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DISCOURSE

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I hope I shall be able to speak to the congregation so that they will hear me; to do so the people must cease whispering, or making any noise with their feet, and they must pay close attention. I desire, the prayers of the Saints to assist me, to give me strength and wisdom so that I may say a few things which shall be profitable to them and myself. 18

instruct them since the commencement of this Conference. I wish to say a few words to them as a body of men who are set to bers of his Ward in buying farms, cultivapreside, guide and dictate in temporal affairs. While we are partaking of the bread and witnessing to God the Father in the pursuit of mechanical labor, or in that we always remember His Son Jesus Christ, let us draw in our hearts to worship Him in truth, acknowledge Him in sincerity and believe on him with all our hearts, so that we may have the spirit of charity in our bosoms, which will lead us do this on the present occasion and on all others when the sacrament is administered.

be equally instructive to the Saints com- omy of God, and His providences to His posing the wards over which the Bishops | children; but take the masses of the Latterare engaged in building up the kingdom of the dispensation of the failness of times, - years, grinding, grinding, grinding, bringkingdom of Gol, requires a great deal of lifthere is anything on it that should not knowledge from God. The scanty history be, we are ready to cut it out, then mould or sketches that we possess in the sayings the remainder, heat is and make vessels of to the building up of Zion on the earth; an f into the mill and ground over again. Bewithout the revelations of Jesus to His peo- sides this, we are all the time digging in ple who are called to perform this work. the mountains and bringing in new clay they would be altogether useless. It would in our carts and wagons, and we fling the be labor in vain for any people to rely for new elay into the same mill, and keep on guidance upon these alone in establishing grinding the new and the old, the old with the kingdom and laws of God upon the the new, the new with the old until it is earth, gathering the honest, in heart from prepared to mould into vessels of honor

have to give an account for every blessing that has been bestowed upon them: of all the knowledge, wisdom, light, intelligence and worldly means they have possessed, and also of their standing, and their con-

to repent of their sins, and to be baptized ino that faith in God and In His Son Jesus Christ, and obedience to the ordinances of the gospel of life and salvation are required; but in addition to all this, we should be

hood of the Son of God in all our labors, understand this? If we do not now the We have not called the bishops together to time will come when we shall have to do

so. The question often arises: "What has a Bishop to do with the mem-

ting the ground, keeping a herd, raising stock or grain, in dealing in merchandize, the arts and sciences?'

A person says:

"What has my bishop to do with me, if I am disposed to traffic and trade and get gain in this, or any other city?"

I merely answer the question, very to forgive one another our trespasses that briefly, he has everything to do with you we may be forgiven. Let us endeavor to and me. This may be a strange saying, even to many called Latter-day Saints. There are men and women in the church In my remarks to the Bishops, I expect who have studied the priesthood and its and hope and trust and pray that they will effects until they can understand the econpreside; for they, equally with the Bishops, day Saints and they are ignorant of them. If we had Brother Heber C. Kimball God on the earth. The business or labor here he would explain it in this way: We assigned to the Latter-day Saints in this, have had clay in the mill for nearly forty the time of times, -in building up the ing it out and working it on the table, and of the prophets and of Jesus and the Apos- it; or If it is not prepared, and some little tles give but a very faint idea with regard things are still wanting, it is thrown back

have any.

Court. When a person knows by experifor the remission of them; and humble ence he knows it just as it is, "Well what *President BRIGHAM YOUNG, de-*livered in the New Tabernacle, Oct. 10th, 1869. who harbor and foster such a notion will and you want to know how to accomplish ind themselves mistaken in the cred. It is most effectually the desires of your hearts. Tell them you have been here and have gained experience, and say, "now what can we do to build up Zion?" You may pos-sibly go to a bishop who has so much your imperative duty, and is required of governed, guided and controlled by the dictate you, and he may stand awnile and Spirit of the Lord to enable you'to judge principles of that gospel and by the priest- finally say, "well, I guess I don't know righteously and to give judgment to each hood of the Son of God in all our labors, what to say." When you come across such and every one without a feeling of partiality business transactions and acts through our this duty. He is one of those nien who look chastened a man let your feelings towards entire lives. Can we, as Latter-day Saints, after earthly gain instead of after the welfare him be just the same as before, and live, of Zion. That bishop says, "the burden of continually, so that you can chasten a child. building up the Kingdom of God is on the a family or your entire Ward without any Presidency and the Twelve and those mis-sionaries who have been called to labor in the vineyard. I have nothing to do with it." I want to say his to the bishops, if you this. From this time forth I never want to the regulation and dictation of the affairs of op, presiding officer or high council has given to another. I want you to hear this. learn everything, then, if you have the Oh, ye bishops of Israel! I have already Spirit of the Lord, you can judge righteoussaid that bishop's require a great amount ly. If the bishops will take this course of patience; this is true. They also require they will have influence in their Wards. a great amount of wisdom to magnify their | Sometimes a bishop will complain of having holy calling. I will ask a question: Did no influence. When such is the case it is you ever, when you were hones', and sincere, go to the Father and ask for knowl- not because God is negligent. All such edge, in the name of Jesus Christ, with out bishops live so that the justice, judgment, receiving the light you needed? I can ans- loving kindness and mercy of God cannot wer the question for you-you never did. get to their hearts, or they would be filled

act as presidents as well as bishops of their wisdom, judgment and decision and they Wards they should take charge of, and di-rect the temporal and spiritual labors of every member of their respective Wards. Do they do it? No, they do not. "Well," lors and all who sit in judgment in the dictate them. "I will say to the bishops that you will render righteous judgments, the in every good word and work, you must and justified, and will reforce in the midst lead out yourselves, and set the example. of Israel. When a bishop is called to dictate and direct home-manufactures and other interests of the ward, he should lead out, and have his the Latter-day Saints walk up to their dubonnets and clothing. Perhaps they may say to the First Presidency, "do your fami-lies do these things? I will acknowledge factory built in your Ward; or we want that they do not. What is to be done? I your Ward to have so many sheep, or so do not know but that we shall have to many cattle, or to raise so much sugarmake a Ward by ourselves and introduce cane, or so much flax or hemp; make this home manufacture and invite all to join us railroad, build your school house or meetwho will covenant to do the same. If I inghouse; go to work on the Tempie or were too close or exacting with my wives Tabernacle, improve here or improve there they might leave me, and I should be verry and give to the poor so that none need go sorry for that, but perhaps I should be bet- hungry; and it will only have to be said to ter without them than with them if they be done, and done promptly; there will be would not hearken to me. Of this I leave no more words about it. If I live in the Israel to judge. I can say, for myself, I flesh to see this people as they ought to be, would rather be in these mountains with I shall see all this and much more. two or three hundred good elders to contend against the prejudices of the whole half hearted. Like Gideon, when going against the Midianites, I should prefer the few, who would lap water like a dog, if they were of the right kind, than millions of any other kind. We could do more, do it faster, and do it better than we could with multitudes of the wicked, or of those who were half hearted in observing the precepts of the Lord. The question may be asked, is this in-took hold and did manfully and well. A great sluded in the priesthood? Yes, it is; this many individuals have run to the Superis the effect of the priesthood. The priest hood of the Son of God is eternal. It fills immensity and governs all things. This priesthood has been revealed from heaven, to the enildren of men, by the Almighty, though in a small degree, and its effects are beginning to manifest themselves. What is the greatest miracle that can be wrought before God, our Savior, angels, he invabitants of the earth or the inhabitants of the infernal regions? Is it for them to understand the modus operandi I do the basi?" This is the chief concern raising the dead or mealing the sick? No, the cause of this? Is it because Brother it is not. It is in bringing a people to strict obedience to the rule of the priesthood. This is the greatest of all miracles takes the right course and leads out. Heis and the greatest testimony to God, to all honest, upright, merciful and forgiving, the heavenly nost, to the devils in hell and and his loving kindness is extended to all. Priesthood of the Son of God will extend world, and "if I can go," say they, "to work to the inhabitants of the earth that the He knows what to do; heis a good business Latter-day Saints are the people of God. The greatest miracle that can be wrought there is not a word said about it by any on the face of the earth is for the power of the priesthood to make the people one, praise of this. and this tremendous labor devolves in a great measure upon the home ministry, which includes the bishops, priests, teachers and deacons. By virtue of their high- my circle, and I can not walk out of it. priesthood bishops act as Presidents in Instead of their minds expanding and heir Wards as well as in the bishopric; reaching over, they are contracting. Again but if we had the literal descendants of to the Bishops, there are some of them who Aaron to act as bishops we should then be do not treat the members of their Wards under the necessity of appointing high like the members of one family, they are priests to preside in the Wards and settle- treated like strangers, who, in their busiments. I am ready to help them, and am doing it all the time. The first Presidency other. are co-workers with you, in God, to sanctify the whole people and bring them to a knowledge of the truth, and to reveal to them the mind and will of God, and to lead them along step by step until the our merchants to the quick; I am convinced officers of this people officate commenda-bly before the heavens. Some may say "if the Presidency does not set the example how can we follow?" We shall, if it is absolutely necessary, take their former system of carrying on busianother step in this direction, and call upon ness; yet there are those who, if they could, the elders of Israel to know who will build would grab up the means to-day, every up Zion, and no other kingdom or influ- dime of it, and make the people pay twentyence on the face of the earth. This would five or thirty cents for a yard of calico. draw the line, and this book, (the Bible) The movement now inaugurated amongst says the kingdom of God in the latter days, is to be like a net cast into the sea, which would gather of all kinds, good and bad. This net is now circumscribing a year. I have been striving for it ever the whole world, and we expect the good since I have been in these valleys, and durand bad will be gathered together, and it ing the whole of the time have labored, is not exactly time yet to draw this line of toiled, preached, guided and counselled for distinction between those who are wholly its accomplishment. devoted to the kingdom of God, and those who are devoted to it only in part. If we were to draw this line now it would not be according to the design of Heaven. The Elders of Israel are casting the good seed of the word of God among the people, and that that does not fall among the rocks and become parched, or dried up, or choked, takes root and brings forth, some thirty some sixty and some an hundred fold There are agreat many tares in this field. What shall we do, pull up the tares? No, if we do we shall pull up some of the wheat, so we must let them grow together until the time of separation comes. When men or thinks about it? Very few ever give a apostatize from the church, we must, of thought to it. This shows the ignorance of

gathered, say "Brother Brigham, Brother the earth, and they have a bishop who is dilremove this bishop out of the way so

power of Satan on the earth. A few words more to the bishops; and I wish them to hearken and give ear to this: bishop, know that he is not in the line of one way or the other; and when you have do not devote your whole time and labor to have anybody come to me and say, a bishyour wards, in the end the honor and power decided partially or in a one-sided manner. because he lives beneath his privileges, and What is the duty of the bishops? If they with the spirit of revelation, knowledge,

> would judge righteous judgment. These remarks are not only applicable to Bishops but to Presidents, High Council-

I will now go a little further with my remarks. If I live upon the earth until when I can say to a Bishop, we want this canal dug, we want that field made, or that I shall see all this and much more.

ever, in their duties and callings as well as George, or Brother Daniel, or any other in authority, if you want any work done I am here to do it, no matter about the pay, I guess I can get something to eat if the rest if the rest of us. They must wake up and bers of that Ward will be united in their faith and works as one man, they will turber to do us they are told. "The First Presidency has told my Ward to Is this the priesthood? It is the result of quickly that they will hardly know how it do soand so, and I suppose we must go to and know of any office more responsible than that of a Bishop. A great many persons have supposed that, after being honest and sincere enough one? I know by experience, and that is the bishops are not to sit down and say the ciple to cease doing so, or give up papers just as good evidence as I want in my Twelve will dictate us; the Twelve are not and cease holding the bishopric. You to sit down and say the First Presidency is to dictate us, and the First Presidency cannot sit down and say, let the Lord do it; but, as one man, they should all reach forth, in the power and strength of God, to because they tell you to do it, do it because your minds are open and quick, and the

spirit of truth manifests to you that that is what should be done. Do it because it ought to be done, and not becruse anybody says so. Is not this correct? It is, and every Saint knows it, and we should all worldly care on his mind, and who is so you by the authorities of this Kingdom, by live so that we may enjoy the revelations vexatious little appendage called the TENSION anxious to get rich, that be can not exactly God and angels, to have enough of the of the Holy Spirit, then we should understand things past, present and to come, for an i then look at the only tension that mana-it is the office of the Holy Ghost to reveal ges itself. The only SELF-ADJUSTING TENSION these things to the minds of those who in use is attached to the FLORENCE Machine possess it, and to bring all things to their remembrance that are necessary for them to understand.

