

## DISCOURSE

By Bishop Lorenzo D. Young, Bowers, Sunday morning, April 19, 1857.

[REPORTED BY J. V. LONG.]

I am told by President Kimball to stand up and speak as the Spirit may dictate, and I am glad and thankful for the opportunity, although I have no particular subject upon my mind; but a man that is filled or that has a very small portion of the Spirit of the gospel in him is never at a loss to talk to this people upon the principles of eternal life, for I believe that 'Mormonism' embraces all truth, and if so there is enough to occupy the attention of a congregation for a few moments.

He must be absent minded indeed who cannot collect the meditations of his mind, who cannot speak interestingly to the Saints of God. The meditations of my mind would lead me to talk a great deal, if I were to talk upon all the subjects that occupy my reflections.

When I reflect upon the work of the latter days, and when I see that people of whom the prophets have spoken, planted in the valleys of Ephraim, in fulfillment of the words of the servants of God spoken thousands of years ago; when I behold their cattle, their flocks and their herds swarming upon the mountains of Ephraim, it causes me many meditations upon the past as well as the present and the future.

I have beheld the Saints of latter days when they were a mere handful, but now they have been gathered out from the various nations of the earth, and the gospel has been preached to many people, and compared with those who received the truth in the days of Jesus we are quite numerous; they were only a few.

When I contemplate the circumstances of this people to-day, compared with their condition ten or fifteen years ago, the contrast is too great to be expressed.

We are here, beloved Saints, in the enjoyment of the blessings of the Almighty; we have had the privilege of assembling in Conference to celebrate the 27th anniversary of the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; we have had the privilege of hearing those things which were rich and glorious, and I truly felt that my soul was fed not with honey only but with manna mixed with it.

I felt to rejoice this morning in assembling with you, and I feel now there is a good spirit pervading the minds of this people. There is a peculiar sweetness attached to the words of the servants of God, at least they ever feel sweet to me, and there is a certain something which spices up the words of the servants of God to every faithful Saint, and there seems to be something in all their sayings that is tangible, something that other men's words are not seasoned with.

There has been a world of instruction given unto this people, and there have been fields of reflection opened, and a great variety of them too, sufficient to serve the reflective mind for weeks and months.

Several have spoken about building a Temple to the name and in honor of the God whom we profess to serve and worship; this was pleasing to me. I well remember that a few years ago the Saints first talked of building a Temple to the Lord their God.

In the early days of Joseph the Prophet, when the Saints were assembled in Kirtland, it was strange indeed to many to talk of building a Temple, but now it is a very common topic of conversation.

In those days the Lord commanded His servant Joseph and his associates to go to and build Him a house. At that time the congregation of the Saints was small, and their strength weak compared with what it now is; but notwithstanding that, they persevered with the strength they had, and they were very energetic, and by their indefatigable exertions, their undaunted perseverance and continued labors, a Temple was reared up, and the Saints received their blessings therein.

The commandment has now gone forth for the people to build a Temple in this valley, and I want to say a few words to those who are not engaged upon the public works, those who are not laboring for the building of the Temple, my words will be to show them that all can do something for the building of the House of the Lord. While exhorting you, I shall exhort myself, my wives and children to do what we can for the building of the Temple of the Lord.

If my memory serves me right there has been little or nothing said in relation to the small items, and therefore I will call your attention to this for a few moments. There is little or nothing but what can be done by the female portion of this community; if they once undertake to do anything they are pretty sure to accomplish it.

There has been a good deal said to the Saints relative to producing their own clothing, manufacturing at home the various articles of consumption. This is very good indeed, and I will merely say, by way of backing up that instruction, that there are a great many here this morning who can knit a few pairs of stockings, mittens or suspenders, and carry them into the tithing store, and be their donations little or much they will be accepted.

You will remember that it was once said by a very good man, when a certain widow cast into the treasury of the Lord the two mites, that she had given more than all the rich men who had cast in liberally of their wealth and their abundance.

If those articles to which I have alluded are not wanted during the warm season they will be needed next fall. As the day has already come when we can build another Temple to the name of Israel's God and therein do the works of redemption for our friends who are gone behind the veil, let us therefore begin at the first, lay to with our might and help to build up the Temple of the Lord, that we may through our diligence receive the blessings which will be given in that house.

I am persuaded there are but few who are not capable of doing something. I know that we are

but little apprized of what is being done upon the Public Works. Br. Brigham, br. Heber and br. Daniel have the labor and care of these great works; they have the whole care and responsibility upon their shoulders, and where are the men that hold up their hands? If we do, we shall be blessed, but if we do not, we have no claim on the blessings, and I am sure if we do unitedly hold up the hands of the servants of God, upon whom he has laid the burden of his kingdom, it is certainly a new thing, for there are generally a few of the careless, negligent, indifferent and care-for-nothing kind of men who are all the time seeking to build themselves up instead of seeking first the things of the kingdom of God, and then claiming the promise which is that all other things shall be added.

