

## THE DEDICATION.

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and His cause advanced by the efforts of the evil one. Exhorted the Saints to labor with their children for their salvation. Testified that the Temple had been accepted of the Lord, and that he had experienced the presence of His Spirit within the building like a consuming fire. Had it made known to him many years before it came to pass that President Taylor would become the leader of the people and had received testimonies that the people of God would triumph and that the leaders of nations would yet acknowledge that God was with them.

BISHOP A. M'RAE

said he had previously attended the dedication of two Temples. Rejoiced in having kept the faith since embracing it, fifty-one years ago. Related a dream which he had many years ago in which he saw numerous Indians coming in tribes for the protection of the Saints, and was impressed that any one of them was equal to two white men in point of powers. Found it difficult to love his enemies, or rather the enemies of the work of God. Rejoiced in his young days in being imprisoned with the Prophet Joseph Smith. The Saints and their religion had been rejected by the world, but it would yet be found, as in the case of the Savior, that the rejected stone should become the chief corner. Had seen the power of God made manifest through the Prophet Joseph while in prison to a wonderful degree—to such an extent he had been made to quake while witnessing it. Testified to his having been inspired and to the truth of the Gospel.

BISHOP F. KESLER

said he felt unable to express his feelings. Though he had been a member of the Church for almost half a century he had never before been called to speak at the dedication of a Temple. Became acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1839, and was familiar with him from that time until the day of his death. Knew of no difference between the principles of the Gospel as taught by him and practiced by the Saints in this age. Was pleased with the appearance of the Temple. Had thought while passing through it how inconsistent it would be for a person to enter its portals with the smell of tobacco or spirituous liquors upon his breath. Had observed the Word of Wisdom as nearly as possible since it was made known to him. Exhorted his hearers to do likewise. Felt sure the Lord had accepted of the Temple, and that the Saints would enjoy His Spirit in laboring in it.

COUNSELOR J. B. MAIDEN

said he felt to thank God for what he beheld to day in the completion and dedication of the Temple. Could testify that President Young was inspired in the selection and dedication of the site of the Temple, that the Saints had been blessed in its erection, and that its present dedication was accepted of the Lord. Reminded his hearers of the ancient exhortation: "Beware that bear the vessels of the Lord."

ELDER C. H. WHEELLOCK

said when he was nine years of age a congregation of worshippers assembled in his father's house, representing various denominations. After listening to their differing expressions on the subject of religion he retired to bed and had a dream in which a personage appeared to him and showed him the interior of a Temple, told him that he was a Levite and that it was the duty of the Levites to officiate in such places. That dream was repeated when he had grown to manhood. When, after embracing the Gospel, he received a patriarchal blessing, he was informed that he was a literal descendant of Levi, and that he would be a savior to his father's family. Was the only one of his family who had joined the Church. Expected to devote himself to hunting up the genealogy of his forefathers and do a work for them. Visited the Prophet Joseph in prison just before his martyrdom and heard him say that he felt like revoking the ungodly, but that it was necessary for him to restrain himself. Related how he was impelled by a vision he received to go upon a mission to which he had been called, when he felt in his heart to resist the call. What was shown him in that vision as to the work he would accomplish in bringing people to a knowledge of the truth was afterwards literally fulfilled. Heard a sister say who had subscribed much of her substance to the building of the Temple that she felt already repaid in witnessing the dedication of the House.

ELDER J. B. NOBLE

said that the people who had built the Temple had done a great and noble work, and that if they would continue faithful no good thing should be withheld from them. Could testify that the Lord had accepted of the Temple. Was present in the Kirtland Temple when it was dedicated. When he was blessed therein the vision of his mind was opened and he saw what would transpire in the future. Was there promised that he should witness the winding up scene, and had blessings pronounced upon his head which caused a flood of tears to flow from his eyes. Predicted that the present persecutions of the Saints would result in greater power being given unto them. We should forgive our enemies as we hoped to be forgiven.

The "Dedication Anthem" was sung by the choir.

