No Variableness or Weakness In Christ's Teachings. Address Delivered at the Tabernac'e. Salt Lake City, Sunday, November 25, 1906, by ELDER JOSEPH W. MeMURRIN.

(Reported by F. W. Otterstrom.) My brethren and sisters: I have been called upon this afternoon to stand up in your presence for the purpose of making a few remarks in relation to the doctrines of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, as understood by gospel of Christ, for it is the power of the Latter-day Saints. I feel very God unto salvation, to every one that keeniy the need or assistance from my believeth, to the Jew first, and also to Lord Jeaus Christ, as understood by keenly the need of assistance from my Father in heaven, that I may be prompted in the words that I speak, by mis Spirit; for without that spirit it is impossible to teach acceptably the things concerning the kinguom of God. We read in the holy activities-the very Scriptures that are believed in by the Christian world-that 'the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of the Lord," just as the things of man pre comprehenced by the spurt of man; it is because of this fact that the things of God can only be comprehenced and taught by the inspiration of the spirit of the Lord, that I feel my weakness and the need of that hory Spirit. may say that this is a common teeling the representatives of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day No man ever reaches a period in his experience as a teacher of the gospel, if he be in possession of the Spirit of God, when he feels that he able of himself to edify the people. Those who have had the greatest perience and who have been called upon most frequently to talk to the people feel weak and feel their dependence upon God our Father. I suppose men have learned this by being left occasionally to their own wisdom and strength, and they have come to realize how needful is that Spirit in or-der that the name of our Father in heaven may be glorified and His gospel taught in simplicity to the under-standing and convincing of the honest We believe as a people that we are living in a very important period of the world's history; that we are living in the period of time propaesied of by the holy prophets that have lived in past ages-the very time spoken of by our Redecmer, the Lord Jesus Christ. Those who are familiar with the writings of the prophets and with the writings of the apostles, are aware that very much has been said by those holy men when wrought upon by the power of the Holy Chost, concerning the latter times. All the prophets ap pear to have comprehended the that a marvelous work was to be intreduced among the children of men in the latter days, and that God our Father would set His hand to accoraplish a work in the midst of the nations f the earth in the last days that would collipse everything that had been wrought by His almighty power in all former ages. As a people, we believe that we are living in that period of the world's history and that God according to the promises made by the prophnow set His hand to accomplish that wonderful and marvelous We believe that in this age ork which we are living God has established among men a work, that is desbecome mighty among the people of the earth, a work that is not to be overthrown or destroyed by these who may come up in opposition to it, but a work that will have power and strength to resist all manner of oppoand to surmount every obstacle that may be found in its pathway. All of this is true because God has so decreed it. It is not because of the marvelous strength of those who are engaged in the work, for the men who have been called to this work of the latter days are neither strong nor might ter days are neither strong nor mighty according to the judgment of the world. They are nevertheless, notwithstanding their weakness, singularly like unto, the men spolen of by the Apostle Paui the Scriptures, to whom he made this declaration.

| other way of regaining the presence of our Father in heaven, if we set aside His glorious plan. Mankind will be if they refuse to receive the doctrines that have been revealed for their eternal welfare. We read in the first chapter of Paul's epistle to the Ro-mans: "For I am not ashamed of the the Greek, for therein is the righteous-ness of God revealed, from faith to faith, as it is written, the just shall live by faith." The Latter-day Saints understand from the reading of this scripture that the gospel was given to men for their salvation, that it is the very means and power of redemption that without it there can be no salvation to any man or sect or to any combination that may arise among the children of men. It is very common in the Christian world today for men to quote passages of the scripture that teach manking the necessity of having faith in the Redeemer of the world, all Christians believing in His precious name and the power and efficacy of His marvelous mission. Men seem willing to rest their hopes of eternal life, in our Father's presence, upon such be-lief alone. We can read in the scrip-tures that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whoseever believeth in His should, not perish but should have everiasting life We believe that God through his great love, and His anxiety concerning th of the souls of men. sent His only begotten Son, that man-through believing in Him and in His glorious mission-might escape the wrath God, that they might find rest to their souls, that they might and rest to their souls, that they might obtain salvation in the presence of the Lamb; but we also believe, my brethren and sisters, that a mere profession of faith in the mission of the Redeemer of the world is not sufficient. If we turn aside from His precious gospel, no declaration of faith can ever save us, worlds without end. Salvation is the gift of our Father in heaven; it is by His grace, by His loving kindness, that it is possible for man to be saved. Man has no power within himself to hew out the means of salvation or to organize or bring into existence principles and doctrines, organization or authority, that will bring to him exaltation. The power and the authority to accomplish a work of this character belongs to the Redeemer of the world. He taught the doctrine Himself after He had offered His life for the sins of the world. He declared to His apostles that all power both in beaven declared to His apostes that all power had been given to Him, both in heaven and upon the earth, and He gave ther a commission and authority, by means of the power that had been given to Him, to go into the world and teach men the way of salvation. The gospel given by the Savior is the means by which we are to return to our Father's presence; and if the Scriptures be true, we cannot be saved, if we reject it. If the Apostle Paul was wrought upon by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, when he made the declaration, "I am not ashamed of the gospei of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation." then every man and woman who re-celves salvation in the presence of our receive in heaven, must Father it through an acceptance of this glorto the power by which this blessing is to be obtained. Therefore, I say, when we nake the declaration that in the days of the boy Joseph Smith, and in answer o his humble petitions, our Father n heaven revealed anew the same diine authority that was conferred upon the apostles in the days of the Savior, and gave to this boy prophet the power after their own lusts shall they hear again introduce the Gospel of the edeemer, a weaker commencement

