

some people have held that a murderer by a confession of faith at the last moment, before he expiates his crime upon the scaffold will be saved, while his victim who probably made no such profession, for want of time, perhaps, will be lost. The breaking of every law brings its own punishment, and the keeping of the law brings its reward. Unless the conditions of future reward are complied with it will not be forthcoming.

I desire to overcome my shortcomings, realizing that I cannot attain to a glorious destiny in any other way. He who trusts in the arm of flesh will have nothing to lean upon in the day of final judgment. But he who takes the Holy Spirit for his guide will be enabled to pass by the angels and the Gods to his exaltation. Unless we are so guided we are liable to meet with obstacles that will cause us to stumble and perhaps fall. Brother Grant concluded with a forcible exhortation to personal righteousness.

APOSTLE JOHN HENRY SMITH

said he was a believer in the fullness of the Gospel, as revealed anew in this age. It is rational, and man can rely upon it. There is no promise made in that Gospel but is based upon man's doing something to obtain its fulfillment. In none of the walks of life have I been enabled to see that the rewards that men and woman receive are the result of negligence. We can never obtain any good thing but through the exercise of the powers we possess and by which we seek to secure the same. To some blessings appear to come easily. But it is observable that when such is the case, the boon is appreciated but lightly. I am so deeply fixed in my own view as to the need of practical religion, that there is but little room in me for theories established by the wisdom or gifts of men. Rewards are the result of performance. This is a clear proposition, and by its aid one is able to clearly go to work for the production of practical results. When the Divine Master proposes to give rewards to men as a result of the purity of their motives, the exercise of their faculties, the use of their powers this is indeed of worth. Thus comes to us in this day, through the revelation of correct principle, a glorious field for intelligent operation. It is inconsistent to expect the reward without the performance of the labor on which its production is predicated. When men reflect upon the idea, as presented to us by Brother Grant, that they can disobey these laws and conditions continuously, can revel in wickedness and sin and expect the reward of righteousness, they are deceiving themselves. How inconsistent to outrage every law and requirement of heaven, and expect to stand an equal chance with the obedient—those who have done right and have sought to fulfil in all respects the requirements of high heaven.

There are none of us who are the fathers and mothers of families but who know with our hearts the

abiding confidence we have in the dutiful son, in the thoughtful daughter, in the consistent and upright child, while the wayward and thoughtless cause us anxiety, concern and deep regrets. We may cling to the latter and labor in their interests, to train them in the way of light and instill into them a love of honor and truth, but that confidence and that love are not so fixed in them as in the obedient, the upright, and the thoughtful. We can only judge of things pertaining to the future and the judgments that will be meted out to the sons and daughters of men, in some measure, by those things which present themselves in our present experience.

We have gathered from the world to these mountains and have come for the purpose of keeping ourselves in practical training in the principles of life, theoretically received in the first place. Many of the preachers to whom we had previously listened had been of the opinion that no matter what might be a man's week-day practice, so long as he was devout on the Sabbath, he was relieved from great responsibility. Those who have been warned and forewarned through the medium of the Gospel fullness should take heed to the greater requirements now imposed upon them. Those who have entered into holy places should remember the obligation of chastity, imposed by the Divine Master, they took upon themselves. There need be no mistake regarding those requirements. They pertain to the higher law, forming the basis of future exaltation. These things cannot be too deeply impressed upon the minds of the young. They should be taught that they ought to prefer to sacrifice life rather than their virtue. This should be embodied in our teachings, both by precept and example. Thus will the hosts of Israel become pure and clean in the sight of the Almighty. How great is the importance of this instruction! Unless virtue is practiced, sad indeed will be the condition of the community. To be exemplars and instructors in this regard is one of the chief duties of parents. There should be instituted with all Saints a searching self scrutiny. The inquiry should be whether they individually have been living according to their professions. In relation to the purity of conduct of the young, there has been a large measure of success, as thousands of the youth of both sexes would, I am satisfied, rather give up life than sacrifice their virtue. Yet, the seducer is abroad, and nothing should be more closely guarded than chastity.

ELDER CHARLES W. PENROSE

said he could echo the words of President Woodruff, uttered at the opening of the conference, that our hearts should be filled with joy and gratitude because of the privileges we enjoy. Such is my condition. I am in full faith of the principles of the Gospel. My heart is engaged in this work. Such has been the case ever since I first received it. I know the doctrines are true, and I am willing to bear testimony to

them wherever my lot may be cast. I have not been idle since my absence from you, but have been busily engaged in forwarding the interests of the work of God. I endorse the principles that have been advanced here this morning. We will be rewarded according to our lives and opportunities, and so shall we be judged. The Lord offers rewards for good deeds and for good actions, because of our condition. The time will come when neither rewards nor punishments will affect our course. When on a higher plane, we will do right for the love of it and refrain from wrong because of its being wrong. We should, so far as practicable, reach after and approximate to that condition in this mortal sphere. It is to that state that God wishes to bring us. He desires us to be influenced by the Holy Spirit, which is the mind of God. The Lord is just, and it is well that he will not judge us as we sometimes judge each other. Man views the outward evidences. God comprehends all the circumstances, motives and temptations leading to the courses we pursue. He will also judge according to the principle of mercy, which, however, will not rob justice. Both principles will meet together, and each have its due. We should think of this when we attempt to sit in judgment upon each other. We have no right to judge persons unless we are appointed to perform that function. Be not too censorious, especially regarding the acts of those set to guide the affairs of the Church. Each should rather sit in judgment upon himself than upon his neighbor. There are times and places when and where to talk and to be silent. We should find out where these times and places are. We should do more and talk less. If we did we would place fewer stumbling blocks in our own way and in the way of our neighbor. As we show ourselves here so will we be placed in the world to come. If we are not entitled to an exaltation we will not get it; if we are worthy of it we will obtain it no matter what may be thought of us by our brethren and sisters. When we get there we will be valued for what we are, no matter as to appearances. Let us be merciful and charitable, and help each other, and put no stumbling block in the way of our neighbors. It is bad enough for him who has sinned that he has done so. For him there is sorrow and humiliation, without more being unnecessarily heaped upon him. May we learn to overcome evil and devote ourselves to the interests of the kingdom of God, that the crowns and inheritances of the just may be ours.

The choir sang:

O my Father, Thou that dwellest
In the high and glorious place!
When shall I regain Thy presence,
And again behold Thy face?

Closing prayer by President Angus M. Cannon.

Adjourned till 2 p.m.

Saturday Afternoon.

Proceedings resumed at 2 p. m.

Singing by the choir: