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friends, isn't it a most terrible thing and a wicked thing for a man to say that he had heard the voice of an an-gel and that an angel had told him

beautiful things; that he must have faith in Ged, that he must have faith

I sincerely hope, my brethren and sisters and friends, that the good spirit which pervaded our gathering in the n, and which is present this afternoon, may continue until the close of our meeting. I have been highly interested, and am well pleased and satisfied with the declarations and testimonies, the exhortations and instructions that have fallen from the lips of our brethren who have already spoken to us. A great many things might be said, if time permitted, with reference to the divinity of the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith. I may say that in the early days of the Church, when he had no friends-indeed, I may say before the organization of the Church, before it had any existence as an organized body-Joseph Smith was instructed, under the inspiration of the Lord, to make predictions and prophecies and promisese. They are recorded in the book that I hold in my hand-the Doctrine and Covenants. They were made before the year 1830. They are wonderful predictions and promises. Many of them have since been fulfilled. Others that he made at that early day will yet be fulfilled. All that he has predicted, all that he has promised under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, will come to pass. There is no question about it in my mind, nor can there be any doubt about it in the minds of those who have read the predictions those who have read the predictions which the prophet has made. Here is a prediction which I will read. These words were spoken by an angel to Jo-seph Smith while at his father's house in Manchester, Ontario county, N. Y., on the evening of the 21st of Septem-her. N2 seven years before the organiin granthy of the 21st of Septem-ber, 1823, seven years before the organi-zation of the Church, and while he was an obscrue and almost unknown boy, without any influence, without any fol-lowers, and without any prospects of the prophecy ever coming to pass, that is, looking at it from a human stand-point: "Bebold I will reveal unto you the priesthood, by the hand of Elijah the prophet, before the great and dread-ful day of the Lord; and He shall plant the prophet, before the great and meat-ful day of the Lord; and He shall plant in the hearts of the children the prom-ises made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers; if it were not so, the whole earth would be utterly wasted at its coming." (Doc. and Cov., Section ii.)

WORK FOR THE DEAD.

Now, let me say a word or two in rehatton to this revelation. Since that day temples have been built in which the ordinances of the gospel have been performed both for the living and for the dead. But why for the dead? Be-cause it was predicted at that early time that the promisese of the fathers should be planted in the hearts of the children, and that their hearts of the children, and that their hearts would be furned unto their fathers, and the hearts of the parents to the children. Now, the ordinances of the gospel com-screberd the hearting of the liver for prehend the baptism of the living for the dead, and in order that this may be hearts of the children mus certainly be turned to their fathers, could not begin to tell you from mem-ory the millions of dead that have been baptized for in these sacred places by baptized for in these sacred places by their kindred. I cannot tell you how many thousands and tens of thousands of genealogical records have been genealogical records have been aght out, written, and gathered together, comprising the names of thou-sands and tens of thousands of different families throughout the United States throughout England and throughout Europe, in fact, throughout the world. Records have been compiled by men who have been moved upon by some influence or power that was strange and absolutely unaccountable to them. They do not know why they have been moved upon to write these genealogical records of their families for eight or ten generations. There was no money in it for them. Some men have actually spent their fortunes in collecting gen ealogical records for their family and their kindred. They did not know what they were doing; they did not under-stand what use there would be for them, or what prompted them to gath-er together the history of their ancestors at an enormous expense, even to the extent of using their fortunes. No money came back to them for the work collecting genealogies is not a paying business. But bye and bye it was dis-covered that a branch or several branches of a certain family had joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, and they came into pos session of the records containing the genealogies of thousands and tens of thousands of their relatives. Here, then, are representatives-two of a family and one of a city-who have embraced the gospel and joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and their hearts are turned to their futhers and they begin to hunt up these genealogical records. I presume that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has more of these genealogical records than any other church in th world today. The saints came into pos session of these records, collected and preserved at enormous expense, and preserved at enormous expense, and they are today going into the temples of God and fulfilling the prediction that was made in 1823, by the boy prophet, Joseph Smith. He was but a child at that time, and could not have known or could not have understand when these could not have understood, when these words were spoken to him, the greatwords were spoken to him, the great-ness, and magnitude and vasiness of the work which was to be done. But the angel understood it. Joseph was made the medium by which it was in-made the medium by which it was in-made the medium by and thus we the work which as in-made the medium by which it was in-the medium by which it was in-made the medium by which it was in-the medium by which it was in-made the medium by which it was in-the medium by which it was in-the medium by which it was in-the medium by which it was in-th made the medium by which it was in-stituted and handed down, and thus we see the fulfilment of this prediction. The hearts of the children are turning to the fathers and the hearts of the fathers to the children. The children catinot be made perfect without the parents, neither can the fathers be per-facted without the children. There must be a uniting together in order that the parents may be made happy and they may be perfected in the gos-pel of Jesus Christ, and in order that the children may be happy and also perfected in the gospel of Christ, Now, this is one little thing that has been fulfilled. It was predicted by the Prophet Joseph Smith in a day when he had no followers. He stord abro-lutely alone in the world at that time, with the exception of his parents and with the exception of his parents and some of his brothers and some of his sisters in his own family. They he-lieved in him. They had faith in him. The Church was not organized at that they come to pass then he is a true prophecies have come to pass. He sisters in his own tanniy. They be-lleved in him. They had faith in him. The Church was not organized at that time and they had no reason to believe that his words would ever go beyond their own circle or ever be known in the world. But I want to tell you, there have been millions of men and women bartized for whe have dued the world. But I want to tell you, there have been millions or men and women baptized for who have died without a knowledge of the truth, and thus has been fulfilled the prophecy of Joseph Smith which was uttered seven years before the organization of this Church, while he was under the direc-tion of the angels and messengers sent by God to prepare him for laying the foundations of this great latter-day work.

heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day; therefore, if ye have de-sires to serve God, ye are called to the work, for behold the field is white al-ready to harvest, and lo, he that thrusteth in his sickle with his might, the same layeth up in store that he per-ish not, but bringeth salvation to his soul; and faith, hope, charity and love, with an eye single to the glory of God, qualify him for the work. Remember raith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, godliness, charity, humanity, diligence. Ask and ye shall receive, knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Amen." (Doc. and what a terrible offense that was. And what a terrible offense that was. And Sec. iv.) These are the words of Joseph Smith, spoken in 1829, before the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. How dare he, a boy unlearned in the things of the world, without friends, without money, without influence, without any character, as it were, unknown to the world; how

as it were, unknown to the world; how dare he make such a prediction and such a promise as that? "Ask and ye shall receive; knock and it shall be opened unto you." "Remember," said he. "faith, virtue, knowledge, temper-ance, brotherly kindness, godilness, charity, humanity, diligence" are the three the ne necessary to qualify here, "faith, virtue, kindwieuge, compet-ance, brotherly kindwieuge, compet-charity, humanity, diligence" are the things that are necessary to qualify men to become children of God and heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ and members of His Church. How dare he give such a revelation? Because God spoke to him. That is the reason. Because he was inspired by the Almighty, and he spoke God's words to the world and that came to pass. Why, thousands have received, and there are stand up before all the world they can stand up before all the world and tell them that, in obedience to the and tell them that, in obedience to the promise that was made through the Prophet Joseph Smith, they have asked and they have received; they have knocked and the door has been opened unto them; they have sought and they have found. The words of the prophet were bold. They were not as the words of the scribes and Pharlsees. They of the scribes and Pharlsees. They were the words of a prophet of God, of an inspired man or boy, because he was but a boy at that time. And therefore he was bold to speak God's therefore he was hold to speak God's words, knowing that the Lord God Al-mighty who inspired him was able to fulfill. And so I might go on. In al-most every revelation that was given by the Prophet Joseph Smith in those days, there were promises made, and these were and has a upon days, there were promises made, and those promises were not based upon what might appear to be reasonable, or something that seemed to be in reach, or would come to pass eventu-ally, but they were based on the knowl-edge that he possessed and that was given to him by inspiration. At another time, after the organiza-tion of the Church, Joseph Smith de-clared that hefore the great and dread-

