

We have labored, toiled and traveled, without purse or scrip, to preach the gospel to all nations and people wherever they would hearken. Wherever they would permit us to enter their cities, towns and villages, their meeting-houses, school-houses or dwelling houses, we have been ready to preach to them the words of life and salvation. It is our delight to hear th young brethren, who have returned from missions, say the past three or five years, as the case may be, "Have been the happiest of my whole life." Where is the man or woman now living, or that ever did live, that was not happy when in possession of the spirit of God? It makes its possessors happier than all the pleasures of life. Can wealth and worldly honor give that complete joy and satisfaction which the spirit of God affords to the humble Saint? No. The possession of everything that we can desire—that our eyes could see, our ears hear, or our hearts conceive, would fall at our feet worthless, so far as their capability of conferring real, genuine joy, satisfaction and pleasure is concerned, when compared with the spirit of God when it enlightens the mind, enriches the soul and lifts up an individual to behold the things of eternity, the work of God and His designs concerning this earth and the children of men. I say that all earthly things fall at the feet of an individual who possesses the spirit of God; for his life, hopes, desires, thoughts, anticipations and will are far above the things of this life, and earth sinks beneath him. This spirit animates our young brethren when faithfully attending to their duties while on missions, and it is this which enables them to say that the time so spent has been the happiest of their lives. This enables our elders, many of whom are to a great degree destitute of education, to stand before the learned, wise and noble, and the divines of the day, and declare the principles of the gospel of Jesus. Who could do this under such circumstances without the spirit of the Lord? I do not know the individual; and if there be those who could they are such as I refer to at the commencement of my

We preach faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Christian world say they have faith. Have they? If they have they will bow down and receive the ordinances of the Gospel and the everlasting Covenant, and thank God that they are the heirs of redemption. Can they? Can they receive the New Testament and the Son of God; who refuse to receive the ordinances of the New Testament that were placed in the church and kingdom of God on the earth in the days of the apostles? Can they be saved in the celestial kingdom? I answer them, No. The scriptures make this answer plain.

How is this perfection obtained? By all persons in the Kingdom of God living so as to be revelators from the heavens for themselves and for all they preside over, that everything they have to perform in this world—very things that are holy, and all their work and conversation before the Lord—other and before the Lord may be marked out by the spirit of revelation. Is this the way to perfection? It is. This is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the gospel of our Father's salvation. Who can dispute it? We must destroy the Bible before we can dispute it with any hope of success. But we may do away with the Bible and say it is no use to us, it has lost its virtue; it was written for the people six thousand, four hundred years ago, and it is not for us now. We have plenty upon the earth who can tell the will of God to the children of men and lead the people back into the presence of God. The Bible is not needed. It is not so; it cannot, it can be re-written, and still the words of the Lord that are necessary for their salvation can be given to the people. We are thankful for this.

Jesus or Satan to rule over him. He will certainly have one or the other. Just as sure as he is a living being the Lord Almighty will be his leader, director, distributor, and dispenser of life. We cannot live without them. We were brought here; we did not bring ourselves. We were created, formed, fashioned and made independent of ourselves. We are under their power. But the Lord has given us intelligence, and He has set before us life and death, and has said, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." Which shall we take? I will take the Lord Jesus every time. Why? Because His doctrine is so pure and so wise. His way is so true and so safe. His choice it will endure; while all error, falsehood, lies and liars will be cast into hell; and when they shall be utterly destroyed and wasted away, truth will live and it will cast away all error. I wish to be true to Him that is true. I wish to do what He says. I wish to be better than I am. Do you not think that the Latter-day Saints had better keep their religion and hold on to the faith of the holy gospel? I say to the Latter-day Saints it is far better for you to keep the faith of the holy gospel than to leave them. I do not care where you go.

lieve in anything." Then I do not see an necessity of trading, for all I have cannot hurt or wrong anybody on the earth. I do not care of any more of this world, and I will do harm. I have embraced nothing in my faith, neither do I teach any doctrine to live will hurt any person; hence, there is no necessity of trading if you have nothing to give me for any priest's jewels. I am in life, and I have a being and a life here; and this life is very valuable; it is a most excellent life! I have a future! I am living for another existence that is far above this sinful world, wherein I will be free from this darkness, sin, error, ignorance and sorrow. I am regarded to a world filled with light and intelligence, where men and women will live in the knowledge and light of God. Have you anything to give for this? Not the least in this world. Then I guess we will not trade. I have something to give you, and I will give it. If you will hearken to my counsel, you will not only have joy in this life, peace in the Holy Ghost here, but life everlasting hereafter. I have embraced the gospel for life and salvation; I have embraced it for

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