DESERET EVENING NEWS.

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We have assembled ourselves together this afternoon, according to our usual custom, to worship the Lord our God and to partake of the Lord's Supper, in commemoration of the death and sufferings of our Great Redeemer. In this manner we show forth his death until he comes. By attending to our

Heaven by whom salvation can come. There is no other being or name, no was done anciently? other person appointed, no individual that has received authority to open up the way of salvation to the human the Latter-day Saints, and the whole family, only our Lord and Savior Jesus Christian world. It is one of the great family, only our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is he in whom the Latterday Saints believe; it is he whom we worship." We also worship the Father in his name. It is the gospel which He has revealed which we have received. It is the Holy Ghost which the Father bestows upon the children of men, through His name, by which we are sanctified and made pure in heart. The gospel of the Son of God is not a doctrine of late invention; but it is an

Enoch, Abraham, Moses, or the prophets, as well as in the days of Christ, The same gospel that was preached by the Apostles, was also preached by the ancient patriarchs and antediluvians. now to the Latter-day Saints. There has been a variety of dispensations of this gospel, made manifest to the human family. We have had in addition to the law of the gospel, many ordinan-ces and institutions given to the children of men, suited to their particular circumstances, and to the conditions in which they were placed. In the days of Moses, for instance, certain laws and ordinances were revealed from Heaven, suited to the con-dition of that people. But they had the gospel preached to them before the law of carnal commandments was revealed. Hence Paul says, in his epistle to the Hebrews, the gospel was preached to them as well as unto us, that is, to those who were in the wilderness with Moses. They had the gospel; but it did not profit them, says Paul, not being mixed with faith in the mathematic mixed with faith in them that heard it. Hence they had to be dealt with and chastised for their unbelief and rebel-The Lord had to afflict them, cutting many of them off and swearing in His wrath that they should not enter into His rest. The gospel was also preached to Abra-ham. The same gospel by which the heathens were saved in the days of the apostles was known and preached in the days of Abraham. The same gospel that, according to the testimony of the New Testament, brought life and im-mortality to light was preached before the days of Abraham to Enoch, and through understanding the principles of that gospel his faith in the principles of immortality and eternal life became so strong that he was translated and taken to Heaven without seeing death. In these latter times the Lord our God has condescended to send a dispensation of His gospel to the human family. You may enquire, what is the purpose the Lord has in view in sending the gospel in this age? Have we not here the books that contain the gcspel of the Son of God, as it was preached in ancient times? Have we

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What use would be the Lord's Supper, of which we are now partaking, if we should go and preach it all the days of our lives, provided there were no per-sons authorized to administer the ordi-nance? None at all. They could not partake of the ordinance acceptably be-fore God. We could not results the solution of St. Peter in Rome. Again, come down to about three centuries ago, when the first Reformers did not then receive the Holy Ghost. But when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that the Samaritane had received the letter of the word, through Philip, for authority. They have invented articles of faith, and these alone are the basis of their authority. As a semule basis of their authority. As a sample and laid their hands upon them, they we may take the Church of England in of sins, unless there were some person the days of King Henry the Eighth. sent by new revelation to administer We may also take the Reformers on the In this manner we show forth his death until he comes. By attending to this ordinance, and all other ordinances and institutions of the Kingdom of God, we witness before God, before angels and before one another, that we are His Jesus is the only name given under Jesus is the only name given under and confirm the gift of the Holy Ghost upon the heads of baptized believers, as "Mother." They exclaim, "No revela-tion, no voice of God; no inspired prophet or apostle; no communications with the heavens, no ministration of Here is the great question between angels."

Well then what have you got? 'Oh, we have the scriptures of the old and fundamental principles at issue between us and the whole world. And it is New Testament. But the scriptures do dren of men. something of the greatest importance. It is not one of the non-essentials; but it is something that concerns the whole human family, no matter whether they are religious people or irreligious; whether believers in the Bible or unbelievers, or whether they are of this, that "the scriptures tell us to go into all the | are ready to answer this question. or the other sect. This is not the questdoctrine of late invention; but it is an tion; but the great question is, has God world and preach the gospel to every As God, from time to time, since the old doctrine a doctrine that was made authority among the nations to preach, creature." They do not tell you any beginning, gave His authority to men,

received the Holy Ghost. Here then is an instance of the minis-tration of the spirit as well as of the continent of Europe under Martin water. Here was a power that attended mon whose surname was Peter, and he Opposite Wells, Fargo & Co's Bank and Express Luther, Calvin, and various other great the ancient apostles. They had au-

holy angel from Heaven to tell me that my prayers have ascended up to Heaven before Him? and is there any necessity loss of authority of which we have been for me to send for a man to tell me speaking. We desire to dwell upon a more pleasing subject, namely, the res more pleasing subject, namely, the res toration of authority and power to minister the word, and the ordinances, and the spirit of the gospel, to the chil-dren of men.

