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DISCOURSE

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But behold, they have not learned to be obedient to the things which I required at their hands, but are full of all manner of evil, and do not impart of their substance, as becometh Saints, to the poor and afflicted among them, and are not united according to the uniou required by the law of the celestial kingdom; and Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom, otherwise I cannot receive her unto myself; and my people must needs be chastened until they learn obedience, if it must needs be, by the things which they suffer. A rich man can educate his

was to be, the Lord informed us way until he "That it is not given that one man should possess that which is above wherefore the world lieth in sin." Now let me inquire of the Latter-day Saints, Are we all equal in the bands of earthly things, or have we rich and poor in our midst? The answer that all would give to this question is, Every person and every family has accumulated just as much wealth, as he or they just as much wealth, as he or they could, for his or their own use only, and this order of things has existed amongst us since the church ized, nearly forty-three continue? How long will every family be for themselves, every man's energy and ability be exert-will prophery to the shall fall behind. I ed only for himself and his family, every man grasping to enrich him- me to prophesy when I was about elf? He does not care about his eighbor, and if he thinks about him at all, the inquiry rises in his nind, "Have I got as much wealth eighbor, or as this or that If I have not I must strive btain as much; for if I have not as much as my neighbors I can edge of God, they will cease hav-hardly think to crowd myself into ing the Spirit of the Lord to rest upon them, and they will gradual-ly grow darker and darker in their minds, until they lose the Spirit and power of God, and their names heir society; for I have noticed hat our wealthy citizens are creatis. If they get up a party in their wa private dwellings, or a nice will not be numbered with the uxurious supper, for instance, it is names of the righteous. You may put that down and record it. those who are weal-

val means of introduced the all the crimes that exist men, for as the apostle Paul ha find recorded in one of the rest of the recorded in one of the rest of the res 'The love of money is the

root of all evil." The Apostles endeavored to intro-duce the common stock principle in their day among the Saints, but those commandments which I have given concerning Zion and her law, be executed and fulfilled after her

law-namely to pay one-tenth of their annual income, to say nothing

daughters, and have them taught about their surplus property. Are music and everything calculated to we under condemnation or are we

thing her taken me years and riand I rather roked it for the time being, as you will another order of things, and i rather think I had better keep on the back-ground, and see how the order flourishes. Let others try it first, and if they get on very well and be-come wealthy, then perhaps I will be executed and fulfilled after her

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ss I can accumulate as much wealth as they have, I shall be cast out and fall below into some other class." I am now talking of facts as they really exist. When do you see a faints who, when he makes a great feast, invites the poor and the lame, the halt and blind, and those who are in destitute circumstances? uch events are few and far be-The Savior has strictly ded us that when we make our feasts, instead of inviting those who have abundance and roll in the good things and luxuries of life, we should invite the poorest warned them, and sent up his revehad been summer and upward some two years and upward their commenceme doing these things; if so, are they if they observe d all the other command-

arance who are invited.

ents of the Lord. they should be driven out of the What kind of a revolution would land of Zion. This was literally it work among the Latter-day Saints if the revelation given in March, 1835, were carried out by them—"It is not given that one man should possess that which is above another, wherefore the volume of the "Star," in connec-How much of hould be brought about? I brethren in Zion in relation to the think it would work a greater revo-lution among this people than has ever been witnessed amongst them

Again, in another revelation, given in 1832, soon after the place of location for the city of Zion was made known, the Lord declared that the time had come to establish ong his people requirproperty. They the names of the righteous, ny dollars into the their children pursued the treasury, and that was to be a com- course their nam mon property among those indi-viduals, for their own benefit, and should not be known in the

people had faithfully complied with "poor scrub," as they term the poor man, must be blackguarded and better prepared: but when I see the ridiculed, and treated as a slave or backwa ess of many of the as a person who has no right to be ple of this Territory calling them-seen in the society of the wealthy. selver Latter-day Saints, about paying their tithing, refusing to do so or being careless about it, I say in my heart, "Oh Lord, when will thy people be prepared to go back and build up the waste places of The Lord has said in this book, (B. D. C.) that the time is to come when Zion shall be redeemed. I It is wrong, materially wrong, and we have continued in this wrong will read the passage. It com-mences on page 192, and is as folover forty years. When shall it come to an end? When will we

learn to keep the commandments of God and become one, not only in destrine but in "the bands of will prophesy to this people on this subject. The Lord commanded nineteen years old, but I seldom do it, for fear I should prophesy wrong. But I will prophesy con-cerning this church and people, that all who will not come into will cease growing in the knowl

In a revelation given June 22n the people of Zion shall be redeem-ed the army of Israel must become very great. What he meant by this, was "great" compared with the few of Israel must become What he meant by this, compared with the few to make the

We find, a few years after these revelations that I have read were individuals to whom this revela-tion was given. It will be recollect-ed that a certain number were re-quired as the strength of the Lord's house to go up to redeem Zion, as whether that man is now in exse to go up and went up for this purpose; and the Lord said that the strength of his house did not hearkon to his Jackson county, Mo., and he determined in his own mind that that should not be a land of Zion unto voice, and did not come un ng to his relation, this decree, after giving them revellife, we should invite the poorest among us, the lame, blind and infirm, and those who perhaps have not enough food to eat. Do you Latter-lay Saints do this? No, I ment of Jackson county, Misso the Lord fulfilled that which become very great and let it be sand should be driven out of the tified before me, that it may be-come fair as the sun, and clear as the moon, and that her banners etter was written to one of the the army of Ismel is ver even now when compared with that little handful that went up the land of Zion: and those individ-

know-that the rig fear. The Book of that are on phi, the Lord, through the prophet, speaks concerning the building up of Zion in the latter days on the so earth. He says his people should be, Zh as it were, in great straits, at certain the times, but said the prophet, "The righteous need not fear, for I will he unto the destruction of their ene-This will be fulfilled if nery. Let the righteous among and let them cleave unto the Lord their God; and i

n on the land of Joseph. After John seen that, one of the angels who had of the vials of the seven tilence and plague, and from our ery weapon that is lifted against them. God will shield us by his bower, if we are to be led forth ut of boudage as to be led forth ow you another city, that is y, the holy Jerusalem." He t bondage as our fathers were at the first. This indicates here may be bondage ahead and that the Latter-day Saints may see severe times, and that unless we ceep the commandments of God we be brought into circum that will cause our hearts to tremble within us, that is, those who are not upright before God. But if this people should be brought into bond-age, as the Israelites were in an-

tains, whether God will grant unto life spared to lead forth his people spare our present leader to this people on our return to Jackson County, But whether

