

## RELIGIOUS.

## Sunday Services.

Religious services were held at the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, June 8th, 1890, commencing at 2 p. m., President Elias Morris presiding.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn commencing:

Arise, O glorious Zion,  
Thou joy of latter days.

Prayer was offered by Patriarch Joseph Horne.

The choir sang:

Sweetly may the blessed Spirit  
On each faithful bosom shine.

The Priesthood of the Third Ward officiated in the administration of the Sacrament.

## ELDER JACOB GATES

was called to address the congregation. He said the principles God has revealed for the benefit of mankind should be sought after, because all men had an interest therein. They should seek to receive the Holy Spirit, to be guided into all truth. Paul says that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Faith is its foundation, for without this it is impossible to please God. Faith is inspired by hearing the word of God, taught by those authorized by the powers of heaven. If we can receive and exercise faith, it brings us knowledge and opens the door to salvation. The people, on the day of Pentecost, inquired of Peter what they should do. They had manifested faith, and were instructed to repent and be baptized. Upon doing this they were to receive the Holy Ghost; and this promise was to all whom God should call. In the absence of this Spirit no man can find out God. This Spirit should lead them to all truth; it should take them forward, step by step, and should bear record of the Father and the Son, whom to know is life eternal. This promise is within the reach of all who will receive the light.

This Holy Ghost is received through a form and an ordinance—the laying on of the hands of a man of God authorized for the purpose. It may seem strange to some to speak of a man being thus authorized, but it was just such men who bestowed it anciently, and none others. Today this gift is bestowed by men who are authorized of God to establish His work in this dispensation of the fulness of times. When Paul went to Ephesus he found people who had been baptized but their baptism was unauthorized, so Paul had to baptize them. If they had been baptized by those having authority he would have done as his fellow servants did with the people of Samaria when they received the Gospel: he would have conferred upon them the Holy Ghost. Paul says no man taketh this honor—the authority of the Priesthood—except he be called of God as Aaron, who was called of the Almighty, through Moses. The same principle was followed in the days of the Apostles, who held

the Holy Priesthood, which is after the order of an endless life. By virtue of that Priesthood they preached, baptized, laid on hands, and performed their duties as followers of the Lord Jesus. They were opposed by the world, who loved darkness rather than light, just as they do today. If the people repent of their evil deeds we are authorized to baptize them, and to perform the ordinances of the Gospel. I bear record that those who follow this course, doing the will of the Father, will receive a knowledge of the truth of the Gospel. Strait is the gate and narrow is the path that leads to eternal life. A great many seem to think that they can come around the corner and get in at the gate. But they will find this a roundabout way, and will have to walk the narrow path if they ever do get into the Kingdom of God.

It is over sixty years since this church was organized. We have been commanded to warn the people of the judgments to come, and we have done so. The judgments of the Almighty will be poured out upon those who are wicked, and He will prepare the way for a rule of righteousness. We do not say that those who differ from us will be consigned to an eternal hell, without any hope of receiving the truth. Jesus went and preached to the spirits in prison, that they might receive of the Gospel, live according to God in the spirit, and be judged according to men in the flesh. This Gospel plan embraces all those who will receive salvation. The time will come when the Lord will labor with mankind till every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is the Christ. They will also know that Joseph Smith was called of God.

I know this to be the work of Jehovah, and that Joseph Smith was His Prophet. Many young people here seem to wonder whether their fathers are mistaken. I testify that we are engaged in the work of God, and that He will establish it. The Saints have been driven from their homes heretofore, but they will never be driven from these valleys. We may have a great deal of trouble but the Lord will maintain us for the establishment of His purposes. May God bless us and save all who love the truth.

## ELDER EDWARD STEVENSON

was the next speaker. He quoted from the Twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew, respecting the destruction of the Temple at Jerusalem, the signs of Christ's coming, and the end of the world. These three questions were distinctly answered by the Lord, when He predicted that the Temple would be destroyed; those who heard Him were filled with grief, because the people set great store by that magnificent structure. But the words of Jesus were literally fulfilled, and not a stone of the Temple was left on another. The Lord promised that those who kept His laws should be blessed, and those who did not should be cursed. The people of Jerusalem realized the effects of this

principle, for when they worked righteousness they were blessed, but when they rejected their Savior, terrible judgments came upon them. They were scattered and peeled, as the Lord had declared.

With regard to the signs of the coming of the Son of Man, Jesus predicted great desolations as occurring prior to that event. He said that in the generation in which those signs should be given there should be fulfilled the promise of the coming of the Lord. It should be as in the days of Noah; that the inhabitants of the earth should be visited with destruction, unless they rendered obedience to the laws of God. The signs of the coming of the Lord are being made manifest in our day, therefore we know that His coming is nigh. The Lord is warning the people of the wrath to come. He raised up a Prophet in this dispensation for this work, which is being carried on. He made the same promise that was made anciently, that those who did the Father's will should know of the truth of the Gospel. The principles revealed to him were the same as those taught anciently. They are the everlasting Gospel. The Almighty gave the authority to promulgate those principles, and to act in the ordinances of the Gospel, and this authority is today with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. By it the people are preparing for the glorious event when Christ shall come to reign as Lord of lords and King of kings.

Elder Stevenson narrated some of the events connected with the restoration of the Gospel in this dispensation, and closed with a testimony that the Gospel of the kingdom should be preached to all the world before the end would come, and that the work of God should be established in the earth.

The choir sang the anthem,

O, holy Jesus.

Benediction by Elder William Wheeler.

## PROSECUTIONS IN IDAHO.

The anti-"Mormon" crusade has been on again in Idaho, and where "Mormons" are arrested the accusation means conviction. During the cases recently tried at Blackfoot, it was the talk about town that the trial jurors were pledged to convict whoever the district attorney wanted them to, evidence or no evidence.

There was one defendant who pleaded guilty to unlawful cohabitation. This was James H. Mason, of Egin, Bingham County. Two others—W. C. Martindale, of Cassia County, and John D. Jones, of Malad—were tried, and though there was practically no evidence against them, they were convicted. A case of a similar nature was that against Bishop Jonah Evans, of Samaria, Oneida County, who was found guilty of unlawful cohabitation. Here is the evidence in the case, and by it can be seen what there was to warrant the finding of the jury: