

and all these gifts, or any of them, and you leave the body of Christ, or the Church of Christ imperfect. Are all Apostles? No. Are all prophets? No; but every one ought to have the spirit of prophecy. There is necessity for Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, and all the gifts in the Church, and whenever the Church of Christ is organized on the earth it possesses those blessings. Now, referring to this chapter which I have read, if a man had gone out sixty years ago among the Christian sects and denominations in search of the Church of Christ according to the ancient pattern, would he have found it? Was there such a church on the earth? No; there was not. The Lord sent his angels to Joseph Smith and ordained him to the old authority, for as there was no man remaining on the earth then that had that authority it was necessary that they should come, otherwise the authority could not have been bestowed. It had gone back to heaven, therefore the heavens had to be opened, angels had to descend, even the same men that held it when they were in the flesh on the earth. They had to lay their hands upon a man and ordain him as they would have done in the flesh, as they did in fact while in the flesh upon him who took the place of Judas Iscariot when he betrayed the Lord and lost his apostleship. They laid their hands upon Matthias, and he became an Apostle. The council would not have been complete without this. Matthias occupied that place by ordination under the hands of his brethren the Apostles, and in like manner when Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery were ordained Apostles they received the Apostleship by the laying on of the hands of the men who had held that authority in the flesh, and hence you can see the propriety of angels coming.

Now it is a remarkable fact that Joseph Smith had gifts before he was ordained. He was a Seer, for he translated before he was ordained; he was a Prophet, for he predicted a great many things before he was ordained and before the Church was organized; he was a revelator, for God gave unto him revelations before the Church was organized. He therefore, was a Prophet, Seer and Revelator before he was ordained in the flesh. Did you ever think of it? Brother Joseph Smith was a Prophet, Seer and Revelator before he ever received any Priesthood in the flesh. But did he on that account presume to administer the ordinances of life and salvation? Did he presume to lead men into the waters of baptism and baptize them? No, he did not. Why? Because he had not received that authority. He could act in those other capacities, he could possess those other gifts, they were born with him. He was ordained a Prophet, doubtless, before he came here; but that ordination did not give him the right to immerse men and women in the waters of baptism, neither did it give him the power to lay on hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost. He had to await the authority from on high. And who came? The man that held the authority in ancient days, the man who baptized the Son of God—John the Baptist, who was beheaded by the order of Herod. It was necessary that some one holding that authority should come from heaven, there being no one on the earth, and all the churches then in existence denied such authority, to a very great extent, at least. At any rate, whether they denied it or not, they did not possess it. And when he came, he laid his hands upon Joseph Smith and his companion, Oliver Cowdery, and gave them the authority, and then, having received the authority, they were baptized for a remission of their sins. But there still remained another authority which they did not have. Joseph was not a presumptuous man. Why there are thousands of men in this generation who would say, "If I am a prophet, seer and revelator, I have authority to do everything else." But he did not do that, he did not take that view, he waited, as I have said, until the due time of the Lord, and when the Lord sent His messenger to ordain him, then he acted. But he did not think, after having seen an angel, after having been ordained by an angel to the Aaronic Priesthood, after having received authority to baptize—he did not presume to lay on hands upon any one for the reception of the Holy Ghost. As in the other cases he waited, and in the good time of the Lord, He sent His Apostles, the three leading Apostles, Peter, James and John,

the First Presidency of the Church in the days of Jesus after His death; He sent those who held the keys, He commanded them from heaven to go and administer unto those two men, to lay hands upon them. And when they were ordained Apostles they proceeded then to lay hands upon themselves, the one ordained the other, having received authority from God to do this. In virtue of this Apostleship they proceeded to organize the church under the command of God.

