

LIBERTY AND TRUTH WILL PREVAIL

Discourse delivered in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday Afternoon, July 20, 1900, by

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Gospel Will be Preached to All the World as a Witness—Difficulties in the Way—Barriers Will be Removed—Principles of Liberty Developing—Future of the Indians—Lamenting Working Out Their Own Destiny.

I have had pleasure in listening to the remarks that have been made by our brethren in relating their experience abroad, and also in the instructions that they have imparted to us. When the Elders of the Church have been out into the world and have tested the promises of the Lord made to them, have been witnesses of the bestowal of the power of God, and have proved for themselves by experience the goodness and mercy of our Father in heaven as bestowing upon this work, it is a satisfaction to me to listen to their testimonies.

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GOSPEL TO BE PREACHED TO ALL THE WORLD

The Gospel is to be preached in all the world for a witness. Many things have risen that have prevented the entire fulfillment of this sacred charge. We have preached the Gospel in the United States, Canada, and Mexico to a limited extent. Brief visits have been made to South America, and many of the islands of the sea have received the visits of the Elders of the Church of Christ. The Gospel has been preached in a limited way in Germany; it has found its way slightly into France, and it has been preached among the nations of Scandinavia. But in Russia, in Austria, in parts of Germany and France, in Japan, in the great Chinese nation, and in many other sections of the world, the seeds of the Gospel have not been scattered and the warning message has not been delivered. In times past we probably anticipated that the work would speedily be heralded among the children of men, and that as soon as the warning voice had been raised in certain parts of the Gentile world, our mission would be measurably done. We have held different views regarding the dissemination of the Gospel among the children of men. I have believed that through the efforts of our government the principles of liberty would be established among the nations of the world, so that the seeds of the Gospel might in the due time of the Lord be scattered among all his children.

DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY.

It is a well known fact that with the conditions which exist in the nations of the earth it is extremely difficult to introduce new doctrines clearly and thoroughly among men. England, in the brightness of her liberal education, has opened the door quite freely in all her possessions; yet, notwithstanding the generous feeling and sentimentality which exists in the government of that country, there has at times arisen extreme prejudice among some of her people, who have sought by persecution to prevent the arrival of the Gospel. The same thing has been the case on our own soil, where the Constitution affords so high a degree of liberty. The minds of some of the people have not been correspondingly liberalized, and in some places narrowness of intellect and lack of understanding have sought to retard and prevent the propagation of the faith which the Latter-day Saints have brought to the nations of men. The Latter-day Saints are not the only ones who have suffered from this narrowness of feeling; for it has caused at times displays of hatred and violence against other peoples. The laws of many lands are such that it is extremely difficult to introduce the Gospel in those lands and to fulfill the responsibility placed upon the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." In those lands where the principles of liberty have been fully and thoroughly established, as in the case of this country, of Great Britain, and to quite a degree in the Scandinavian countries, the Gospel has made its way and the Elders have been able to discharge the obligations placed upon them. It has been more difficult to sow the seeds of the Gospel in France, and also among the Germanic races, with their free cities and with the principles of liberty pretty thoroughly imbedded among them, as well as in the numerous European countries. Men have been assigned to prison whose only crime was that they declared that an angel of God had come from the courts of glory, and that their mission and ministry was to preach Christ and Him crucified, and the principles imputed by Him and His apostles. Upon one occasion a brother was brought before a tribunal, and he declared his testimony of any violation of law or any thought of trampling upon his feet in any degree the principles underlying the government in which he was laboring. He said to the judges, "Upon you will rest the responsibility of sending to prison an innocent man, who has violated no law of your country, but whose only crime is that he represents in the midst of your people a religion against which you are prejudiced." In those lands where the principles of liberty have been fully and thoroughly established, as in the case of this country, of Great Britain, and to quite a degree in the Scandinavian countries, the Gospel has made its way and the Elders have been able to discharge the obligations placed upon them. It has been more difficult to sow the seeds of the Gospel in France, and also among the Germanic races, with their free cities and with the principles of liberty pretty thoroughly imbedded among them, as well as in the numerous European countries. Men have been assigned to prison whose only crime was that they declared that an angel of God had come from the courts of glory, and that their mission and ministry was to preach Christ and Him crucified, and the principles imputed by Him and His apostles. Upon one occasion a brother was brought before a tribunal, and he declared his testimony of any violation of law or any thought of trampling upon his feet in any degree the principles underlying the government in which he was laboring. He said to the judges, "Upon you will rest the responsibility of sending to prison an innocent man, who has violated no law of your country, but whose only crime is that he represents in the midst of your people a religion against which you are prejudiced."