DR. ISAACSON

being called upon to speak, said he realized the responsibility resting upon him in testifying as to the feelings of his heart. His thoughts were listening to the remarks of his brethren had been directed towards the Jewish people and the ancient city of God where around the ruined temple of Solomon they assemble night and morning and appeal to the Lord to again build their house and restore to them their inheritance. Wished all Israel could be before him in this Temple that he could testify before them as he did before the Saints that Jesus is the Son and Joseph Smith a true Prophet of God, and that the Latter-day Saints have the Gospel. Stood as the representative of his people the millions of Jews scattered throughout the world, and felt to appeal in their behalf that the blessings enjoyed by the Latter-day Saints be extended also to them. Felt that they more than any others were the people to enjoy the blessings to be obtained in Temples. Testified to the presence of the Holy Spirit and to the truth of the Gospel. Earnestly implored the Saints to pray for Israel and to sustain him by their faith inasmuch as he stood alone, his own parents even having rejected him for his belief.

APOSTLE HEBER J. GRANT

said he had enjoyed the feast yesterday and today more than he had power to express. To listen to the testimony of brethren whose life had been spent in the service of God and who were now tottering on the brink of the grave caused him joy unspeakable. Felt encouraged with the assurance that there were so many faithful men and women among the Saints. Exhorted his hearers to be more diligent in looking after the welfare of their children, teaching them the principles of the Gospel, guarding them from temptation and setting them good examples. While believing in the Lord having foreordained what is taking place, was impressed with the fact that every person had his agency and that his reward or punishment hereafter would be in accordance with the use he made of that agency. Referred to the work to be done in Temples and illustrated how the Lord was operating upon the hearts of unbelievers to lead them to assist in the work.

APOSTLE JOHN HENRY SMITH

said he was too happy to speak. As he thought of the past and remembered the efforts made to gather the people assembled from the nations of the earth; how their hearts had bled when fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters had turned their backs upon them because of their embracing the truth and testifying of the restoration of the Gospel, he felt they now had their reward—that their hopes were realized. The present was a day of gladness to the dead, to think that they had been remembered and that the way had been opened up for their redemption. Israel should also rejoice that they had a representative among this people today to raise his voice in their behalf and appeal for the blessings of the Gospel to be extended unto them. Predicted that the time would come when the faithful Saints would stand as saviors among their relatives who had rejected and despised them. Testified to the divinity of the work in which the Saints were engaged, the inspiration of their leaders past and present and the fact that salvation only could be obtained through obedience to the Gospel.

The choir sang the "Hymn of Praise."

APOSTLE LORENZO SNOW

spoke of the glorious time enjoyed and the rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit manifested. Reminded the Saints of the visits of the Savior and of angels to the Kirtland Temple, and that there was no reason why such visits should not be received here. Was assured that the Lord had accepted of the present Temple. Exhorted his hearers to make new resolves to be faithful, to humble themselves and to shun temptation. Read from the Doctrine and Covenants a description of the visions beheld in the Kirtland Temple, and said that the promises made by the Savior upon that occasion were equally applicable to the Latter-day Saints, and the present occasion. Assured the Saints that the Lord was pleased with their offering and that His blessings would be showered upon them in greater abundance than ever before.

THE CONGREGATION

then united in shouting "Hosannah to God and the Lamb, forever and ever. Amen," with an effect that was fairly electrifying, after which they were dismissed and allowed to proceed through the various rooms of the Temple and view the rich and beautiful workmanship with which the interior is endowed, which all acknowledged to equal if not surpass anything of the kind they had ever seen.

During the services today many persons in the audience witnessed similar miraculous manifestations to those seen yesterday, and though all present did not behold the same every person doubtless felt the presence of the Holy Spirit, was assured that the speakers were prompted thereby, and that the erection and dedication of the Temple was pleasing to the Almighty. It was truly a day of spiritual feasting.

It is expected that the dedicatory services will not be continued after tomorrow though it is extremely doubtful whether the building will contain all who are expected to attend.