Brethren and sisters, the time with us is short; this we may naturally anticipate; the work is extensive and the laborers are few, and the Lord has commanded us to go to and reap down the earth, and the prophecy of Daniel is about to be fulfilled, viz., that the little stone cut out of the mountain without hands shall roll forth, become a great mountain and fill the whole earth.

We are those servants of God who are going to perform this great work, and our leaders, those who have been called and appointed to take the lead of this dispensation, are right here with us.

But this work is not for three men only, neither is it the work of the Twelve exclusively, but it is for every man and every woman to do all that lies in their power to accomplish this great work.

Brethren and sisters, let us be diligent in performing those duties incumbent upon us, and above all other things do not let us be blocks before the great wheels of the kingdom, but always let us push the load ahead. Let every man and every woman that wishes to see the cause of God advance put to with all their might, and let them remember that those who labor to perform the work will obtain the reward. If it is but a little we labor let us do it cheerfully.

I am aware that prayers are very good, and very necessary in their place, but I can tell you that we want something besides prayers to move this cause along; we want the labor, the bone and the sinew. The eyes of all nations are upon Zion, upon the handful of people that are collected together in these valleys.

I have heard brs. Brigham and Heber say that this is the best place on earth to make Saints, because there is not much rain, and crops cannot be raised without labor, therefore the unbelievers will not stay here and I am glad of it.

The Lord has given us many good things; he has given us flocks and herds and many cattle; and I remember that but a few years ago there were hundreds and thousands of those animals in these valleys more than there are now, but the people did not appreciate them. Now we want those very animals; we need the sheep to produce the wool to clothe ourselves with; but a few years ago sheep were looked upon as non-essential, and there are a great many things that look like non-essentials, but in reality they are needed by the people, and this community will be made to appreciate every blessing that God has given us.

I recollect that during the Conference everything that pertained to salvation was said to be essential; that doctrine I believe in and I see that we are beginning to learn that the essentials are non-essentials in the kingdom of God.

We are called upon to prove ourselves faithful stewards over the few things given into our charge. We might devote all our time and influence to the cause, but unless that time and influence be properly applied, what will be the result? Just the same as it is now; the sheep are not here, they have died, they have starved to death, and with all the exertions we can make it will take considerable time to get as many sheep here as we had a few years ago.

In reference to the cattle it might be said that there are too many now, far more than are taken care of; this is admissible with all, but the time will come when we shall learn to take care of all the Lord puts into our hands.

We have the pleasant spring and summer before us, and every blessing bestowed that is necessary for our welfare. Will the people wait for the Lord to send rain before they sow their seeds, or will they go to work and plant their gardens and their fields?

I tell you, my brethren, this is a busy and a hurrying dispensation. Look what a great deal of work there is to be done, the amount of grain that is required to be raised, and the important work of building storehouses. Prest. Kimball has told us, and promised that we shall have three or four plentiful harvests, and he has commanded us to lay it up to feed our families and the strangers who will ere long come to Zion. He has also told us to lay up a sufficiency for seven years, and to count five in our families where there is now only one. Is there not considerable labor, then, upon the shoulders of this people?

Should we not try to accomplish all we can, be faithful servants of the Most High? And should not our sisters be faithful in spinning, weaving and taking care of the lambs at home, doing all things to advance the interests of Zion, which is to become the beauty of the world and the glory of nations?

The great and mighty men of the earth will ere long visit Zion to behold the wisdom of such men as those who stand at the head of the kingdom of God upon the earth. Jesus said that great and mighty men, also the queen of the south came to see the wisdom of Solomon, but said Jesus, a greater than Solomon is here. What was the great wisdom of Solomon compared with the wisdom that is required to accomplish the great work of the harvest of Saints? Let us be humble that you and I may be enabled to keep the faith and lay hold of all the promises.

We have heard considerable talk about cats and kittens, and we have heard that they would be let out of the bag, and by and bye we shall see that the kittens are running at large, and if they don't grow so that we can hear them up here in Deseret, I shall be surprised. I tell you the cats

are mewing awfully, and the lion is in the forest, he is gone up into the mountains.

We have got to be faithful and diligent, and to continue laboring and pushing forward the great wheel of Zion, for it is destined to roll until the kingdom of Zion crushes every other kingdom, and until Jesus will assume that right given unto him of the Father, which is to be the President over this earth.

I pray God in the name of his Son that we may enjoy the blessings of the holy gospel and eventually enjoy eternal lives through our faithfulness. Amen.

**ARISTOCRACY.**—One of the parvenu ladies of Cincinnati who would be wonderfully aristocratic in all her domestic concerns, was visiting a few days since at the house of Major G—, (all know the old Major) when after tea the following conversation occurred between the Major's old fashioned lady and the 'top-knot,' in consequence of the hired girl occupying a seat at the tea-table.

'Why, Mrs. G., you do not allow your hired girl to eat with you at the table? It's horrible!'

'Most certainly I do. You know this has ever been my custom. It was so when you worked for me—don't you recollect?'

This was a 'cooler' to silk and satin greatness—or, as the boys call it, 'codfish aristocracy.' After coloring and stammering, she answered in a very low voice: 'y-e-s, I-b-e-l-i-e-v-e-i-t-u-a-s,' and left.

What a withering rebuke! And how admirably it applies to much of our strutting aristocracy.—When will the world learn that poverty is not the evidence of meanness and degradation, nor silks and satins the sure evidence of a true and noble woman?

**AGRICULTURAL DISCOVERY.**—A Paris letter writer states that a scientific gentleman discovered, two years ago, embedded with some embalmed bodies, a species of wheat then in existence. In the time of the early Gallic kings a certain quantity of wheat was placed in the coffins of embalmed bodies.

Some of it was sown, and it yielded from sixteen to twenty stalks to a grain, while there was on an average twenty more grains in the head than in the ordinary wheat. A considerable quantity of this ancient wheat was sown on the government farm last fall. Great reports are received of its productiveness. The ordinary wheat of France is believed to be only a degeneration of this ancient grain, deteriorated by centuries of reproduction.

This discovery takes France back fourteen centuries for seed wheat, and it is expected will put her in possession of one-eighth more agricultural wealth than she possessed before the discovery.—[Boston Journal.]

## Change of Meeting!

The Nineteenth Quorum will meet during the summer at the hotel of Prest. James Townsend, EVERY OTHER SATURDAY Evening, at seven o'clock. We wish every member in this city to attend punctually. Those who live out of the city we shall be glad to see as often as they can attend.

JAMES TOWNSEND,

JAMES MCKNIGHT,

SAMUEL F. ATWOOD,

Presidents resident in G. S. L. City.

## Twelfth Quorum of Seventies.

A SPECIAL MEETING will be held at br. Samuel Mulliner's on Saturday evening, June 6th, at 6 p.m., when all members residing in or near the city, who wish to retain their standing, are requested to attend or report themselves by letter. Country members are invited to attend as they may be able. All who have neglected to furnish genealogies and sketch of their lives will please do so without further delay.

The usual meetings will be held on the first Saturday of every month at 7 p.m. until further notice.

P. B. LEWIS, Sen. President.

THOS. C. ARMSTRONG, Clerk.

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## STABLED IN

At Provo City, April 28, by Judge Dominicus Carter, Mr. JOSEPH CLUFF and Mrs. PHEBE BUNNELL, both of this city.

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**TAKEN UP IN CHURCH PASTURE,**

**NORTH of the Hot Springs** a large brindle Cow, Brand looks like U S on right hip, just calved; the owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take her away. JOHN R. CLAWSON.

## STRAYED,

**PROBABLY into Utah Valley,** from South Willow creek range, a white Pony difficult to bridle, with a few light red spots on his body and branded JS on left shoulder. Whoever will return him to the subscriber shall be liberally rewarded. 10-2 Wm. H. HOOPER.

## Strayed or Stolen,

**FROM** our camp at Salt Creek Springs on the night of the 13th of April, two bay HORSES, one a four year old, with three white feet, and a white mark on his nose; no brands. The other 3 years old, three white feet, and a white strip in his face, branded W. S. on the right shoulder.

Whoever will deliver them to my place on Big Cottonwood, or send them to Cedar City, or give any information by which I can recover them, shall be liberally rewarded. 10-2 ROBERT COVINGTON.

## PASTURAGE.

**HAVING** rented the Church Pasture north of the Hot Springs, I am now prepared to pasture all kinds of Stock, from one day to six months, or longer.

For all losses, except those that occur from unavoidable circumstances, or death from disease, I will hold myself responsible.

Calfes of every age bought.

Milk-wagon runs to the city daily.

Any communication left with the milkman, or with H. S. Beatie, at the Church Store, will receive attention. 10-2 JOHN R. CLAWSON.

## STRAY STEER.

**IF** any one knows of a stray Steer, two years old, roan, line back, white face, red round each eye, and some red spots in face, and crop off right ear, please inform Mrs. Ann Taylor, of Lehi, and receive the thanks of a missionary's wife. 10-1

## To the People of this Territory.

**WE** have received by the last mail the last number of the 2nd Vol. of the Mormon; we expect to receive some of the first number of the 3rd Vol. in a few days by the eastern mail, and shall continue to forward them to all our subscribers as usual, unless notified by them or the Bishops to the contrary.

The Bishops and Agents will please forward a list of the names of all new subscribers to Joseph Horno, in this city, and the papers will be forwarded immediately.

EDWARD HUNTER,

General Agent for the Territory.

## \$20 DOLLARS REWARD.

**LOOK** out for them.—Will be paid for the delivery to me the following described animals:—

One clay bank or yellow HORSE, seven years old, low squatly built, deep neck, a star on his forehead, black mane and tail, branded on high fore shoulder D, which can plainly be seen when he sheds his hair. A very rough trotter. About one inch of the points of his ears are black, also a dark brown colored stripe along his back.

Also, one deep bay Indian MARE, five years old, black mane and tail; the mane naturally hangs to the high side; has a number of patches of white hairs on her back and sides, the effects of saddle galls. Braided on high fore shoulder A C with a sharp edged iron; on hind thigh there is which is very plain to be seen; a natural trotter; was last heard from on Willow Creek South. 10-2 LEVI E. RITER, 9th Ward.

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