tunity of men lifting up their voices in defense of the Gospel. These men go out on such missions, and they go with-out salary, without means of support. Men dedicate their wives and their children to our Father in heaven. They do not know, ofttimes how their fam-lies are to live or how their familles are to live or how they are to get along when they are taken away from their positions and employment, to go out among strangers, to preach an unpopular faith, but they have confidence that God will open the way for them, that God will breas their labors, that He will care for them and their families, and that all will be well with them. The servants of the Lord who have gone out in this manner bear testimony that God has never deserted them. He has sustained them, He has opened the way before them. He has magnified them before the people, and that they have been successful in maintaining the truth of the doctrines they were sent to teach. This is not a testimony of an isolated character, but it is the testimony of thousands of elders who have gone forth to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in these latter days. As re-marked a few moments ago, I had a conversation with a lady abroad in regard to the sacrifices made by the missionaries of the Latter-day Saints. missionaries of the Latter-day Sants. I though I had made a considerable impression upon this lady and her daugher. After conversing a little while, the lady withdrew from the room, and I suppose from what after-wards occurred went to look up her Bible and find something that would answer the remarks I had made in rewould lation to the sacrifices that our mis-sionaries constantly make in order to go out into the world and preach the Presently she returned, and gospel. she quoted to me a passage of Scripwhich for a moment seemed to be unanswerable. She said: "I have been reading in the Scriptures a doctrine taught by the Redeemer that men would compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and after he was made he would be two-fold more the child of hell that he was before." Said she: 'I think that fits the labor and work that you have been talking about as heing accomplished by your elders." For a moment I wondered how I could answer, and then it flashed into my mind that her brother had been a con-vert to Mormonism, and I said to the the lady: "You shall be made the witness as to whether the work of the Mormon missionaries and the doctrines of Mormonism will answer this passage of Scripture or not. Your brother, many years ago, hearkened to the teachings of a servant of the Lord, a representa of the Latter-day Saints; he yielded obedience to the doctrines of Mormonism. Now you answer whether Mormonism made him two-fold more the child of hell than he was before or I knew something of that man's history. The lady dropped her head for a moment and then she made answer: 'Oh, no; I cannot say that; I am com pelled to say that Mormonism made my brither a godly man." In like manmade ner Mormonism has made every soul godiy who has lived its principles. I would like to read to you a passage or two of Scripture, bearing upon the subject to which I referred a few mo-ments ago-that our Father in heaven in the beginning of this work, made announcement to the boy Joseph Smith that men had departed from the truth

of the everlasting gospel, and that the power that would bring salvation to men was not being taught among them. We can read in the epistle of Paul to Timothy language of this kind: "This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come; for men shall be lov ers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good; traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godiness, but denying the powar thereof." And in the following chap-"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doc-trine. For the time will come when hey will not endure sound doctrine, but

Lord, that God cannot lie. By that spirit we know our bodies shall be brought up from the grave. Mormo ism stands for this doctrine just as 1. was taught by the Redeemer, and as it was manifested by the raising of His own body; the very body marred by the spear thrust into his side, and cruel nails driven through hands and feet when he was put to death on Calvary. Mormonism declares that in this age God by revelation to the Prophet seph has reannounced and reaffirmed the truth of this glorious doctrine. Why should men doubt the mighty power of God? The universe by which we are surrounded, the planet upon which we dwell, the tabernacies we inhabit all proclaim a power far beyond our comprehension. I cannot beyond our comprehension. I cannot conceive of anything more wonderful in giving life to a body that is than we see all around us in the very remarkable creations of the Almighty. The scriptures teach the doctrine of a literal resurrection. The Latter-day Saints believe it will be much safer to accept the revealed word of God as therein found than the speculations, philosophies and sophistries of men. My brethren and sisters, let us remember that doubt, unbelief, or contemp never did, or can alter in the slight est, the accomplishment of any prommade by the Lord, or make of truth a lie,