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the work that lies before us, and that in too many instances the thought is finding place in our hearts that the Gospel has been preached in all the world for a witness, that the seeds of truth have been sown in every nation, kindred, tongue and people, and that this responsibility no longer rests upon the Latter-day Saints. This is not true. There will come a change among the nations of the world. Doors will be opened for the preaching of the Gospel. It may be that it will come through wars and rumors of wars; it may come through the dismemberment of governments; it may come through the planting of the seeds of liberty in the hearts of men by the extension of constitutional government; it may come by a complete breaking in places of national power to the hands of those nations among whom the seeds of liberty have been more fully developed; but in whatever way it shall come, the work will be continuing. Our Father's purposes will not fail. His Gospel will be preached to every nation, to every kindred, to every tongue, to every people, though it may be through wars and bloodshed, through pestilence and famine will be the agents requisite to the changing of affairs, by which the messengers of eternal truth may find openings to carry the Gospel to the millions of sons and daughters of God who have not yet heard it. We may not be able to read aright the handwriting upon the wall, nor realize the purposes of Providence when pestilence and famine shall break forth; but when the Elders of this Church were sent out by the Prophets and Apostles of this Church, they were told that the day would come, following their ministrations, when the sea would heave and the earth be shaken, and when there should be manifest in the very elements our Father's disapproval of the conditions existing among the children of men. And when we see the attitude of certain sections of our own land, where the principles of liberty should be enshrined in mighty power and the rights of every person guarded by the principles of liberty, and yet lengths to which men go in an invasion of the rights of their fellow men, and the helplessness sometimes of our courts of law, it is indeed an appalling thing to those who believe in the extension of liberty and in the growth of those broad principles that shall open the door wide to every child of our Father, pointing the way and leading the way to the Father and fulfill His destiny.

PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY DEVELOPING.

While these principles of liberty are making their way and opening doors for the accomplishment of the purposes of the Almighty, the Latter-day Saints of the Church of Christ are encouraged. Rather should they feel to ask our Father that in the shaping of nations and the opening of doors He shall impress upon His children those principles of liberty, elements of justice, and love of right, without the necessity of the overthrow and destruction of government, which shall include them to give rise to the laws of God. Jesus, the Redeemer, the chief cornerstone, is moving upon the hearts of men by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to bring about those conditions which the enlightenment of the leading men of the world is leading to. The principles of liberty are being developed, and the principles of eternal truth given to our Father's children throughout the world. I trust that bloodshed, famine, pestilence, and war will be avoided, and the breaking forth of volcanic action or of hidden fires, may not be requisite to the opening of the way; but if necessary to the accomplishment of His purposes, and if the leading men of the world are not willing to be led by the principles of liberty, may He utilize these agencies in His own way until the standard of our God, unfurled in every land, shall wave in the breeze of heaven, and the salvation of the children of men, calling them to repentance and pointing the way to everlasting life. To this end your mission and ministry should be directed, and the God of heaven will aid you and me in this.

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LAMENTING WORKING OUT THEIR OWN DESTINY.

I am led to believe that in the providence of God the development of these natives in the direction of that en-

lightenment and power which shall prepare them for the great place He designs they shall occupy is really in the morning. I believe that when Benito Juarez turned his troops from the Rio Grande and started for the interior of Mexico, Alamyah God had raised up an agency looking to the salvation of these native races, that at least a remnant should be saved and prepared for the fulfillment of a great destiny in the future. It may take years and years to bring the people from the degradation to which they have fallen, but I have no doubt of the accomplishment of God's purposes in regard to this matter. The breaking of their shackles and the overthrow of the iron yoke of Spain and other monarchial governments of the old world, and planting within them an understanding of civil government, are steps in the right direction. When we note the changes that are being wrought and the heroic efforts of the sons of that soil to uplift these weaklings of the past, who have been given any other help, held and governed as sheep or cattle, and observe their improvement and development, to my mind it is a witness for the truth of God's work, and points to their expansion and the great place that they will occupy in the future. The Latter-day Saints, by their prayers and their faithful work, are doing much to help these people, and their prayers are being answered. The Latter-day Saints, by their prayers and their faithful work, are doing much to help these people, and their prayers are being answered.

