

they feel they have forgotten. How many there are who recognized, as something they were familiar with, the principles of the Gospel. I believe that when we meet our Father, the recollection that we were with Him will come back again. We will also know our mother, and those with whom we before associated. We will know each other, father, mother, husband, wife, children. I was a boy when my people gathered with the Church. I was curious to see the Prophet Joseph. I had no means of identifying him, but recognized him as though I had seen him before; and I doubt not that I had. There are kindred spirits that are drawn together no doubt by ties that were formed anterior to their birth into this sphere. In the future our memories and our powers will be quickened. There is a remarkable power latent in the human mind, and when quickened by the Spirit of God it will reach back to the life that was before this. Abraham saw that he had been chosen to perform a mighty work.

I will refer briefly to one doctrine which I have heard of. I have heard that there are those among us who entertain an idea that some are predestined to be damned, no matter what they do. This is a fallacy. Men and women confound foreknowledge with foreordination. God knew that Pharaoh would oppress Israel; but it was in Pharaoh's power to choose his own course. He was not foreordained to be damned, but God knew what he would do. Jesus knew that Judas would betray Him and become a devil, but he was not foreordained to become such as he did. It was his own choice. The doctrine that men are fated to commit sin is false. There is no such doctrine existing in the Gospel of the Son of God. We have our free and unfettered agency, as we were told so plainly yesterday.

We have the agency to do that which is right; the agency also to do that which is wrong. But it is for us to do that which is right. It is for us to keep the commandments of God and to serve Him with all our hearts; and if we will do this God will bring us off triumphant. We shall triumph over every obstacle, and this Kingdom of our God will spread and increase in power; it will overcome all the difficulties with which it has to contend, until every word spoken concerning it will be fulfilled. It will fill the whole earth; it will rule and bear dominion, and Jesus will come to reign on the earth for a thousand years. If we are faithful we shall reign with Him; those who go to sleep will be resurrected and will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air as well as those who lie in the grave, as the Apostle Paul says. That day is near at hand. Be encouraged; do not be discouraged and fearful in your hearts, for God is watching over this work and over you. There is not a hair of your heads but what is numbered. Not a sparrow—a bird that is so common among us here now—can fall to the ground without His notice, and you are of more value than

many sparrows. God watches over you; His care is for you; His angels are around about you.

Remember what He said on one occasion: "Be careful that you do not offend the least of these my little ones; for I say unto you that their angels are before the face of my Father continually." Offend not then the elect of God. Be careful about trespassing upon your brethren and sisters. Their angels stand constantly before the face of our Father in heaven, pleading their cause, watching over them, and having charge concerning them.

I have spoken about the evil spirits and the evil influences of Satan; but I have not mentioned that glorious host of angels and pure spirits that are at the right hand of God our Eternal Father, and are as agents who are carrying out His behests over His elect at all times, lest they should strike their feet against a stone. God takes care of us and of all His children; and if we will be faithful unto Him, no matter how deep our afflictions may be, no matter how heavy our sorrows, no matter though it may seem to us we will be crushed to earth, God is still near unto us; His angels have charge concerning us, and we shall be saved and delivered, and eventually exalted, if we are faithful to our God, which I pray for you all and myself, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

ELDER JOHN MORGAN

said: I have been requested to occupy a few moments in which to bear my testimony to what has been said. I do this with pleasure, and feel confident that the principles we have heard here today have fallen upon the ears of the Saints as the truth. I rejoice to see that the cause of the Kingdom of God is onward and upward. The experiences the Saints are passing through will be invaluable to them in the future.

I bear my testimony that this work will continue to grow until it will fill the whole earth, and that the time will come when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is the Christ, and that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God. Notwithstanding the opposition arrayed against this work, it will triumph over all things, which may God grant in the name of Jesus, amen.

The choir sang the hymn:

How will the Saints rejoice to tell
And count their sufferings o'er,
When they upon Mount Zion stand
And view the landscape o'er.

Benediction was pronounced by Patriarch John Smith.

Sunday Afternoon.

Services commenced at 2 p. m. The choir sang:

Mortals awake! with angels join,
And chant the solemn lay;
Love, joy and gratitude combine,
To hail the auspicious day.

Prayer was offered by Apostle F. D. Richards.

The choir sang:

How great the wisdom and the love
That filled the courts on high,
And sent the Savior from above.
To suffer, bleed and die!

The Priesthood were arranged and seated in quorums, in solemn assembly, according to the following order:

The members of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, and Counselors to the Twelve, in the two upper seats of the center of the stand.

On the south wing of the stand were the Patriarchs—the Patriarch of the Church in front—Presidents of Stakes, their Counselors, and High Councilors.

The High Priests in the north centre of the body of the hall, the quorum presidents in front of them.

The Seventies in the south centre and south division of the body of the house, the first seven presidents and members of quorum councils in front.

The Elders were located in the rear of the High Priests.

On the north wing of the stand were the Bishops and their Counselors, with the Presiding Bishopric in front.

On the extreme left of the body of the hall were the Lesser Priesthood—Priests, Teachers and Deacons—with the quorum presidents in the front.

The general congregation were seated in those portions of the body of the building not occupied by the Priesthood, and in the gallery.

APOSTLE GEORGE Q. CANNON

said: The object in arranging the Priesthood as they are this afternoon in their several quorum ensembles is to form a general assembly of the Priesthood of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; and in presenting the authorities of the Church they will be presented to each quorum separately, for such quorum to vote by a rising vote and by lifting up their right hands. If there be any who object to any name that is presented they will have the privilege of making manifest their objections. After one name is presented and it is carried by all the Priesthood, they will then sit down and it will be submitted to the entire congregation, including the Priesthood, who will rise, with the Saints in the galleries and elsewhere, to their feet, and vote as a congregation upon the names that shall be offered.

The first quorum to vote will be the quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Then the Presidents of Stakes, or, rather the Patriarchs, the Presidents of Stakes and their Counselors, and the High Councils. Then the High Priests will vote; then the Seventies, then the Elders, then the Bishops and their Counselors, and then the Lesser Priesthood, including the Priests, Teachers and Deacons, after which the body of Saints and Priesthood will be called on separately to vote.

Apostle George Q. Cannon presented the

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which were voted upon by the different divisions of the Priesthood, in the order given above, each divis-