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AN IMPORTANT DISCOURSE.

We publish in full today a discourse delivered by President Lorenzo Snow at St. George on May 4, 1899. It should be read with more than ordinary care, not to the lower depths of meaning in some cases very important declarations and prediction and to roll of national calamity. We desire to direct special attention to these points, in order that they may be seen and noted by all who read the sermon.

The first subject to which he has referred is the law of tithing. On this the President declares that the word of the Lord is commandment, not only to the people whom he addressed but to the whole Church. From this time forward it is required that the Latter-day Saints shall observe the law of tithing, by paying the tithes of their increase, annually. That is the truth of what each person should do labor or pay other means.

Everybody who is honest can understand this without query or dispute. The interest on money is what it brings in loan, dividends, or other means. A person's income is that which he produces. The truth of this is the Lord's, to be paid to those whom He appoints to receive it. It is to be paid "in kind." That is, it consists in money to be paid in money; if in grain, it is to be paid in produce of the kind selected. Tithing being the Lord's, anything less than the entire is not tithing. It may be an accepted offering but is not properly called tithing. The Bishops are the officers appointed to receive, care for and account for the tithes of the people. "No person in the Church is exempt from the law."

There is nothing new in all this, but its re-enunciation by divine authority means a reputation of its observance in the office, in the spirit of the regulation, by every member of the Church, young and old, rich and poor. Repentance is required in this and will be manifested by faithful compliance in the future. It is a voluntary function, however. No one is compelled to pay it, any more than one is compelled to be baptized. Obedience brings the blessing attached to the law. Disobedience forfeits the blessing and leaves the law to be taught and understood.

The divine promise is that if the tithes will henceforth after the law (the) and the Church will be faithful from date, the work will prosper, and the way will be prepared for future to and the redemption of Zion, and the establishment of that order which the people failed to fulfill in the early days of the Church and so failed to secure its crown and blessings.

The second point in the testimony of President Snow concerning the teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith on plural marriage, is here presented at Salem. It is one more piece of evidence against the theory that the doctrine originated with President Young, and is intended to confirm based as it is concerned.

The third point is the positive declaration, once more by the President, that the Manifesto has been in actual force since its promulgation and acceptance by the Church, and that no plural marriages have been or will be performed in the Temples or elsewhere. This is what he has stated in private. It is repeated in public. It should stand as authoritative and authentic. It does not matter what people may imagine or what reports may be spread abroad. The law of the Church corresponds with the proclamation of its State and the Building Act, and everybody may rely on the assurance that plural marriages in the Church have entirely ceased.

The discourse is so plentiful in valuable or other respects, that its importance may be regarded as beyond question. Let all the Saints read its injunctions and live up to its light. It contains no denunciation, but shows the power the experiments and are yet to receive the fulfillment of every promise. It contains "Yea, thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet!"

UTAH MISSION WORK.

The Utah Presbytery, composed of a number of ministers of the Presbyterian church, is now in session in Salt Lake, holding meetings in the city. One of the principal matters of consideration was the adopting of a resolution in favor of the state. The chief advocate has Dr. H. H. McCracken, who has officiated for several years at Mount Pleasant, Utah, and came here from Western Pennsylvania. He is a graduate from the McCormick Seminary at Chicago.

The purpose is one of the main matters to be decided upon various work in Utah, and to carry it into points of the Utah Mission. This it was determined at the Presbyterian assembly at the same time a board had created Reverend Dr. Hall was to be appointed to the colonial work. In the spirit of Hall's decision he recommended that the Utah board be set in the Rocky Mountain Hop to carry forward the work that Dr. Hall where Dr. Hall had set forth the future project from it. He proved greater energy in promoting new financial aid and sympathy. He said further:

The church is not alone. Numerous and rising band is a moving, positive church. To Utah assertively calls it to be some fine work. Let us do what we can easily to be good of her. Unless the church is doing, Utah is doing. Let us be wisely of the people to supply. The time I am nearly one of the most great. Have Hall [illegible] and [illegible] to be the mighty power of Christ in the Church.

In every river church and parody place to be free to all dispositions, but also the church, to secure protection to the variable, influence has not the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]