

When men have faith, then they are required to repent of their sins and be baptized for the remission of sin. This is what Jesus Christ taught, and He set the example himself. Though He committed no sin, He went unto John the Baptist and demanded baptism of him. John the Baptist said he was not worthy to do it. But Jesus said, "Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." After being baptized it is necessary that we should have hands laid upon us by men holding the Holy Priesthood, for the reception of the Holy Ghost. Now, if you have the Holy Ghost with you—and every one ought to have—I can say unto you that there is no greater gift, there is no greater blessing, there is no greater testimony given to any man on earth. You may have the administration of angels; you may see many miracles; you may see many wonders in the earth; but I claim that the gift of the Holy Ghost is the greatest gift that can be bestowed upon man. It is by this power that we have performed that which we have. It is this that sustains us through all the persecutions, trials and tribulations that come upon us. We also have the gifts of the Spirit among us. I can bear testimony that the sick have been healed, the blind have been made to see, the deaf to hear and the lame to walk, and devils have been cast out, by the power of God. These gifts and graces have been with this people from the organization of the Church until the present hour. There sits a man [pointing to Brother Philo Dibble] who, fifty-five years ago, while in Jackson County, Missouri, was shot through the body because of his religion. If it had not been for the power of God, which was manifested in his behalf, he would have gone to the grave. Other men have been in like circumstances. The Lord has taken whom He pleased and when He pleased, and preserved in life those whom He would preserve, according to the counsel of His own will. I bear record that these gifts are enjoyed by this people, according to their faithfulness before God. If we lack these things, it is because we do not live our religion; for if we do our duty before the Lord, those blessings will be with us.

Brethren and sisters, the Lord has set His hand, in fulfillment of the words of the Prophet Daniel, to establish His Kingdom once more and for the last time on the earth, and to prune His vineyard with a mighty pruning. He has called men and

ordained them and sent them forth to prune the vineyard for the last time, before the judgments of God overtake the world. These principles are true, and if we will do our duty, the blessings of God will attend us. The Lord has set His hand to call forth His Church out of the wilderness. The world has been in darkness and error from the day that Jesus and His disciples died. The Lord took the Priesthood to Himself. He left the Christian and the Jewish world without the Gospel of Christ, without a solitary man who had power to administer in the ordinances of the Gospel. These are the truths of heaven, and I bear record of them to all men, and you will find that they are true when you go into the presence of God. If the Lord ever fulfills His predictions, it is quite time that He began to have a people on the earth who will acknowledge His name. The time has come when God is going to perform His work. If you want to know what is going to take place, read the Bible. Let the Christian world read the Bible; they don't believe the Book of Mormon or the Doctrine and Covenants. Let them see what the Revelator St. John says is going to take place in the last days. Read of the opening of the seals, the pouring out of the plagues, the turning of the rivers and the seas into blood, and of the death and judgment that are going to overtake the world. John wrote these things as he was moved upon by the Holy Ghost, and his words will come to pass. We are living in a great day. These mountains are filled with Latter-day Saints, in fulfillment of the revelations of God. The Lord has commenced this work, and He is not going to leave it. I warn all men of that. Zion is going to be built up. Zion is going to be established. Zion is going to be clothed with the glory of God. And the Kingdom of God will be like the little stone cut out of the mountain without hands; it will fill the whole earth, and prepare the way for the coming of the Son of Man.

Brethren and sisters, this is my testimony. This is the religion that I believe in. Have not I a right to believe in it? I say I have. I say to every Methodist, to every Catholic, to every Presbyterian, and to all, you have a right to your own belief. We have a little time to dwell here in the flesh. I shall soon be called to go into the presence of God, and I am willing to meet all the world there with regard to my testimony. I know my testimony is

true. I know Joseph Smith's testimony is true. I know he sealed his testimony with his blood. It required his blood, apparently, to seal this dispensation, as it did the blood of Jesus and the prophets of old, to seal their dispensations.

Brethren and sisters, I want to see you faithful. I want you to be saved in the Kingdom of God. I want to be saved, too. What is gold, what is silver, what is honor, what is the glory of this world? It all perishes with the using. Where are the ancient prophets and apostles? They have fallen asleep. Where are the generations that have existed before us? They have gone to sleep. Our forefathers are in the spirit world. I shall very soon follow them, I expect. So will you. Our future destiny lies on the other side of the veil. When I die I want the privilege of going where God my Heavenly Father is, and where Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, is—He who taught the doctrines that Brother Cannon and I are teaching you today, and that the Elders of Israel have taught from the commencement of this work. I want to dwell with them, and with our people who have been true and faithful to God. I believe God will save all people, except the sons of perdition, in some glory. There is a glory of the sun; there is a glory of the moon, and a glory of the stars, as one star differeth from another star in glory, so is the resurrection of the dead. All sects, all parties, all people, except those who shed innocent blood or commit unpardonable sin, will have a glory according to their condition and the lives they have lived on the earth. As Brother Cannon has said, God offers the Gospel to a generation, and if they reject that Gospel it will cost them dearly. It is a serious thing for any dispensation to reject the Gospel of Christ and to shed the blood of the prophets. What did it cost to shed the blood of the Savior? He came to His Father's house—the Jews. He brought the Gospel to them, and warned them of the wrath to come. But they rejected the Gospel; they crucified Him and put Him to death. What did it cost them? Jesus told them himself what it would cost them. He said: "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled." That yoke has been upon the Jewish nation until the present day, and it is not broken