And witness, my brethren and sisters, the marvelous results which have followed the restoration of this angelic and divine power; witness the marvelous results wherever this gospel has gone. It has gone forth accompanied by the convincing power of God. The humble of the earth have been baptized and they have received a testimony from God that their sins have been forgiven. What wonderful power this is! the power to remit sins by the administration of an holy and divine ordinance. Yet this has been the case. Humble men have been chosen and ordained of God, and have gone forth carrying this power with them. They have taken those who believed into the waters of baptism, immersed them, and God has witnessed unto those souls that their sins have been remitted. A wonderful power! And then they have laid their hands upon them and the Holy Ghost has descended as in ancient days, and the gifts, blessings and graces of the gospel have accompanied the administration of that holy ordinance, and the hearts of the people have been bound together. Oh, how wonderful it is when we look at it—men and women of every nation, kindred, tongue and people to be bound together as the heart of one man, under the influence of the power of God, through this humble agency. Such men start out feeling their dependence on God. They have no learning to boast of; they have no advantages to any great extent, yet they have not the disadvantages that some people have to contend with. I think it is a positive disadvantage to be as many ministers are. A man is terribly incumbered who goes through the mill to be prepared to teach the gospel. But when a man goes forth putting his trust in God he feels that in and of himself he is nothing; that if he brings a soul to the knowledge of the truth, he knows that it must be by the power of God. He goes forth trembling and weeping, yet he bears precious seed. He knows he has the message of life and salvation, that God has chosen him to deliver that message, and he goes among the people, leaving his testimony in humility, calling upon God to bear witness of the truth of what he has said, calling upon the people to repent and to forsake their sins and turn to God. It is not his eloquence, it is not his popularity, it is not his wealth, it is nothing of this kind that convinces the people, but it is the Spirit of God which rests upon them. They are filled with joy and peace. They read the Bible as they never read it before. The scales drop from their eyes. They see the beauties of the gospel, and they wonder how it was they did not see them before. And all this through the restoration of the Holy Priesthood. The Prophet Joseph Smith, inspired of God, laid the foundation of a Church that has not the like of it on the earth. Men wonder at it. They say, "What an organization you have; how wonderful it is." It is wonderful because it is Divine, it came from God. Man's wisdom did not devise it, man's wisdom has not maintained it. Whatever there is about it God must have the glory.

In conclusion, my brethren and sisters, I say to you, cleave to the truth, revere this book (the Bible) and the other books that we have received. These precious records contain the word of God. We can look back to olden times and see how our brethren and sisters did, and what God did for them, and how similarly he is blessing us now. These records are a source of comfort in the midst of affliction and trial; they are a source of blessing and joy to every soul who will persevere them and treasure up the truths therein contained.

May the Lord help up us to be true to that which He has committed to us, that after we have fought the good fight, after we have finished our course, after we have done all we can do for the salvation of our fellow creatures and the spread of truth, we may be received into the mansions of the blessed, there to dwell eternally with our God and with those who have gone

before, is my prayer, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Correspondence.

A Voice from Arizona.

St. JOHN'S, Apache County, Arizona, Oct. 23d, 1881.

Editor Desert News:

A few days after writing to your paper from Zuni N. M., I started to St. George, Utah, where I arrived, after 19 days travel, at my old home and was greeted kindly by many old friends.

At present there seems to be no improvement in St. George in the building line, many buildings standing without occupants and no sale for real estate. I offered my property for one-fourth of cost, but looked for a buyer in vain, and therefore locked the doors and started on my return to this place hoping times of good business will revive in St. George, for the people there certainly deserve to be blessed for their past faithfulness in settling that desert land.

Since leaving here there has been great excitement in regard to Indians in this country, but I think more excitement than actual danger.

Since the beginning of July last there has been some sixteen small houses built here on the new town plot, as well as considerable improvements in the old Mexican town, notably Mr. Solomon Barth has built quite a large house and store combined, and now keeps a large assortment of merchandise on hand. There are at present our stores in St. John, including the co-op, which does a fair business.

Bishop D. K. Udall is at present in St. Louis purchasing goods for the Arizona Co-op., situated at Holbrook from which establishment all the co-op's in Eastern Arizona are expected to buy all their merchandize. It is hoped this store will prove a blessing to this section of the country.

Very few of the families who were called to come here last spring have as yet arrived though their presence is much needed to assist in building up the place.

Quite a large meeting house has recently been commenced here, and hopes are entertained of its early completion, as the weather will soon be cool and we have only a bowery to meet in.

The mails are more regular than formerly, though, on account of Indians and high waters, they have been irregular.

Col. McKenzie and two or three companies arrived here to-day and intend moving on to Wingate tomorrow. They report that most of the Indians have returned to the reservation, and they think the "cruel war is ended."

The death of President Garfield created a profound feeling of sorrow in our little community. The death of Apostle Orson Pratt caused an expression of sorrow on every countenance. He will be one of those whose place will be hard to fill. Peace be to his ashes. He has done a noble work, and his name is known wherever the gospel has been heard. There has been an unusual amount of rain here this season, and it is raining now heavily as I write; still the health of the people is good. This appears like a very healthy country. AMRAM.

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