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In rising before you this ening I desire an interest in your prayers that I may be able to speak to our mutual edification. I realize, most truly, in my own experience, would exercise one-tenth part of the faith that we should exercise for our own good and the good of Israel; but under present circumstances it seems to be absolutely that it is a very difficult matter to rise before a congregation of Saints and preach fore a congregation of Saints and preach the gospel without the assistance of God's spirit; I do not feel capable of doing it, and I therefore pray that that spirit may be en-joyed by us who are here this evening. I feel that we have had a good and profitable time to day if we can but treasure up the time to-day, if we can but treasure up the time to day, if we can but treasure up the live the religion of Jesus Christ it is at the instructions which have been given. But present. We should begin to realize that every man and woman is an agent, and exercises a certain amount of influence in the great difficulty is,-we are too careless, listless and unconcerned in relation to the sphere in which he or she moves what is taught us from time to time, we do Parents have an influence over their children; children have an influence over each other; neighbor has an influence with neighbor; and a though we may not per-ceive that our example has any influence not weigh, with that thought and care that we should do, the instructions and counsels which we receive. We allow other or weight, I assure you many times injury things to occupy our minds: the cares of the world, the desire for gain, the anxiety has been done by acts that we regarded as the world, the desire for gain, the anxiety trifling through the influence they had to promote our own interests and to proupon our neighbors or children. Who can tell the result of a promise, made and vide for the necessities of life choke out the word of God to some extent. This is not kept, by a father to his child? Will the child grow up in the belief that the father too much so with the Latter-day Saints, and mother guilty of this practice, mean what they say, or that they say one thing and it is pre-eminently so with the world at large. They do not believe the gospel and mean another? From the conduct of when they are taught it, which is the reason the parents in this respect the child is very that our elders meet with so little success abroad. The world has grown so indifferent to the gospel that it is almost impossible to excite inquiry regarding it. Perand mothers set an example before their haps one cause of this is that there has, been too much teaching and too many and warn their children against. The inconsistent conduct of parents has a tend-ency to blunt the sensibilities of children, varieties of it, and the minds of the people are unsettled and filled with speculation and to lead them from the way of life and regarding the principles of salvation. salvation, for if parents teach their children taught to the people, nothing but dissatisfaction, doubt and disappointment result therefrom. There is no prospect, to all therefrom. There is no prospect, to all course, neither can we be too faithful in His part will not be fulfilled, because it is made on conditions that we do our part. at a knowledge of the truth; in fact the Christian world to-day are in exactly the position described by the ancient Apostle, -they have a "form of godliness but deny the power thereof;" and "they are ever learning but never come to the knowledge of the truth." But while this is the condition of the world, why should we, who have received the gospel, as revealed in our day through. Joseph Smith, sink to a level with them in our faith and actions? Having received the gospel, it is our privilege to receive the testimony of the same; and if we have not. it is our own fault, for it is promised freely to every man and woman who will obey it; and there is not a son or daughter of Adam with common reason, but he or she is entitled to a perfect knowledge of the gospel of salvation upon rendering obedience to able to God unless it is carried out in pracits requirements; and if all who do so do tice. We must have works as well as faith; not receive the promised blessings, it is we must do as well as pretend to do. The there own fault and not the fault of the gospel or its Originator. The gospel plan is broad and ample, and its Author has that they will keep His commandments, promised that they who seek shall find, and walk in the counsels of the Almighty and that to them that knock the door shall be opened. James, the Apostle, says "If thually dabble in the contemptible cus-any lack wisdom let him ask of God, who nature. Instead of raising themselves to mighty, and "Babylon the mother of hargiveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." This is well known in the world, for the scriptures are read there, and they are aware of the existence of these promises; and I presume that many of them endeavor to ask for what they need, in conformity with the teachings of the scriptures: for they do certainly realize, to some extent, that they need wisdom and understanding which they have not, and which seems out of they have not, and which seems out of their power to obtain. But why do they not get what they ask for? The promise is very pointed, and is given in language that cannot be mistaken. James explains this, Says he, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." "For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord." But he who asks in a proper manner, who humbles himself before the Lord like a little child before its earthly parent, and is willing to trust in God, and comes before him doubting nothing, that man, or that woman, will receive what he or she shall ask for. God has said it; He has promised it by the mouths of His servants, the Prophets and the Apostles, and the promise is sure and unfailing: and if there is any fault, it is on our part, and through our own elack of faith, meekness and humility before

they must swear a little, swagger a great deal, drink liquor, tes and coffee, because they are in the mountains mining, as was the case at our drill to some extent. For the first two or three meals the tes or coffee was scarcely thought of; but before the camp broke up I noticed several good brethren who never missed having tes or coffee at their meals, and they endeavored to justify themselves because they were on a campaign. I enjoyed my cup of cold water while there, and had as good heatth as any of them. I don't believe that wrong is right anywhere. God has said it is tion. If he does take a little time to rest from his toils in the field and attends meeting, he comes drowsy and thoughtless, and leaves no better than when he came. He has learned nothing; in fact he did not come to be taught. He came, perhaps, simply because it was customary, or be-cause some of his family or neighbors came, and not because he felt any interest in being there himself. If an angel should address a congregation of such individuals, his words would have no effect. The words of an as any of them. I don't believe that wrong is right anywhere. God has said it is wrong to take hot or strong drinks. I be-lieve that He meant what He said, and that it applies to me to-day, to-morrow, next week, and through my whole life, whether in the kanyons or at home, or wherever my lot may be cast. I also believe that it applies to the whole church, that no man or woman can consistently rear a family in ingel would have no effect on the minds of women who attend meeting to look a: the bonnets of their neighbors, or to see how the fashions change, any more than upon the minds of men who do the same thing for form's sake. Such persons have no conception of truth, and have no place for its reception; it is shut out from their understanding, and they sit like figure heads, and derive no benefit from the instructions woman can consistently rear a family in the church unless they will strictly ob-serve these counsels of God given for the guidance and salvation of all Saints. I beof the servants of God. So far as their influence goes, if they have any, it is as a damper thrown upon those around them. I do not believe it would be necessary to lieve that men and women who are rearing families and neglect these things incur fearful responsibilities. preach so much to the Saints, as it now appears to be, if we lived our religion, and