tion, but God preserved him until he finished his work. And when at last they took his life they sent gifts to each other, and they got up sociables, feasts, parties and gatherings of rejoicclared that before the great and dreadclared that before the great and dread-ful day of the Lord should come, Zion should flourish in the tops of the moun-tains. Why, the saints at that time lived down on the flats on the western borders of New York, in a flat country in Ohio, and on the plains and prairies of Illinois, and they did not know any-thing about mountains. Joseph Smith had never seen a mountain, but yet he declared, and it is recorded, that before the great and dreadful day of the Lord. Zion should flourish in the tops of the ing. I read not long ago a card that was sent out by one of the mob inviting his friends to come to a house and have a feast and a dance and a royal good a feast and a dance and a royal good time because the prophet was dead. And so they rejoiced because "Mormon-ism," as they thought, was at an end, because they had killed the prophet. But they were reckoning without their hosts. They made the mistake of their lives. The blood of the martyrs was the seed of the church, and from that moment the Church have a row and the great and dreadful day of the Lerd. Zion should flourish in the tops of the mountains. Now, it was a great many years before the Saints gathered to the tops of the mountains. But they are there today in the tops of the moun-tains, on the very backbase of the conthe very backbone of the contains, on the very backbone of the con-tinent of America, where the waters flow on one side to the Pacific and on the other side to the Atlantic, and there they are growing and flourishing. This is a fulfillment of the Prophet's predic-PROPHECY ON WAR. In 1832 Joseph Smith penned the fol-lowing: "Verily, thus saith the Lord, concerning the wars that will shortly come to pass, beginning at the rebellion of Senth Careful and the rebellion of South Carolina, which will eventual-ly terminate in the death and misery of many souls." (And, mark you, this many souls." (And, mark you, this was penned in 1832, many years before the war.) "The days will come that war will be poured out upon all nations, beginning at that place; for behold, the southern states shall be divided against the northern states, and the southern states will call on other nations, even the nation of Great Britain, as it is called, and they shall also call upon called, and they shall also call upon other nations, in order to defend them-selves against other nations; and thus serves against other harlons, and this war shall be poured out upon all na-tions. And it shall come to pass, after many days, slaves shall rise up against their masters, who shall be marshaled and disciplined for war; and it shall man disciplined for war; and it shall and disciplined to but with the remnants who are left of the land will marshal themselves, and shall become exceed-ing angry, and shall vex the Gentiles with a sore vexation; and thus, with he sword, and by bloodshed, the inhabthe sword, and by bloodshed, the inhab-itants of the earth shall mourn; and with famine, and plague, and earth-quakes, and the thunder of heaven, and the fierce and vivid lightning also, shall the inhabitants of the earth be made to feel the wrath, and indignation and chastening hand of an Almighty God, until the consumption decreed, hath mede a full end of all nations; that the made a full end of all nations; that the cry of the saints, and of the blood of the saints, shall cease to come up into the saints, shall cease to come up into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth, from the earth, to be avenged of their ene-mies. Wherefore, stand ye in holy places, and be not moved, until places, and be not moved, until places, and be not moved, until the day of the Lord come; for behold the day of the Lord come; for bendia it cometh quickly, saith the Lord, amen." (Doc, and Cov., Soc, Ixxxvil.) You will note the prophet says that the earth shall be visited with famine the enrir shall be visited with a we have and plague and earthquake. We have had famines and plagues and earth-quakes right along ever since this prediction was made. In San Francisright along, as they were predicted, The Bible tells us that when a man's

called atter Meichiscden, who was i great high priest. AVOID FREQUENT USE OF SAC-RED NAMES.

Now, I want the elders to avoid the too frequent use of the word prophet, It is too sacred to be used every time ou speak of Joseph Smith or any athor of the Lord's servant. It is too sac-red to be used all the time. At the same red to be used all the time. At the same time I want to show you, by the word of God, that every man is entitled to be a prophet if he will. Faul says, "Follow after charity and desire spir-itual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy." Now, if a man prophesies, and has the spirit of propnecy upon-him, he is a prophet and it his prophand has the spirit of propnecy upon him, he is a prophet, and it his proph-ecy comes to pass, he is a true prophet; and if it does not come to pass it will be evidence that he was not under the propner influence when he made the prophecy; but if kis prediction comes to pass you may depend upon it lim he was moved upon by the right Spirit, the Swiet of too; and his prophecy was the Spirit of God, and his prophecy was