Another change from the conditions prevailing in the days of the apostles is the absence of the marvel-ous power that was exercised by them. Those ancient apostics spoke not in the entleing words of man's wisdom, but in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. Men for ages have been stripped of this power, and have endeavored to obtain from seminaries of learning the powers and qualifications necessary to expound the doc-trines of the Lord, Jesus Christ. It has been, and is, a common thing in the Christian world, for men to deplace that the power which was manifested in the ministry of the Lord and His servants, in the foundation of Christianity, was necessary in ancient times, in the beginning of the work, but now it is no longer necessary. That view is not in accord with the teach-ings of the holy Scriptures; it is not in harmony with the word of God, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" was the commandment of the Redeemer; "he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth no be damned; and these signs shall follow them that believe." That is the prom-ise of the Scriptures; it is not the promise of any man, but of the Re-deemer himself, as recorded in His inspired word. The truth will stand no matter who may turn a deaf ear to the doctrine; or who may think it is nonsense. There is no weakness in any principle taught by the Lord Jesus, He always spoke the truth; He never announced false doctrine; He never revealed or taught men any-thing that was non-essential or unnecessary in the accomplishment of His Father's work. He spoke of the signs that should follow. He said men should take up serpents and be un-harmed; that if they should drink any deadly thing it should not hurt them; they were to lay hands on the sick, and the sick should recover; all these powers and manifestations should follow the belief and acceptance of the principles he had taught. Who, we night ask, shall have these manifestaions? The people who accept of the ministry and the teachings and the doctrines of the apostles who were sent into the world y the Redeemer, "He elieveth and is baptised shall be that d. . . . And these signs shall fol-ow them that believe." Do you not think, by brethren and sisters, that we are living in an age when men have turned away from the truth and have turned unto fables, and when men have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof? We know as Lat-ter-day Saints, that we are living in the very time to which the apostles had reference. It was the teaching of

notions regardless of the revealed will of God, and then say: I will trust my Father in heaven. Well, men will dis-cover in the trusting of our Father in heaven that He is, above all else, a truthful being: God cannot lie; God cannot make a declaration that is not true, and He has made the announce-neut, through the mouth of His own nent, through the mouth of His own Son, that every soul who gains sal vation will gain it by obedience to Hi ommandments; that every soul who inters into His presence, into Fils kingdom, must be born of the water ind of the spirit. We plead in our the believe in Father's name for men to believe it Father's name for men to behave a this doctrine as well as every other doctrine that has been revealed, and by which men are to obtain salvation, Again men ask the question: "What Again men ask the question: "What will become of the nations of men who have never been baptized into the Mormon faith?" That question leads to another very important doctrine which is plainly taught in the holy Scriptures, but which has been forgotten by men-the doctrine of bap-iism for the dead, as the apostle teaches in Corinthians: "Else what teaches in Corinthians: "Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all Why are they then baptized for the Answer, my friends brethren: Why did men baptize for the dead if there was no power: if there was no efficacy in this doctrine and in this ordinance? Where does the Christian world stand in relation to this matter? It stands in this posi-tion: that all the nations of men from the beginning of time to the present moment, who have died without the gospel, are eternally lost. * Mormon-ism stands on different ground. We believe that all the nations of men who have died without the everlasting gospel, will have the gospel preached to them in the spirit world; and we believe that no souls will ever be los except those who deliberately turn away from the power and the means of salvation, whether it be in mortal ity or in the spirit world. Condemnation comes through the rejection of the word of God, and it is the plan of our Father in heaven that His word should be sounded in the ears of all His children. both the living and the dead. Jesus Himself taught: "Verily, verily, I say

unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and all that hear shall live . . . marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His volce." We have also the testimony of the Apostle Peter concerning this doctrine, so Godlike and full of the love of the Father for the salvation of the souls of His children, he says: "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that

He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: "By which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison: "Which sometimes were disobedient

when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water The like figure whereunto even bap tism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh but the answer of a good conscience toward God), by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. . . . For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.'

