

DESERET NEWS.

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On Sunday, July 14, the Bowery was completely crowded with the Saints and emigrants, who listened to a faithful discourse by Elder Samuel D. Richards on the first principles of the gospel.

President H. C. Kimball then rose and bore testimony to the truth of the remarks by Bro. Samuel: he then said, if it was not for the union of this people, we should have a place in our native land at this present time; this people are not flattered or coaxed, they have the truth told them fearless of the consequences; and because of this union, wicked men are troubled—the republican governments of the world are opposed to a religious man sitting in the Presidential Chair, or the Judgment Seat, and they say we are a dangerous people, because our leaders are holy men. We are a people, united, and driven from our kindred and our friends, and are not allowed a place in their midst, because we have undertaken to serve God, obey his commandments, and believe in prophets and apostles, who hold the keys of salvation to the children of men; and if the people of the United States will receive our words, it will go well with them; or if they will not heed it, it will go ill with them.

I say wo unto Missouri, and Illinois; and every State, who justifies the deed of blowing out the brains of those little children, killing our Prophet and Patriarch, and stoning the Priests of the Most High God.

I testify that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God, and I know it; I know they have slain an innocent man, and we hold the keys and power to save the nation, if they will repent, be born of water, and of the spirit, or they cannot see the kingdom of God; and if ever you expect to dwell with Jesus Christ in the eternal worlds, you have got to take the same steps, and be buried in water as he was, and that by men holding the keys of the kingdom.

This people is an industrious, honest and virtuous people, and desire to keep the commandments of God; we all work here, priests and people; we are happy and are glad to see our friends from the United States. If it had not been for the priests of the day, you would all have been Mormons at this very moment, and I do not want you to blame me for telling you.

President Brigham Young rose and said:—I have but a few minutes to occupy, and I wish to preach several discourses in abstract sentences. All men are inclined to be religious, whether they know it or not! all are inclined to reverence and adore something, although many profess to be irreverent and irreligious. We try to practice religion, but

we are not perfect, and yet we may say, many are as perfect as they can be in all sects, not only in the Protestant and Catholic, but in the Pagan and Heathen nations also; they do the very best they know how, and that makes them as perfect in their sphere, as God is in His.

If the law had not come to Saul of Tharsish, sin would not have revived in him; so when light comes, heresy, false principles, and every thing else, are made manifest:—when a man forsakes his evil, and then does right the remainder of his life, he will be blest, and owned of the Lord.

I want to say to every man, the Constitution of the United States, as formed by our fathers, was dictated, was revealed, was put into their hearts by the Almighty, who sits enthroned in the midst of the heavens; although unknown to them, it was dictated by the revelations of Jesus Christ, and I tell you in the name of Jesus Christ, it is as good as I could ever ask for.

The next thing is, I dare raise my voice against wickedness in high places; and if the President, the Senate, the House of Representatives will do wickedly, I will tell them of their sins, as I would the poorest gold digger who goes with his pack on his back; for reassured, in the latter days offences must come, but wo be to them by whom they come.

I say unto you, magnify the laws! there is no law in the United States, or in the Constitution, but I am ready to make honorable; and I declare in the presence of God, and all holy angels, and all good men, and even the devils in hell, that I never have transgressed any of them. If Governor Boggs had not ordered out the troops, we should have whipped all the mob that came against us, yet if poor old Boggs himself was to come here, I would feed him, lodge him for the night, and help him on his way.

I see a large community here, and now declare that we will show the world that we will have the best schools, and the best literature on the earth; and even then we will make improvements.

I say unto you, farmers, keep your wheat, for I foresee if you are not careful, starvation will be on our heels; preserve your grain, lest you suffer; preserve every kernel, and if we are prudent, we will have enough. If a man wants wheat to enable him to go on his journey, let him work; and that will be mutually benefiting each other. If any man will take in emigrants' horses into the Big Field for fifty cents a day, he will rue it; for I say that the grain shall be preserved, and you millers, you have no right to sell your flour to the emigrants, to feed horses and mules, and rob this people of their bread. What! sell bread to the man who is going to

earn his one hundred and fifty dollars a day, at the same price as you do to the poor laborer, who works hard here for one dollar a day? I say, you men who are going to get gold to make golden images, have your golden gods fixed up in your pulpits, pay for your flour!

You who have lived here, you know better! have you forgotten that two of our brethren died from eating poisonous greens, when they could not get a particle of bread to eat? We have always told the emigrants, that we are not able to supply them; don't depend on this settlement for your supplies; we cannot make this a garden of Eden in one, or two years: I say unto every man, when you write to your friends, tell them to bring their supplies, and do not depend on this place for your bread. We are informed by many of the emigrants, that A. W. Babbitt told them, they could get their supplies here, which is palpably not true; for Almon W. Babbitt was told positively that we could not supply the emigrants with food; but we had to divide the bread which we had for our own families, last year, with them, to keep them alive; and we shall have to do the same this year; and we publish to all travellers, that when we are able to supply them, and they can depend on this place for their supplies, that we will notify them, and then they may rely on obtaining their food, and not be disappointed as many are, this season.

When a stranger comes here, tell him where his teams may recruit, and if you will not give the strangers good counsel, you are not fit for good society.

I add no more—may the blessing of God rest upon you all: amen.

Two o'clock P. M.

The Saints met again to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which was administered by the Bishops.

Elder G. A. Smith, in the course of his remarks, observed,—we believe the Bible to be of divine origin, and every Latter-day Saint lifts his hand on high, and thanks God that the pure religion is again on the earth. The kingdom of God which was organized more than 1800 years ago, believed the same religion, and practiced the same doctrines, as we do; and yet every religious sect claims they are right, although differing one from the other; and every sect puts a construction on the Bible to suit their own opinion: for instance, Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel; he that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved," &c., while volumes of books have been written to show that baptism is non-essential.

Again, it is written Jesus went down into the water; and men have written cart-loads of volumes, to show that he did not even wet his feet.