in the prophets, and that he must obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Isn't it an awfully wicked thing for a man to receive a message like that from heaven? Jsn't it terrible for a man to It is guite sufficient when the breth-The refer to the authorities of the Church to say, President Young, Presi-dent Taylor, President Woodruff, Presi-dent Snow, and President Smith. You receive a message from heaven, informdo not need to put on all the handles and titles, because I believe it is un-necessary, and while it may sound all right to you, it does not sound so well in those who are not members of the yet that was the offense that Joseph Smith committed. He was charged with Church. I want to say this to you, my brethren and sisters. While I do not deny the prophetic office which I hold, while I do not deny that I hold the "s'n" of communicating with the heavens. Why don't they denounce Moses for having communicated with the heavens and for having seen God and having met with Him and talked with myself in readiness, as president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to receive any message that God has for me, or that He has to communicate to me, yet I do not care to have this prophetic office spoken about every time I am referred to. Here is Brother Grant. I think Elder Heber J. Grant is a sufficient title to be applied to him. Also Elder Francis M. Lyman, or, since ha is neesident of the His on Mount Sinai until his face so shone with the glory of God that his Lyman, or, since he is president of the twelve apostles, President Francis M. up false charges against him-charges of treason and murder, and of every-thing that they could lay their tongues twelve apostles, President Francis M. Lyman; but when you speak of the others say Elder Smith, Elder Teas-dale, and so on. You do not need to use the word apostle all the tims. It is making a too common use of a sacred title; it is not necessary, and I want to correct that before you and before this people. Although they are occured to not used call them to or that they could invent in their imagination, and he was brought before the courts in the land 39 times on false and trumped up charges of crime. Each time the court was his enemy, and the witnesses were all his chemics, and he had none to sympathize with him, none to plead his cause, none to apostles, you do not need call them apostles every time you speak of them, Call them, elder, or brother; brother is good enough for me. If you choose to call me Brother Joseph I will replead his justice and innocence; but they could not convict him, because be was innocent; he had not committed the crimes; the charges were false; therespond to you every time. I want you to give honor and glory to God, and not to men. I want to exhort you to put your trust in God and not in men. fore they could not convict him, and 39 times he was discharged. And the 40th time, when he was brought before the judge, they said, "We cannot con-vict him because he is innocent, and we I want you to come to the understand ing that it is God's work and not man" work that you are engaged in, and I want you to feel, as has been express-ed here today by Brother Charles W cannot reach him with the law, but we will reach him with powder and ball." It was in this way that they sought to destroy on innocent man, whose only offense before heaven and carth was Nibley, that you know that the gospel is true just as well as Joseph F. Smith knows it. It is your right to know that. Jesus said that every man who would do the will of the Father should that he had received more light in the short space of existence, and had had more communicated to him, than had been communicated to the world for would do the will of the Father should know of the doctrine whether it was of God or whether he spoke of him-self; and every one of you that will do the will of the Father shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God or whether it be of man. I know that the gospel is true by the Spirit of the leader to know the projection. I know centuries. Ho received more truth than the world could receive. He has given that truth to the world, and we given that truth to the world, and we have it here, and his predictions and promises are contained in a history of the work that he accomplished. They could not destroy him till he had fin-ished his work. They shot at him; he was persecuted by mobs and secret en-emies, by those who sought his destruc-tion but find preserved him until he Lord; I know it by revelation; I know it by prophecy. I know Joseph Smith was a prophet and is a prophet, but you do not need to call him the Prophet Joseph Smith every time you speak of him. It is ridiculous, and is not the proper thing to do, and I want to check it right here among the el-ders. At home I have done it time and time again, but it is hard to break people of things that they have been accustomed to. SEEK AFTER SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

I also want to say to you who are in the habit of desiring to hear the gift of tongues and the interpretation thereof, to seek better things. The gift of inspiration, and the gift of pro-phecy, and the gift of tongues. After you get the Spirit of inspiration that comes from the Lord it will lead you into all truth and show you all evil that some more than you all evil the seed of the church, and from that moment the Church began to grow and spread more than it had ever done be-fore; and it has grown from that day to this, and today it reaches across the broad possessions of the United States and reaches out into Canada in the north and into Mexico in the south, and we are fulling up the intra mountain that you may shun and avoid it. You are then entitled to the title prophet, because you are then a prophet; you possess the spirit of prophecy. These sisters have the right to share the riviloges and the same blessecause they are prophetesses have the Spirit. Paul said ngs. would rather that the people should seek to prophesy than speak in tongues; because when you speak in tongues it is the Spirit that is speaking and not the understanding. WHAT GIFT OF TONGUES IS FOR.

