

their heads? They do not, no more than the people did in the days of Noah, in the days of Lot, and in the days of the Jews when they put to death the Messiah.

You have embraced the Gospel. How came you to be gathered here in these valleys of the mountains, in this once barren desert? Where did you come from? You came from England, from Norway, from Sweden, from the various nations of the earth and from the isles of the sea. How was it that you came here? You reply: An Elder of Israel called. I heard him preach. He told me if I would repent of my sins, I should receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. I believed him. I went forth and was baptized. I had hands laid upon me for the reception of the Holy Ghost, and I did receive the Holy Ghost. There was no deception about this. I was moved upon to gather with the Saints of God to the mountains of Israel, that I might stand with them and be taught in the things of the Kingdom of God, that I might stand in holy places while the judgments of God were poured forth in the earth.

That is why you are here. We might have preached to you till we had been as old as Methusaleh, and if the Almighty had not backed up the testimony of these Elders of Israel, Utah today would be as barren a desert as we found it as far as the Latter-day Saints are concerned.

This is the work of God, and we are called upon to labor, no matter what may appear around us, or what persecutions we may be called upon to pass through. This is the great last Kingdom of our God that Daniel saw. It is the Zion of God that Isaiah saw. It is the Church of Jesus Christ that the Revelator John saw. The angel of God has come and delivered his message, in fulfillment of the commandments of God, and the cry has been, Prepare ye for the coming of the Son of man; behold the day of God's judgment is come. This is the proclamation to the whole world today—Jew and Gentile. And this is why we are here. We have been led here by the inspiration and power of God, and we have come here to fulfill the volume of the book of the revelations of God to the inhabitants of the earth. Therefore, I say, let not your hearts be troubled. It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. These Latter-day Saints are where they should be—where the Lord has called them; and if we do our duty, if we unite together and keep the commandments of God, all will be well in Zion. The Lord has said: "Verily I say unto you, that I, the Lord, will contend with Zion, and plead with her strong ones, and chasten her until she overcomes and is clean before me; for she shall not be removed out of her place. I, the Lord, have spoken it." We have got to do right and keep the commandments of God. If we don't, we shall be chastened, there is no doubt about that. But while the world are looking for the destruction of this Church, they will look in vain. They do not realize that the

judgments of God are being proclaimed by sword and by fire, and that the Lord is pleading with all flesh. The sword is bathed in heaven; it will fall upon Idumea and the world, and who is able to stand the judgments of the Almighty? Those who are striving for our overthrow, if they have not faith today in this and in God, they will have faith whenever they come to judgment; for the whole of them have got to go to judgment, and they will be judged according to their deeds done in the body.

Brethren and sisters, let us look at these things as they are. We are under great responsibility. In every dispensation God has called men and placed them as watchmen on the walls of Zion. He told Ezekiel: "I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn away from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul." We have been called upon to warn this generation. We have tried to do it in our weak way. I have for the last fifty-seven years of my life. So have these brethren here. We have traveled thousands of miles without purse or scrip. We have lifted up our voices and preached the Gospel of Christ to this dispensation.

We are also called, brethren and sisters, to perform some work in our day and time that no other dispensation of men have been called to do. We have been called to rear temples and to go into those temples and redeem our dead. It takes as much to save a dead man as it does a living one. If the dead have not heard the Gospel, the Lord is not going to send them to hell because they have not received it. The Lord is the Father of all. He is merciful to all, and He will save all, except the sons of perdition. Every man will have a glory. Our "Liberal" friends here will have a glory. A man will have a celestial glory if he abides the law of the celestial kingdom; he will have a terrestrial glory if he abides the law of the terrestrial kingdom; he will have a telestial glory if he abides the law of the telestial kingdom. That is the law of God unto us.

Brethren and sisters, I have desired to know the truth from the day I was a child. I read the Bible in my boyhood. I attended Sabbath school under old Dr. Porter and Dr. Haws. I read in this New Testament about Jesus Christ. I read of what kind of a Gospel He preached and what kind of a man He was. I read about the Apostles and of the power they had; how they laid hands upon the sick and they recovered; they could cast out devils, and, in some instances, raised the dead. In my boyhood I longed that I might live on the earth till I could find a

servant of God, an inspired man, who would teach me these principles that I read of in the New Testament. The Lord promised me, in fulfillment of my prayers, that I should live to see that day. I have lived to see it. The Lord has called a people from the nations of the earth, from every sect, party and denomination, to receive the fulness of the everlasting Gospel. There is but one Gospel. There never was but one Gospel; there never will be but one. Millions of people have been born in the flesh, have lived and have gone to the grave, who never saw the face of a prophet in their lives; never saw a man that was called of God and had power to administer in one of the ordinances of the House of God. Will God condemn them because they did not receive the Gospel? Not at all. They are in the spirit world—our fathers. We are called upon, as saviors on Mount Zion, while the kingdom is the Lord's, in the latter days, to go forth and redeem our dead. We hold in our hands the keys and power of their redemption, by attending to the ordinances of God for them. It is a work that the Lord has blessed us with. I thank God for this privilege. It is one of the blessings that the Latter-day Saints enjoy. When I go into the spirit world I expect to meet my fathers, my mothers, my relatives. I have been in the Temple of the Lord. I have received endowments for over three thousand of them on my father's and my mother's side, all that I could get access to. I do not want to go into the spirit world to meet these people and have them say to me, "You had power to enter into these Temples to get redemption for me, but you have not done it."

Lay these things to heart. Be not afraid with regard to the work; only serve God and trust in Him. You cannot serve man, nor make flesh your arm, for your salvation. If we are saved, if we are delivered, if we have redemption, it will be by the power of the God of Israel. He sent His Son into the world to lay down His life for the redemption of the children of men.

I feel to thank God that I have this privilege of bearing my testimony to the work. I know it is true. I know Joseph Smith was one of the greatest prophets that God ever raised up in the earth, save Jesus Christ. Joseph Smith holds the keys of this great and last dispensation and fulness of times; he will hold those keys to the endless ages of eternity. He sealed his testimony with his blood. And if we have to do the same, what of it? Thousands and thousands of the children of men lay down their lives in going to war, for the sake of worldly honor. Is it any more for a man to lay down his life for the gospel's sake than it is for him to lay it down for some other cause? I say no. It makes no difference what we are called to pass through, if we are united and do our duty all will be well. I want salvation when I get through. I want to go where my Heavenly Father and the Savior are, if I can. I want to go where the Apostles and Prophets are who have borne the heat and burden of