G. C. L.

## TODAY AT MANTI.

Spiritual Manifestations and Blessings for the Saints.

MANTI, May 23, 1888. [Special to the DESERET NEWS.]—Manti and particularly Temple Hill and the roads leading into the city from the north and south presented an interesting and animated scene this morning.

It being understood that the dedicatory services in the Temple would terminate today, people who hoped to gain admission to the Temple were early astir, apparently fearful they might lose the privilege.

As the writer viewed from the tower of the Temple the hosts flocking into the city and trooping up the hill, long before the time for services to commence, he was forcibly reminded of the words of the ancient Prophet, recorded possibly as he viewed, in vision, while looking down through the vista of coming ages, the very scene now presented: "Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord's House," etc.

Words are inadequate to express the thoughts which will up in one's mind as, while alone and surrounded by the heavenly influence that pervades the Temple, he traverses its sacred rooms, corridors and stairways, and gazes in rapture upon the beautiful surroundings which in design and finish, and happy blending of colors are so nearly perfect, or views from the windows of the lower towers the lovely panorama spread out before him, extending as it does about thirty miles northward and a long distance to the south—the abode of an industrious, virtuous, contented and happy though persecuted people. Then, if ever, is one apt to be reminded of God's marvelous goodness and mercy to His Saints and the obligations they are under unto Him.

It having been made known that such

SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATIONS

as the sight of the spirits of Presidents Young and Taylor, Jedediah M. Grant and others had been seen in the Temple within the past two days, in addition to a halo of light around the heads of some of the speakers, and the hearing of enchanting music, the Saints this morning were all expectancy.

After the opening musical exercises and the reading of dedicatory prayer, Apostle Lorenzo Snow reminded the assembled Saints that the services would be concluded today, and that the Spirit of God had been enjoyed to a marked degree during the past two days. He said it was their privilege to have another spiritual feast today.

President D. H. Wells read from the scriptures, "Behold it is good for brethren to dwell together in unity," etc. He said it was the privilege of faithful Saints to enter this house and receive endowments, keys, powers, and blessings which the Prophets in past ages had loved to contemplate. He felt that praise and gratitude should continually ascend to God for revealing unto His servants the use and purpose of Temples and in inspiring His Saints with such hopes and assurances. He reminded his hearers of the promise that they who were faithful over a few things should be made rulers over many.

Counselor Henry Beal said he felt the present was the greatest privilege he had ever enjoyed. He had been numbered with the Saints for forty years, but never before felt

THE POWER OF GOD

to so great an extent as during the past few days, within the walls of the Temple. He felt to testify as others had done, that the kingdom of God was truly established, never more to be thrown down. The enemies of the Saints had no power to deprive them of the Spirit of God. They might imprison them, but could not build walls high enough to shut out the light of the Spirit, nor to exclude hope from their hearts. He could testify that the Saints of Israel had never been so full of faith as today. President Brigham Young had promised them that if they assisted with willing hands to erect the Temple they would be increased in substance and strengthened in spirit and his words had been fulfilled. If the Saints would continue in the work, and build institutions of learning, in which their children could be taught principles of religion as well as science, they would be even more blessed.

Elder Lorin Farr said he felt very thankful for the present privilege. For a year and a half he had not been able to stand before a congregation. For over fifty-six years he had been connected with the Church, and when a youth he was intimately associated with the Prophet Joseph Smith. He never saw a man who manifested greater kindness and consideration towards his family than Joseph did. He knew him then to be a Prophet of God. A greater Prophet never lived. He held the keys of all dispensations, and conferred the same upon the Apostles. Temples would yet be built, not only throughout America but in the various nations of Europe and Asia as well. He could promise the Saints that if they would be faithful the present Temple

NEVER SHOULD BE TAKEN

from them nor destroyed. Faithful men who had died in the past ages were engaged in the work of redemption in other spheres, which work would be connected with that performed in the Temples upon earth.

Millions of the dead were waiting for ordinances to be performed by the living, in their behalf. He could testify that the Latter-day Saints were the people of God. It was the little stone cut out of the mountain without hands, which was destined to fill the whole earth.

Apostle John W. Taylor said he noticed a large proportion of young people in the congregation. He had listened with pleasure to the testimonies of his aged brethren, and he felt also to bear his. When about eighteen years of age he was employed at a saw mill. At that time he made a resolution to break away from the restraints of religion. Before retiring to rest he was asked by his companions to pray, and did so in a formal manner. After lying down he was carried in vision to the place where he had made the resolution. The Spirit of God came upon him and passed through his system. He beheld a brilliant light, and also a number of personages coming towards him, accompanied by an influence which could scarcely be withstood. He clung to a tree stump to prevent himself being forced backward, and saw a being whom he was informed was Jesus Christ, whose power was great but whose voice was pleasant to hear. His father was present also, and

ENCOURAGED HIM

to hold on, which he did with difficulty. He afterwards related the dream or vision to his father, and had it interpreted by him, telling him that the stump of tree represented the teachings of his parents, which he had been tempted to break away from, thinking there was greater liberty in sin; his father charged him to be faithful in following their counsel and example; that it would have been better for him to be dashed in a thousand pieces, as it seemed he would have been if he had lost hold of the stump, than that he should incur the displeasure of the Almighty, who had the power to destroy soul as well as body. While his father was sick before his death, he bore testimony to the power of God, and that Jesus was the Redeemer. He bore an earnest and powerful testimony to the truth of the Gospel, and predicted that the time would come when the kings of the earth would come bending and pleading for the

BLESSINGS OF THE TEMPLE;

that it would not be long before President Brigham Young and many others who had died would come to the Temple; that many of the Saints would have the testimony of dead relatives revealed unto them, and also many other precious things.

Elder Milando Pratt said Solomon was divinely permitted to build a temple, in the dedication of which the power of God was made manifest. Fire came from heaven and consumed the sacrifice on the altar. He felt to exclaim when he came into this valley and saw the Temple on the hill, Surely this is the mountain of the Lord's house. The purposes of the Lord were ripening fast and all would be fulfilled. The Saints should use all the opportunities to obtain the records of their dead. He had a record of his ancestors for thirteen generations. He had received a letter from a relative in the east, inquiring about his mother's relations, and received from him a long list, for seven generations back. He returned to him 500 or 400 names of relatives in Utah. Elder Pratt testified that the Saints were engaged in the work of God. He also testified to the divinity of the calling of Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, John Taylor and the present Apostles.

Apostle H. J. Grant testified that the Patriarchs of the Church ministered by the Spirit and power of God; also that work in temples was efficacious in redeeming the living and the dead. He read from the Doctrine and Covenants the vision to Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon.

Elder Anthon H. Lund said his heart was too full for him to express his feelings. He admired

THE BEAUTIFUL TEMPLE,

but considered it not so beautiful as the principles of the Gospel and the plan of salvation. He had joy in engaging in the dedication ceremony.

Apostle F. D. Richards said when he contemplated what God had done in the past, his mind materially turned to what might be developed in the future. When the Saints came to Sanpete, now called the granary of Utah, it was called barren and desolate. Some of the early settlers returned and reported in discouraging terms. New see what the Lord has done. Where frosts prevailed every month in the year we find thrifty, full bearing fruit trees, and all kinds of grain. The climate had moderated, and the happy homes of the inhabitants now blossom with luxurious life. He referred to the blessings which the European Saints had enjoyed in journeying across the Atlantic, so that even Gentile ship owners were anxious to get them as passengers, feeling that thereby ships were more safe. He prophesied that the Book of Mormon would be translated into the Hebrew, and when the Gentiles should more fully reject the Gospel it should be turned to Judah, and that the day of

DELIVERANCE FOR JUDAH

was at hand. God had not forgotten His promises to that part of His ancient covenant people, and all should be fulfilled. The Saints sometimes felt that patriarchal blessings were not likely to be fulfilled, but when the spirit of

revelation rested upon the Patriarchs and they spoke according to it, many were foretold that reached beyond the veil. The Saints did not realize all the promises made unto them. As an instance, in Abraham's experience God gave him a patriarchal blessing that he should receive a land, but the Scriptures record that he died without having as much of it as to his foot upon. He would receive with his generations in the resurrection. The speaker testified to the divinity of the mission of Joseph Smith, and blessed the people, that the spirit of this dedication might go with them.