made manifest most perfectly. When our boys are called on foreign missions—to Germany, Holland, Nor-way and Sweden and to France and other foreign countries, where they have to learn a foreign language—let them seek for the gift of tongues. Let them pray to God to give them the knowledge of those languages by the gift of His Holy Spirit, as well as by study. There is where the gift of tongues comes in, and where it is very useful. Our boys go to foreign lands and in the space of a few months they can pick up the language of a foreign people and commence to preach the first principles of the gospel without any trouble. I went on a mission at one time to a foreign land. I was sick two weeks with a fever upon my first landing on that island. Notwithstanding that set back, on the one hundredth day after I landed upon those islands I commenced my ministry, speaking in the language of the natives. I commenced to bap-tize and to administer the Sacrament, I blessed a child, and bore my testimony all in the same day. One of my brethren was there and when he Saints, that you may love one another, that you may not contend one against another, that you may not quarrel, because the spirit of contensaw that I could preach, he said "Look saw that I could preach, he said "Look here, you have been preaching?" "Why no," I said, "I have just been here an even 100 days." "Well," he said, "I have been here two years and ou can talk the language better than can, and I have been preaching it for the last year and a half." I learned the language by the gift of God, as well as by study. I studied, it is true, but it was the gift of ton-gues to me, and I learned to speak that language as well as the people themselves and sometimes a little better. Now, if you want the gift of tongues go out on a foreign mission and pick up the language and ask the Lord to give you the gift of tongues. But seek the spirit of humility, the spirit of wisiom, the spirit of meek-ness and submission unto the Father and live humble lives before Him and all will be well you you, my brethren and sisters. I feel that it would not be wise I feel that it would not be wise or prudent for me to talk to you long-er at this time. I am pleased to have met with you. I am glad that you are willing to listen to these young men. They lack experience, but they are gaining experience. Some of them have not had experience in missionary work, but there are breth-won who have snoken who have had missionary work, but there are breth-ren who have spoken who have had some experience in this work. I am pleased that you have patience to listen to us and to hearken to us, and I pray you, my brethren and sisters, take what we say into careful con-sideration; weigh these things; read the best books, and seek out of the best books knowledge and understand-ing; for, let me tell you, no man or woman will ever be saved and exalt-ed in the kingdom of God in ignor-Joseph Smith proclaimed that for a moment that he cannot go into

'the glory of God is intelligence." We I believe that men will have to learn the laws of God and walk in the ways of the Lord in order that they may be saved and exalted in His kingdom, for they cannot do it in ignorance, and they cannot do it in an unrepentant state. The Lord will never cleanse a man from sin who is unterpentant. It would be inconsistent for Him to do anything like that; but when a man repents of his sons, and obeys the laws of God, and adopts the means which the Lord has revealed by which the presiding officer of the presiding officer of the sins may be cleansed, then, indeed, will be receive a remission of his sins: God will cleanse him, and the blood of Jesus Christ will make him pure. Peace be unto you, my brothers and sisters, and friends who are friendly with us, and who are seeking for the light. I pray the Lord to bless them and to bless you one and all; bless you as husbands and as wives, as fathers and as mothers, as parents and as children, as brothers and sisters, and neighbors, and the Lord Bless you as members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

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any branch or conference in this mi sion and take charge whenever wants to. It is not like a regular size or ward in Zion. And when one of the apostles stake or ward of Zion, to "Here bishop, I will take now. I have been se and such a purpose." He has to do it. I saw in certain plac officer did not see that President Heber J. Gran presiding officer of the Church Christ of Latter-day Saints Britain, and this is the pos which he has been called, should always refer When he comes to this bra ident of the branch should say Brother Heber, you will please work into your own hands." Pr Grant can then do as he thinks ! There are many othe ing to the laws of the Chu could say to you if time wo Again, Goodbye, for the least, I hope I may see you time: so

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PROMISES FULFILLED.

I will read another revelation, which was given in 122, before the organiza-tion of the Church: "Now behold, a marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men, therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God. see that yo serve him with all your men.

gion with honest, healthy people, with strong, healthy children and families, and an educated people. Utah stands second in educational matters in the United States. The Mormon people United States. The Mormon people stand next to the very first in education in the United States, and they are building up citles, they are building up communities, they are spreading abroad and are taking possession of the land as the lord designed that they should. The mustard seed, or rather the mus-tard tree, has been kicked, and it has spread more and more. Every time they kick the mustard tree it sheds its seeds, which take root and grow up. NOT AFTER NEWSPAPER NOTO-RIETY. We are today about the most noted

people in the world. If my presenc here were known, I presume that would be beset by reporters. I do not care to be known. I am not seeking newspaper notoriety. Newspapers can-not tell the truth about us, because the prejudice of the world is against us, and they have to cater to the world, and therefore I do not want to have anything to do with them, for the pres-ent, at least. Now, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has spread over the land so far that the devil finds it a pretty hard organiza-tion to wrestle with. He is finding it more difficult every day. We are growing, we are multiplying, we are increasing, and we are rejoicing more and more in the truth. Every day we have fresh convictions of the truth every day we have fresh proofs of the divinity of this work, and that God Is over it. He has guarded it from the beginning until now, and we know He will carry it through victoriously. They may take our lives if they wish or we may pass away one ofter the other, but others will be raised up. Let me say to you that God will raise up those who will be stronger, who will be broader, greater, and better able to carry on the work than those who have labored in the past. This the Lord will do for His work until it spreads over the land and covers it as the wa-ters cover the mighty deep. No power on earth can hinder it. I did not excent to speak in this strain when I got up. I had something on my mind that I thought I would speak about, and I do not know but what, if the time will permit, I will say a few words in relation to it now.

