

that he will be favored of the Lord or permitted to enjoy His Spirit.

ELDER HEBER J. GRANT.

It is ever a source of pleasure to me to lift my voice in testimony of the divinity of the work in which we are engaged, and, so far as I possess the ability, I know of nothing that I desire so much to do as to keep the commandments of my Heavenly Father, and to labor to try and persuade the Latter-day Saints to walk in that straight and narrow path that leads to life eternal. We have listened here today to the testimony that has been borne by Brother John Henry Smith, that although he was not personally acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith, yet he knows for himself and not for another that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God, and so also was John Taylor, and he bears witness to you here today that he knows that Wilford Woodruff is a prophet of the living God. In all humility, and knowing that the words I utter I will have to meet when I stand before the judgment seat of my Maker, I testify to you that I know that God lives; that I know that Jesus was the Christ; that I know that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God; that I know that Brigham Young was a prophet of God; that I know that Wilford Woodruff is a prophet of God and the mouthpiece of God upon the earth today; that I know that his counselors are chosen of God; that I know that the Twelve Apostles are inspired by the Lord; and that I know that no man living upon the face of the earth, who has received a testimony of the Gospel, can fail to recognize the authority of Almighty God that rests upon the earth today, upon the shoulders of these men, and have the light and the inspiration of the Spirit of God to guide him.

I pray for our brother whose name has been mentioned here today. I have fasted, I have wept, I have prayed for this brother of mine; yet I have been charged in the papers with having attacked him. God forbid that I should ever attack any man! But above all things, may God save me and my brethren from failing to recognize the power of Almighty God whereby you and I, through obedience to the principles of the Gospel, may be saved eternally.

ELDER GEORGE TEASDALE.

It is wonderful the power of the Spirit and testimony that has rested upon the brethren at this conference. We have felt that God has been with us by His power, and also that it should be manifested unto the world that the Priesthood of the Son of God has been restored to the earth and those who bear it enjoy the light and the power of God that was promised unto those who would bow in obedience to the commandments of God. It has been manifested at this conference by several witnesses that we are living in the dispensation of the fullness of times; that the Lord has restored to the earth apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, for the work of the ministry and for the edifying of the body of Christ, that we may come to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of the Son of God. We know in our experience that those who have offered unto the Lord the acceptable offering of the broken heart and the contrite spirit, who have repented of their sins, seeking earnestly at the hands of the Lord for their sins to be remitted, and have submitted to baptism at the hands of a servants of God, that

they have known their sins were remitted, that they had received the sanctifying influence of the blood of Christ, that they received the gift of the Holy Ghost, and that God Himself revealed to them by His Spirit that they had embraced the Gospel which has been restored to the earth. The Prophet Isaiah predicted the judgments of Almighty God upon the world. John the Revelator saw the angel fly through the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those on the earth, crying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come. If we would study these scriptures that have been given unto us, we should be enabled to understand by the revelations of God the day and age in which we live, and the hour in which we live. As I understand it, I have no right to be an Elder in Israel and to hold the Melchisedek Priesthood unless I have offered unto the Lord the acceptable offering of the broken heart and the contrite spirit. The Lord wants an intelligent obedience. When we go down into the waters of baptism we make a solemn covenant with God that we will serve Him and keep His commandments. And in our service, under whose direction do we move? Do we not move under the direction of that Priesthood that God has restored to the earth? "He that receiveth My servants," saith the Lord, speaking to the Priesthood, "receiveth Me; and he that receiveth Me receiveth My Father; and he that receiveth My Father, receiveth My Father's Kingdom; therefore all that My Father hath shall be given unto him." Have I any right to accept the office of an Apostle unless I have offered this acceptable offering unto the Lord, and I am willing to use my time, my means and my talent for the building up of the kingdom of God and the establishment of His righteousness upon the earth? Am I forced to be an Apostle? Do I not accept of this with my own free agency? And do I not understand that we move under the direction of the Presidency of the Church? Is there any man so weak and with so little understanding that he does not understand this proposition? Is there any man holding the Priesthood of the Son of God that does not know that the Apostles move under the direction of the Presidency? I am often invited by my brethren to attend conferences. I tell them I will be very glad to attend their conference if I am so directed. When we meet on the Thursday with the First Presidency we receive our appointments. We are subject to their direction because we have offered unto the Lord the broken heart and the contrite spirit. We have accepted of the conditions of His salvation, and I never have had more happiness than I have had since it has been my privilege to associate with my quorum. For many years I have been a traveling minister. I accepted of my appointment to Mexico. I accepted of my appointment to the European Mission. I accepted of my appointment to continue in Mexico in building up those settlements; and I accepted my appointment when they told me that it was enough—I could come home and travel in the stakes of Zion and hold meetings with the Priesthood. I come and go and do and say as I am directed. And I have accepted of this intelligently. It is not blind obedience. I know what I am doing.

I want to bear testimony that I know

that Wilford Woodruff is a prophet of the Most High God. When he was President of the Twelve Apostles he laid his hands upon me and appointed me to my mission, and the promises that he made me were literally fulfilled. I knew that he spoke by the power of God, and that he had the spirit of prophecy. I know that the spirit of prophecy is in the Church. I know of the labors of my beloved President, Lorenzo Snow. We love him because we know that he is a man of God, that he is filled with the inspiration of the Almighty; and he has labored incessantly, and truly and faithfully to bring us to that unity which exists today, because he loves us. He has taught us how to love each other, and how to be in harmony with each other. He has taught us our duties, and has explained the principles of righteousness, till we have rejoiced before the Almighty. We are in union with the First Presidency. We love these our brethren, and we sustain them with all our hearts by our faith and prayer, and by being willing and obedient, to come and to go as may be necessary. All that we have belongs to the Lord. We are the Lord's, and we hold all that we have subject to Him simply because He has illuminated our minds by the power of His Spirit and given us the living testimony that we have. And we love each other. We love our brethren of the Presidency of the Stakes, and their counselors, and the High Conciliors, and Patriarchs, and Bishops, and the various officers of the Church, with the Relief Societies, the various organizations of the young people, and the Sabbath schools. We sustain them by our faith and prayers. We set them apart for their duties, because we love them, and we love the work of God, and want to see the establishment of His righteousness. We endeavor to be meek men, teachable, and loving and kind to each other, esteeming our brethren before ourselves, and feeling little in our own sight. The Lord knows, we are little in our own sight. I tremble many times for fear that I should make a mistake, or that I should say or do anything that would not be consistent in the sight of God; for I do desire with all my heart to serve Him and keep His commandments. I do desire to be redeemed back into His presence. I do desire to be associated with my beloved ones in the morning of the first resurrection, and to have the privilege of the thousand years with Christ on this earth. I do desire the glories of the resurrection. I do desire an invitation at the marriage supper of the Lamb. I do desire to be associated with this eternal Priesthood. I do not think I would be kind to myself if I did not, nor to my wife and children. I do not think I would be kind to my beloved brethren if I did not; for I want their good feeling and to be associated with them. It is my delight to be associated with them today, and I look forward with a great deal of joy to the time when we shall be ourselves, not subject as we are today. Subject to what? Why? We are subjected to intelligences—subject more or less to these spirits that we have been instructed about. A man gets a false impression, and then he becomes under the influence of the adversary; and we are liable to these false impressions.

I bear my testimony that God lives; that Jesus is the Christ; that Joseph Smith was a true prophet sent of God; that Brigham Young was his proper successor, and John Taylor, and our Pres-