

of Wisdom and asked how many of them kept it absolutely? Not one-half of the people called Latter-day Saints; and yet it was the command of God unto them—one of the laws which He required us to keep inviolate. It was our duty to learn that there was something in this life and in the life to come more desirable, and more lasting than riches, and that was righteousness.

Let us go to the Lord in faith, nothing doubting, and we would hereafter receive our reward.

President Smith echoed the sentiment expressed by President Woodruff this morning, that never before in the history of the Church had greater unity of heart and spirit existed between the two leading councils of the Priesthood than prevailed today; and yet there was room for improvement. He prayed that the Saints might also be united in all things and seek to know the mind and will of God.

ELDER LORENZO SNOW

said this was one of the happiest occasions, considering the circumstances which surrounded us, that we had ever witnessed as a Church, and it should be as individuals. When we reflected upon the strange scenes through which the Latter-day Saints had passed during the last fifty-three years, it was wonderful, to say the least, how God had aided and protected His people in the carrying out of this great work in that long period.

Those who entered this Temple with a pure heart and a contrite spirit would not come out of it without receiving peculiar blessings, although these in some, or possibly many, instances might be different from what some might expect. In Kirtland Temple remarkable manifestations had been witnessed, and some of the Saints might be looking for the appearance of ministering angels on this occasion or expect to behold the face of God. It might not be profitable for you to impart such manifestations. The Lord knows what is best for every individual, and will adapt His gifts for the production of the greatest good to those who receive them. It may be safely anticipated that every faithful Saint who enters that House will receive a blessing that will give much satisfaction to the recipient. Before those who would enter the Temple left it, something would arise in their hearts and understanding which would be serviceable to them in their future lives. To this, as true Latter-day Saints, they were entitled.

Elder Snow touched upon the subject of unity, which he said must exist among the various quorums before it could prevail in the midst of the general body of the Saints. The prayer of Jesus Himself that He and His disciples might be one, even as He and the Father were one, would be carried out in this dispensation in regard to the Apostles and other servants of God. Those who placed themselves in the way of this unity would be set aside and others would come up in their stead. Elder Snow concluded by calling down the blessings of God upon the people.

The choir sang the anthem, "Let the Mountains Shout for Joy."

After which the congregation joined

with the choir in singing the Doxology.

The benediction was pronounced by Elder George Teasdale.

Conference then adjourned till tomorrow at ten a. m.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday Morning, April 5th.

The choir and congregation sang:

Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation;
No longer as strangers on earth need we roam;
Good tidings are sounding to us and each nation,
And shortly the hour of redemption will come.

Prayer by Elder John W. Taylor.

Singing by the choir and congregation:

How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word.
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
Ye who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

ELDER FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS

was the first speaker. He said all Israel was aroused today by a feeling of inquiry into their spiritual condition. He thought the present a suitable occasion for the exhibition of such a spirit, that the people might judge themselves, and thus need not be judged of others. If they could see themselves as the Lord saw them, they would appear sufficiently unworthy to pass a judgment which the Spirit would justify. Those who would build up Zion must do it in the spirit of Zion—the pure in heart.

When the speaker heard others expressing their contrition yesterday for any wrong they may have committed, he felt that he wanted to be also accounted a sinner. Not that any of the capital crimes had been committed; but all unrighteousness is sin, and through the frailties of humanity all are prone to commit sin. This was what he had reference to. The people are called to be perfect in their sphere, as the Lord is in His, and he wished to be harmony with them in this regard. He desired to be forgiven if in any way he had caused offense. The Lord would forgive as we forgave others. When we forgive others willingly, the measure we mete will be measured to us again. The feeling among the Saints today is to observe this principle of forgiving offenses against them, and of making recompense wherein they have wronged anybody.

Elder Richards said he did know of a person toward whom he harbored an ill feeling. It was sometimes difficult to love our enemies; but he wished to do that, and place himself fully in accord with the commands of the Almighty. He wished to fully magnify his calling as an Apostle of the Lord.

It is meet in the sight of the Lord for scenes to transpire that are suited to certain events in our lives. This is one of those occasions connected with a time of rejoicing—one of those good times when we should fix things up and tear out every root of bitterness, that we may have the favor of our Heavenly Father. The Lord requires us to forgive all men; and if any refuse to forgive, in him rests the greater sin. This latter position is one we wish to avoid. At the present time

there seems nothing so desirable to the Saints as that of having the Temple appropriately dedicated. The offering of the people today is that of setting their hearts right before the Lord, and what blessings might they not expect under such circumstances?

The speaker referred to the time when the foundations of the earth were laid, and the joy that filled the hearts of the sons and daughters of God, and said that a measure of the same spirit of rejoicing filled the hearts of the Saints regarding the completion and dedication of the Temple here. Men came to earth that they might have joy, and if they comply with the laws of God they will, after the trials and tribulations of this life, enter into that joy. This will sweep away all sorrow. This it is that is brought by the Gospel of Christ. The work of the last dispensation was begun by the coming to earth of the Lord himself, and the restoration of His Gospel. The Saints have been abundantly blessed with testimonies that this is the work of the Lord. Now that the Temple here is completed, they want to wake up to the salvation of their dead, and perform the work that rests upon them in this regard. He prayed that the Lord might bless the people, and expressed his desire to be united with his brethren and sisters in working for the establishment of righteousness.

ELDER BRIGHAM YOUNG

was the next speaker. Following is a brief summary of his remarks. He stood where he did in the fear of God. He owed Him all he possessed, and ought to be used in His service. He had a testimony from God of the truth of His work. He had been absent from the headquarters of the Church for several years, but his heart had been with the Saints in the gathering place. We were feeble creatures and could not carry on the work of the Lord without assistance from Him. He recalled the many remarkable vicissitudes through which the Saints had passed. These showed that the Almighty had been with them from the beginning until now. The speaker had been with the Church from Missouri until now. Many incidents of the days of Nauvoo were riveted upon his mind. He remembered well the face and form of the Prophet Joseph Smith, and he cherished the recollection. In the days of the expulsion from Illinois his father's house had been left with the furniture in it. When he crossed the Mississippi river in February, 1846, the ice was broken up, and the trip was one of great peril. It was a stormy period, and many of the people died from exposure to the inclemency of the weather. Their sufferings were terrible to behold. He had never seen a people suffer as they did. He had thought of those circumstances while listening to men speak in this Conference who had passed through those days of trouble and had performed a great labor to produce the present era of prosperity and peace in this western land. When we had been persecuted we had deplored the fact that we were subjected to it. Yet this opposition was a blessing in disguise. It developed us in self-reliance and impelled us to be united for purposes of protection. This work is advancing and those who abide in the Gospel were becoming better citizens,