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The testimonies which have been borne in our hearing during this Conference have been such that in listening to them my heart has, it has seemed at times, almost melted within me, and I have had difficulty in controlling my feelings. There is an influence and a spirit accompanying the testimonies of the servants of God which carries conviction into the hearts of all those who are willing to receive them in the truth and in the spirit in which they are given. The Lord has graciously poured out His Holy Spirit upon the people, and He has poured it out in power upon His servants Their testimonies will live. Mankind will yet be judged by them. Every Latter-day Saint who has heard the testimony this morning of the servant of God who has spoken unto us, and every Latter-day Saint who has at any time during these days of Conference—or during our meetings or any meetings that have been held—heard these testimonies, who has heard the word of the Lord proclaimed in the power and in the demonstration of the Holy Ghost—I say every Latter-day Saint who has thus heard will at some time or other be judged by these words and these testimonies, and these words will stand before the judgment seat of Christ against them, and their condemnation will be according to their disregard of these words. And in view of this we ought to tremble, we ought to be filled with that feeling which Brother Joseph F. Smith says he has experienced and which he does experience—our nothingness, our unworthiness, our sinfulness in the presence of a great and holy Being like our God.

God has made plain from the beginning of this work, unto those who would listen to Him, His law. He has taught us with exceeding great plainness. There has been no lack of teaching, of counsel, or of exhortation, for there has been a constant stream of revelation and instruction and counsel from the commencement of this work until this day. The leaders of this Church, the Apostles of the Lamb, have arisen early and have labored late, pleading with this people, pleading with them with all the earnestness of their souls, with all the strength that God has given unto them, to turn from their sins to righteousness, and to live so that they will be counted worthy to enter into the celestial kingdom of our God; and not only have they pleaded, but God has pleaded through His Holy Spirit; God has visited this people and by the manifestations of the Holy Ghost. He has touched their hearts, He has aroused their consciences, He has entreated them by night and by day—when they would listen to His voice—in the same manner to put away their sins, to be pure, to be holy, to be worthy of the great blessings and endowments that He has had ready to pour out upon them, and which He has in fact bestowed upon them. How can we stand before the judgment seat of our God and plead ignorance for sins that we may have committed? How can the adulterer in this church, the fornicator, and the man who commits other sins, stand before the judgment seat of our God and plead ignorance? We have been taught from the beginning concerning these crimes. We have been taught how sinful it is to commit murder, to shed blood, and the hearts of those who have been thus taught shrink with horror from the bare contemplation of shedding their fellow creature's blood. Has there been a similar feeling respecting adultery and lasciviousness? If there has, then blessed are the people who have had that same feeling of horror at the thought of committing themselves in lasciviousness that they do have when they think about shedding blood, for there is only a difference of degree in the crimes. The adulterer commits the greatest sin next to murder that can be committed by a human being, according to the word of the Lord to us. The man who commits sin with his neighbor's wife, the man who seduces the innocent, who takes advantage of the unwary, who by his fascination or attraction or by persuasion, or by the power which God has given him for a righteous purpose—the man who uses that to degrade his sister, the daughter of God, commits the next greatest crime in the catalogue of crime in the sight of God, to the shedding of innocent blood. And God has proclaimed this from the beginning unto this people, and He has put us under the most solemn obligations concerning these great crimes, and in the judgment day of God Almighty we shall be held accountable for our transgression of these laws; we shall have to pay the penalty of these sins if we are guilty of them. Now, the servants of God have plead with this people from the beginning upon these matters. It is not a new doctrine that is being taught to day. It is as old as the gospel itself. Its existence was contemporaneous with the gospel, for it is one of the eternal laws of the gospel of the Son of God. God will have a pure people; God will have a chaste people; God will have a virtuous people; that is the kind of people that He is choosing. It is the great crime to-day of our age—this crime to which I am now alluding. It is the great and crying sin of this generation. The cry ascends from the earth to the heavens. Woman is being trampled upon; woman is victimized; woman is being defiled and destroyed by man, and her cry, though it may be stifled in the ears of man, yet it ascends in piteous appeals unto the God of heaven; in piteous appeals from every land under the sun does the cry of these down-trodden and defiled sisters ascend unto God against this generation. And they will be heard, too, and visited with vengeance in the due time of the Lord upon those who have caused these cries thus to ascend. And God has chosen you, my brethren, out of the world for the purpose of saving the world. He has chosen you as the salt of the earth. He has chosen you to save mankind, to stand at the head as the saviors of woman. That is part of our mission, to be the salt, as I have said, of the earth. But if the salt loses its savor, wherewithal shall it be salted? It is good for nothing but to be thrown out and trodden under foot of man. That is all it is good for if it loses its savor.

We have reason to be thankful to our Father and God, that He has in His abundant mercies and goodness revealed unto us His law concerning these matters. We should teach these laws to our children, to our boys, that when in their youth and in the strength of their passions they shall not yield to temptation and commit acts that will have a damning effect upon them through out the remainder of their careers. We should watch them in their tender youth. We should instil into them lessons of purity. We should care for them with all the wisdom that God has given us; and our daughters likewise, and have our daughters feel that rather than part with their virtue they will part with their life; that their virtue is more precious than life.

God has done everything for us that He can do. He has said to us through His servants, "Go to and marry my daughters; you can take them in wedlock; you go to and raise up a righteous posterity, an honorable seed in the earth; I give you this privilege." He opens the door in that direction, and any man who has entered in at that door, who has taken wives, is held guiltless before God. They are the men whom God has blessed; they are the men whom God has honored; they are the Prophets, they are the Apostles, they are the High Priests and Seventies; they are full of the Holy Ghost according to their faithfulness in keeping His commandments; but the men who seduce, the men who commit adultery, the men who defile women, God damns them. He withdraws His spirit from them; His power is taken from them. You see the line of distinction; it is drawn, and it is drawn clearly. A man may be apparently close to the line, and if he keeps within it he is safe; but let him overstep that line and he becomes a subject of condemnation through transgressing the law.

Now let us be warned in time. You young men—and there are hundreds in this congregation—be warned in time, and bring not sin upon your souls and damnation upon your heads by transgressing this law of God. You young ladies, keep yourselves pure as angels, and value your purity as you would if you were angels of God, and so live that the Holy Ghost may descend upon you; for all other things are of trifling moment compared with this. This, it is true, can be repented of, by deep and heartfelt repentance man can obtain forgiveness of sin of every kind, for God is a God of mercy. But who can outlive the consequence of sin; who can blot out the fact of having committed such sin? Better far to be free from it, and not to even look upon a woman to lust after her; for God has said, he that does it shall deny the faith unless he repents. Let us be warned, my brethren. Fast if it be necessary. Fast and pray until you obtain power to subdue your passions and bring them into subjection to the law of God, that holiness may be written upon us and dwell within us. I wish that all our people could realize these things, could see them as they are. I am sure if they could only understand the terrible consequence of committing a sin of this character they would rather go to their death than be guilty of it.

And then again in reference to the habit of getting drunk. I have known men who have fallen into the commission of this crime to which I refer through yielding to drunkenness. They become filled with the spirit of liquor, get drunk, and under the influence of that, do things that they have sorrowed for during the remainder of their lives. Now I tell you, as a servant of God, that no man who is an habitual drunkard can have the Spirit of God dwelling with him. The spirit of intoxication and the Spirit of God will not co-exist in the same bosom. I do not mean to say that there are not times when alcohol may be used with profit as a medicine. I have never taken that ground. But the habitual use of alcoholic drinks is contrary to the law of God, and to the law of the church. I do not speak for all upon this matter, but I cannot, as one, fellowship in my feelings an habitual drunkard. I know that the Spirit of God will not dwell with him, and sooner or later he will be led astray, and do things that will carry him out of the church if he should live long enough.

We must be a pure and holy people. God requires this of us. Whether you see it or not it is plain to me, that God is requiring of us a higher standard of purity than heretofore. Fifty-three years have now passed since this church was organized; and it is certainly right and proper that we should be a better people than we were fifty-three years ago; that we should now reach a higher standard of excellence than we did at that time. To me this is so plain that it seems unnecessary to state it. God is operating with us, and He is listening to our prayers to an extent that, it seems to me, He never did before. This people are advancing; that is, a certain portion of them are; and that portion are going on in the path that God has marked out; they are striving to attain to the celestial glory, and God is blessing them to a wonderful extent, and He will continue to do so.

We must, as Elders of Israel, labor to uplift the whole mass of the people; and this is a great, yet a glorious work, to raise to a higher standard of excellence, a whole people such as we are, with our weaknesses and follies. Yet this is the labor God requires of us; and this is the labor that devolves upon us. This is also a work of individual effort. The leading men of the church cannot lift the people; they cannot take hold of them bodily and compel them to obey the laws of God; they can only use their moral influence through example and precept to this end, and this is what each man and woman can do; and this is what all must do to be completely successful.

