

DESERET NEWS.

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On Sunday last, the 30th of June, the Bowery was crowded, many strangers being present. Elder O. Spencer preached in the morning, on the peculiarity of our religion.—“We feel obligations to our God for receiving communications from him, and teaching us of his ways: this is a radical principle of faith among this people; I contend that immediate revelation is a divine principle, and is necessary for any godly people: all through the Bible, it is recorded that the people believed in immediate revelation, and every man would peril his life to support those principles, as being essential and indispensable to man.—Every Bible advocate is a defender of immediate revelation from the heavens.

What an example! to behold a world of mankind growing up like a mushroom, here to-day, and gone to-morrow; and the great God sending a messenger to tell the people to work righteousness, no matter whether bond or free, rich or poor, and how they can attain the kingdom of God, and if man will not believe it, he shall be damned! for so says the Scripture.

Where is there a Government that does not find it necessary to organize? there is not one! All find it necessary to observe some legal process, before they can be admitted as a member of the United States. Should it not be as compatible for God to have some such organization? Every honest man will admit it; yet many are afraid they will be ensnared; the Devil himself is afraid of being ensnared and entrapped by truth, and so are wicked men; but an honest man will wade right into truth.

Except a man is born of water and of the spirit, he can NOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD—some men think they can get into that kingdom, some other way: in heaven, they once dealt with one of the Sons of the Morning, for changing the ordinances, and transgressing the law; he was cast down, and kept in chains and darkness until the judgment day.

God tells us to conform to the terms of admission into his kingdom, and he will give us the spirit to search into all truth, and he will pour his spirit into them more willingly than a mother ever poured her nourishment into her infant child.

It is the duty of every man to join the kingdom of God, hearken to his voice, be baptized forthwith for the remission of his sins, receive his spirit, and then if he dies, all's right, all's well. Look around you, and see who are so happy as the Saints? when the pestilence is stalking about and sweeping its victims from the earth; or see the disease in potatoes in Ire-

land, and cattle in the eastern States; or the distress among the nations of the earth; who so full of thankfulness and gladness to Almighty God as them? &c., &c.

2 P. M.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishops, interspersed with remarks by W. W. Phelps on simplicity, the operations of the United States in going to California after gold, &c.

President B. Young said, “with regard to all people, I will say as Moses said, when he was told that the people were prophesying; I would to God that all his people were prophets, and I would to God that all men were as deluded as the Latter-day Saints, for it produces a peace beyond all price. All improvements afford mankind happiness to a certain degree; my religion gathers in all the arts, sciences, and improvements of the day, that man ever did make, or can make, and it reaches within the veil: I say nothing short of the wisdom of the Almighty can ever make a community happy, and I would to God that all the world were as deluded and happy as I am; our knowledge is extensive, our hope eternal.

To all those who consider us as outlaws, and worthless society; if they will only let those walls, (the Rocky Mountains) continue to separate us from them, it is an evident fact that we cannot injure them any more.

One thing I consider; Zion is the pure in heart; Zion is a light set on a hill that shines round about. I have thought, is the Lord going to suffer his people to be hid up? Is the gospel to be no more preached? If so, then shut down the gate! but we are the people of God; the gate is not closed! there will be an open door, until all the nations of the earth are faithfully warned.

There is not an honest man that comes to this valley, but crowns this people with their blessings, for their civility, good behavior, industry, and improvements, and our kindness to them. In any other community the size of this, in any part of the earth, you would see several grog-shops, drunkenness, a little fighting in the streets, lawyers running about with books under their arms, and constables hailing men in the streets; but here there is no such thing; and if we were to lay aside our religion, our Bible, and every thing else of a religious tendency; even then, we should receive the blessings of all the world for our morality, our good behavior, and civilized society.

The Almighty God never did set up his kingdom on the earth, from the days of Adam to the present time, but it always came in contact with all the other societies of the day, no matter who they are. Who is to blame for this? am I to blame? or my brethren?—Suppose you should meet an angel, or even

Jesus Christ, and he were to tell you to warn your fellow men of the approaching danger: as soon as you should lift up your voice and tell them to shun the evil, all creation would blame you; at the same time no being, whether priest or people, would say that the angel did wrong, but they believe Joseph Smith and all his followers are deluded, and yet they profess to believe in the Bible, and on the Lord Jesus Christ most assuredly.

I have heard the reverend priests pray in the pulpit, that the Lord God Almighty would come down in their midst; send Jesus Christ right down among them; and have the angels to visit them; and then they would get up and preach, and deny, that angels ever were seen, or revelations ever given since the days of the Apostles, and every thing they had prayed for: I say it is an insult to the Being they profess to call upon; it manifests their own shame, and by their own words they will hereafter be condemned. But if I should see an angel, am I to be blamed for that? yet the history of the world proves it. what does good sense, mercy, and justice say? pour forth your treasures; let me hear them; and then have an opportunity of judging; for there is a necessity for God to reveal himself.

All creation have got to bow to this; we are now, but by and by we shall NOT BE; no matter who, the king on his throne, or the beggar at his door.

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that Joseph Smith had revelations, and I believe I have: but many will not believe in being taught by Jesus Christ, and that is monstrous and ridiculous to me: if all the world absolutely believed in the word of God, swords would be made into plough-shares, spears into pruning-hooks, and every man be at peace, in his family, kingdom and country, and every man would meet a friend, love would abound, all contentions would cease, and the people would go and enquire of the Lord by the mouth of a prophet what the design of the Creator of this earth is, and they would seek to know more of their eternal state.

I say, blessed is the man who is not ashamed of the Lord in the Legislative Council; blessed is the man who is not ashamed of his name in public or private; blessed is the man who does all the good he can; and blessed is the man who keeps the commandments of the Lord.

Brethren, what is the harm in living to our religion? in believing all the Christian belief? all that is taught in the Holy Bible?—for if I practice the teachings of the Bible, it will make me a good man. Had I the opportunity, I would say to Senators, to Representatives, Governors, Kings, Emperors, and all the Potentates of the earth, and to all men, repent of your sins, turn unto the Lord,