

to the noble characteristics of the departed patriarch. He seemed always to be filled with the divine light and his words were powerful among the people. He was one of the great characters in the Church. He possessed those God-like characteristics that constitute truly great men. The most admirable among men are those who follow with fidelity the dictates of their consciences. Brother Young was one of these. Once he had told some visitors of the greatness of Brigham Young. Yet with his innate modesty he said nothing of his relationship to the ex-president. Afterwards these men spoke of the fanaticism of Mormonism. This aroused the lion within him and he fearlessly defended the faith and God's servants. His record stands without a blot and is full of lessons for the generations to come. Such occasions as this should remind us that while we yet live we are in the presence of death.

Elder John W. Taylor said that when a great and good man passes from this earth he should not be followed to the tomb with sadness or grief. All men would be judged according to their deeds and the bereavement would be a pleasant and profitable one to those who had lived as Brother Young had done. There was no death and the spiritual part of man would rise again and be clothed upon with everlasting life.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH

said: The time being brief, those who have spoken as well as those who will speak have necessarily to be brief also. I want to read a few words from the Book of Mormon, believing that it will be more profitable to the congregation than anything which I might be able to say:

(He then read II Nephi, 9, 3-18 inclusive; also from the eleventh chapter of Alma, verses 40-45 inclusive.)

Continuing, he said: Remember that these are predictions made prior to the coming of Jesus Christ in the meridian of time; words which were inspired of the Holy Ghost through those who wrote and spoke by this power in ancient days, foretelling the events that should come to pass, which did come to pass, as subsequent history proves.

I would like to call to the attention of this congregation the fact that this Book of Mormon is the stick of Joseph, which is today in the hand of Ephraim; and that and the Bible, which is the stick of Judah, have become one in the dispensation of the fullness of times in the hand of God, for the reproofing of the nations of the earth and for the proving of the inhabitants of the world; for this book with the book called the Bible, in connection with the Spirit and power of God that accompanies the Gospel which these books teach to the world, become a three-fold witness against the world for their unrighteousness, and in evidence of the righteousness of men who have repented of their sins, who have yielded obedience to the requirements of the Gospel, and who have received a testimony of Jesus Christ, which is the spirit of prophecy, and have testified of the truth throughout their mortal lives, as our aged and venerable father, Lorenzo D. Young, has done.

As the time is short, it is, of course,

impossible for us to enter into any lengthy remarks; but there is one thought which has impressed itself upon my mind, and that is, that this man whose remains lie before us today was one of the first in this dispensation to yield obedience to the Gospel as it was restored through the Prophet Joseph Smith. This man many and many a time in my hearing and before the faces of vast congregations of people has borne an undeviating and a faithful, earnest and honest testimony of the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Upon this ground he stood side by side with his illustrious brothers, upon whom God saw fit to bestow a portion of His honor, and whom He called to this glorious Gospel dispensation and work of the latter days. President Brigham Young, President Joseph Young, President John Young, and Phineas H. Young, and now Lorenzo D. Young, have each of them in my hearing, I may say perhaps scores of times, borne a testimony such as only an honest man could bear of the divine mission of Joseph Smith. And from the day they received that testimony until they laid down their mortal tabernacles to return to mother earth, they never swerved from that testimony one hair. I do not believe there is a soul living on the earth that

ever heard one of these men diverge one iota from the firm conviction of their hearts that Joseph Smith was raised up by the power of God and was the instrument in His hand of restoring the Gospel in its fullness and the Priesthood of God in its power to the children of men, for the establishment of the kingdom of God upon the earth for the last time. I honor, I admire, I love the memory of these men because of this alone. It has been a comfort and a consolation to me to see men like these, of strong mind, of powerful will, of determined character—men as independent in their nature as God ever made man in His image—who have from the beginning to the end never swerved from the testimony of the truth that Joseph was inspired of God, was the Prophet of the living God, and was indeed the instrument in the hand of the Father in restoring the Gospel in its fullness and the Priesthood in its power to the world again. This testimony of theirs will never die. Though they have passed away, this will live. It will live in the memory of those that have received it from them, and it will be handed down from father to son to the latest generation, and it will forever be known that from Brigham to Lorenzo these men have been true and faithful to the testimony of Jesus Christ, which is the spirit of prophecy, and to the testimony of Joseph Smith and of his divine mission upon the earth. Therefore, my brethren and sisters and friends, and especially the descendants of Brother Lorenzo Young, and of President Brigham Young, and of his brothers, let me exhort you never to let this testimony dim in your hearts. Let it grow brighter and brighter in you unto the perfect day. For as they live, and as sure as these men have lived and have borne this testimony to their children and to this generation, so sure is this testimony of God and not of man, and so sure will it prove its own truth to the world before God

shall have finished this work. Let it sink deep into your hearts.

Here I tell you is a book (the Book of Mormon) which speaks of the coming forth in the resurrection of the dead. It gives us a history of the fall and of the redemption, and history of the death of the body and the resurrection of the body, a history of the death of the spirit, what it is and what it consists of, and of its restoration to life immortal. It also gives you a history of the restoration of the body and of the spirit to itself, that they shall become a living soul again, no more to be separated, no more to taste of death, but to become an immortal and ever-living soul. It testifies of this. And it was the voice of Almighty God which rounded from the heavens to the three witnesses in connection with the Prophet Joseph Smith, declaring that it had been translated by the power of God. Therefore, we have the testimony not only of the Spirit which accompanies the Gospel through obedience to it, that this is true, and that the words which I have read are true, but we have the testimony of the voice of God himself, declaring to the witnesses that it is true. Therefore, it may be depended upon, and your faith need not be shaken, need not waver, and you need have no doubt in relation to this matter; for it was given of God, and not of man. It was translated by the power of God, and not by the power of man. Hence the words given in it are true and will stand forever. May God help us to receive the truth in our hearts and to abide by it forever, in my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRESIDENT WOODRUFF.

President Woodruff said: The tabernacle of our dear beloved brother, pioneer, father and patriarch, Lorenzo D. Young, lies before us today. We have met together to pay our respects to it, and to bury this our friend in the earth, to lay his body in the tomb to rest until the time of the resurrection. But Brother Young's spirit is free. Whether he is here attending the funeral of his body or not I do not know; that is something that is not revealed to me. But I will say that with the knowledge I have of the Gospel of Christ I have never been able, since I have been acquainted with the principles of the Gospel, to mourn in my heart and my spirit over any faithful Latter-day Saint who had died and departed this life. This may seem strange, and sometimes I have thought that perhaps I have offended some of my friends in expressing myself with regard to these things. Until I heard the Gospel, death was a most gloomy thing to me. In my early youth I attended funerals. I looked upon the dead body; I saw it placed in the tomb, covered up in the earth, and it was a very gloomy matter to me. I did not know where the spirit of that body was going to. I did not know what its destiny was. But when I became acquainted with the Gospel of Christ these things were all clear to my mind; and from that day to this I have never been able to mourn over anybody, prophets or apostles, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, or any of the Saints of God who have dwelt in the flesh and kept the celestial law of God and qualified themselves to enter into the