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HE CARETH.

"The good God always builds the blind bird's nest."
So ran a Turkish proverb, sweet and wise
How calmly may she fold her wings in rest,
Knowing His touch upon her shadowed eyes?
Thou, who hast known His love so strong and grand,
Rest, too, in His right hand.

"Behold" He crieth, "I will bring the blind
By ways they have not known"—assurance sweet—
"Straighten the crooked path, make life more kind,
Turn darkness into night before their feet."
Is thy sight darkened, friend? Thy God can see—
Let that suffice for thee.

Unsheltered birds His providence shall shield,
The helpless soul shall lean upon His strength.
Our need, grown great, to greater love shall yield,
And help, though long delayed, shall come at length.
Wait for him, doubting not. He knoweth best
Who builds the blind bird's nest.

FLORENCE FOSTER.

—Christian Register.

REMARKS

Made by President Wilford Woodruff,
At Paris, Idaho, (Bear Lake Stake
Conference) on Monday Afternoon,
August 10, 1891.

[REPORTED BY ARTHUR WINTER.]

I am very pleased indeed to meet with so many Latter-day Saints in this tabernacle on a working day, and I hope you will get paid for coming to meeting today. I have felt amply paid myself for my journey from Salt Lake City in, listening to the instructions which our brethren have given unto us. I told Brother Cannon this morning that if, when a young man, I could have attended a meeting of this kind and heard instructions as we have had given to us, I should have felt that I was in heaven; I should have been satisfied that I had received what I had prayed for and desired from my childhood. When I was a boy I read in the New Testament concerning Jesus Christ and His Gospel, and the gifts and graces that were then manifested, and I felt that the principles there taught were the ones that I desired to live to hear taught. I

prayed for this earnestly in my early manhood. I have read the Bible through a good many times in my life. I have read the Book of Mormon through a number of times. I have also read the Book of Doctrine and Covenants through a number of times; and I have felt that God had never given unto us stronger principles and more glorious instructions in any of the revelations of God than are recorded in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants. They are all by the same author, but to different men, and at different times. I will read a few verses from the 121st section of the Doctrine and Covenants. This section contains the prayer and prophecy of the Prophet Joseph while he was in Liberty jail; and the truths embodied therein are among the sublimest that God has ever revealed to man:

For there is a time appointed for every man, according as his works shall be.

God shall give unto you (the Saints) knowledge by His Holy Spirit, yea by the unpeakable gift of the Holy Ghost, that has not been revealed since the world was until now;

Which our forefathers have waited with anxious expectation to be revealed in the last times, which their minds were pointed to, by the angels, as held in reserve for the fullness of their glory:

A time to come in the which nothing shall be withheld, whether there be one God or many Gods they shall be manifested;

All thrones and dominions, principalities and powers, shall be revealed and set forth upon all who have endured valiantly for the Gospel of Jesus Christ; And also if there be bounds set to the heavens, or to the seas; or to the dry land, or to the sun, moon, or stars;

All the times of their revolutions; all the appointed days, months, and years, and all the days of their days, months, and years, and all their glories, laws, and set times, shall be revealed, in the days of the dispensation of the fulness of times,

According to that which was ordained in the midst of the Council of the Eternal God of all other Gods, before this world was, that should be reserved unto the finishing and the end thereof, when every man shall enter into his eternal presence, and into his mortal rest.

How long can rolling waters remain impure? What power shall stay the heavens? As well might man stretch forth his puny arm to stop the Missouri river in its decreed course, or to turn it up stream, as to hinder the Almighty from pouring down knowledge from heaven, upon the heads of the Latter-day Saints.

Behold, there are many called, but few

are chosen. And why are they not chosen?

Because their hearts are set so much upon the things of this world; and aspire to the honors of men, that they do not learn this one lesson—

That the rights of the Priesthood are inseparably connected with the powers of heaven, and that the powers of heaven cannot be controlled nor handled only upon the principles of righteousness.

That they may be conferred upon us, it is true; but when we undertake to cover our sins, or to gratify our pride, our vain ambition, or to exercise control, or dominion, or compulsion, upon the souls of the children of men, in any degree of unrighteousness, behold, the heavens withdraw themselves; the Spirit of the Lord is grieved; and when it is withdrawn, Amen to the Priesthood, or the authority of that man.

Behold! ere he is aware, he is left to himself, to kick against the pricks; to persecute the Saints, and to fight against God.

We have learned, by sad experience, that it is the nature and disposition of almost all men, as soon as they get a little authority, as they suppose, they will immediately begin to exercise unrighteous dominion.

Hence many are called, but few are chosen.

Who can comprehend this grand language? Scarcely any person. The Lord says in this revelation that whether there be one God or many Gods, they shall be revealed; and all kingdoms, thrones, principalities and powers shall be revealed unto those who keep His commandments. Can we comprehend this? Why, there is not an astronomer that can tell us scarcely one thing that is done in Mars, or Venus, or Jupiter, or in any of the planets, aside from the earth. Here are worlds upon worlds—millions of them—and what do we know about them? Our own little planet, upon which we live, is about as much as we can comprehend. Look at the extent of the blessings that are promised us! These blessings and these revelations are worthy the attention of the Latter-day Saints.

In this revelation it is shown that the Priesthood of which we have been speaking, has power. It has power with the heavens; it has power on earth. And as was said this morning, it does not make any difference what portion of that Priesthood a man holds—whether it is a President, an Apostle, an High Priest, a Seventy, an Elder, a Priest, a Teacher or a Deacon—when he goes before God in prayer, with a