

## TRUTHS OF "MORMONISM" SPREADING.

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I am very thankful, my brothers and sisters, for the privilege I have had of listening to the remarks that have been made at this conference. I have made the testimonies that have been given, and the Spirit of God that has been present. I am thankful for the testimonies that have been given, and the Spirit of God that has been present. I am thankful for the testimonies that have been given, and the Spirit of God that has been present.

Prophet Joseph Smith, that we are presenting to the world, will demonstrate that he was a Prophet of God, and not a man with false ideas or vicious doctrines, as our enemies declare. I feel that every step forward, every advance we have made is towards the goal of success, and the firm establishment of the Church of Jesus Christ, representing the little stone cut out of the mountain that will roll forth and fill the whole earth.

### PLEA FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

I thought yesterday, when President Lund was pleading with the people, asking them to keep the commandments of God, also when President Joseph E. Smith referred to the proper training of our children, calling particular attention to the people to these two important items, how natural it sounds. Have not these admonitions been given by every inspired man of God from the day of father Adam down to the present time—men whom God recognized as His mouthpieces upon earth? I thought of the words recorded in Deuteronomy, chapter 11, commencing at the 13th verse:

"And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently to my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

"That I will give you the rain of your land in due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

"And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.

"And I will send thee down rain upon thy land, and thou shalt sow thy seed, and the land shall yield thee fruit, and thou shalt eat thy bread with pleasure, and thou shalt be satisfied.

"And then the Lord's wrath will be kindled against you, and he shut up the heavens, that there be no rain, and the land shall yield not her fruit; and thou shalt perish quickly from off the good land which the Lord giveth you.

"Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

"And ye shall teach them unto your children, saying, When thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down and when thou risest up.

"And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates.

"That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children in the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

Away back in the beginning of the history of this world we find these teachings, and they are repeated to the Latter-day Saints. I call to mind a revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet teaching the same subject. It is in section 6:

"And, again, inasmuch as parents have children in Zion or in any of her stakes which are organized, that teach them not to understand the doctrine of repentance, faith in Christ the son of the living God, and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands when eight years old, the sin be upon the heads of the parents.

"For this shall be a law unto the inhabitants of Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized:

"And their children shall be baptized for the remission of their sins when eight years old, and receive the laying on of hands.

"And they shall also teach their children to pray and to walk uprightly before the Lord.

"And the inhabitants of Zion shall also observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

"And the inhabitants of Zion shall also remember their labors inasmuch as they are appointed to labor in all faithfulness; for the idler shall be had in remembrance before the Lord."

I believe every word of this revelation, and I believe that one of the most important things that rests upon every Latter-day Saint, father and mother, is the training of their children, reading them the laws and commandments of God. Do we teach our children to pray? If there is a home in all Zion; if there is a father or mother in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who do not teach their children to pray they will live to see the day when they will repent of that neglect. I believe with all my heart that God reveals those words to the prophet Joseph Smith, that parents should follow them strictly.

I believe it was two years ago that Elder A. O. Woodruff in conference referred to the duty of praying in the family, not only praying, but reading, reading some part of the scriptures, and advised all to do so. I accepted that advice. We should designate a certain time, just before supper, or breakfast, or at any time, and then take the family together, and then take 10 or 15 minutes for the purpose of reading to them the word of God, and offering devotion to Him. I promise myself to do this, and I have heard others say they have adopted this plan for family devotion in their homes, and through it they have become better acquainted with the scriptures; that they have been better able to teach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ than ever they were before. I earnestly ask every Latter-day Saint to adopt this plan. I see in the audience Brother J. A. Wood of Carleton, Canada. I stopped at his home on a recent visit to Canada. Every morning there was a chapter read from the Bible, the Book of Mormon, or some other book containing the principles of the Gospel; a hymn was sung, and prayers were offered. He took his turn at mouth, his wife took her turn, his wife's sister was there, and she took her turn; the children took their turn, and the spirit of prayer and peace was in his home, and it will be in every home where that is done. Not only that, it makes people better, and has an influence for good on all who visit the home. In my home we have prayers night and morning, and my children pray in turn. No matter who comes to visit us, we pray as usual, and they can not help but feel the spirit of the home. In my home individuals who are strangers to this people and to the Gospel we believe in, come to my home, and they have heard my children ask a blessing upon the food, they have seen them kneel with the family and heard them pray for their simple but earnest prayers to God, and I tell you it has had an influence upon them, and it has been an influence for good. Afterward I have heard of it, and I have seen it in my own home, in conversation with men and women who said that the person who visited me reported to them what they had seen and heard.

