

reached me and has not entered within the folds of my comprehension. Are there not many things outside of our understanding that are yet true? And in this idea I bear my testimony that by the Spirit of revelation from heaven, the power of the Holy Ghost, I know that Joseph Smith was, and is, a Prophet of the Most High; that this is the dispensation of the fulness of times, and that this people have the Gospel, the operations of which will prepare the way for His glorious coming whose right it is to reign, even the Savior whom we profess to seek.

BISHOP O. F. WHITNEY

said: I have not time to preach a sermon, neither do I desire to do so, but will add a few words, by request, to what has been said by Brother Nicholson. Those who are well versed in the Scriptures will recognize from what has been said that "Mormonism" is no new thing. You have heard a testimony that this is the everlasting Gospel, restored in the dispensation of the fullness of times. This is not its first appearance on earth. "Mormonism" is nothing more or less than that Gospel which Christ and His Apostles preached, lived, labored and died for. And even before that day it was a restored religion. The Gospel of Christ is everlasting and eternal. It is the only authorized plan of salvation, capable of exalting man to the highest summits of intelligence and glory. It was formulated in the eternal worlds, and is a code or laws, a series of principles instituted of God for the salvation of His children on this and on other planets. "God, finding himself in the midst of spirits and glory, because he was more intelligent, saw proper to institute laws whereby the rest might have a privilege to advance like himself." So says Joseph Smith. Intelligence is the glory of God. It is His superior intelligence that makes Him God. The Gospel you have heard described is nothing more or less than a ladder of light, of intelligence, of principle, by which man, the child of God, may mount step by step to become eventually like his Father. It is as old as eternity. Its truths had no beginning, and they never will have an end.

Nor is there anything new in the treatment which men receive who preach this Gospel. Byron says that history, with all its volumes manifold, "hath but one page," and the experience of this people, compared with that of the ancient people of God, certainly bears out the assertion. It is a repetition of the history of those who have in all ages proclaimed God's truth. When He puts His finger upon a man and appoints him to minister for the benefit of mankind, that man immediately becomes a target for persecution. He is singled out to be shot at by the jealousy, the detraction, the hatred and hostility of the world. Nor is this true only in religious matters. It is the fate of the philosopher, the poet, the inventor and the discoverer; and it is the fate of

the Prophet—the preacher of righteousness.

"He who ascends to mountain-tops shall find
The loftiest peaks most wrapt in clouds
and snow;
He who surpasses or subdues mankind
Must look down on the hate of those below."

When Jeremiah was called to the prophetic office, and God told him that before he was born into this life he had been ordained a prophet to the nations, Jeremiah, foreseeing perhaps the treatment he would receive, pleaded with the Lord and would fain have been excused; he said that he "could not speak, for he was a child." But the Lord bade him speak the words which He should give him, and he was told that men would fight against him, but that they should not prevail against him; for he was as "an iron pillar and as brazen walls against the whole land," and the Lord would deliver him from all his foes. Joseph Smith was also called "as a child" to be a prophet, and was reminded that his strength was not in himself but in that God who sent him forth as an agent and instrument of His mighty will. He was told that his name should be had for good and evil among all nations. This has been largely fulfilled. He was fought against, but although he sealed his testimony with his blood, he was not prevailed against, for his works live after him and will go on from age to age of progress and development. It matters not that a man may die; that is not the failure of his work. There are living martyrdoms as well as dying martyrdoms, and they who live for the truth often suffer more than those who die for it. It is for us to stand up and do the bidding of God, let come what may. A scientist or philosopher once said, when the world accused him of teaching that which was false: "I can wait." Centuries later the world admitted the truth of the things he had taught. We can bear our testimonies in humility, and leave the result with God. It matters not whether we live or die, so we live and die unto God, knowing we have fulfilled our missions, shaken from our shoes the dust of responsibility, and are free by our faithful ness from the blood of this generation. One of the greatest qualities of human nature is the willingness to wait, the power to endure to the end, to stand by the truth and trust in God for the outcome.

"Endurance is the crowning quality,
And patience all the passion of great hearts;
These are their stay, and when the leaden world
Sets its hard face against their fateful thought,
And brute strength, like a scornful conqueror,
Clangs his huge mace down in the other scale,
The inspired soul but flings his patience in,
And slowly that outweighs the ponderous globe.
One faith against a whole world's unbelief,
One soul against the flesh of all mankind."

God bless to our souls' salvation the words spoken here this day is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

The choir sang the anthem:

Give ear to My words.

Benediction by Elder William C. Dunbar.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Edmunds Law Prosecutions.

At Ogden, on the 17th of May, Frank Whitehead was arraigned on a charge of unlawful cohabitation and pleaded not guilty.

Otis Terry, who was arrested in Sanpete County a few days ago, was brought up from the south May 15 and was arraigned in the Third District Court. He has been indicted for alleged adultery with his plural wife. He entered a plea of not guilty, and was released on \$1000 bail.

At midnight on May 11 Dr. O. C. Ormsby was arrested at Logan, on a charge of unlawful cohabitation. The doctor had not yet recovered from his recent accident. He gave bonds for his appearance as soon as he is able to be out.

Business before Judge Henderson at Ogden May 14:

The case of the United States vs. Joseph T. Johnson, unlawful cohabitation, was continued for the term.

The case of the United States vs. Hans J. Nielsen, unlawful cohabitation, was called for trial and a jury empaneled. After hearing the evidence for the prosecution the jury returned a verdict of not guilty under instructions of the court.

The case of the United States vs. Knute Emertson, unlawful cohabitation, was called for trial. Defendant was a resident of Huntsville, and had served one term in the penitentiary. He appeared without attorney, desiring to plead his own case. He was convicted and sentence was set for May 25.

The case of the United States vs. Win. A. Lewis, unlawful cohabitation, was called for trial. A jury was called, but the panel was exhausted when six jurors had been obtained. As the offense was but a misdemeanor, Mr. Evans thought six jurors would be sufficient. The defense consented, and the jury was sworn. After hearing the evidence a verdict of not guilty was returned.

The following business was transacted in the First District Court, at Ogden, May 15:

United States vs. Jonah Evans; unlawful cohabitation; verdict of guilty. Sentence set for May 25.

United States vs. Gustaf Gustavson; verdict of not guilty.

United States vs. Cornelius Evans; verdict of not guilty.

United States vs. James Lelshman; verdict of not guilty.

Mary E. Briggs pleaded guilty of adultery; sentence was suspended.

Miss Lena Jensen and Mrs. Matilda Hancock were arraigned for contempt of court in not having