

ATTENTION BOOT AND SHOE MAKER

him through the House of the Father, and confer and seal upon him his blessings and lives eternal, and the kingdoms and principalities and powers dominions, and introduce him into the society of the highest intelligences that exist in the eternal worlds? I forbid you to do it in the name of the Lord. We cannot do it, we are not at liberty to do it.

neither are we at liberty to use judgment in regard to it either. We bear with men in their weakness and infirmity and are obliged to carry a lot of men so many automatons, the time come and it must come when they will be shut out, they will not be found worthy to abide among

they are not worthy now. But have to bear with them until they are better informed; but until they must do the best they can they cannot go into the House of the Lord, they cannot be sealed to eternal lives, they cannot have part in the blessings which God conferred upon us until they bear forth fruits meet for repentance.

I will take it in another point of view. We pay our tithing and pay Temple donations, we attend the duties of the House of the Lord, we go forth and proclaim the gospel of peace to the nations of the earth, we convert people, under the blessing of God, and they come to knowledge of the principles of

gospel, and we continue our labors to build up Zion; looking at it in this light, would it be just, after we have laid out our means, would it be in accordance with the principle of equity to grant this privilege to some men, a privilege which we have earned and, in a certain sense, for? It is generally the case that they are the first to rush forward

want certain blessings without estimating them. Jesus said in His day, the "kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." These are some of that who crowd in where they are not worthy to tread. These temporal matters they assume are of very little importance, they are of very little importance, judging from the

the importance judging from the fact that many of us labor, but they are of very great importance weighed in the balances of truth, principles of eternal life which has revealed are of the utmost importance to the Saints, both to the living and the dead, to the myriads of men that have lived and may live, these things are of

I thought I would talk a little on this subject this morning. I now offer a few remarks upon another subject. We talk something about justice; and I have noticed spirit manifested among us sometimes, "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." This is something that really does not belong

us. We are full of infirmities. We pray to the Father to forgive our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. How often do we sin against God? Many times and ask His forgiveness. How often should I forgive my brother? I hear people say, "that's such and such a man, he has wronged me and I can't forgive him."

Then you have not the true spirit of the gospel. "But he has acted meanly towards me, he has injured my reputation, and he sought to hurt it." Bless your soul, he cannot injure your reputation if it is good; the contrary, by taking a course, according to the spirit of the gospel, he that has produced

will respect you and will be the
ferer, not you. It is our duty to
give our brother seven times,
seventy times seven, when he tri
to you and seeks your forgiveness
and we should forgive men in
hearts whether they ask our
giveness or not. And what ab
our enemies? What shall we do

them? Offer them peace and give them the first time. What then? Go again the second time and forgive them? Yes, if they ask [forgiveness]. And the third time? Yes; but the fourth time? Lord says thine enemy is in thine hand, do with him as seemest thee good. You have then fulfilled the law; and even then, if you are

Not that I care anything for persons whether people pay their tithing or not, and I do not think the

cares much Himself. The gold and the silver are His, and so are cattle upon a thousand hills; and him belongs power to command things. And what we do possess of this world's goods is given unto us to make a wise use of, because we cannot take them with us when we shall be called hence. It is for us, as Saints of the Most High,

honest and upright and take a correct course, to be full of integrity and maintain correct principles everywhere and at all times. If enemies cannot afford to treat us aright, we can afford to treat them aright. But we will not be away our rights, but leave ourselves in the hands of God, and seek to

for his guidance; and if we keep
commandments, God's blessing
rest upon us. Therefore, in re-
sponse to this, it is not a matter of pec-
any interest that prompts me
speak to you; it is a test of faith
which God has given unto
and which affects us
alike, and that for some re-
known to God. But speaking

ourselves, it is positively stated before referred to, that who do not observe this shall not be considered worthy to abide among us; and further, this shall be a standing law unto the Stakes of Zion. Again, the Lord says: "If my people observe this law, etc., it shall not be a

We have to build up Zion, make it the praise of the world; but to do this acceptable to God, we must be governed by principles of purity and honesty, truthfulness and integrity and the sterling virtues which God pointed out for man to be governed by. And when the Saints arrive

this state of perfection, thus fulfil
this scripture with regard to
greatness and splendor of Zion,
will make His people not only
richest of all people in spir-
itual things, but also in temporal things.
God bless you, in the name
of Jesus. Amen.

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