This is one way of living the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and teaching it to strangers. Everything we do in this life that leads people to understand that we love Jesus, that we love His Gospel, and that we are trying to serve Him, by keeping His commandments, and by acting as He acted, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It will have its influence upon every soul. The fruits of the Gospel should be shown in the lives of the members of the Church. I have heard it said that missionaries have been called, set apart, and gone to their fields of labor, never having prayed in the home or in the family circle. Thank the Lord there are not many of these, but as long as there is one such there is one too many. I hope and trust that no father, claiming to be a Latter-day Saint, will ever raise a boy or girl in the Church of Jesus Christ to manhood or womanhood and not teach them how to pray.

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CHURCH SCHOOL EDUCATION.

Last night, Brother Joseph J. Jackson, superintendent of the Alpine Sunday schools, paid a tribute to the results of teaching in our Church schools. He said the Saints in this state are favored by living close to the Brigham Young Academy, and the teachers in their Sunday schools were nearly all educated. In that grand institution, they had received special training that was fitted them for teaching, and he also testified that God lives and that Jesus is the Christ; consequently the Sunday schools of the Alpine state are in a flourishing condition, being blessed with such teachers. I am an advocate of church school education, they are doing valuable work among the Latter-day Saints. I also call attention to the fact that the district schools are doing a good work in many of these fathers and mothers, you should let your younger children go to the district schools. Do not take them out when they reach the sixth grade. Let them remain long enough to complete the eighth grade in the district school. Why do I say this? Because, if you take your child out as soon as it reaches the sixth grade, in years to come it will become dissatisfied with the limited education received. There are hundreds of young men, many of them married and too old to attend the district schools, who decide that they must have a better education, after learning the necessity of it, and are now attending our Church schools. This would not have been necessary if they had not been taken from school so soon. God bless them for the energy that they display in this regard. Many of them, if they had been left in the district school a couple of years longer, would have completed a course in the two higher grades, and, more than likely, would have been satisfied, and received education enough to have fitted them for the occupation they had to follow. Therefore, I hope and trust that the fathers and mothers will see that the boys and girls are educated thoroughly. The world can not deprive the lack of religious training, or devotion to religion, any more than the Latter-day Saints do. We have been taught the need of it from the first, and the benefits have shown to us in our Church schools, and in our lives here in the Rocky Mountains.

I ask the blessings of God upon all the people, and upon His Church. I am proud to belong to the Church that has all of the principles in it that Jesus Christ taught. I want to emphasize the statement made here by Brother John W. Taylor this morning, that no one principle will ever save a soul in the Kingdom of heaven. One good act will never save a person, but one bad act may be the means of his downfall and damnation. We, as Latter-day Saints, know what the teachings of Jesus Christ are, and we know what the revelations are that have been given to us through the Prophet Joseph Smith, and all of the prophets of God in this dispensation, and we should try to live by every one of them. In order to receive the exaltation, we all so much desire, I know we must obey them all. God give us strength to do it, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

As the result of a series of careful experiments in fattening hogs the rural farmer has been reached that a fair average gain of hogs weighing from 100 to 250 pounds, when each is supplied with a bushel of corn, ranges from 8 to 14 pounds, and that 10 pounds would be a fair average gain.

New Raspberries.—Haymaker is a berry of the Columbian (Shaffer) type, apparently of equal vigor with the Columbian in growth and ripening, and with its crop, and promises to be a profitable berry. Black Diamond and Cumberland seem at the head of the blackberries of recent introduction. The Haymaker originated in Ottawa, Canada, and plants set in the spring of 1903 have made a good growth. Foliage remarkably strong and healthy; fruit large, of a bright red, and apparently firm enough to make it desirable as a shipper; quality excellent.

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"The New York Packer" says that the egg trade of 1903 shows that one of two things seems to be certain. Either the nation is becoming more of an egg-eating people, or the increase of population has run largely ahead of the increase of egg production.

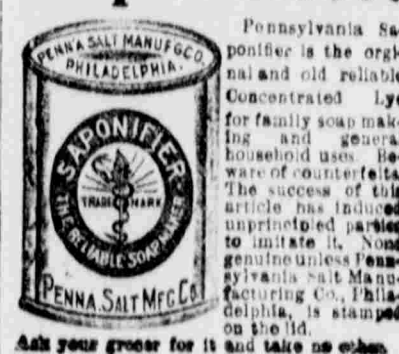
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From Ogden, Cache Valley, St. Anthony, Portland and San Francisco ..... 8:50 p.m.

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For Ogden, Omaha, Chicago, Denver, Kansas City and St. Louis ..... 6:00 a.m.

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