Bishops, never do another thing because anybody says "do it." When you do as you are required, let it be because you are prompted and dictated by the Holy Ghost and the revelations of the Lord Jesus Christ. Although many men live, not possessing the full amount of inspiration they might enjoy, they will say "brethren" we never knew you to be mistaken; taking your counof that preisthood which has been confer. All who sit to preside or judge should hear sel has always proved the best for us." red upon you will be taken from you and both sides of the question-listen diligently, say to the elders of Israel when you are counseled to take a certain course, or to do certain things, act in accordance with that counsel. If you do not see it exactly, go to with your might until the revelations of disease. To all who feel thus, we suggest the God reveal it to you. You can all do as much they try a bottle of the Red Jocket Billers which as Colonel Little did on one occasion, when Marshal of the city. He was told to do a certain thing. Said he, "I know it is true, but I do not believe a word of it." He could not believe it, reach it and grasp the spirit of it, and say, yes I can see the result of it; but his judgement'said "I know it is right." Now brethren, bishops, when weask you to do anything, no matter what it is, go to and do it, for the simple reason that we

never ask you to do anything only what you ought to do, and, we are at the defiance says a bishop, "I would be willing to die- midst of Israel. Live so that you can judge of the inhabitants of the earth or the regions tate if the people were willing that I should by the revelations of the Lord Jesus, then below to prove to the contrary. If you have not enough of the spirit of God to see if you wish to be successful in dictating and wicked will not have power to contend its propriety and to understand all the managing your Wards, in all their affairs, against you, the innocent will be satisfied workings of it, and to know its utility, go to with your might, with faith in God, until you get the revelations of Jesus upon you,

then you will know for yourselves. I have only said a little; I should like to say more to the brethren and sisters, but patch. own family manufacture their own hats, ties and privileges I shall see the time I shall defer my remarks to a future occasion. God bless you. Amen.

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the nations, gathering home and protecting unto God. This is the way Brother Heber the House of Israel an i preparing the way | would have explained it.

for the coming of the Son of Man. This great work must be dictated, guided, and people to attempt to accomplish this work without the Priesthood.

The Priesthood of the Son of God is from inquire around what does a plasterer get a worlds are and were created, and the power by which they are now held in excome will be organized, governed, controlled and sustained. This Priesthood must come to the children of men, in order of establishing the Kingdom of God upon the earth. This Priesthood must govern build up this Kingdom; and the rule of the to every aveaue, and will control every department of the labor of those engaged in this great work. This Priesthood must govern and control or else the people will never become perfect.

The Bishops are the class whose labors are more arduous and tedious, more patiencewearing, faith-requiring and love-abounding than any other elders in Israel. No other class of elders require the same amount of wisdom, grace, and the power of God to dictate the affairs of His Zion upon the earth as the class called bishops; and what will be good for the bishops will be good for the people over whom they preside.

It has been said to us, and scripture has been quoted, that 'a bishop should be blameless." He should be in all things; he should know how to preserve himself in all integrity before the Lord, in the honesty of his intentions and in the spirit of meekness. If there is any difference among the elders of Israel, I am not prepared to say there is, but if there is, he who is called to act in than any others; but every creature who Heaven should seek continually to live according to the dictates of the Holy Spirit and in the enjoyment of the light, wisdom and intelligence which proceed from Him. To do this according to the mind and will of God, requires the whole heart, the whole being, the whole man; as Jesus has said: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind and with all thy strength."

All who hold the Priesthood of the Son of God should devote themselves entirely to magnifying their calling; no matter how seemingly insignificant that calling may be, it requires every effort of which a person is capable. If persons be only lay

