

rebuke the destroyer of our crops, our herds and our flocks. That is our right, not in our own power and strength but through the power of the Priesthood; and we can exercise the authority and have such faith and such power that the elements will obey us as they did the servants of God in ancient times when necessary for our good and the glory of the Lord.

How many of us can bear testimony today of the power of God in the healing of the sick and the casting out of evil spirits? Hundreds and thousands of the Latter-day Saints have seen this with their own eyes. The manifestation and power of God attending this people are marvelous. His great blessings have been continually with us, and will increase as we live for them. It is the privilege of the Latter-day Saints to engage in the building up and establishing the Zion of our God upon the earth.

The speaker said that he regretted very much that the blessings of the Gospel were not enjoyed by all the people, for the reason that very many treated lightly the commands of God, and consequently were not in possession of the gifts, promises and blessing predicated on the faithful observance of His laws.

There are, he said, hundreds and thousands of persons claiming to be Latter-day Saints who do not keep one of the very least commands—tithing, neither observe the fast-day held every month. It has been proven by the records that if every member of the Church would fast one day in the month, to the extent only of one meal, and give that amount to the Bishop, there would be food for all the poor in Zion and to spare.

Do all our people attend to prayers morning and evening, and offer up secret prayers? We are expected to do this. It is a requirement of the Gospel, with a promise. In fact there are no commandments of the Lord but what are accompanied by promises and blessings.

How many teach their children in their infancy to pray and follow the ways of the Lord from their youth up? We are told to train our children in the way that they should go and that they will not depart therefrom when they are old. Judging from the evidence of so many departing from the truth, they must not have been trained to walk in the ways of the Lord from their childhood up. When they go out to the world for themselves they soon depart from the faith, as is evident in many cases. The breaking of one simple rule or principle leads on to the violation of the higher commands, if the first wrongs are not repented of, and thus step by step one loses the faith entirely.

Reports frequently come in showing very many in the different wards who should pay tithing, but they do not pay any. They are members of the Church, many of them have been born under the covenant and are heirs to the great blessings of the Gospel promised through obedience but they forfeit the blessings through their acts.

This law is one of the very least, if not the least in the Church. There are great blessings attached to this requirement of the Gospel of life and salvation. We can enjoy the rich blessings of the Lord by observing this law, or

we can deprive ourselves of His favors by rejecting this requirement, to our condemnation. All blessings are predicated on the faithful observance of the laws of the Lord. There is no way to obtain spiritual blessings only by living for them. It would be inconsistent for a man to go to another man and ask for wages for work done if he never performed any labor. It would also be inconsistent for any person engaged in any business or occupation to expect any fruits from their labors if they did not perform any labor. So it is with the blessings of our heavenly Father. They are only to be obtained through a life of faithfulness.

While there are hundreds and thousands among us who did not pay any tithing, there are hundreds and thousands of our people who are honest before the Lord in this respect, and enjoy the blessings pertaining thereto. Are we indeed the children of God? Do we visit the sick and minister to the poor as we should do? Do we love each other and help to build each other up in the faith? Do neighbors backbite each other and speak evil of the Lord's anointed? If any of our people are guilty of this great sin, the sooner they repent of it the better for themselves.

Let us so live that we may enjoy every blessing pertaining to the Gospel, that in the end we may be entitled through our good works to enter into the Celestial kingdom of our Heavenly Father.

Counselor Joseph E. Taylor of the Stake Presidency, remarked that one tenth of our increase is the Lord's. It belongs to Him, and great are the blessings to be enjoyed through a strict observance of this requirement and the serving of the Lord as revealed to us for our guidance and salvation. When we appropriate our tithes to our own use and fail to keep this law we deprive ourselves of the great blessings of heaven.

Hear what the Lord has to say in speaking through the Prophet Malachi on this subject: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there should not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of Hosts; and all nations shall call you blessed, for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of Hosts."

The choir sang the anthem:

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.

Benediction by Elder Charles W. Penrose.

NEWS NOTES.

It is asserted by the Wyoming papers that the Burlington will build an extension into the Big Horn basin next spring. The basin contains thousands of acres of rich agricultural land.

The Stanley camp, ten miles northwest of Colorado Springs, Colo., will, it is stated, operate all winter. The erection of a stamp mill was commenced Saturday. The prospects show \$90 per ton in gold. Also climber rich enough to have a serious effect on the workmen.

Johnny Michael, a Reno, Nevada, foundryman, has purchased all of the machinery of the famous old English mill north of Reno, and will remove the same at once. Thus it is, says the *Gazette*, that a landmark that has stood for thirty years or more is to be dismantled.

At Eureka, Nevada, contests have been commenced against the newly elected sheriff and attorney, upon the ground that ballots marked otherwise than as provided by law, and which should therefore have been rejected, were allowed and counted by the board of inspectors of election.

Thomas Burnham, a native of Belgium, aged 26 years, died very suddenly of consumption at the restaurant Mrs. Kuss on Wednesday morning last, says the *Beaver Usonian*. About two weeks ago Burnham came to Beaver from Milford. It seems he had been a hospital inmate some time before. He came and took up his abode at Mrs. Kuss's house, where he has been since. On Wednesday morning early he arose, dressed and moved about the house, returning to his room he was in the act of sitting on a chair when he fell over dead. The man is an entire stranger here, and he left no papers or letters to give any clue of relations, if any, in this country.

A San Francisco invention for saving and regulating gas, owned by the Universal Gas-saving association, says the *Chronicle*, is attracting a great deal of attention from consumers of gas. It is not a modification of any of the machines heretofore in use, but of an entirely new design, as shown by the patent reports. A moment's observation of it in operation is enough to satisfy any one that it is a radical improvement. Reports from a number of experts upon gas machinery place it absolutely without a rival. Evidence that it fills a long felt want is the voluntary placing with the company of hundreds of orders and the wholesale knocking off of old-style machines. The saving of the machine is something remarkable, while the common complaint of misadjustment is never heard.

A piece of glass an inch square was taken from the eye of John F. Murk at the Receiving hospital yesterday morning, says the *San Francisco Chronicle*. The strange part of the affair lies in the fact that the glass has been in Murk's eye for three days past, of which fact he pleads total ignorance. According to his own statement he was not aware that the glass was in his eye until the doctor removed it. Murk states that he participated in a friendly row on Seventh street on Thursday evening. During the festivities one of the guests allowed his sense of honor to get the better of his sympathies and smashed a beer bottle on Murk's cheekbone. The blow left an ugly wound, and a piece of the glass was knocked into his eye, where it remained between the lower lid and the cheekbone for two days.