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# POSITION OF "MORMONISM" BEFORE THE WORLD

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ELDER NEPHI L. PRATT. Northwestern States President of Mislon.) speak to this congregation

mbling. I hope, while we this afternoon, that we i with the Holy Spirit in d with the Holy Spint in ice, that we may be com-ve our faith strengthaned, cted as the Lord would when we leave this meet-iclusion, we may feel we with the bread of life, so of a time when, in the with the time when, in the a conference, I have felt ore satisfied in my soul more satisfied in my soul orning, in listening to the iccurses of the brethren, as made to rejoice exceed-that to be with the Lord, ower resting upon us, even wo hours, as it did in the he tabernacie this morning, than a life-time spent in solition, or having the the world can give, the world can give, op thinking of the situa-

d, those in the world the light and know-h. I thought also of power that rests upon d power that rests upon lod, by which this peo-instructed from time art glorifies God that ed. In the midst of a lied with unbellef, and we have been selected rid, and that there are upone ones chosen to s fortunate ones chosen to a particular work of the e earth. When President he particular work of the the earth. When President speaking this morning, he di-minds to the gioricus future we hope to obtain life ever-thought, as I looked over the on and saw the white-headed on and saw the white-headed ting. I industry as the white-headed agregation and saw the white-headed agregation and saw the white-headed agregation and saw the white-headed pping away from me, and from thou-als who, a few yeas ago, had brown black hair, bright eyes and straight des. I looked upon these people to-y and thought of how mankind, in r present state, in a world of sorrow, and death, is subjected to the or-al of gradually losing brightness of s, straightness of form, elasticity of epite age, and becomes old and de-epit; and I thought, where is there individual among men, in any nacrepit; and i thought, where is there an individual among men, in any na-tion or country, who would not give the crown of a king, if it were his to give, it possess the eternal life and power hat was described in this morning's ourse, by our brother who spoke updiscourse, by our brother who spoke up-on the resurrection of the dead, to have the vigor and power to eternally. Ive and be all that a man is in this world when he is at his best. That would surely be a boon to be sought for. If there were a fourther any shored in this there were a fountain anywhere in this world from which men could drink and have restored to them the faculties of a restored to them the factures of h, or of middle age, and have eter-life, kings would give up thefr mes for such a boon; the rich would their riches down as nothing, and cast their riches down as not mail, and give all in exchange for life everlasting, even on a world like this. Millions of people would drag themselves across a continent, on their hands and knees, to continent, on their hands and knees, to drink at such a fountain. All mankind would usek it with diligence; it would be the one aim of their lives, as they increased in years, to get to where they might drink at the fountain of eternal life. "Mormonism" tells us about the

be released from decrepitude, when old age will be thrown aside like a garment, and eternal life, eternal felicity, and eternal association with the Lord and with our loved ones will be ours. That we may have the blessings of God to be and abide with us forever is my prayer, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ELDER ASAHEL H. WOODRUFF. (President of Northern States mission.)

this occasion.

Ing to their voices, because they speak unto us the words of eternal life. Like the brother who preceded me, my soul was made to rejoice in listen-ing to the words uttered by the in-spired servants of God in our meeting this morning, in the Tabernacle. I felt to say in my heart "We thank Theo.

to say in my heart, "We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet, to guide us in these latter days," to point out that road which will lead us to the perfec-tion that our Father in heaven has adtion that our rather in heaven has ad-monished us, through His Son, to strive for. I realize, and have a testimony to bear, that by following the teachings given to us, by the mouthplece of God on the earth, we will be able to reach that condition. It is not possible for us, by following man's wisdom, to attain that condition. Man does not know the perfection of God; all the things neces-sary for us to do to reach that condition have not yet been revealed to us, Jesus Christ so informed His Disciples,

all things He desired to teach them, and so he said to them upon one occa-sion: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, self; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

scribes but as those having authority. I thank God, my brethren and sisters, that I live in a day and time when we have a prophet to guide us. Unfortunately, the people of the world persist in misunderstanding the Lat-ter-day Saints; they persist in misun-derstanding "Mormonism" and what it intends to do for the world of mankind. not propose to shake hands with the devil, so to speak, to show how liberal their blindness, they have attempted times past, and are attempting at In times past, and are altempting at the present time, to bring all the pow-res of the adversary to overthrow and frustrate the work of God, which He has established upon the earth in these the last days. I presume that, among the enemies of this work, there are those who fancy there is trembling of kneeg and failing of spirit on the part of those who have espoused this cause. They vainly imagine that the experi-ences we have been massing through an They value imagine that the experi-ences we have been passing through, and the persecution which has and is still being hurled-against us, will result in the overthrow of this work. If we were not assured in our hearts that we are engaged in the work of God, a work which has as its object the bicache of morelind were an individual lessing of mankind, not an individual ork; that we are not pursuing our blessing of mankind, not an individual work; that we are not pursuing our own selfish desires, that our position in the world is not our own choosing, independent of a higher power—if we did not know for a surety that we are a people chosen from the world for a special purpose, that God has chosen us, as He did people in days that are past, to be special instruments in carrying as He did people in days that are past, to be special instruments in carrying out His purposes upon earth, there might be some reason for the feeling to which I referred. There is no doubt in the minds of the Latter-day Saints as to the final outcome of this work. They have received testimony upon tes-timony to the effect that God is at the helm; they know that the efforts of those who understand us not will be in vain, as in times past. It is the consciousness of the rectifude of our intentions that buoys us up under all In value, as in times plat. It is de-consciousness of the rectifude of our intentions that buoys us up under all these things, and in the face of all the trials and persecutions that, as a people, we are now and have been in times gone by called upon to pass through. As Latter-day Saints, we take a pe-culiar view of life. We look upon our present existence as a season of trial, a probation, in which we are gaining experience, and learning those lessons that will enable us to advance and in-crease in knowledge and power in the presence of God, and that will entitle us to be numbered among His jewels, when Hie shall come to gather them unto Himself. We regard our condi-tion here as similar to being away from home. We have left our Father and Mother in heavon, become self-exiled from the associations of our primeval

who find fault with our religious belies and principles, are the fushionable, the educated and cultured of the world; Jeaus Christ was accused by such. He was brought to judgment by law, and His accusers were the high and grand among men. Scribes and Phariscos, who offered long prayers in public places, to be heard of men, who were careful in the observance of outward forms and ceremonics, "righteous" men! men who were in such condition that they could not each the first store at the women

not east the first stone at the woman taken in adultery, but who were grieved in spirit because Jesus went about "ut-

in spirit because Jesus went about "ut-tering blasphemy" by saying he was the Son of God. Those were the influences, the kind of witnesses, and restimony that were brought to bear against Je-sus of Nazareth, which brought about His conviction, and death of ignominy upon the cross. The lawyers of today tell us that His death was a judicial murder; so we see, my brethran and sisters, it is possible for the law to be wrong. It is sometimes possible for a

wrong. It is sometimes possible for a few people to be in the right and the rest of mankind in the wrong. It is pos-

The saints of God are required to prove themselves, by retaining the tes-timory of Jesus Christ in the face of persecutions and afficient. We have

been charged with being an immoral people. We frequently meet this in our labors in the missionary field; but if intelligent individuals will consider the

history of this people they will find a refutation of the charge in the lives of

the Latter-day Saints. Surely those were not immoral people who put their wives and children into covered wagons

crossed fifteen hundred miles of unex-plored country, exposed to dangers and hardships incident to the settling of a new and wild country, and to savage

beasts and savage human beings! It is not the practice of immoral people to pursue the arduous avocations and ex-hibit the self-sacrificing characteristics ovar people have. We know it is not the sin and wickedness of the world that our mallower are fighting. It is

that our maligners are fighting. It i the Church and kingdom of God that i

the children and the figure in this is the being assalled, and that, too, in a land of liberty, in the land of Washington, the land of Jefferson, the land of patri-ots, who fought, bled and died that they might hand down to us, their descend-

Report of Progress in the North-

western States Mission .-- The

Church is the Embryo of That

Kingdom that Shall Rule During

the Millennium .- Persecution No

Barrier to Progress of Truth.

My brethren and sisters, I sincerely trust that I may enjoy your prayers of faith to assist me during the few mo-ments that I shall address you upon

I appreciate, to the fullest extent, this privilege accorded us of coming up to Zion occasionally, and looking into the faces of the servants of God and listen-ing to their voices, because they speak

when He labored among them. The people of the world have made a mistake in supposing that all God ever intends to do or say, for the advancement and welfare of His chli-dren, has been said and is recorded in the Bible. But Jerus did not leave this impression, as we will find by study-ing the Gospel and the sayings of the Savior. It was not possible for His disciples to absorb and comprehend is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of him-

We are a blessed people in that we have realized the promise made to the have realized the promise made to the children of men, that those who do the will of the Father shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, which is a guide to our feet and a light to our path. We are a blesed people in that we have at our head today those who are clothed upon with the Spirit of the Lord, and who speak not as the scribes but as those having authority. I thank God, my brethren and sisters.

shall enjoy their convictions in this re-gard. We will try to treat all man-kind as brothers and sisters. We will treat them as fellow-chizens until they prove themselves unworthy. But we do

of that kind really ought to be accom-panied by sworn testimony. The queer-rest thing of all is that the tree has "no bioseoms." How the fruit gets hitched onto the tree is not started. We do not advise any "Chronicie" readers to send for scions of this most marvelous, trees shows the days of the Gorden of Eden. We greatly four the Gorden of Eden. We greatly fear that, like our primeral ancestors, they will set noth-ing from the full but experience which they won't like. The chances are exng from the Holt but experi-hey work like. The chance ellent that some of their will tend for some sciency enders nan see low they -[San Francisco, Chronicle, neighbors turn' out

#### A Sure Thing.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not al-together true. Dr. King's New Discov-ery for Consumption is a sure cure for all hing and throat troubles. Thous-ands can'testify to that. Mrs. C. B. VanMetre of Shepherdtown, W. Va., says, "I had a severe case of Bronchit-is and for a year tried everything I heard of, but go no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cur-ed me absolutely." It's infallible for Croup, Wheoping Cough, Grip, Pneu-monia and consumption. Try it. It's guaranteed by Z. C. M. i, Drug Store. Trial bottles. It is said that nothing in sure except

### A FRIEND TO WOMAN.

The late Nellie Farren, when she visited America with the London Gaitey company, danced before a well-known New York club. At the end of the dauce, during an nformal supper, someone began to alk about the new woman-a burning

opic at that time, "Do the English believe in woman's emancipation?" a lawyer solid to Miss Farren. "Do they believe in opening the same fields to women as to men, and in paying them at the same rate?" "Oh, yes," solid the little actress, "Even the English tramp believes all that A tramp askad a complexion nat. A tramp asked a countrywomar mine one day for assistance, and she that.

"Why don't you go to work?" "Madam,' said the tramp, 'twenty years ago J made a vow not to do an-other stroke of work till women were paid the same wages as men."

#### Cured of Bright's Disease.

Cured of Bright's Disease, Mr. Robert O. Burke, Elhota, N. Y., writes: "Before I started to use Foley" Kidney Cure I had to get up from twelve to twenty times a night, and I was all bloated up with dropsy and my cycsight was so impaired I could scarcely see one of my family across the room. I had given up hope of Wying when a friend recom-mended Foley's Ridney Cure. One 50-cent bottle worked wonders and before I had gone, as well as all other symptoms of Bright's disease." F. J. Hill Drug Co.





