

nobody any harm. And so it seemed they were loth to persecute them. Yet the persecution went on, until the swords of Rome were bloody in the executing of Christians for simply their faith in God. And yet the Kingdom of God was marching on. The power of divine truth was taking hold of men; and as this truth was being preached, as men were seeing what it meant for humanity, one after another began to yield to its mighty power; one after another began to feel its sway, its holy, its saving influence; and at the third century Rome yielded, and the Christian religion sat on the throne of the Caesars. Was there any sword drawn then? Was any man put to death in the great triumph of Christianity? Rome had enjoyed its triumphs. Great Roman generals had come into the imperial city leading behind them their captive kings and generals, and the great hordes of soldiers taken in battle, and Rome had cheered till the city of the seven hills rang with the echo. But when the humble disciples of the Lord Jesus, when those who had followed the Master along the way, came to the throne of Rome, no man was afraid; no man suffered for their going. Look down the years. I know that men tell us of religious persecutions. I know that men tell us how the Church has turned persecutor. Shame on humanity because there is so much of truth in the statement! Shame on men who dare to turn away from God and His truth to persecute their fellow-men, as though they had the right to do it! But that never came from God. The order of going out with swords and implements of torture to persecute men for their faith, or their lack of it, never came from the Throne of God. It was invented in the bottomless pit, and it flourished on the face of a sin-cursed earth. God never endorsed it. It never won any converts to the Kingdom of Christ. Never were those who were frightened by the danger of physical suffering driven into the Kingdom of God so that angels of heaven could rejoice over their coming. But all along the way, where the songs of the redeemed were heard, where the testimonies of those who loved God were heard here and there throughout the earth, were gathered some loyal hearts, and then the angels could sing because of the lost brought home, the redeemed saved.

Now, then, this Kingdom is marching on. God claims this world for His own. He made it. He made the people of this earth. And while He lets men go on for a season in their sins; while He lets men have the forces of this world in their own hands for a season, the time will come when righteousness shall reign, and when men shall rejoice in loving humanity and in loving God. That is the triumph of God's Kingdom. That is the triumph of the Kingdom of Christ—that Kingdom that came from heaven, when all men shall be loyal to the truth, when all men shall themselves and the things which God loves, and which God wishes us to proclaim, for the saving of humanity. There is a wonderful consummation for this Kingdom of God. I believe that there will be a triumph of that kingdom on earth. We turn back to the prophecy

of Isaiah, and we read, long before Christ came, of the coming of Christ, and the peace, the joy that His coming would bring to this earth. But the prophet looked down the ages still further, until he saw that wonderful triumph of righteousness, when there should be union of heart in all this world, and he saw the redeemed of the Lord, saved from all dangers; and he saw the great masses of the people everywhere rejoicing in righteousness and truth.

Now then, the triumph of God's kingdom is the triumph of the principles of that kingdom, when men shall be governed by the thoughts of their hearts, and those thoughts are thoughts of loyalty to God and love for men; when all over this earth the nations of the earth shall be planning for the best things for humanity, and shall love God and the way of righteousness.

Now one thought, and I hope the people will be quiet for just a moment, and then I will relieve you. In that vision of the Apostle on the Isle of Patmos, he saw in the future until the triumph of God's kingdom should be complete, and he said that the kings of the earth were gathered there, and the princes, and the great men, acknowledging the power of the Lord Jesus Christ, and committing themselves in loyal submission to the King of kings, the Lord of lords. And I want you to remember, my friends, that in that great picture the wonderful truth is proclaimed that in that triumph, when Christ shall stand the acknowledged king of all the nations of the earth, as He is king in heaven, the nations and princes and kings that are there—the kings shall come and pass before him. They shall not place their crowns on the head of Christ; but the picture is that they shall cast their crowns at his feet. Oh, that wonderful triumph! when all men shall stand triumphant in their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; when the acknowledged Monarch of heaven and earth, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Himself uncrowned, has received at His feet, not on His head, the crowns of love, redeemed and saved. Oh, glorious triumph of love, and faith, and salvation! Oh, wonderful redemption of earth, when the gates of heaven shall be thrown open, and when there shall be rejoicing because men love God. Oh, banish all sin! Oh, banish the hate! Banish all that comes from earth! For when the earth crumbles, the things that are born of it must go down—the selfishness, the sin, and all that; and then the nations shall be ready to receive those who love God, those who are brought in triumph into His kingdom; for we are told that to as many as believe to them gave He power to become the Sons of God. Do you wonder, then, that the picture of that triumph comes to us the song of Moses and the Lamb, the song of salvation; not of death and destruction, but of redemption and life? Oh, that life in God hath eternal life, Christ says, that is, life right here begun; and then, oh, through all the ages of eternity a life of love, and joy and peace with God. Amen, and Amen.

The juvenile choir sang the anthem: From afar gracious Lord, Thou hast gathered Thy flock.

The benediction was pronounced by Elder John D. H. McAllister.

CITY COUNCIL.

The regular weekly session of the City Council was held Tuesday evening, November 24th, Mayor Scott presiding. The following councilmen were in attendance: Spafford, Karriek, Pendleton, Tuddenham, Young, Hyde, Hardy, James, Parsons, Lynn and Folland. Absent—Smith, Pickard, Anderson and Heath.

PETITIONS

were read and referred as follows:

Retail Clerks Union No. 27 asked that Henry Roberts be appointed superintendent of stone work on the joint city and county building. Referred to committee on said building.

H. B. Eldy asked that certain taxes erroneously paid by him be refunded. Committee on claims.

J. J. McCluskey and others asked that W. H. Ford be given a position on the police force. Referred to the Mayor.

The Brigham Young Trust company filed a protest against the granting of a license to erect a variety theatre on Commercial street, either with or without the privilege to sell liquor; also that no more liquor licenses be granted on that thoroughfare. Committee on license.

L. C. Trent represented that he owned certain real estate near Capitol Hill and asked that the city purchase the same. Committee on public grounds.

M. H. Walker and others asked that First West street be opened and graded, between Ninth South and Roper streets. Committee on streets.

Kelsey and Gillespie asked that proper street grades be established by the city engineer on Eighth and Ninth South streets as far as Thirteenth East street. Granted.

William F. Colton and others asked that Fourth South street, between Tenth and Thirteenth East streets, be graded and graveled.

Detective Franks represented that he was now organizing a public patrol system and asked that he be appointed a special officer, without pay from the city, for that purpose. United States Commissioner Greenman and a large number of other prominent citizens asked that the petition be granted. Committee on police.

William Fuller asked that the city watermaster be instructed to allow petitioner to use water from the Decker ditch, claiming that he had a right thereto. Committee on irrigation.

Lehi Pratt asked a rebate on merchants' and liquor license. Committee on license.

The Amalgamated Society of Carpenters asked that Henry Roberts be appointed superintendent of stone work on the joint city and county building. Referred to committee on said building.

John Smith and others asked for an extension of watermains on Black street. Committee on waterworks.

Everet W. Wilson asked that certain taxes paid by mistake be refunded to him. Laid on the table.

W. F. Goss represented that his property was being injured by the sewer refuse being deposited upon it. He asked that he be granted relief forthwith. Committee on sewerage and irrigation.

The Brighton and North Point Irrigation