THE STORY OF JOSEPH SMITH'S FIRST VISION

An Address by Elder O. J. P. Widtson in the Tabernacle, Sunday Afternoon, March 7, 1909, at the Special Tourist Service.

(Reported by F. W. Offerstrong.)

My Dear Priender in attempting to own price, but he chose a weak and drives you for a short this this after-

President Joseph F. Smith, Bishop C. W. Nibley and their party, also Samuel E. Woolley, president of the Sandwich Islands mission, and three missionary elders, namely, Frank Woolley, Edward L. Miner and E. Wesley Smith

and the Relief society of the Hawaman islands. The group taken at the close of a vary successful conference held at Honolule on Saturday and Sunday, the 19th and 21st of March, 1909.

thou art Peter and upon this rock, the rock of revelation,) I will found My church, and the gates at hell shall not prevail against h."

Going on, then, in the consideration this first vision, we find the ear!
Thristian church bosing its belief upo

He looked up and saw two heav

phets to give to them His holy word. But after the apostles were taken from the earth, and when the organiza-But after the apostles were taken from the earth, and when the organization of the quorum of the apostles was not continued for some reason or other, and the church was left to look after itself, men began to assume that they had received revelation enough, that the Scriptures contained all that was necessary for the work of God upon the earth, that though God had seen fit to speak to His people in times past there was no need of His speaking to them now. He had given them all that was necessary and they could go away and work with what they had. That doctrine grow until it became a fixed and established principle in most of the creeds. Though, the Catholic church claimed to hold authority to receive revelation, yel it based its doctrines and the organization upon the traditions of the fathers and upon the Scriptures and receive no revelation. The Protestant churches denied revela-

When Joseph Smith, after he had received his first vision, went out to tell the ministers who had labored with him and told them about it, they said to him, "Why, that thing is of the devil; that thing is of the devil; and their evidence that it was of the devil was this they said "All revelation had coased. God does not speak to His people now; He stopped that nomense long ago." But who, accept these men themselves, ever called the speaking of God to His people nonsense. Perhaps the first doctrine that we get from this simple first vision of Joseph Smith is that God will speak to His people at any time and at every time that it may be necessary, and that He may see it to speak to them; thut His people can call upon Him to prayer; that He will answer their prayers and reveal to will answer their prayers and reveal to them the things that are for their good. Thus, to the first lesson we get from this simple vision. Mormonism stands apart from all other religious socia

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How Many Meals Have You Saved?

Do you show your meals do you good, as the saving goes? Have you the prod-net of former good dinners tucked away around your waist line? Do they repreach you? Do they lie heavily on your nixul-cal conscience, as it were? Are you ank-loud to referre?

Well, then contemplate a period of pen-que. What do you say to a month of amoudified breakfast food diet-made ulm; to be followed or accompanied by nirty days of road work or weight lift-ig. Not.

NEED OF DIVINE AUTHORITY.

When the relabers of the churches in Joseph Smith's days, were asked where they received their authority, they said simply. We have it from the apostles. But, if you remember, Jasus Chries wave His directions to eleven men; He said to them, "Go ye into all the world and preach the geospet to all sations." But He spoke to rieven men; He did not speak to the world as a whole. Morever, protestant churches themselves claim that the church of Rome departed from the trath; they claim that it speatstized. Martin Luther, with others, formed another organization, another church which came to be known as the Protestant church, setting forth ather decirines, but Martin Luther received no authority other.

tells us that at first be was every come by a dreadful power of darkness which tried to overcome him. He was thrown upon the ground, and it seemed for a time be would be overly who men said that He was, and the at all, from an appearance church, and if that falls, then there say. "We have our authority from the wards of Jeaus, spoken nearly 2000 years ago."

The doctrine of this new revelation

there have been given a great many that are for the salvation of both the living and the dead, for Mormonism considers also those who have gone before, who did not understand the principles of the gospel, who did not have the principles of hearing the gospel preached. But for this discussion, this afternoon, we can not take into consideration all the revelations that have been given or all the doctrines that have been taught. However, thus slands as the first in the history of the new dispensation, it powers some of the rundamental doctrines, and immediately following this revelation came all the things that were necessary for the organization of the Church.

In conclusion, I desire to bear my Christian philosophy, and they tried to barmonize these systems and bring them together so there should not be any great conflict between them. As a result, in two or three or four centuries, Christians thought no longer of God as a person; they thought no longer of a being with a real existence; but an extensive spirit filling the whole universe, his center nowhere, his circumference averywhere. Then they came to that absurd doctrine that this God who existed everywhere was in came to that absurd doctrine that this God who existed everywhere was in reality immaterial, as if there could be, in any system of philosophy, an immaterial existence. That doctrine grew and spread until in the day when Joseph Smith was a boy and was given this first vision, the whole Christian world thought of God as a spirit of no material parts, filling the universe, yet so small that He could creep into the smallest heart.

But Joseph Smith's first vision fearlessiy controverts all that. Joseph Smith saw God the Father, in the form of a man—net a spirit filling the whole

sary for the organization of the Church. In conclusion, I desire to bear my testimony in all solerness and in seriousness to the effect that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was founded by divine inspiration, that it is soutaned by divine inspiration, that it is soutaned by divine revelation, that its great work is carried forward by a divinery delegated prisethood and that it will continue to grow and prosper, that no evil power shall have influence against it, but it shall press on until it has consummated its great mission and its great work which is now the wonder of the world. Mormanism is the most mearly perfectly organized body in the world today; and this great work has come to the narth through the instrumentality of the latter-day prophs Joseph Smith. With Jesus Christ, then we exclaim: "We thank These, O Futher, Land of basees and earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the vise and prodent, and hast revealed them onto babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight."

"All things are delivered unto me Smith saw God the Father, in the form of a man-not a spirit filling the whole universe, but a personality. There again, in the second place, Mormonism parts from the other Christian churches and sects, and teaches that God is a true and real person, thus inculcating the principle of the personality of God in every way, that He is an exalted being to be sure, but that, nevertheless, we are His children and are made in His likenses.

Out of the mixing of Pagan philosophy and Christian decitins grew also another question, and a very difficult one. It was so discussed and finally decided after much deliberation, Many of you, perhaps most of you, know of one. It was so discussed and finally decided after much deliberation. Many of you, perbaps most of you, know of the Arlan and Anashbisan creeds. In one it was argued that God the Father and God the Sen were separate and distinct. In the other is was argued that they were one not only in purpose and spirit but one in reality; that there was printy in unity and unity in trinity; and the Holy Ghost was spoken of an a mamber of the Godhead. The tenoning of the destrine of the trinity grew and spread throughout the Christian world unit a was the adopted and accepted teaching in the time of the Phophel Juseph Smilh's boyland. Here again, we find this first simple vision teaching another doctrine, setting forth a destrine that is much more reasonable and mach more onely to be helieved. For Joseph saw God the Father and Jesus Christ His Son by His side—not two in one but two in two; one in purpose, one in desire, one in working for the building up of the Church and for the accomplishment of their divine parpose upon the earth, but two separate and distinct, the third member of the Godhead, the Holy Ghost, must also be separate and distinct.

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"All things are delivered unto me of my Fallier," said the Savior, "and no man knoweth the Son hat the Father: neither knoweth any man the Father rave the Son and he to whom the Son shall reveal Him."

To Joseph Smith the Son has revealed Himself, May He reveal Himself to all of us, that we may receive the truth and be able to bear the testing of the Hall Joseph Smith has borns, for Christ's sake. Amon.

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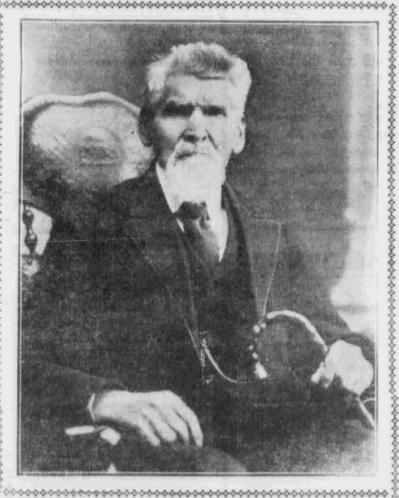


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Only Survivor of Zion's Camp-Renaion of Descendants of Departed Members at Social Hall Next Thursday,

is born May M. 1819. He was haptized non is years of age, and when only boy of 19 he responded to the ophet's call to "go up and redeem on." Bidding good bye to relatives a friends young Tunner enrelled with at little band of heroes, and passel rough all the hardships and trials of the incident to that memorable journer chustruly bearing his share of the reding upon the camp, and performs his duty with that steadfast tearity for which he beasens not delicating the which he beasens not delicating for which he beasens not delicating for only the same with the pro-

night now nourly 24 years off. Tanner receils many manifesta-of divine power in behalf of the stand Zion's Camp. One remark-incident which he relates took at Fishing river. Of this moden. Tanner mays: "On June 19, we the surrounding country. As making preparation for hight, med desperators rode up, and fests and onths told us that

Nathan Tanner, only survivor of fell so much where our camp was to Zen's Camp, and, so fer as known, the cated, but our tents were slown down codest flying member of the Church, was born May 14, 1815. He was haptised the morning it was found that the Figh.

for two hours, without any perceptible effect in the way of removing the dir. He then resorted to rubbing, and a rainfully did he work that his knuckles were sens for many days thereafter. At ast, discouraged, he wrung the clothing out and hung them cut to dry White fretting over his prayeccessful attempt at laundry work, two of the sisters told him that instead of bolling the dist out of them.

ing fiver had risen nearly 40 feat during the night."

White many of the incidents of this remarkable expedition were iragic in their nature, some were ing hable. President Hober C. Kimball used to country the first party of the president Hober C. Kimball used to country the first party of the president Hober C. Kimball used to country the first party of the president Hober C. Kimball used to contact with The keyster to the president of the party of the president with the president Hober C. Rimbail used to re-late with the keenest enjoyment, his first altempt at washing, made on this memorable trip. It is clothing become very dusty with travelling, and walls camped at the Sait give he decided to wash them. He had observed in us household that the women always buil-ed the clothing, and thought that in this way they boiled the dirt out of them. He proceeded to put his awa clothing in the boiler and boiled them for two hours, without any perceptible.

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