God has given much to us, and He will require much at our hands. He has restored the gospel with its gifts, blessings and powers; He has restored the holy priesthood, and has organized His church on the earth; He has deigned to acknowledge His people, and has signally bleased them since the church was organized to the present moment. We have professed to receive that gospel, acknowledged the name of God, and have been gathered out from the nations of the earth for the purpose of being purified ourselves, that we may have power to save our children, setting before them worthy examples, and rearing them in the nurture and admoni-tion of the Lord, so that God may have a pure and righteous people, whom He will delight to acknowledge and honor. This is one object of our gathering together; but take heed lest through our unfaithfulness over the little God has imparted unto us He will be unable to bestow the great bles. sings which He has in store for the faithful, The Lord will give to those who merit. His compassion is turned to us continually, but we do not realize it.

I rejoice in being able to testify to you that we have received the gospel; that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God, and that he was instrumental in the hands of the parents in this respect the child is very likely to take license to follow their ex-ample, and perhaps to do worse. Who can tell how long evils of this nature will tell upon children, transmitted through tell upon children, transmitted through this, and I bear my testimony to it, as one having received a knowledge thereof, for I children which they themselves condemn do know that this is true. But notwith-standing this knowledge, salvation depends upon ourselves: we are agents, and can choose or reject the gospel, follow the ex-amples of the Savior or Lucifer. It is left



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not fulfill his word? You meet him during

after day, and that promise remains unrecome finally to the conclusion that they are dishonest and all confidence is lost in them. They cannot be trusted in anything, little else than liars and swindlers, and you avoid having anything to do with them. Yet there are such men who have been down into the waters of baptism for the remission of sin, and have covenanted with God to forsake every evil. What does such mouth profession of repentance is acceptat all hazards; yet many, nevertheless, con-tinually dabble in the contemptible custhe people of these valleys, and especially Salt Lake City, Ogden, and our cities con-

mean thing to serve their purposes or grat-ify their desires. Some of us, I regret to

What confidence would you have in a I would now warn my brethren and sis-ters to look well to their ways in future, man who will tell you, "To-morrow morn- and to let their words and examples be ing I will pay you what I owe you;" but when to-morrow morning comes he does and approval of God. If they profess to be the day and says he, "Brother, I forgot all about that little matter, but I will call in the morning." The morning comes, but Latter-day Saints and desire to continue he does not come, and so it passes on day needs not to be repented of; for if we re-

He called forth the Prophet Joseph Smith in this dispensation to be His agent in esand you are compelled to regard them as tablishing His gospel upon the earth, that with an accredited representative of saw an angel flying through the midst of God to forsake every evil. What does such heaven, crying aloud, "Come out of her, O, a profession of repentance amount to? No my people." The same great truth is also contained in the revelations given through majority of the Latter-day Saints that have nances and blessings of the gospel, that been gathered to these valleys any length of time, have made covenants with God, that they will keep His commandments, munities worthy of His continual blessings and favors.

This is the work before the Saints; and the the standard of the gospel, they are content to descend to the level of the wicked and in the name of Israel's God, that this world the provide the arrival of the Duke corrupt. Many of the Elders of Israel who and its inhabitants are doomed; their doom of Aosta, but advocated immediate achave responsibilities resting upon them, with which they will find they cannot trifle with impunity, are taking this course all the time. What wonder them out and the only way of escape is the is sealed, and the only way of escape is the gospel of the Son of God, the door to which is baptism for the remission of sins, after of Prim. It is said the Minister of War poured out upon it when the testimony of Hisservants has gone forth in the midst

tion to scorn and derision, and regard it as to be done in view of the attempt on the Coltier (the King's Physician). If anaticism; but that little stone, seen by the life of Drim and in order to haffle the Mark B.S. MORTINER Prophet Daniel, which was taken out of the mountain without hands, is beginning to say, feel to follow their examples in our roll, and it will as surely break in pieces dealings, habits, and customs. What will God do with us? What are we worth? ists. The kingdom of God exists and it will What will we come to? What will God become a great mountain and fill the whole Almighty make of us? What kind of an earth, just as Daniel foresaw. I am a witexaitation, glory and reward will we gain ness to this, and so are the Latter-Day if this is the height of our smbition and the Saints. We do know that God has revealed phets and the Apostles, and the promise is sure and unfailing: and if there is any fault it is on our part, and if there is any the Lord. The Apostle James says that "Ye ask and received not, because ye ask amiss that ye may cash lossings of the Lord, from now to all eternity, and if we ask with pride and ambition in our heart, and with a desire to increase our worldly pos-sessions for our own aggrandizement, God will not grant what we ask. Hence the desirt for mey ye weak, missender of and the follies and weaknesses of the way He has appointed. When we meet together it is for the pur-

poor skunk that comes from the world? I mean those who do not regard themselves as gentiemen; I do not mean men who out their professions, and there are many to that class who do not scruple to do any to that class who do not scruple to do any life of Prim, and in order to baffle the Phillip de Comines (the Historian)

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