"Has such authority been restored "inquires one? Yes; if it has not, neither you nor I can ever obey the gospel. We may hear it preached, but we never can formers, as the individuals to go forth to baptize the people and establish the kingdom of God. "Oh, but," says one, was it restored?" The Latter-day Saints

that believeth not shall be damned." As God, from time to time, since the But is not this very severe? Is there manifest in the beginning. It has been taught in every dispensation; and all that were saved in the days of Adam, on the sick and command them in the Titus or Barnabas, but it meant the you, that God has sent a messenger among the Pharisees, Sadducees, and from the courts of glory, down to our Herodians, and good people of all sects S C H E L E R phets, as well as in the days of Christ, and since His day, were saved through belief in the Son of God, and in His gespel. This great plan was revealed to mankind in the early ages of the world as well as in the meridian of time. The same gospel that was preached by crament, but God will never receive the others. Paul could have had no author- lieved this with all their hearts. An angel has been sent. What for? In the first place to reveal the Book of Mormon, scontaining the testimony of the of the individuals who received it from unauthorized hands. What testimony have we that there has been no authority for many gener-ations, or from the days of the ancient apostles until the present century? Have we any evidence in relation to this matter? We are sorry to say that we have so much that we are obliged to believe that darkness has truly reigned over the inhabitants of the earth, and gress darkness has filled their minds. We will present a little testi-mony before this assembly, this after-noon, on this subject; but as it is a subin His side. They saw Him descend ing it. If it be not true, all mankind we need not dwell upon it long. One of the greatest evidences that can be offered that authority to preach the gospel and administer in its ordi-mances has ceased from the days of the apostles down to the preach time of the preach time of the preach under this apostles down to the preach time of the preach time of the preach under this apostles down to the preach time of the preach time of the preach under this apostles down to the preach time of the preach time of the preach under this apostles down to the preach time of the preach time the multitude assembled on that occasion. They gathered themselves to-gether day after day as far as they could lar to what was given to the apostles in to hear Him teach." They felt His power as well as the people on the Eastern Continent. The glorious principles of the gospel-were taught to them as well as to the Jews at subject. Admit that after the apostes fell asleep there was no further revela-tion, that the canon of scripture was closed up at the end of the first cen-closed up at the end of the first cen-to America to act as Minister Plenipo-tentiary." We again ask him, by what tentiary." We again ask him, by what Jerusalem. They had the privilege of being immersed in water for the remisbeing immersed in water for the remis-sion of their sins, and having hands laid into all the world, and whatsoever place heard His voice proclaiming the gospel which he had introduced for the salva-tion of the children of men, and also explaining the scriptures and prophecies and unfolding all things that should happen even down to the end of time. They wrote His teachings as did Mark, Matthew, Luke and dohn. The teach-ings and writings of the disciples and apostles that were called on this Ameriof God as was Aaron. Turn over to the Book of Exedus if you wish to learn how Aaron was called. God, in the first place, by His own voice, and by the ministration of an angel, called His servant Moses, raised him up as a great and mighty prophet, gave him authori-ty from the heavensto administer in the World. That testimony has been brought to us. How? By the ministra-

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whole Christian world, Catholic and What would you think, Americans,-Protestant, namely that the days of re- citizens of this great Republic, if some velation have ceased, that the canon of man in Great Britain should take it into Scripture is closed and full. ______ his head to come over here, to this counhis head to come over here, to this coun-Now supposing we admit this, for the try of ours to represent the inhabitants sake of reasoning a little while on the subject. Admit that after the apostles fell asleep there was no further revelatury of the Christian era. If we admit this you see the dilemma into which the whole world is plunged. No man can receive the priesthood and authori-of course, pretend to some authority? of course, pretend to some authority? ty to administer either in word, in "Oh. yes," says he, "but I have no new doctrine or in ordinances without new commission, I have an old one given to

they had, they all had to bow to that one system, that one ordinance, that one church, and be united heart and hand in the building up of that kingdom, and outside of that there was no salvation.

Now, If it be true, as I said, in the first place, that God had sent His angels and that He had conferred the apostleship, and given authority to administer in His name; if this be true is there a man or woman, Jew. or Gentile, Ma-hommedan or Pagan, rich or poor, among the priests or people that can be saved without receiving the Book of Mormon and the authority that God has established? No. not one, if they have had the opportunity of hearing and receivgiven then. A new revelation has been days of old.

I will read a little in relation to this authority, in a revelation given in the early rise of this church to the apostles, and the authorities of this church who had been called by revelation from the ye cannot go into ye shall send, that the testimony may go from you inte all the world unto every creature. And as I said unto mine apostles, even so I say unto you, for you are mine spostles, even God's high priests. Ye are they whom my Father hath given me; ye are my friends; therefore as I said unto mine apostles I say unto you again, that every soul who believeth on your words and is baptized by water for the remission of sins shall receive the Holy Ghost, and these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name they shall do many wonderful works; in my name they shall cast out devils; in my name they shall heal the sick- in my name they shall open the sick- in my name they shall open the eyes of the blind, and unstop the cars of the deaf; and the tongue of the dumb shall speak;