How glorious is the thought that no soul, either in this or any other age, will be lost; unless they reject God's plan of salvation. God is no respecter of persons. His plan is that the glad tidings of the gospel shall be sounded



doctrines, which were restored to the earth through the Prophet Joseph Smith; those why will do so will discover that there is a power, there is a philosophy, there is a Christian spirit. LOS ANGELES LIMITED LOS ANGELES ENPRESS For Gardeld.... For Stockton and Tintic For Nephi and Sanpete For Gardeld... For Nephi and Utah County... For Nephi and Lynn... For Gardeld there is a marvelous harmony between the teachings of the revelations given to the Propht Joseph Smith and the holy Scriptures. This very harmony proclaims the divine nature of Mormonism. It is preposterous to believe that Joseph Smith sought out, by his own wisdom, these soul inspiring truths; we must give to our Father in inspiring heaven the glory for these things which He has revealed. It is beyond belief 1.08 ANGELES LIMITED 5.39 pm. LOS ANGELES EXPRESS 5.30 Am. From Garfield 5.00 am. From Sapete and Nephi 5.00 am. From Nephi and Utah County 5.45 pm. From Garfield 5.50 P.M. From Garfield 5.50 P.M. From Garfield 5.50 P.M. Saves 500 miles to Los Angeles. New roate to Builfrog. New roate to Builfrog. Main St. Phones 1984 He has revealed. It is beyond belief that Joseph Smith, while a mere boy, without even the ordinary education of the world, could of himself make known such doctrines. When we realize that God called him, and spake to him, and trained him for this great mission and revealed these great doctrines unto him, then it is easy to understand how it was that Joseph Smith comprehended it was that Joseph Smith comprehended these things. I bear to you my hum-ble testimony and record that Mor-monism is not a myth; Mormonism is not a deception, but it is what it is claimed to be, by its founder and by those who have tested it--the power of God unto salvation. It is the old gospel of the redeemer restored anew, with all its power and authority and gospei of the redeemer restored anew, with all its power and authority, and vigor, and force. It has been estab-lished by our Father in heaven to ful-fil the promises of the ancient prophets. It is not to be overthrown; it is not to be stayed; it is not to be broken in pieces; but it is to stand and gather strength day by day, and year by year. Its glorious truths are to be sounded in every land and in every clime. Its mission is peace on earth, good will to men, the salvation of the souls of men-this is the mission of Mormonism. We

propose, with the help of our Father in heaven, inasmuch as He has honored us with birth in this marvelous age, in-asmuch as He has clothed us with His authority to go from nation to nation and cry unto men: "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," we propose to warn men that the hour of God's judgment is approaching, and that the way of escape from the calam-ities that are coming is through obelience to the word of God as the holy Scriptures teach it. God bless you, my brethren and sisters, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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"For you see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called;

But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the ings which are mighty; "And base things of the world, and

things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are."

The reason assigned by the apostle for men of this character being called to minister in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, is "that no flesh should glory in His presence." The weak things from among men

were called by our Father in the days of the apostles, to accomplish the mighty work of God, and to bring to naught—so far as the Lord intended those who were mighty according to the judgment of men. So it is in the calling of men in the latter times to introduce the glorious gospel of the Redeemer of the world. God has not sought out the strong and the mighty, but the weak things among men, to accomplish His marvelous purposes. One could scarcely conceive of a more humble beginning than that of this Church, or of a weaker instrument to be used in the commencement and the founding of a great work, than Joseph Smith, the boy who was called in the days of his childhood, when but 14 years of age. This boy was called to introduce among the children of men the gospel of the Redeemer, the very power of salvation. Men who believe sincerely in the holy Scriptures must believe that the gospel is what it has been represented to be .- that there is a wonder ful force and a wonderful power in it, and that without the gospel there is no means of salvation; there is no

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from darkness and from error, and has filled them with a marvelous light and has brought into their souls an un-speakable happiness. I remember a few years ago, while laboring abroad, in Great Britain, as a missionary, speak-ing to a lady in relation to these, principles and the great sacrifices that were made by the representatives of the Latter-day Saints in going abroad to preach the Gospel; for we do not go as other preachers go. It is quite com-mon among the sects of the Christian world, for missionaries to be sent mon among the sects of the Christian world, for missionaries to be sent abroad to teach religion. Their mis-sionaries receive an income wherever they go, and are paid for their mission-ary labors. The missionaries of the Latter-day Saints do not go in this manner. They sacrifice their employ-ment, and their means of livelihood; they give up splendid situations of-times, and go abroad wherever they are appointed to labor, meeting their own expenses, without any hope of earthly reward. It is a marvelous thing; it is something that is unique in the history of religious men and wo-men in the age in which we are living. in the history of rengious men and wo-men in the age in which we are living. There are no other people who are do-ing a work of this character. The Lat-ter-day Saints have been laboring in this unselfish manner for a long period of years. I heard one of the brethren who is engaged in looking after mis-FOR BILHOUSNESS. sionary affairs say very recently that during the present year there had been FOR TORPID LIVER. about 1,000 missionaries leave Salt Lak City to go into the nations of the world to preach Mormonism. They were FOR CONSTIPATION. FOR SALLOW SKIN.