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CHURCH INTELLIGENCE.

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PORK WAS HELD AT SPRINGVILLE SUNDAY.

August 27th, 1900. The morning session commenced at 10 a. m. Brother Arthur Southwick presiding. On the stand were the Stake superintendents and aids, of the Utah Stake, and Bro. Geo. Reynolds of the Union Board. After singing and prayer, Bro. Arthur Southwick welcomed all present. The Provo Fourth ward was represented by a song from two little girls. "Throw out the life line." Wm. P. Silver made a few remarks on the benefits of Sunday school work. A class exercise on the life of Jesus was given by the Provo Third ward. Bro. Hall of the Springville Fourth ward, bore testimony to the Sunday school work. Song, "Mormon Boy," was given by two small boys, and their untimely death. He was proud to be a "Mormon" boy and no matter how much other people misrepresent us, we know that we have been taught the ways of the Lord by a song given by the Provo Third ward. The Articles of Faith were repeated in concert, led by Bro. Charles Alteman. Bishop Lloyd made a few remarks on the importance of the system in tithing and charity. Benediction was pronounced by Elder John O'Brien.

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Elder Wm. J. Wale of Baker City, Oregon, returned from a two years' mission to South Wales, where he labored during the entire time. For the past thirteen months Elder Wale officiated as president of the Welsh conference. He enjoyed a very pleasant time in his labors, although there is great difference among the people. Elder Wale says over 30,000 people have emigrated from Wales and he thinks perhaps the field has been gleaned. There are about eighteen Elders traveling in that field, mostly young men full of enthusiasm.

Elder H. D. Goodyear, of this city, returned home on the 27th of Aug. last from a mission to Great Britain. He was set apart on the 6th of May, 1898, and on arrival in Liverpool was assigned to the Leeds conference, where he labored in Harrogate, Bradford and Halifax branches. He reports the conference in a good condition. About 200 baptisms have taken place there during the last two years.

Elder James Laird, of Forest Dale, Salt Lake county, was set apart on the 9th of April, 1898, for a mission to Great Britain. He was assigned to the Leeds conference, where he labored until released.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Elder J. C. Cutler, of Brigham City, Boxelder county, reports by letter that he returned home on the 10th of Aug. from the missionary field. He was set apart the 6th of July, 1898, to labor in the Northern States mission, where he was assigned to the Michigan conference. He continued there until released, on the 15th of August last. The Michigan conference, he says, is in a good condition, and the Elders are doing a good work. He enjoyed his labors and speaks highly of the "News" as an aid to the missionaries.

ELDER C. W. PETERSON, OF MESA, ARIZ.

Elder C. W. Peterson, of Mesa, Arizona, was set apart on the 16th of June, 1898, for the Southern States mission. He labored eleven months in the Louisiana conference and fifteen months in East Kentucky. He found the people kind and hospitable, and consequently he enjoyed his mission. Being released, he returned home on the 26th of August last.

ELDER JOHN S. ALLEN, OF MESA, ARIZ.

Elder John S. Allen, of Mesa, Ariz., was set apart on the 15th of June, 1898, for the Southern States mission, and he also returned in this city on the 26th of August, being on his way home from the mission field. He labored in the Virginia conference, where, he says, he had an enjoyable time.

ELDER L. J. BOWEN, OF SAMARIA, IDA.

Elder L. J. Bowen, of Samaria, Ida., was set apart on the 27th of April, 1898, for a mission to the Southern States. He labored in the East Kentucky conference. He reports that he succeeded in making many friends there. The Elders are doing a good work. Elder Bowen arrived in this city on the 26th of August, being on his way home.

