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athering and Unity of the Latter-day Saints Marked Eviintes of Inspiration - An Example of Living Faithinfluence of the Prophet Joseph Smith Upon Destinies of His Countrymen-Evidence of Prophecies Fulfilled.

I save been interested in listening to ter it changed hands for about four marks of Brother Milton Bennion times more than what he sold it for. He of the testimony which he has borne is is this afternoon. It affords deep seast, no doubt, to all the Latter-day stats who are here, as well as to who are not members of the Buch of Jesus Christ of Latter-day with to listen to a recital that has a bearing upon the life and labors of gLara and Savior Jesus Christ. It is masrkable fact that we can never sat of the labors which He performed, That to others speaking of the great which He accomplished, without sing pleasure in it, while on the other mi there is nothing so interesting in white and history of any other inndual but what by hearing or readwit time and time again we become ndulit. I can bear testimony, from Lord and Savjor Jesus Christ the stand and Savid Jesus Christ the matrix the joy, the peace, the hap-pus, the satisfaction that fills my-id is contemplating what He did. It a flore that never becomes old to There is ever a new charm comes cemplating the words of our is and Eavior and the plan of life as an asvior and the plan of life as alvation which He taught to as during His life upon the earth. It also a source of unbounded joy to me as alls my heart beyond my power expression to contemplate the fact lod our Heavenly Father and our and Jesus Christ have visited the chi and again revealed the Cospet pan; and it fills me with Gianksgivtrad gratitude, far beyond my powdedge of the divinity of the work which we are engaged. My conand earnest prayer to Him is ny mind may never become darkthat I may never depart from the we in years I may increase in unding, that the light and inspiraa of the Spirit of God may burn in wart and enlighten my underng and keep me firm and faithful erving my Heavenly Father. I dehe good deeds that I shall accomto show my appreciation unto my mly Father for the manifestations Hy goodness to me in blessing me stimony of the work in which re engaged. And there is nothing action with the latter-day work stills my heart with more joy and ule than the knowledge that the Saints throughout these or of the mountains are blessed which that same testimony, and with with with hat they are ennith the work of God that I am in son of. The Lord in this regard kien no respecter of persons. The the poor, the unlearned (so far education of this world is conhave been as abundantly of God with this testimony as that have had more abundantly ings of this world. From Canm the north to Mexico on the throughout this Rocky Mountain we find settlements of the Lat-Saints; and in these ats we find people that been gathered from all ations of the earth, in fulfillprophecies that were ut bousands of years ago, that the should be brought to the tops mountains and that the Lord establish His work here; and ple dwelling in settlements ing from north to south for s thousand miles, are blessed with of the divinity of the it is which they are engaged. WIDENCES OF INSPIRATION. that seemed to me a marvel how intelligence and ability, under ing the things of the world and of men, can look upon the to be seen in the life and of the Latter-day Saints withizing and appreciating the fact haz gathered this people to-The Sevior said that the doc-sentch He taught would make who accepted them one. He is followers that He desired they d be one with Him, even as He see with the Father. It was prethat when the Gospel should that when the Gosper should be the extered to the earth in the twa he people of God should be and from all the nations of the ine of a city and two of a famand be brought unto Zion, where should be led and guided by God. atter-day Saints are a living tesof the fulfillment of that pre-Men and women have gath-Zion from the different nations be and from the islands of the ad no matter where they came her have been blessed with the me spirit; and in affection, in th in faith, in love and devotion they are one, even as Jesus is the Father. That love and affection which was to those who would desert mother, even all that was ear to the natural heart of en and is enjoyed by this se who have gathered here all their relatives and can stand stand up has filled that God place, and that He them with brothers and he Gospel. I say that no on the face of the earth, not of all the wise men comhave united the souls of the Latter-day dod has united them; and iolay as a living testimony f the divinity of the work thankad. I maintain the Spirit of God, withand inspiration that s above, man could not unite nd make them of one heart, one nd one desire; as the Lat-Saints are

made this sacrifice, and without one dollar of reward he went to the nations of the earth and spent four years of his life proclaiming the Gospel, declaring that that angel that was seen flying through the midst of heaven having the everlasting Gospel to preach to them that dewit on the earth had come, and that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God who testified of this. Brother McArthur told me of many incidents of his mission that were truly remark-Among other things, he said the t Joseph Smith visited able Prophet Joseph visited him while he was on this mission. And I say to you today that you can travel from Canada to Mexico and thousands, yes, tens of thousands of men and women will stand up and testify, as Brother McArthur did to me, that God our heavenly Father has blessed them. He has given them manifestations of His approval of their labors which have been inspired by the Holy Ghost: and they will, in all solemnity and without any excitement, testify to you that they do know for themselves that they are engaged in the work of God. The labors and accomplishments of the Latter-day Saints in this country give evidence of the inspiration of the Spirit

of God that prompted those men who came here as pioneers and established the people in these mountains. In addition to the evidences that are to be found on all hands of the inspiration and the uniting influences of the Spirit of God among the Latter-day Saints, the very gathering of this people to these mountains is a direct fulfiliment of the promises made through the Prophet Joseph Smith. More than once I have heard President Wilford Woodruff say, in private and in public, that he has listened to the Prophet Joseph Smith stating to them the fact that the Latter-day Saints would yet come to the valleys of the Rocky Mountains and become a great and a prosperous people. We stand today as a living evidence to the world of the divinity of the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Why? Because our very presence in these mountains is a fulfillment of the predictions of that inspired man. Joseph Smith has been ridiculed and charac-terized as "old Joe Smith." I stand before you today a mere boy, and yet Joseph Smith was martyred when he was a year younger than I am. This "old" man accomplished in a very years a great and a marvelous labor. When we contemplate what he did, considering the opportunities of education that he had, it is indeed a marvel and a wonder. In speaking of

and they have invariably come away from meeting him inspired with a reverance for the man, because the Spirit of God surrounded him day by day. I tell you that it is by the inspiration of God, and not by the power of man, that Joseph Smith, that Brigham Young, that John Taylor, that Wilford Woodruff have been able to unite the hearts of the Latter-day Saints and to establish and build up the Church of Jesus Christ. Without the light and the guidance of the Spirit d the work of God on the earth. could not succeed; it would crumble and go to pieces, . But there is in the of the people that abiding knowledge which unites and cements them together. When they hear the United States of America vs the Church voice of the true shepherd they recogof Jesus Ohrist of Latter-day Saints. nize it and they are ready and willing o follow it. When we contemplate the We all are aware that the property of the Church, real and personal, was conlife and labors of these men, it should fiscated by the United States. The personal property has since been re-turned, and I have no doubt whatever but they will return the real estate, be-cause the people of the United States, inspire every one of us to be diligent and faithful in discharging the duties devolving upon us. EVIDENCE OF PROPHECY.

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One of the boldest predictions, to my mind, that Joseph Smith ever made, cause the people of the other states, as a whole, are filled with the spirit of generosity and of justice, and when they find out that a wrong has been gone, even to a handful of people that they once ridiculed, they are ready and was to proclaim the fact that in a land of liberty, in a land that had been rescued by the shedding of the blood of those that were filled with patriotism, willing to right it. Joseph Smith also predicted that we would yet have an in a land where the oppressed of all nations were invited to come, in a land where absolute religious libimportant part in helping to uphold and sustain the Constitution of our country. We now have become a part erty was guaranteed to all men-that n such a land the Latter-day Saints of the Union; and we all remember with what joy and satisfaction we met should be persecuted and driven from city to city, from county to county, here less than a month ago to celebrate our birt into the Union; and I want to say to the Latter-day Saints that it beout of the confines of the United States, because of their religion. He predicted that the day would come when not only a city, a county, and a hooves us, having received a testimony of the divinity of the work in which we are engaged, to to order our lives from day to day that glory shall be brought to the work o. God by the good would be arrayed against the Latter-day Saints, but the day would come when the whole United States should be arrayed against them. When he made this pre-diction in this land of religious freedom and guaranteed | liberty, men laughed at the absurdity of the idea that a handful of people would ever attract enough attention that the whole United States would be arrayed against them. Yet what has deeds that we perform, to listing our light shine that men, steing our good deeds, shall glorify God. No people upon the face of the earth have ever been blessed as have been the Latter-day Saints; no people have ever had the many manifestations of the kindness mercy and longsuffeling of God arrayed against them. Yet what has that have been bestowed upon us, and been the history of the people? We were driven from city to city, from I say we, above all men and women upon the earth, should live Godlike and upright lives. That God may help us county to county, from state to state, and finally out of the United States, do so is my prayer and desire, and I and we came to these valleys, which ' ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PLEADED FOR MRS. SURRATT. A Dramatic Episode of the Tragedy of Lincoln's Death

-John P. Brophy's Story - Mrs. Douglas' Part in Effort.

John P. Brophy, clerk of part ii of the | woman, the heautiful Mrs. Stephen A Momain, the headthul Mrs. Stephen A. Douglas, wife or Lincoln's old-time riv. al out in Illinois, the Little Giant. Mrs. Douglas, too, had come to plead Mrs. Surratt's case. Mr. Brophy was by her side in an instant telling her his erraud and entreating her to get him

fore her.

court of general sessions, had a dramatic experience in connection with the assassination of President Lincoln. At the time he was an instructor in St. Aloysius' college in Washington.

errand and entreating her to get him accass to the President. Mrs. Douglas After the conviction of Mary E. Surratt for complicity in the murder. Weichman, who boarded in her house and was the chief witness against her, came to him and said that in spite of all he had sworn to, he thoroughly believed Mrs. Surratt was innocent of all knowledge of the plot against the President until after its actual consummation. Mr. Brophy deemed Weichman's statement so important that he reduced it to writing and sent it to President Johnson as at least worthy of investigation, To his communication he got no reply, but on the night before the execution he received from the war de-partment a permit to visit Mrs. Surratt in the arsenal, where, with the three other condemned prisoners, she was confined. Mr. Brophy had not asked for any such permit and he has always supposed that. Mrs. Surratt heard of his action in her behalf and herself made the request that he be allowed to Mr. Brophy went to the arsenal. Mrs. Surratt asked him to undertake at some future time, when the passions of the war were cooled, the task of clearing. her name of the crime for which Ing her name of the crime for which she then stood condemned and of which she earnestly protested her in-nicence. This Mr. Brophy promised to do. After leaving her he went to see Lewis Powell, known throughout the conspiracy as Lewis Payne. Pow-ell, who was the son of a Florida cleryman, was, after Booth, the fierc-est and most bloodthirsty of all the conspirators. He retained to the last the stoical syncicism which he head the stoical synicism which he had shown from the first. In this mood Mr.

then belonged to the Mexican republic There was a clattering of horses and the Stars and Stripes were holsted here upon Ensign peak. Then the day came when the United States of Ameriroofs, and when Mr. Brophy turned in the direction from which saw a guard of cavalry galloping on each side of a swiftly moving carriage, ca sent a part of their troops against this handful of people. I was but a child at that time, living where the Z. C. M. I. store now stands; but re-member the excitement which prevailed in which appeared the handsome, sol-dierly face of Gen. Hancock, then the general in command at Washington. The general saw the confusion about and many things that happened at that time. Of course, I do not remember when the army started to come here. Brophy's carriage, recognized the army which and saw the tear stalled, dis-tracted face of a woman. He brought his cavalcade to an in-stant halt. Then he left his own car-riage, walked to that of Miss Surratt, because I was a mere habe; but I re-member when they marched through these streets and went to Camp Floyd. And if this is not sufficient to show the and, hat in hand and with the chival-rous dignity which sat so well upon him, asked what the trouble was and what he could do. Mr. Brophy briefly explained that it was Miss Surratt tryfulfillment of the words of the Prophet Joseph, I will go still further: I have pleked up the newspapers more than once and read in large headlines, "The

ing to speak to her mother once more on earth. The soldier's face flushed

it came he

on earth. The soldier's face flushed and Mr, Brophy is sure there was some-thing very like tears in his eyes as he grasped the pathetic situation. "Poor child!" he said gently, and then beckoned an officer to him and gave to him an order. Then he re-turned to his own' carriage and the squadron of cavalry formed about both carriages. A lane through the crowd squadron of cavalry formed about both carriages. A lane through the crowd was quickly cut and Miss Surratt reached the arsenal and her mother's side in time to bid her a last goodby. After the execution Miss Surratt went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Brophy, and was married from their house some years afterward.

When Gen. Hancock was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency many southern delegates opposed him, belleving that he had been harsh in his measures in reference to Mrs. Surratt. Mr. Brophy went to Gen. Hancock's friends here and volun-teered to make a statement of the genaction above related as well of the fact that on the morning of the xecution the general had posted mounted cavalryman on every block be-tween the arsenal and the White House with orders to bear a reprieve, in one came for Mrs. Surratt, in relays and at top speed to Gen. Hartranft. With the publication of this statement southern opposition to Gen. Hancock

Mrs. Surratt was a Catholic and when Gen. Hartranft ran for governor of Pennsylvania, the fact that he was he provost marshal general in Washington at the time of the execution was used in an effort to unite Catholic opposition to him. Mr. Brophy was on a ecturing tour in Pennsylvania at the me and his narration of the incident of the note to President Johnson and the delayed execution did much to break down this particular scheme on the part of the general's opponents. A curious climax to the story of that tragic morning in Washington is the fact that Preston King, one of the men who headed off those who would have pleaded with the president for Mrs. Surratt, committed suicide by filling his pockets full of shot and jumping off a North river ferryboat in New York while the other; Gen. Lane, committed suicide by blowing out his brains some. where in a western state-New York Sun

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DAMPLE OF LIVING FAITH. was visiting in St. George with the president of the take of Zion, I was forcl of the faith that burns in the Latter-day Saints. He me that one day President to him. Brother McAr-ten days I wish you to preision to Europe, and to be absent for four and years." The very day id to get ready he had and when he returned id was over four years of

this I am reminded of a little item that I read some twelve years ago from a book that Brother Brigham Young had with him on the train as we were going to Arizona. The book was written by Josiah Quincy, who was a statesman and a philanthropist. In it was the following statement:

INFLUENCE OF THE PROPHET JOSEPH.

"It is by no means improbable that some future text-book, for the use of generations yet unborn, will contain a question something like this: ' What historical American of the nineteenth century has exerted the most powerful influence upon the destinies of his countrymen? And it is by no means impossible that the answer to that interrogatory may be thus written: Jo-seph Smith, the Mormon Prophet." (From "Figures of the Past," by Josiah Quincy.)

We all know that no man ever lived upon the earth that exerted the same influence upon the destinies of the world as did our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; and yet He was born in ob-scurity, cradled in a manger. He chose for His Apostles poor, ignorant fishermen. Nearly nineteen hundred years have passed and gone since His crucifixion, and yet all over the world there is burning in the hearts of mil-lions of people a testimony of the divinity of the work that He accomp-lished. When I was a small boy I went to the Thirteenth ward Sunday

school, and Brother George Goddard was the superintendent, with Brother Maiben and Brother Hamilton Park associated, I remember getting a little sociated. I remember getting a fittle book out of the library, written, I think, by Dr. Paley, on the evidences of Christianity. I read several books written by this same man, one of which. I think, was entitled "Natural Theology." I have never read them choose that there but I have never and accurd since that time; but I have read enough of the author to know that he was a very wise man and a great student. Among other things, he stated that one of the greatest evidences that it was posisble to bring to mankind of the divinity of the mission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was the fact that He made no offer of rewards to those that followed Him-no promises of honors or of riches; but, on the contrary. He promised them that they should be persecuted, that their names should be cast out as evil, and that in some cases they would actually be put to death for the testimony of the truth. Dr. Paley said, the fact that after the death of Jesus men possessed such an abiding testimony of the divinity of His mis-sion that they were ready and willing to go to their death for that testimony. proves more strongly than any other argument that could be made the divin-Ity of the mission of Christ. I remem-ber that while I read that book I said to mysel, if this is one of the strong-est evidences that it is possible to ad-duce of the divinity of the mission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the same evidence can be brought forth as to the divinity of the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Joseph Smith made exactly the same promises, and according to the revelations contained in the Book of Doctrine and Cove-nants, Jesus Christ promised Joseph Smith the same heritage-that his name should be cast out as evil, that he should be ridiculed and reviled, that he should be persecuted. Joseph Smith also gave up his life for a testimony of the divinity of the work that he pro-claimed to mankind. Napoleon Bona-parte said on one occasion, in referring

to the Szvior, that He must have been a God or men would not be so won-derfully devoted to Him after His death. He said that men would follow him (Napoleon) to death because of their love of him; but when he was dead men would not follow him and he would have no influence over them. Yet men, he said, still followed Jesus to their death, and He therefore must have been a God. These same arguments can also be brought forth to prove the divinity of the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith. The Latter-day Saints have seen scores of the prophecies that he uttered fulfiled to the very This upon this mission he did be means to go; but he sold rest that was worth three sold in fact, some few months af-

Brophy found him a few hours before he was hanged To his own impending fate he told Mr. Brophy he was utterly indifferent. He had played his part in the tragedy and was ready to take the consequences of an act which he in no way egretted.