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'Mormonism. f stornal life. this earth, and will give us is many fold better, a life many fold better, a life mpanionship with those have joyfully associated Think of Joseph Smith t being resurrected grave, and President Heber C. - Kimball, Prophet STRV0 we have ghty men we have better associations these Sainta? Where could etter companionship in this e than that which God has given us in our association with the Saints? God has given to us vitality and power inized rapacity, that is the 1 admiration of the world; or destiny will be envied by intelligent

n the Northwestern States mission meetinghouses are being filled, e a short time ago, all the adverwould not bring dozen." In our baker's dozen.' we almost block up the s in some of the largwork of God is growing, we are. Thousands of the Gospel now who pre-not pay any attention to it. to be a spirit resting upon causes anxiety in some, rs curiosity, to hear us, a Gospel preached and feel aspiration, and many, like hey lick salt, want to come e work is growing. The en, formerly, would not h anything about us that them, but would go to our those who went to the Jesus Christ in ancient stain garbled stories about come to us for informanow to prefer to get direct from us about and the Gospel; and, may appear, they publish out us, and publish inter-y are given, not distorting VIAWS BS changing the facts as they used no sign we are apostatizing. speak well of us; we know ause we enjoy the Spirit. ng fought hard by the minsa we always have a river coming, like a stream of toouths of sectarian min-Well, we don't

not hurt us. d sisters, we feel like gowork of God; my whole If we left it where could Ill stay with it, God being ad be faithful to it, and ) good fellow-men, no matter us. We will carry the various nations of the ld up Zion at home. id live righteous lives, the en the angel of God will ound his tramp, when our bodles will

### A FATAL ERROR

A man steps into your office, draws up his chair, and talks right into your face. His breath is offensive. Your only thought is how to get rid of him and his business. You cut him short with, "I am not interested."

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Is essential to one whose breath is not pure and sweet. Penetrating the little crevices, It deodorizes, sweetens and purifies them, and makes you feel genteel and clean-cut. J FORMS . LIQUID, POWDER PASTE.

and generous we are. We have nothing to do with him nor his ways, for he fell and was cast out, with other rebe lious spirits, and he became the devil. He and his host of unembodied spirits, if they could have had their way, would have compelled men to follow their course, and do as they directed, but course, and do as they directed, but that was not according to the plan of our Father in heaven. He designed that we should all enjoy religious lib-erty, and be free moral agents unto ourselves; and it is because we insist upon this principle, and this rule, that we have, in a measure, become obnox-fous in the sight of our fellow-men. The devil is not dead, by any means, nor his hosts, but he is "continually going up and down in the earth seeking whom he may devour," as the Scriptures say, putting it into the hearts of one class to persecute another class of people, and trying to draw men from virtue to vice and to bring them down to death. It is necessary for us to be true to our covenants, and to teach the world what "Mormonism" really is, that it is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, restored to the earth in the day and time in which we live. We have every reason, my brethren

and sisters, to feel encouraged in the work in which we are engaged. The word of our Father in heaven has been declared that this Church, which is the embryo of the kingdom that will come and govern during the millennium, shall not be overthrown or given to an-other people. We do not need to look forward with such uncertainty as the arly Saints, who were taught by the Aposties that an apostasy would take place. It is different in our time, for we have the assurance, through the prophets of God, that this work shall prophets of God, that this work shall not be overthrown, whether we, as in-dividuals, fail or not, the work of God will continue. Now, I pray that the blessings of the Lord will continue with us during the meetings of our conference and that we may go away much refreshed and strength, ened. May God add His blessing: I not it to the name of Leuis. Amen ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Doctors said He would not Live. Peter Fry, Woodruff, Pa., write doctoring for two years with obvisicians in Waynesburg, and doctoring for two years and still g biysicians in Waynesburg, and still g ting worse, the doctors advised me in had any business to attend to I had bet attend to it at once, as I could not p sibly live another month as there was cure for me. Foley's Kidney Cure v recommended to me by a friend, and I mediately sent my son to the store it and after taking three bottles I be to set hatter and continued to impr



Why not take a little run east this summer and go via the World's Fair City. The rates are "away down," and it is just as cheap to use the St. Louis route as any other. The Burlington offers a very convenient stopover privilege, which I will be glad to explain more fully if you will inform me where you propose going and when you expect to start.

