

## Singing by the choir:

Lo! the mighty God appearing,  
From on high Jehovah speaks!

## APOSTLE JOHN W. TAYLOR

was the first speaker this morning. He said substantially that it was a great miracle to see so many Saints gathered together. It was a fulfillment of the predictions of the ancient prophets. They had prophesied that in the latter days the honest in heart should be gathered and be given pastors after God's own heart. There were probably sixteen or seventeen different nationalities represented in the congregation. We were in the position of the people on the day of Pentecost, so far as the representation of different nationalities was concerned. When the people heard the Apostles speak on that occasion by the Spirit of God, every man hearing the Gospel in his own tongue, they they marvelled. They could not understand the manifestations of power they witnessed. Peter explained the subject to them and preached Christ and Him crucified. When asked by the people as to what they should do to be saved he informed them that, having believed that Jesus was the Christ, they must repent of their sins, be baptized for the remission of the same and receive the Holy Ghost. These were principles and ordinances of the Gospel now as well as then. The plan of salvation was unchangeable. But many counterfeit systems had been invented, and the people had been deceived by them.

It was of great importance that people should know they were right and then go ahead. He said know advisedly, because the promise made by Christ to the obedient was that they should know the doctrine whether it was of God or of man. The Savior said: "We testify of that which we do know." There should be no doubt in the minds of the Saints as to the course they should pursue to be accepted of God. There were many faiths among the children of men; many are claiming to have the true way of salvation, yet their methods were all different. This shows that they were not imbued with one spirit. They had the counterfeit plans and not that system which was genuine. Paul said that those who preached any other Gospel than the real one, such should be accursed. Devout people might be mistaken but if they were honest they would embrace the true Gospel as soon as they heard it. Devotion and the possession of the truth do not always go together. The Spirit of God was the only true guide for the faithful and the testimony of Jesus was the spirit of prophecy. This holy influence was of more value than all the riches of the world. The speaker testified that the Gospel preached by Christ and His ancient Apostles had been restored in these days through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Elder Taylor then dwelt upon the necessity of the Saints being honorable in all their dealings. Those who did not pay their honest debts when able to do so were unworthy a standing in the Church. It was the duty of men to support their families. The manifesto did not relieve them from this obligation, which was sacred. No judge nor jury would relieve them

from it. A man who would seek to shirk such a responsibility was in an unenviable condition.

## APOSTLE HEBER J. GRANT

next addressed the congregation, and spoke of the gratification which he felt in meeting with the Saints once again in general Conference. Without the light and inspiration of the Spirit of God it was impossible for any of the Elders of Israel to speak to the people to their profit and pleasure. Their object in coming together on these occasions was to take counsel together, and obtain such instructions as would enable them to go forward manfully in the battle of life.

We were constantly beset on every hand with daily cares and obligations, and it required great exertion and forbearance on our part to successfully carry out the duties resting upon us. It was a strange thing that we never looked to our own misdeeds and condemned them; but we were too prone to find fault with our neighbor. He had no objection to honest criticism; it behooved us, however, to search after our own failings before seeking for them in our brethren and sisters. Some persons were very fond of grumbling in regard to the expenditures of the Church and on the question of tithing. His experience on this head was that those who did the most complaining contributed the least.

Excuses were bad things when they came too often. How many of the Saints had observed as they should the Word of Wisdom, for instance? Excuses were too frequently made for breaking through the requirements of that revelation. Others again excused themselves from attending Conference on the most flimsy pretexts. Such pleas were not legitimate, and should not be heard among true Latter-day Saints.

We had gathered to these mountains to keep the commandments of God, and our aim should always be to forget the things which perished, and lay up treasures in heaven. He had not a word to say against the public schools, but he did counsel parents, where they possessed the power and means, to send their children where they would receive a Gospel education and might learn of the plan of life and salvation.

## APOSTLE F. M. LYMAN

Was the succeeding speaker. In these valleys, he said, we had in the gathering of the Saints a spectacle which was an object lesson throughout the world. It was not possible for a man to receive the Holy Ghost unless he knew that the doctrines which he had embraced were of God. When we became unfaithful the Spirit of the Lord deserted us, and we were again on dangerous ground. No man could know God or the true principles of the Gospel except by the Holy Ghost. All that we lacked today in unity, as a people, was due to our negligence and carelessness of the requirements of the Gospel. It was a difficult thing to control the disposition of the human heart and subdue ourselves to the mind and will of God. This, however, was an undertaking hindering upon the Latter-day Saints and it required a great deal of self-denial on our part to discharge the obligation. Prayer should not be neglected, and we should strive to discover the flaws in ourselves before

we criticize too severely the faults of others.

The speaker was glad to observe the fidelity of the Saints, and that there were so few excommunications, and apostasies from the church today were quite rare. This was the more to be thankful for when we considered how the Church was spreading and increasing in numbers. When, however, any of our brethren did chance to turn away from the truth his heart was cut with sorrow. Everything was possible with Latter-day Saints who enjoyed the Spirit of the Lord. The true Gospel has taught us to endure the trials, tribulations and persecutions which had come upon us from time to time; it had made us one, and no power on earth could destroy this work, which had been revealed to us by God our Heavenly Father. This was the one plan of salvation, and here in these valleys were thousands who had received testimonies thereof. This was the Lord's work and kingdom and he would maintain it to the end.

The choir sang the anthem,

Praise ye the Father.

Benediction by Apostle Franklin D. Richards.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singing by the choir and congregation:

Redeemer of Israel,  
Our only delight,  
On whom for a blessing we call;  
Our shadow by day  
And our pillar by night,  
Our King, our Deliverer, our all.

Prayer by Elder John Nicholson.

The choir sang:

Softly beams the sacred dawning  
Of the great millennial morn,  
And to Saints gives welcome warning  
That the day is hastening on.

## APOSTLE MOSES THATCHER

Was the first speaker. He said he had listened with deep interest to the remarks made during this Conference, and rejoiced in the Spirit under which they had been spoken. He trusted that he would enjoy a portion of that same Spirit to guide in what he might now utter. Upon the subject of sacrifice, Brother Thatcher pointed out the great sacrifice which our Redeemer made for mankind in order to save us from our sins. During the speaker's missionary labors in the City of Mexico he was met by some young gentlemen who admitted that they had watched his movements closely; they had never seen him enter houses of ill-repute, saloons, and other places of evil resort, and while they honestly believed that the religion which he represented was the true one, yet they confessed they would rather pursue the path in which their feet were set, and go down to destruction rather than identify themselves with a cause which called for such great self-sacrifice as did the religion of the Latter-day Saints.

Elder Thatcher then made a statement of evidences of devotion exhibited by members of the Catholic church in Mexico. They underwent, in their religious fervor, all kinds of hardships, that they might exhibit the spirit of self-sacrifice, and by that means be accepted of God. This devout spirit was mostly manifested by the female portion of society. He brought up these things, he said, to show the hold that Romanism had