

RELIGIOUS.

Sunday Services.

Religious services were held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, April 2nd, 1893, Elder Angus M. Cannon, president of the Stake, presiding.

Singing by the choir:

Lord, we come before Thee now,
At Thy feet we humbly bow.

Prayer by Elder David Cannon.

Singing by the choir:

Shout for Joy.

The Priesthood of the Twelfth ward officiated in the administration of the Sacrament.

ELDER GEORGE TEASDALE

was the first speaker. He read the fortieth chapter of Isaiah. Who has the power, he asked, to interpret the Scripture? Holy men wrote as moved upon by the Spirit and no one understands the word without having that same Spirit. It is one of the strongest evidences of the absence of the Spirit of God in the Christian churches, that they never can agree on the understanding of the Bible, although all hold that this book is the standard of their faith. What is the cause of this difference of opinion? All are anxious to give an account of the hope that is within them, but all seem to think that the only thing necessary to know is that Christ is a great Savior. So far as ordinances, Priesthood, organization are concerned, these are deemed unessential. When Christ and His Apostles preached the Gospel, they explained the only way of salvation, faith, repentance, baptism, the reception of the Holy Ghost.

The prophet in the chapter just read commences with words of encouragement to the descendants of Abraham. They are to be comforted, for their sins are forgiven. When Christ came He was rejected by this people, because His appearance was void of all ostentation and his doctrines came in conflict with those of all the sects of the age. It is important, however to understand that Christ was right. If we wish to be saved we must accept of the principles laid down by Him and live accordingly, thereby establishing a character. The idea of living a dissipated life and then suddenly repent is very singular and certainly not supported by the word of God. Even murderers are sometimes said to have accepted salvation all out on the scaffold. But John, the beloved Apostle says that a murderer hath not eternal life. Let all the world know the enormity of the sin, for he that tells us the truth is our friend; not he who teaches us false doctrines.

The speaker said he rejoiced that the time had come to comfort Jerusalem and for Zion to come up into a high mountain. The speaker read part of Isaiah chapter 2nd, and then continued, We are living in the time when these prophecies are about to be fulfilled. Thousands are already coming to visit us and we have an opportunity to tell them of the principles of salvation. We cannot prove the truth to as to convince them thereof, but we can offer them the truth in all love. A passage of the Book of Mormon was quoted

showing how the Lord visited the people on this continent and preached the Gospel and gave instructions concerning baptism. These teachings agree with the Scriptures, and wherever there is a servant God, he will preach the same doctrines.

All the trouble with Joseph Smith was that he was called on G. d. He was the first Apostle of this generation. On this account he was persecuted. Some will refuse to believe this, but the time will come when it shall be believed. To the Church belongs inspired men. They were given in the beginning and were to exist as long as the Church existed.

The speaker further read a portion of the epistle to the Ephesians, exhorting the people of God to keep the unity of the spirit, as there is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father over all." The Saints believe in this. When the Church was organized revelations were given setting forth the duties of Apostles, Seventies, Elders, etc. The difficulty is to make the world understand this, but there should be no ground to quarrel with us because we proclaim that the Lord has again established His work in the earth. The truth of this can be ascertained by everyone who desires to know the truth. Blessed are they who do His commandments, for they shall be inhabitants of the city of God, while others are outside. Those who will accept the Gospel shall have part in the first resurrection. It is a pity that the principles of the Gospel should not be understood by the world. They are true, although unpopular. And they are easy to understand, and if we really want the truth, it will come to us.

ELDER C. W. PENROSE

made a few remarks concerning the dedication services soon to be held. It was a joy to see the spirit manifested by the Saints at this time. They are forgiving each other from their hearts, and he exhorted all, who may possibly not yet have done so, to tear out all roots of bitterness and repent of their sins, for the Lord is merciful and will forgive all who seek forgiveness. The speaker would ask everyone to forgive him, if he should have offended anyone. And he hoped everyone would make all things right with God and go into that house with clean hands and hearts—that is the testimony we want even more than outward manifestations of His power. May the Lord bless all his people that they may be more closely bound together and go forward until the time shall come when Christ shall reign.

Singing by the choir,

Let all Israel join and sing.

Benediction by Elder Brigham Young.

PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Priesthood of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion convened in the Assembly Hall, this city, today, Saturday, April 1st, 1893, at 11 a. m., Elder Angus M. Cannon presiding. Present also on the stand: Elder Joseph E. Taylor, Patriarch John Smith, High Councilors Edward Snelgrove, Theodore McKean and Milano Pratt, Elders Elias

Morris, George B. Wallace, and William C. Duubar, of the presidency of the High Priests' quorum, and other High Priests and Elders. All the wards of the Stake were properly represented excepting the Tenth and Twelfth wards of the city, and the Farmers, South Cottonwood, Sandy, West Jordan and Brighton wards.

The First, Second, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-second Quorums of Elders were represented by their presiding officers.

After the usual routine business, remarks were made as follows by the speakers named:

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referred to the coming dedication of the Temple and gave instructions as to the preparations necessary on the part of those who expected to participate therein. He stated that a bill for the cost of furnishing a certain room in the edifice to be used by the Salt Lake Stake amounted to \$668. It was desirable that this should be paid before the dedication, and the question was, how and by whom should it be paid? The speaker stated that an apportionment of the amount among the various wards had been made according to their financial strength, in anticipation of the assumption by the wards of its payment.

On motion it was decided that the action taken be ratified and the apportionment and payment assumed by the several wards.

Other remarks were made as to the representation of certain quorums of the lesser Priesthood in the dedication ceremonies, and the necessary appointments were made accordingly. The Bishops were also instructed upon the subject of the apportionment of numbers who were to attend the dedication according to the published statement. The speaker stated that complaints had been made to the Presidency of the Stake that meetings in some of the wards were not taken up on time, and he urged a reform in this respect. Meetings should be opened and closed punctually and no time should be wasted.

ELDER JOSEPH E. TAYLOR

read a communication from Bishop John R. Winder in relation to ushers for the Temple during the dedication, and instructions were given as to their selection by the Bishop from the young men of their wards. The speaker stated that those who attend the dedication are expected to present themselves at the Temple gate on the days appointed from 8 to 9:30 a. m., and from 12:30 to 2 p. m.; that none would be admitted without recommendations and none must go out of their turn, as arranged by the Bishops. The latter were also instructed to furnish, on or before the 7th of April, the extra number of people, if any, who might desire to attend the dedication, over and above the apportionment to the wards as already published.

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stated that it was necessary to appoint a committee to arrange for the accommodation of visitors to the Conference and dedication. He nominated Elder Robert Patrick,