A word now to the new-comer. We have brought several thousand here this year. directed, day by day, by the revelations of Some have come with their own means; the Lord Jesus, by the Father, an angel, or but a good many have been assisted. What by some messenger that God shall see fit to is the idea of many of these new comers? send to the people. It is useless for any Simply this of have got home to Zion, I am going to work now to get rich. I am looking about to see where I can get work. They

everlasting to everlasting; it is without day? Twenty dollars. What does a paperbegianing of days or end of years, or time. hanger make? Twenty five dollars. What It is without father, without mother, with- does a common mason get a day for laying out descent; it is the power by which the fock, brick or adobies? Oh, he certainly wants ton dollars a day. "Well," says the new-comer, "I do not want anybody to istence, and by which all that are yet to know that I used to work for five, ten, eighteen, or twenty shillings per week, for I want to make my five or ten dollars a day now. Where can I get it? Where can with many, and their unads are on the stretch to make means. Do such persons and control the people who undertake to think of Zion? No, Zion will take care of herself, the King of Zion owns the whole and get rich, that is all I want." Every such mind leaps forth into an unknown sea. and the first thing its possessor will know. he has no faith left in the gospel, and this is the cause of the "isms," schisms, dreams, imaginations and apostasy that abound.

The whole business that the Latter-Jay Saints have to look after is the building up of Zion on the earth; no matter whether they came here twenty-two years ago or are new-comercy whether they are just baptized or have been in the Church for years. Your labor is to build up the Kingdom of God. Says a man: "I am not ordained." That makes no difference. Are you a member of the Kingdom? "Yes," Well, we want all the men and women in the Church to spend their whole time in building up Zion, saith the Lord Aimighty. We have no time, then, to look out for speculation. Sometimes, to illustrate, I have referred to payself. I expect I was about as poor a man as ever gathered with the Saints. The little property I had when I came into the Church I gave to my friends, and I went preaching the gospel everywhere I could until I was called home to the gathering place, und was as poor as any uran ever need to be. The first inquiry of mine to the office of a bishop should be more perfect the prophet was "What can I do to build dp Zon?" The prophet had told us never than any others; but every creature who to spend another day to build up ar outside has named the name of our Father in city, or a city of the world; for the business of the Latter-day Saints wasito build up Zion. When I inquired for work I found enty who wanted to get work done; but they had nothing to pay for it. The word was, "we can hire you but we cannot pay you the first dollar or sixpence." I did not ask, what can you pay me, but "where is the work that wants to be done? I am here to do it.' Pardon me for this digression; it is just as

good an illustration as I can give. I have worked for Zion from that day to this, instead of working for myself .- God has given me the means I possess, for I have never sought it. I have paid all attention to the work that the Lord has called me to, and the Lord has made me rich through being obedient in all things instead of half-hearted in His cause.

Let the inquiry be, with the new-comers,

I frequently think of a little circumstance that has transpired this season, in buildworld, than to have a million who were ing our railread from Ogden to this city All who know anything about my work on the Union Pacific road, know that the money for doing that work has not yet seen paid. We are getting iron in lieu of noney, and we are going to place it where it will do us good. The grading on our home-line is very light, and is being done chiefly by the Wards lying between this city and the Central road. Brother West

> intendent asking for a job here or there. and requesting this or that for their pay, When we came to Kaysville, Bishop Christopher Layton said "I and my Ward will do so much of the work," and rom the time the work commenced until the present, our Superintendent tells me that no member of that Ward has said one word about it. They said they would do so much and they have done it. This is the only Ward in Israel that I hnow of that has done as they were counseled. What is

Layton is peculiarly adapted for acquiring influence? I do not know that it is; but he man. He says we will do so and so, and member of his Ward. I will give him the

There are many of our Elders who do not apply their minds to the building up of Zion; it is all self,-my little self. I have Anvils, Blacksmiths' Bellows. Plow Steel, Cast and Spring Steel, Nuts and Washers, Carriage Bolts, ness transactions, mean to cheat each

I expect to live to see the time when men will cease being so greedy. I am pretty well convinced that our Co-operative system here, in our wholesale store, touches that some of them are so sore that if you were to lay the weight of your finger on them it would hurt them. Many of them, however, have done woll in yielding up would grab up the means to-day, every us for the destruction of monopoly, al-DUNFORD & SONS

I have said many times that I can tell any Boots, people, if they will follow my counsel, how to get rich. I have been telling you how to do so this afternoon. If you will build up Zion, you will get rich. If some of our merchants had had their way for the past six or eight months, they would have drawn from the means of the Latter-day Saints living in these mountains from five to eight hundred thousand dollars, which they now have to dispose of in some other way; through the mercies of God and the

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