

MORMONISM NO DECEPTION.

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Those who embrace the Gospel in sincerity and who live lives of consistent Latter-day Saints make no mistake, and are not deceived by accepting the doctrines of what is commonly called Mormonism. There are no requirements made of Latter-day Saints but such as will, if complied with, benefit them in this life as well as in the life to come. Regarding life even from the standpoint of an unbeliever in the hereafter, the true Gospel, as taught and practiced by this people, will benefit those who embrace it, because it will enable them to enjoy this life to the greatest extent. The reason for this is easy to discover; the laws of the Gospel are strictly in accordance with the laws of nature; and it is universally admitted that the observance of the laws of nature brings its own reward, for all who break these laws must suffer for so doing.

To hold fellowship with the Latter-day Saints it is necessary for people to be strictly honest and virtuous, and moral in every sense of the term. But unbelievers as well as believers acknowledge that obedience to the laws of morality, like the observance of the laws of nature, is amply repaid in this life, to say nothing of the reward such conduct will merit in the hereafter.

In the revelation given to the Latter-day Saints and known as the Word of Wisdom they are taught what things are injurious to their bodies, and also what things are good for food. By giving heed to the counsels contained in this revelation people can enjoy the greatest degree of mental and physical health that it is possible to have in this life; and happiness in mortality depends very much upon health of mind and body.

One of the doctrines of the Gospel is that of tithing. The Latter-day Saints consider it a duty and a privilege to pay a tenth of their income to the Lord; and, strange as it may seem, the practice of this principle will benefit a person temporally as well as spiritually. There are thousands who can testify to this fact, having proven it by personal experience. Men who have had this experience freely admit that they have prospered more in a financial way by observing this principle than when neglecting to do so. The same might be said in regard to keeping the Sabbath as a day of rest. Those who do so are able to perform more satisfactory work in six days than those who work the seven days.

Mankind are therefore not deceived when they accept of the Gospel and comply with its regulations. People are not misled when they are raised from a condition of poverty and destitution to one of prosperity; they are not deluded when emancipated from their bondage to appetite and passion and given freedom of soul and a will power that will save them from future enslavement; nor are they deceived when all spiritual doubt and uncertainty are cleared from their minds, when they are inspired with a glorious hope for the hereafter, and an unmistakable knowledge that the course they are taking is acceptable and pleasing to the Lord. These are some of the changes wrought upon the condi-

tion of those who embrace Mormonism. They are the fruits that spring from the seeds of the true Gospel of Christ when implanted within the heart of an honest soul.

UTAH WEATHER AND CROPS.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 18th, 1898.—The first five days of the week ending August 17th, were hot and dry; the last two showery and much cooler. The conditions were favorable for growth, harvesting, threshing and general farm work. Harvesting continues in all districts, and in the southern portion of the State threshing has been vigorously pushed during the week. The yield is reported uniformly light in Washington and portions of Millard counties, owing to drought early in the season. Haying is well under way and a good crop of timothy and wild has been cured and saved in fine condition. The second cutting of lucern is in full blast, with indications of a fair crop. Corn and potatoes doing well; vegetables of all kinds plentiful; fruit prospects not very good.

Brigham City—Hot days, partly cloudy most of the week. Thunderstorm night of the 15th. Wheat harvest nearly ended; a good second crop of lucern is being gathered. The weather was favorable for growing crops and general farm work.

Moab—Weather hot and dry; maximum 95, minimum 59; trace of rain.

Tropic—Weak of extra hot weather ended last night in a thunderstorm and slight rain. Garden truck is doing well; some of the best patches of tomatoes I have ever seen; some small fruits have done well. A thunderstorm as I close this report but no rain yet.

Meadow—Second crop of lucern being cut; wheat hardly an average, oats and barley the same.

Peoa—Crops looking well; most all the first crop of lucern cut and stacked; the hay crops above the average.

Santaquin—Thrashing about finished; lucern nearly all cut again.

St. George—Thrashing being pushed; yield below average, especially wheat much of which is badly thrunk by drought.

Huonville—Harvesting in full blast; meadow hay all in; second crop of lucern in bloom.

Portage—Very hot; everything burning up; maximum, 108; minimum, 75.

Lake Shore—Thrashing has commenced; busy hauling grain; irrigating sugar beets for the last time; other crops doing well; weather hot, thunder showers Saturday and Sunday.

Petersen—Past week has been very hot and oppressive to both man and team in the hay field. The binder is in the field. Grain difficult to cut on account of being lodged.

Harrieville—The week has been quite favorable for hay and grain hauling and gathering of fruits, and also for threshing which is now fairly on the way. Second crop of lucern about all cut and hauled.

Newton—Last week's weather very favorable but warm. Nine headers running every day besides a number of binders; no thrashing yet.

Cache Junction—The past week

very warm during the day; cloudy and windy during the evening.

Heber—Another week of hot, dry, sunbiny weather, quite favorable for the hay harvest. Grain cutting has commenced. Charleston has five machines cutting grain. The hot weather is ripening the grain all at once nearly. Sunday night a refreshing shower of .15 of an inch fell.

Spring City—Last week was the hottest this year out here. Sunday evening had a light shower of rain. Crops doing well; grain being harvested, fruit crop light.

Payson—Second crop of lucern coming in; cloudy and cooler yesterday; some thunder showers Saturday; farmers are through irrigating.

Coalville—A favorable week for haying. Vegetation drying up. Thunder and lightning but only a light sprinkle of rain.

Lehi—Our hottest week. Grain cutting about over; second cutting of lucern getting along in good condition.

Huntville—Cutting of the second crop of lucern commenced. Timothy and wild hay has been cured in good condition; heavy crop. Spring grain is getting ripe.

Center—No fault to find with weather for farmers; it is very hot and all points to thunderstorm; crops doing well.

Moroni—The week has been very good for haying. Cutting and hauling of wild hay and second crop of lucern has made good progress. Wheat harvesting has commenced. Wild hay a good crop. On the afternoon of 15th had a heavy rain for half an hour amounting to .17 of an inch, causing the water to come down in torrents from the hills north of Moroni; no damage.

Koshareem—Weather hot and dry; has been trying to rain but amounted to nothing. Water supply for irrigation small. Second crop of lucern suffering for want of water.

Joseph—Past week has been a scorcher for heat; cutting wheat commenced.

Uintah—Another week of intense heat. People in the lower valleys are begging for water from first claimants in higher lands. Harvesting is about over, and thrashing has commenced.

Rockport—Weather hot and dry with wind toward evening. Crops all looking well; hay crop very heavy; grain ripening fast; potatoes good but light yield.

Pinto—Grain is maturing fast; harvesting has commenced; other crops doing well where there is moisture enough; water is low; light touch of frost on night of the 9th; no damage.

Levan—A hot and dry week, but favorable for the work in hand. Wheat mostly harvested, and some hauled and stacked. Corn and potatoes look well. Thunder every day but no rain.

Layton—The weather remains hot and dry. Second crop of lucern nearly all in stack; thrashing in full blast.

Mojave—Another week of fine warm and dry weather; thunder and lightning but no rain. Second crop of lucern most all in; over an average crop. Grain light. The prospects for dry weather in the spring deterred farmers from putting in much grain, consequently our supply is short.

Selma—In the midst of grain and lucern harvest; crops fairly good.