ELDER STEPHEN D. GROW, OF WALLSBURG, WASATCH COUNTY.

Elder Stephen D. Grow, of Wallsburg, Wasatch county, was set apart May 4th, 1898, and left Salt Lake City the following day for Northern Indiana, where he labored until released on August 20th last, when he was released to return home. He labored in Noblesville, Richmond and Indianapolis and presided over the latter branch for seven months. He enjoyed his labors and made many friends. He met a Mr. Hatfield in Richmond, who was baptized by the Prophet Joseph, but drifted away from the faith.

ELDER HENRY HENDRICKSON, OF LEVAN, JUAH CO.

Elder Henry Hendrickson, of Levan, Juah Co., was set apart the same date as Elder Creer, and labored in the same conference, but in different cities.

ELDER JESSE PAY, OF NEPHI, JUAH CO.

Elder Jesse Pay, of Nephi, Juah Co., returned on the 26th of August from a mission to the Northern States. He was set apart on the 6th of June, 1898, and has since then been laboring in the Southern Indiana conference. Elder Pay reports the conference in a very flourishing condition. He held 270 persons during his mission.

ELDER WILLARD BURGESS, OF PINE VALLEY, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Elder Willard Burgess, of Pine Valley, Washington county, returned on the 18th of August from the Southern States. He was set apart on the 4th of June, 1898, and was assigned to the East Tennessee conference, where he labored until released. He returned home on the 18th of August, having labored on account of poor health. The conference is in a good condition.

ELDER S. D. BRADFORD, OF MURRAY, SALT LAKE COUNTY.

Elder S. D. Bradford, of Murray, Salt Lake county, left his home on the 18th of July, 1898, for a mission to the Northern States, from which field he returned on the 31st of August last. He labored first in Chicago, Ill., and then in South Dakota, presenting part of the time over the conference.

ELDER GEORGE A. MITCHELL, OF PAROVAN, IRON COUNTY.

Elder George A. Mitchell, of Parovan, Iron county, was set apart on the 27th of April, 1898, for a mission to the Southern States. He labored in the East Kentucky conference the entire time, and met with good success. Being honorably released, he returned home on the 17th of August last.

ELDER J. T. GRIGGS, OF THIS CITY.

Elder J. T. Griggs, of this city, arrived home on the 23rd of August, from his mission to the Southern States. He has been acting as counselor to President John W. Taylor for the last eight months. Previous to that time he labored in Pueblo and the southern part of the State, and also in New Mexico. He says he has been treated kindly and met many friends, some of whom have identified themselves with the Church. The mission is doing well and the Elders are meeting with success.

ELDER CHARLES BITTER, OF LOGAN, CACHE COUNTY.

Elder Charles Bitter, of Logan, Cache Co., returned home on the 25th of this month from a mission to Germany. He was set apart on the 6th of Aug. 1897, and has been laboring in Stuttgart, Nuremberg, and Koenigsberg. In Bavaria he has had some little success in the work in Koenigsberg was commenced about a year ago, and is a flourishing branch of twenty members. The mission is doing well and the prospect is bright wherever the Elders go with their testimony.

ELDER CLARENCE E. CROWLEY, FROM LEON, IDAHO.

Elder Clarence E. Crowley, from Leon, Idaho, Aug. 27: "On April 15, 1899, I was set apart for a mission to the Southern States. I left Salt Lake City on the day following and up-

leased. Elder Laird says the conference is in a prosperous condition and that he had a most enjoyable mission. He reached home on the 25th of Aug. last.

Elder C. L. Miles, of Cannon ward, Salt Lake City, came home on the 25th of Aug. last, from a mission to the Southern States, for which he was set apart on the 21st of April, 1898. His labors were performed in New Orleans and Tennessee, where, he says, he had very good success. There are many friends and investigators in that part of the mission field.

Elder Joseph Hastings, of Mesa, Ariz., was set apart on the 15th of May, 1898, for a mission to the Southern States. He arrived in this city on the 30th of Aug. last, returning home from that field. He labored in the North Alabama conference, embracing part of Alabama and part of Mississippi. He says he met with much success, although his health was not at all times the best. He organized a Sunday school, and assisted at the baptism of twenty persons.

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