We are on the eve of great changes. God is about to work a great work through us, and in doing it he will bring us to the front. You will see the mighty power of God displayed in our behalf to an extent that you never have seen. This work is going forward with a rapidity that many of us cannot conceive of. God is working with us and through us, and through his Elders who are abroad and among the nations. The predictions made by the servants of God during this conference and this morning by Brother Joseph F. Smith, respecting this work, will all be fulfilled. It will go forward, there is no power that can arrest its onward progress on the earth.

The question frequently arises with the Saints, how is it that we are so mixed up as we are at the present time with evil? Salt Lake City—with its gambling houses, houses of ill-fame, with its drinking saloons and its many temptations, so like a city of Babylon instead of the City of Zion—some Saints wonder why this is, and how long it will continue to be.

"Is it possible that we are going to be overpowered by the wicked? Are they going to take possession of our place? Are they going to control us, and will we be compelled to live in this condition always? When we left Babylon to come here, we supposed it would be Zion indeed."

These are serious questions that present themselves doubtless to many minds; and people wonder how these things can be. Let me say to you that God, our Eternal Father, is watching over this people. There is nothing that is taking place here; there is nothing connected with the condition of society in our city, nor in all our Territory, that is not known to our God, and that He does not control, and that He does not permit for a wise purpose in Him.

We are in the world, and in one sense it may be said a part of the world. I know that the idea prevailed in early days that we should be secluded from the world, and that we should grow to power, and march forth from our seclusion into the full light of day, as the dominant power. Many did not foresee such a condition of things as now surrounds us. They did not expect this. They thought when we came to these mountains we should be secluded until the great promises concerning the full glory of Zion should be fulfilled. But here we are surrounded by these adverse influences. And what are the effects to follow this state of affairs, and what is the design of God in permitting this? The effects are, and the design is, to test the people of God; to prove them; to eliminate from them that which is not of God; and to give us a better understanding of our own weakness, also of our own strength. We must struggle with these evils; we must acquire power sufficient to contend successfully with them in this limited arena like Salt Lake City, and like the Territory of Utah. We have to contest every inch of the ground, test our strength, test our ability, test our wisdom, and bring every power of our minds into full play, right here in this small arena, until conscious of our strength, in full possession of our powers, and convinced that we have strength that others do not have, we shall enlarge the arena, cope with more extended and more potent influences, and gradually enlarge and spread, until the kingdom of our God, instead of being confined to this Territory of Utah, shall inclose the continent. Thus, through the power that God will give unto us, we shall enlarge the circle of our influence, spread abroad, and this people make themselves felt in every ramification and in every department. That is the labor that devolves upon us now. We have to contend for our rights in the courts; we have to contend for them in Congress; we have to contend for them everywhere; and in the contest our powers will be developed; and we will prove to the world that we have the power that God has said He would give unto us, and that we claim as His servants. We do not intend, therefore, to shrink from this contest. If there are systems which will not endure contact with such evils as exist in Salt Lake City, ours is not included among them. Ours will endure; as to that we have nothing to fear. If we be true to ourselves and our principles we will conquer, and will succeed, and spread abroad and nothing can prevent us.

It is liquor shops to-day, gambling saloons to-day, houses of ill fame to day. These are the evils which confront us, and which furnish allurements for vice to our children. But we will overcome them, and will cope with greater evils, and will overcome them; and we will show the world that we have principles that can stand the test of time, and can withstand all the evil influences that can be brought against them. If we must rear our children in the midst of these, then let them rise superior to them. We cannot enclose our children in glass houses. We cannot exempt our children, as Brother Carrington said yesterday, from the temptations of the world. They have to meet them as we have met them; they have to resist them as we have resisted them; they have to rise above them, as I trust we have risen above or shall rise above them. We are learning how to do this,—how to train our children. I am looking forward for such a development of wisdom, strength and skill in the midst of this people, through the aid of their Primary Associations, Sunday Schools, Young Men and Young Women's Mutual Improvement Associations, and the quorums of the Priesthood—I am looking forward for such an increase of wisdom and power that the development and training of our children will be a matter almost of perfect safety in the midst of all these hostile influences. Still we have to contend against these wicked things, the literature of the age and all the evils that abound—we have to contend against these, and to teach our children to shun them.

Well, now, what about Zion? Is Zion prospering? Yes. Zion is going forward, fulfilling the destiny that God has predicted concerning it, and every faithful man and woman who remains connected with this church—and all faithful men and women will remain connected with it—will share in the glory and triumph of Zion. There may be some suffering to endure. What of that? We have to wash our robes white in the blood of the Lamb. We have to come up through much tribulation. We have to endure in order to receive the crown of glory that awaits us. And if we cling to Zion, if we cling to the glorious principles that God has revealed for our salvation, our exaltation and that of our posterity is assured us. And I can predict that the people who are here before me to-day, who are faithful, will never want a man, possessed of the Holy Priesthood, to stand before the Lord from this time forward, so long as time shall last. Here are men in this congregation to-day, here are women whose posterity shall possess the earth and be rulers among the children of men in ages to come, throughout the great millennium upon which we are now entering. Your seed, if you are faithful, will have this glory; and I promise this to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. No faithful man among you will ever lack a man to represent him before the Lord from this time forward. In every generation your seed will be found standing up in the full light of heaven, before the Great Eternal, possessed of the Holy Priesthood, as ministers of our God and as mighty men in the kingdom of God. Let us live, therefore, for this great blessing. Let us prove ourselves worthy of it, that our names may be found among the names of the holy ones, the sanctified and the pure, and that in the morning of the resurrection we may come forward clothed with glory, immortality and eternal lives; with Jesus, with Joseph, with Hyrum, with Brigham, and with the host of the holy ones who have fought the good fight valiantly unto the end; which may God grant, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

SAN FRANCISCO, 4.—Senator Edmunds arrives to-morrow at Los Angeles.

Chicago, 4.—The *News* will publish an interview with a physician who says there are five known cases of well-defined leprosy in the city.

Rochester, 4.—The free-thinkers of the United States and Canada are invited to a general convention here, beginning August 29th, and lasting five days.

Boston, 4.—Bostons 11; Philadelphia, 10.

New York, 4.—Providence, 11; New York, 8.

Havana, 4.—Guma Bros., a large sugar and commission house at Matanza, is suspended; liabilities reported at $700,000.

The biennial elections in the municipalities show a large majority for the Liberal Conservatives.

Petersburg, Va., 4.—The bricklayers of this city struck for an advance to $3 a day. The demand for such mechanics here is so great that it was found necessary to comply with the demands of the strikers.

Albany, 4.—The legislature has adjourned *sine die*.

A bill prohibiting free passes being given to any one, except railroad employees and officers, passed the Assembly to day.

City of Mexico, 4.—An official telegram from Minatitlan announces that work was begun on Ead's Tehuantepec ship railway on Monday, in presence of the federal and local authorities.

The Mexican National Bank's April statement shows a gain of $405,000.

A dispatch from Vera Cruz to the *Two Republics* announces the arrival of Diaz and party.

Tombstone, 4. — A Guadaloupe rancher reports that Crook passed across the Mexican boundary last Friday, with troops, scouts and an outfit for a three months' campaign. Crook detached a guard with orders not to permit anyone bearing dispatches for him to cross the line. He then struck out with his whole command for Jayne's Pass, in the heart of the Sierra Madres, the old home of Juh and Generomo. Juh's Pass is forty miles from Guadaloupe.

Des Moines, 4.—The saloons are still closed, with no present prospect of opening. The probabilities are that a limited number of saloons will pay $1,000 license and open up.

Later. — About twenty saloon keepers late this afternoon took out licenses for three months under the new ordinance, and the city clerk is keeping his office open to night so others may also take out licenses.

Galveston, 4.—Gould and party arrived at 11 a.m. The party visited the Cotton Exchange and other places of interest, and left in the evening for San Antonio.

Chicago, 4.—A settlement of the trouble between the east-bound trunk lines and the Bord of Trade seems as far off as before. The east-bound agents to-day refused to submit to arbitration the case which caused the misunderstanding.

St. Louis, 4.—A contract was made to-day with the Erie & North Shore Dispatch to ship 100,000 bushels of corn to Liverpool, by Boston, at 30 cents. As this is five or six cents below the regular rate, the difference is explained by the statement that at Boston a steamer will take it as ballast.

A special freight train which left here last night for San Francisco, via the St. Louis & San Francisco Road, arrived at Halstead, Kas., at 8 o'clock to-night, making the run 497 miles, in 21 hours and 15 minutes, the fastest time on record, for the distance. From Halstead the train goes over the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe to Deming, thence by the Southern Pacific to San Francisco. The train consists of 16 cars, each carrying 40,000 pounds, 11 of them laden with tobacco from this city, and it is pledged to run through at a rate of 20 miles an hour.

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NOTICE.

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