to preach Mormonism. They were called to the states of this Union, to Great Britain, Scandinavia, to the Ne-FOR THE COMPLEXION therlands, to Germany, Switzerland, to South Africa, to Palestine, and to the Islands of the sea, wherever liberty is enjoyed, wherever there is an oppor-

o themselves teachers, having itching ars: and they shall turn away their umbler vessel could hardly be con-elved of; and yet this is the manner ears, rom the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." My brothers and sisters, if we believe in the truth of the doc-trine here announced, in the holy Scripcommencement that was made in the ginning of this work. When the boy estred to know which of all the sects tures, that it shall come to pass in the last days that men shall have a form e should join, he received the startling struction that none of them had powof godliness but deny the power there-of," that they shall "heap to themto administer the ordinances of the ospel. This boy was surrounded by selves teachers having liching ears, and they shall turn their ears away from the truth and shall be turned unfessors of religion, men who claimed expound the Scriptures and point out the way of salvation to those who were seeking it. He desired to know the truth, and in answer to his humble peto fables," if men believe that there is to come a period in the history of the world when this condition shall prevail, if that time has not been reached, then tition, he received a glorious vision of the Father and the Son, he made init must be something that will come in the future. We believe that divine quiry from God the Father concerning these glorious principles, and he was authority has now been restored, but if informed, that there was no power or authority among men, by which the orour claim is not true, there must of necessity come from our Father in heaven the restoration of the authority dinances of the everlasting Gospel could be legally administered. Men drew near to the Lord with their lips but that their necessary to set in order those who have turned away from the truth, and hearts were removed far from Him, and they were teaching for doctrine the have turned to fables, those who have a form of godliness, but who deny the power thereof. I am sure if we read commandments of men. Who should have imagined for a moment, 75 years ago or more, when this lad made this announcement, that there would be hundreds of thousands of men and wopower thereof. I am sure if we read the holy Scriptures prayerfully and compare the doctrines that are being aught very widely in the world today, with the teachings of the Scriptures. men, Christian men cust women who were believers in the doly Scriptures, we will discover that the time spoken of by the apostle has already arrived. who would actually be convinced of the truth of that declaration, and who Many of the glorious powers, many of the marvelous blessings and incould be convinced that men were opporling doctrines that character-zed the Church of the Redeem-r in the meridian of time are no longer rating in the name of the Redeemer without appointment from our Father in heaven. No one could have believed spiring ized the Church in heaven. No one could have believed that the announcement thus made could possibly have attracted the atten-tion that it did attract, and that it could or in the meridian of time are no longer found among men. Men now deride some of the doctrines that were con-sidered most precious in those days. Today, for instance, many are losing faith in the doctrine of a literal resur-rection. Very many men who profess to be hellowers in the Redeemen of the have pierced the hearts and the minds of men as has been the case in all parts of the world from the time of the Proto be believers in the Redeemer of the phet Joseph Smith down to the pres ent day. For it is a truth that canno world do not accept the principles which He taught. There are numer-ous professing Christians today who do not believe that the body which is laid be gainsayed that wherever Mormonism -as it has been termed-has been sounded through the nations of Chris tendom, or even among heathen people it has drawn the attention of men an down at death, in mother earth, will ever be brought fourth in the resurwomen by hundreds of thousands, and they have been converted to its truth, rection. They ask the question oftimes how such a thing can be possible. How and have come out from the world They are bearing record to the truth can this body, which is laid away and moulders in the earth, be brought to-gether again. Man does not underof the Gospel by their conduct, by their testimony, and by the uprightness of their lives. As a result of harkening to the principles of Mormonism there has, in very deed, something come into stand the details of how our Father can bring up from the grave the body that has mouldered to earth; it is to mortals more or less of a mystery. We know, however, through their souls that has turned them away from darkness and from error, and has the whisperings of the spirit of the

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