TESTIMONY OF JESUS SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.

We talk about prophets and seers and revelators, etc. Joseph Smith was, indeed, a prophet of God; and what I want to impress upon the minds of the clders here and upon the Latter-day Saints; more especially upon the elders who are laboring here, is that every man who possesses the Spirit of God man who possesses the Spirit of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ is a prophet, for if he speaks under the influence of the Spirit of the Lord with reference to the present or the future, it will come to pass. Whatever a man speaks by the influence of God's Spiri will come to pass, because when He moves upon a man to speak. He is bound to fulfill it. The Lord has said here in one of these good books, "When you do the thing that I require of you, or command of you, then I am bound, otherwise, there is no promise." That is true, and, therefore, when a man speaks under the influence of the Holy JOSEPH SMITH'S ONLY OFFENSE. In the very incipiency of this work spents there is the the ancient prophets, what he says is the word of the Lord, and is the law of God, and the Lord will take care of the fulfillment of it the whole combined religious world ext itself to destroy the prophet. They denounced him as an impostor; they declared that he was a wonderful de-ceiver: that he had actually claimed to will take care of the fulfiliment of it just as sure as you are born. Now, I think in olden times the name of the Lord Jesus was used too frequently and men are guilty of the same thing today. We are told in the book of Doctrine and Covenants to avoid the too frequent repetition of the name of the Son of God. The priesthood which was after the order of the Son of God have received revelations from God, when the heavens were sealed over the when the heavens were sealed over the heads of men; when there was to be no more revelation; when the canon of scripture was full and angels had ceased to visit the earth. For testifuing that he had received revelations from the Lord he was branded as an impos-tor and as working against the well-being and happiness of the children of men. Now, brothers and sisters and

What is the gift of tongues for? What is the gift of tongues for? Let me tell you when the gift of ton-gues was very profitable. It was on the day of Pentecost, when the apos-tles of Christ stood up before the people who had assembled there from all the lands around about, talking a multitude of languages, and Peter multitude of languages, and Peter stood up in the midst of them and de-clared Jesus Christ and Him crucified and risen from the dead, the very Son of God, the Redeemer of the world. They all heard, every one in his own tongue. God gave them the gift of understanding and they understood. every man in his own tongue. The apostles spoke in their own Hebrew tongue; they did not talk a multitude of languages, but the ears and understandings of the multitude were open. ed and they heard the voice of the apostles and understood what they said. At that time the gift of tongues

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help you to prove faithful. I want to say something to you about Elder Heber J. Grant, one of the twelve apostles, a man of brilliant mind, a man with one of the most active, energetic makeups, I believe, that I ever knew in my life. He simply cannot keep still, and it is a wonder to me how he holds out, because he spends a great deal of his nights in reading and walking about, and all that sort of thing, and sleeps only about half as much as an ordinary man ought to sleep. Yet the Lord has preserved sleep. Yet the Lord has preserved him, and it is the duty of the elders of this mission to hearken unto him and respect him in his position. Every one of you ought to do that. Again, when President Heber J. Grant comes to this conference or to this meeting it is his right to say to the president of the branch, "I will take charge of this meeting here today." He does not need branch, "I will take charge of this meeting here today." He does not need to be asked to do it. He can say, "I will do it," or he can appoint one to take charge of the meetings. Why? Because he is the presiding officer, and it is not right to entertain the thought for a moment that he cannet go into

this land, and I love the people of England was my mother her own blood, her brat the first to bring restored gospel to to his own brother in Prest tained an opening church and converted some of the best of his floc brother did not like it any too w rebelled against the elders and them out, and would not have an more to do with them. It brok up, and he died a disappointed because he rejected the truth. E one loves his mother, I think. I de I love the land that gave her birth bless the mothers of Israel in this and help them to be faithful, nore right, and true to their husband their families, and to the kingdo God on earth. God help you to be is my prayer in the name of Christ, Amen.-Reported by Eld C. Rich and James Robert Price.

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