

pany. We had in Zion's Camp two hundred and five souls. We had in the Pioneer Camp one hundred and forty-five, I believe. And I can testify before God, angels and men that the same power, and the same spirit of revelation were manifest in his work up to the day of his death as were manifest in the work of the Prophet Joseph. It is true, Joseph Smith's life was short. The Savior labored only three and a half years, after He entered into the ministry, before He was crucified. The Prophet Joseph labored fourteen years before he was martyred. President Brigham Young lived longer. He led this Church quite a number of years. I was with him when he came into this valley. I was in the same carriage with him. He was taken sick on the Weber. A number of the camp were taken sick, caused, no doubt, by the change in coming to these mountains from the region we had left. He began to recover from the hour that he entered into this valley. He came here, and what did he do? I will name a few circumstances. He pitched camp some distance southeast of here. The next morning he and the Twelve who came with him took a walk. He had been quite feeble, but he was then able to walk with the assistance of his staff. We walked along until we came to this Temple Block. It was covered with sagebrush. There was no mark to indicate that God ever intended to place anything there. But while walking along Brother Brigham stopped very suddenly. He stuck his cane in the ground and said, "Right here will stand the great Temple of our God." We drove a stake in the place indicated by him, and that particular spot is situated in the middle of the Temple site. One of the first things President Young did after he got here was to order the preparing of a block down here, called the Old Fort, where the camp could gather to. This country then was very desolate, covered with wild sage, and that pretty near dead, too. There was hardly anything here with life, owing to the excessive dryness. We went to work and surrounded this ten acre block to preserve ourselves; put adobe walls on three sides and log cabins on the east side. This was the wisdom displayed by President Brigham Young all his life—care and caution, and safety for the people. He then went to work and laid out this city. There was not a living soul in this valley excepting a few Indians who would eat roasted crickets for their dinner. He laid out these streets, these sidewalks, these blocks. He laid out this Temple block here. A number of councils were had with regard to it. Brother George A. Smith was very anxious that we should have forty acres instead of ten; so much so that there was a vote taken to lay forty acres out. Afterwards President Young thought ten acres in a city of this kind was all that should be devoted to an interest of this character. So Brother George A. Smith surrendered his views, and we all voted for ten acres. When the city was laid out and these other arrangements made we returned to Winter Quarters, where President Young got his family and returned with them and some of the Saints; and two or three companies followed the same season.

I name these things for the benefit of those who consider that there has been no growth in the Church and Kingdom of God since the death of the Prophet Joseph. President Young laid the foundation of four Temples in this Territory. Three of these Temples are now in operation, and the other is being built right here. The Latter-day Saints have gone to work and labored in these Temples by the commandment of God, for the blessing of the living and redemption of their dead, and a million of men and women, whose bodies are returned to dust, and whose spirits are in the spirit world, have received the benefits of the Gospel by the power of God and the work of the Elders, under the direction of President Young. Is this a loss of prestige? Is there no hand of God in this? Is there no progress in this? These things certainly were not accomplished in the life of Joseph Smith, although Joseph Smith received revelations with regard to Temples, and the ordinances and endowments afterwards administered in the Temple at Nauvoo. He also built the first Temple, in Kirtland, and many blessings were revealed in that Temple, and this work was continued while he lived, as far as he had the power. I remember well the first time I read the revelation given through the Prophet Joseph concerning the redemption of the dead—one of the most glorious principles I had ever become acquainted with on earth. To think that I and these Latter-day Saints could go forth into the waters of baptism and redeem our fathers, our mothers, and those that have gone before us, in the lineage of our father's house, and they come forth and receive a part in the first resurrection! Well might the Prophet say God has fulfilled His promise that in the last days He would raise up saviors upon Mount Zion, and the kingdom should be the Lord's. Never did I read a revelation with greater joy than I did that revelation. I have often referred to the course we pursued in connection with that. Joseph Smith himself (many of you may recollect the time) went into the Mississippi river one Sunday night after meeting, and baptized a hundred. I baptized another hundred. The next man, a few rods from me, baptized another hundred. We were strung up and down the Mississippi, baptizing for our dead. But there was no recorder; we attended to this ordinance without waiting to have a proper record made. But the Lord told Joseph that he must have recorders present at these baptisms—men who could see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and record these things. Of course, we had to do the work over again. Nevertheless, that does not say the work was not of God.

Well, the Lord manifested a great work in the labor of Brigham Young. He filled these mountains here for a thousand miles, under His direction, with cities, towns and villages. He gave counsel in all these things. Brigham Young was the architect of this building (the Tabernacle). He was the architect of the Temple that we are building here. I say to the Latter-day Saints that God was with him. He was with John Taylor. He has been with Wilford Woodruff. He will be with those that follow me; for

the Lord will never permit this people to be led only by the revelations of Jesus Christ. He will be with these Apostles of the Lord, and will continue with them until the coming of the Son of Man. These things are true. Zion will arise, and grow, and flourish; the glory of God will rest upon her, and the Lord Almighty will fulfill all the promises that He has made concerning His work in the last dispensation and fullness of times. The spirit of inspiration was with Brigham Young from the day that he entered into this work till he laid down his life here upon his bed. I bear my testimony to these things. There never has been a time, either in these Temples or anywhere else, but the Lord has made manifest His will on any point on which light was desired. To my certain knowledge the Lord gave revelations in St. George Temple to His servants there, upon points of doctrine we did not understand. President Young was there. I was there. Brother McAllister and others labored there; and we knew these things. So I say there is no man that goes into these Temples to labor, or goes into the vineyard of the Lord to labor, who, if he will live his religion and do his duty, will fail in receiving the mind and will of God. Yes, the Lord has raised up saviors upon Mount Zion, and the kingdom is the Lord's. It is His work. And we have the great power as Latter-day Saints to go into these temples and redeem our dead, and attend to ordinances for them that they never heard of in their day and generation. What will be the condition of these saviors upon Mount Zion? These Saints of the Lord will hold the keys of salvation to their Father's house to the endless ages of eternity. There never will be a time when that power will be taken from them. We ought to realize these things, and we ought to prize the blessings which God has put in our hands. I had a great desire, when that revelation was given, for the redemption of my Father's house. Father Smith was the first patriarch to the Church. He was a literal descendant of Joseph who was sold into Egypt. When he laid his hands upon men's heads the spirit of blessing and of prophecy rested upon him. He told me that I should bring all of my father's house into the Church. I dwelt upon that with a great deal of interest; and the first time I visited my father's house, although it was several years after this, I baptized him into this Church, and my stepmother, and my sisters, and everybody that was in my father's house, even a Methodist class-leader who was boarding there. I organized a branch of the Church in Farmington, Connecticut, and almost all of the members were my relatives. I afterwards brought my father up here, where he died, and his body lies in the cemetery.

There are a great many things connected with these matters that I feel to rejoice in. The more light we have, the more revelations of God we have, the more we shall prize these privileges. It is a great blessing that we stand in the flesh in this last dispensation and fullness of times; and where we can open our hearts to understand these blessings, all of us will labor, as far as we have opportunity, to attend to this duty for our dead. I do not