But when he spoke of Mrs. Surratt all trace of affectation disappeared. That woman, he protested by all that he held most sacred, was as innocent of the plot against Mr. Lincoln as the child unborn. Powell's manner was so earnest and so convincing that it made a profound impression on Mr. Brophy. It was now about 9 o'clock in the morning. The execution was to take Brophy from Powell's cell, hurried straight to Gen. Hartranft, afterward governor of Pennsylvania, and then the provost marshal general, having full charge of the execution. He carnestly besought Gen. Hartranft to go to Powstly ell and hear what he had to say. This Gen. Hartranit did, and came back impressed quite as Mr. Brophy had been.

"I will furnish you an army convey-ance and swift horses." he said. "Take and drive like mad to the White House and give the President this note I will delay the execution until the last moment or until I hear from you de finitely and positively what the President's answer is.'

The note was a strong plea for a reprieve for Mrs. Surratt. With it in his pocket, Mr. Brophy drove on a gal-lop to the White House. Here, about the first person he saw was Miss Anna Surrati, daughter of the condemned woman, who for hours had been at the executive mansion trying to get access to the President to plead for her mother's life

Two men barred the way to all who wished to get at President Johnson. These were Preston King and Gen. James Lane. President Johnson was suspected of having a vacillating na-ture and those who believed that justice had been done in the conviction of the conspirators did not want an appeal to the weak side of the President's character to succeed. Mr. Brophy tried to get past the

guards, but tried in vain. He tried to ret Gen. Hartranft's note sent in to the President.

In that also he failed. After nearly an hour's delay he was no nearer do-ing his errand of life and death than when he first arrived. His own halfdistracted frame of mind was intensi-lied by the frantic entreaties of Miss Surratt, who, sobbing and choking with gract, was clinking to him and begging to do something.

to do something. But what could he do? In every avenue that led toward the President avenue that led toward the President there was a gleaming bayonet and be-hind the bayonet the stern bronzed face of a soldier. Mr. Brophy was at the verge of despair when suddenly a fine carriage came dashing up to the White House entrance and out of it hurried a richty dressed and strikingly handsome

nets tiled to stop her, but she swept them scornfully aside with an im-perious gesture. What no one else in all that crucial forenoon could do was precisely the thing which Mrs. Douglas did. She got to the President.

But there her triumph ceased. She entered the room with her face flushed with energy and hope. She came out of it with bitter, hopeless disappoint. ment in her every feature and every oovement. She looked at the convusied tear-stained face of the young girl whose mother's life was trembling the balance and could only shake her

was a woman of resolution and fur-

thermore a dazzingly beautiful woman

She dashed straight at the bayonets

and they lowered almost in homage be-

The civilian guards beyond the bayo-

"Oh, don't give up so!" sobbed Miss Surratt. "Don't, Don't, Oh, do go to him again. He won't trefuse you, He can't.

again. He won't trefuse you, He can t. Do go to him again." "Show him Gen. Hartranft's note again, 'cried Mr. Brophy. "Ask him if he got the statement I sent him of Welchman's confession to me. Make an-other appeal to him. Mrs. Douglas." other appeal to him, Mrs. Douglas."

"I will," said the spirited woman, "I will; it is of little use, though, I feel that it is of little use,"

Past the bayonets, past the guards, he once more forced her way to the President's presence. But she had predicted truly when she said it was of lit-tic use. There was no vacillation in Johnson now. He firmly and positively fused to intervene. The statement of Weichman, he said, had come to It was wholly without weight. With this reply Mrs. Douglas came back,

"We have done the best we could. Miss Surratt,' said Mr. Brophy to the half-dazed girl. "Come with me if you would see your mother again while she

So into the army carriage waiting at the door Miss Surratt and Mr. Brophy got and again there was a mad gallop through the Washington streets. They were all but deserted. For all of Washington at that hour there was just one magnet-the arsenal, where Lincoln's murder was to be avenged.

The crowd that surged around the building reached blocks away and was was brought up sharply at its outer borders. It was a complete blockade. There was no budging an inch.

Meantime the minutes were flying. The time which would mark the limit when mother and daughter never would meet again this side of the grave was close at hand. For Miss Surratt and her companion it was a moment of agony as trying as the long wait at the President's door. Once more it seemed a case of sheer despair and once more a carriage came dashing up to the rescue.





