

DISCOURSE

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the most coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
The Saviour should not think He delays
His coming—The work to be accomplished
—Temples arising, built, and many more
will yet be built—Redemption of the dead
—Ezekiel's vision of the valley which was
full of dry bones—How long will it take
to accomplish the work—Until every soul
has had the opportunity of receiving an
obedience to the gospel.

And—this work is a
conclusion. It is
Smith's mission on earth and behind the
veil—Another mission to be undertaken
The resurrection of Joseph Smith might
And—The meaning of the expression
"The coming of the first resurrection"
Conclusion.

Am asked to speak, but I feel in a
dilemma to do so that my speech will be
barren unless the Lord is pleased to
inspire my mind by the Holy Spirit.
I have faith in the hosts of the
people and the Lord is able to give
words of edification and comfort.
I am not, however, impressed with any
of the war, in the way of doing
mine, to speak of the
I have only a feeling to exhort to
general terms.

that every year brings us nearer to the coming of our Lord; that every month and week and day that pass over our heads bring us nearer to the great and important events that must transpire and that it does not become us to take any way to a feeling of apathy and indifference and to say in our hearts, "The Lord delayeth His coming, and that to-morrow will be as this day and much more abundant, and that the next generation will be like the present, and as the world has continued to roll on, as generations have come and generations have gone, so will it continue."

Does not become us to give way to these sentiments and feelings which are common with unbelievers, with the world, or with the unenlightened, who have not a knowledge of God, who have not been favored with the light of revelation, who have not discerned the signs of the times; for we are not children of darkness, but the children of light. Light has come unto us. We have been called out of darkness unto light. We have been translated from the kingdom of darkness unto the kingdom of God's dear Son, and there-

re it may and ought to be said of the saints: "Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." It is written and we expect it to be fulfilled upon the heads of the unbelieving and the wicked, that the Lord will overtake them as a thief in the night. "In such an hour," saith

man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord will find so doing when he shall come? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord will find so doing when he shall come. Verily I say unto you, that he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and will smite him, and will appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. Now therefore be ye ready: for ye know not the day of the Lord's coming. There will be some among the twelve, that there will be some among the twelve apostles, who are called the Twelve Apostles, who are appointed and appointed to this work, and

will be found negligent, who will have forgotten their high and holy calling, who will have laid off their armor of righteousness, who will have become slothful and weary in well doing, and who will have taken to eating and drinking with the drunken and smiting their fellow-servants; but as surely

of God, they will be overtaken when the day of the Lord cometh, and their portion will be appointed with hypocrites and unbelievers. But we hope for better things of the Elders of Israel, of Presidents of Stakes, of Bishops, of High Counselors, of High Priests, of Seventies, of Priests, Teachers and

lents; for we have all been made partakers of this Priesthood, and the blessings of the Lord, directly or indirectly, have been conferred upon us. The work before us is a great one, and very much remaineth to be accomplished according to the prophecies: Israel is to be gathered, Jerusalem rebuilt, Zion established, the vineyard

the Lord pruned and the corrupt branches cut off and cast into the fire while the good branches shall be grafted in and partake of the root and fullness of the tame olive tree. There is great work to be accomplished in the earth. But the Lord has said by the mouth of His servants that He will put His work short in righteousness.

ays. True, when the Lord speaks he does not reckon time as we do. The time was, in the infancy of this Church, when our minds were so narrow compared to what they are now that we looked for the speedy coming of our Lord and the accomplishment of His great work before this time. But

n began to perceive that we were
our children in our views and feel-
ings, our ideas and expectations. We
had the views, ideas and expectation
of children; and we see how the Lord
has enlarged Israel and expanded His
work; and now we behold so much
more to be accomplished than what has
been accomplished that we are am-

ord a great way. The time was then looked for one temple. The revelations given to the Latter-day saints predicted a temple in Zion, a place in our minds at that time was little place on the Missouri River in Jackson County, Western Missouri—town and a few surrounding village

s large as a county. When we heard the fulness of the Gospel preached by the first Elders, and read the relations given through the Prophet Joseph Smith, our ideas of Zion were very limited. But as our minds began to grow and expand, why we began to look upon Zion as a great people and

the area of the country to be inhabited by the people of Zion as this great American continent, or at least sections of it as the Lord should con-secrate for the gathering of His people. We ceased to set bounds to Zion as we set stakes. We began also to cease to think about a single temple in one ob-vious place. Seeing the different stat-

perceived the idea, possibly, of many temples. Having had one pointed out in the revelations for the temple in Jackson County, our minds expanded so that in a short time we were building another temple in a state of Zion in Kirtland, Ohio. A little while afterwards we were laying the found-

and driven before our enemies from that place we next laid the foundation and built up a temple unto the Lord Jehovah. When we located in the mountains and laid the foundation of a temple in Salt Lake City, who of us had an idea that before it should be completed we would be administering a temple in St. George, and another

who conceives the idea to-day that
the time these are completed and
saints have officiated in them, we
scattered over the American con-
tinent building temples in a hundred
other places? All this comes with
the range of possibility, nay, probab-
ly, almost amounting to certain

who understands these things and who can speak knowingly in regard to them, says that we may put it down as a certainty, that by and by there will be hundreds of these temples throughout the land. Our minds are beginning to comprehend the object and purpose

When God has chosen and placed first and foremost to hold the kingdom of this life dispensation. How long will it be? This was given to me to say the month, the day, or the hour; but it is given unto me to say that that time is

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