Chief Mason Edward L. Parry joined in the privilege of mingling his voice with those of inspired men whose testimonies had revived his memories of similar testimonies he had received during the past forty years. Dan said, generations since, that the God of heaven should set up His Kingdom in the latter days. There were no nor buts about it. It has been fulfilled, and has been given to the Saints of the Most High, and they shall possess forever.

Counselor W. H. Seegmiller, of Sevierville, said it was not necessary for him to come from heaven to consume the offering on the altar to show that God had

ACCEPTED THE DEDICATION

of the Temple. He had the testimony of the Spirit of God that it was accepted. He testified to the divinity of the work in which the Saints were engaged and encouraged the youth of Zion to be diligent and faithful, that they might be prepared to take an active part in the work of God.

Apostle J. H. Smith said he felt pressed to read the testimony of Oliver Cowdery, as contained in the Pearl of Great Price. He then read Oliver's description of his experience with the Prophet while he was translating the Book of Mormon, and of the visit of John the Baptist to ordain Joseph and himself to the Aaronic Priesthood. Elder Smith said the statement read should impress every heart. It was true. It was indeed a joyous day when God again revealed His will to humanity. It was an impressive spectacle to see aged men testifying in this Temple; that God had made it known to them that the Gospel was true. The testators in this are a

GRAND GALAXY,

who should command admiration of the world. He invoked blessings upon the architects, masons, builders, mechanics, painters, and whose industry, genius and liberal were manifest in building the Temple.

David M. Starn said when an orphan boy in his native land he had embraced the Gospel and received a testimony of the truth. He had felt pressed to come to this dedication. While coming he had strange reflections. The Spirit of God seemed brood over the valley. He felt the spirits of the dead were anxiously awaiting their redemption. The Prophet Job, after being tempted and stripped of his property and children, testified that he knew that his Redeemer lived. This was among the last utterances before the chariot came and the blessings of God were showered upon him. That testimony had descended through ages and was with the Saints today. They obtained it through obedience, as Job obtained it. He could read it in the faces of the Saints whom he yesterday met returning from the dedicatory services. He testified that he knew in a thousand instances that he was engaged in the work of God; that it would continue in power and that no power could overthrow it.

Apostle L. Snow said he had been thinking of the wonderful events which had transpired since January, 1847, when he and Apostles Erastus Smith and Richards were ordained. Those who were Apostles then, except President Woodruff, were dead, who in Kirtland. Three received the Gospel and were baptized by an Apostle who afterwards apostatized, had known Joseph Smith and other prominent men, and obtained a testimony before he embraced the truth. Father Joseph Smith blessed him, called him brother and told him he should join the Church. At that time he had good prospects. He before him. Nothing but his desire for salvation could have induced him to embrace so unpopular a faith. He saw the manifestations of God's power before doing. He had heard speaking tongues, and the interpretation prophetic in its nature. He made his mind to withhold no law of God made it known to him that the Gospel was true. The heavens were opened to him and the knowledge told that God lived, and that Jesus Christ was His Son. This testimony had continued with him and had added unto.

Counselor Wells said that the people of this Temple district had been greatly blessed, and if they would continue faithful the blessings of the Spirit would be poured out upon them in the future. The blessings were not alone due to the faithfulness of the people, but also because promises made anciently, which now being fulfilled. The Saints abundant proof that God had with them and favored as marvelously as any people in past ages. It would not be long before the work required of the in mortality