and before you go there, go to work and get the Spirit of God, that when you get there you may not freeze to death. And I want to have the people, when they come here, to get enough of the Spirit of God that when the Presidency rise in this Stand they may give us what is in their hearts. They are filled with blessings for this people. All the trouble is our eyes have been closed, we have been in a deep sleep; let us wake up and attend to our duty, and make it the first business we do.

Those who lay their plans in secret chambers to seek the blood of the Prophets will have their case attended to by messengers on the other side of the veil, ministers will be sent to them who will render unto them a righteous judgment there. I do not want to preach to them here, but to those who want to be saved.

Go to and if you have not the Spirit of God, make it your first business to get it, that your minds may be opened to see the things of God as they are; it is your privilege and mine; that we may be prepared for what is to come.

That this people may repent of all their sins and wake up, and have power to come before God that their prayers may be heard, be prepared to defend the kingdom and never desert their covenants and their brethren, or betray the gospel, but overcome the world and be prepared to become joint heirs with Christ to the fulness of the first resurrection which is prepared for those who keep the commandments of God, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ: Amen.

THE DESERET NEWS.



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GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31.

Eastern Mail.

We are informed by Judge Smith, Postmaster in this city, that he has made arrangements to send out the Eastern Mail on the fifth of January, next Monday, in the event that nothing is seen or heard from the three mails that are now due from Independence, of which there is little or no expectation. Persons wishing to send letters by that route will do well to have them mailed in season on Sunday evening, the fourth.

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG gave an entertainment in his new residence the 'Lion House,' on Christmas evening, to a large number of the missionaries lately returned from foreign missions and a few other brethren, with their wives. Soon after the company assembled the President expressed his gratitude at being able to comfortably entertain so goodly a party, most cordially greeted all with a fatherly welcome and invited them to enjoy themselves with singing and conversation, or with praying and preaching, as might seem to them good; and remarked, as he often does, that in inviting guests to a party the only limitation to number, in his feelings, was the extent of room for their accommodation, hence, had he suitable room, he would never wish to stop until he had invited every Latter Day Saint in all the world.

The time passed with unusual harmony and real enjoyment, enlivened with songs by Elders Dunbar, McAllister and others, the happy reunion conversation of brethren and sisters who had been for some time separated, a short and appropriate speech by Elder J. Ferguson, and an excellent supper most admirably served.

AT A QUARTERLY CONFERENCE held in Kaysville, on the 13th, 14th and 15th inst., Bishop Allen Taylor and Elders Reddick N. Allred, William Payne, Isaac Allred, Robert Skelton, John M. Jones, Joshua Midgley, Hopkins C. Pender, William Butler and Dorr P. Curtis severally gave appropriate instructions and exhortations.