

I have I am trying to help build up this Church and labor in defense of its interests, in any humble capacity in which I may be situated.

You will recollect that some few years ago one amongst the Apostles took the ground that our Savior was as any other ordinary man; that he lived, was tried and convicted, sentenced, and executed the same as any other person accused of crime would be. And when these things were brought to light, you will recollect that he was removed out of his place. This thing struck deep into my heart. This circumstance struck into me like molten lead and it went down into my soul. I thought what do I know about the Lord, our great Captain? What do I know about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, our great Redeemer? And yet I am called to be an Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ to represent Him on the earth. It came to me with such force that I prayed and fasted. I searched the Scripture, prayed unto God, until He, in His pleasure showed it unto me. And I can say, I know that my Redeemer lives and that He will come and stand again upon the earth in the latter days. He came upon the earth in the meridian of time, but the inhabitants of the earth did not want to listen to His instructions. He came and went through His ministry, until the earth and the inhabitants thereof did not want to listen to or associate with Him. He triumphed over death, hell and the grave and ascended up on High, and there will remain until his enemies shall be made his footstool. You and I are called upon to prepare ourselves in body and in spirit, for his coming—for His glorious return, when He shall come and bring His ransomed throngs with Him.

No earthly potentate, be he emperor, king, noble, czar, lord or judge, has ever held any title, nor has ever had any such prestige and demanded such wide-spread attention from the human family as has thus our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the Captain of our salvation.

The revelations to which President Woodruff has referred us this morning contain testimonies which have come down to us through the ages. We know they are true. We know He passed through that fiery ordeal and wrought out the salvation and resurrection for all mankind, and we are now looking for the time when these things shall come to pass which are therein contained.

We are living in times when men's minds are darkened. This nation and people have turned a deaf ear. Their hearts are hard and they seem to be blighted and have no desire to know the truth. They will not listen to us. They have turned their hearts away and they do not care to know anything about the kingdom of God.

We understand through the revelations that the great father of lies is the author of this condition of things. He was a liar from the beginning. He is the master of these lies and slanderous reports and ideas circulated against us, and he is keeping the people under that

cloud of falsehood that they might not come to a knowledge of the truth. The blood of the prophets is upon them, and while this is the condition of things, and while we cannot be heard by the people of the world in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, let us go to our dead, get the records of our ancestry and work in the Temples for them and we will find that when we have gone as far as we can we will have the ministration of those we are working for. This has been the case with many already. Manifestations from the dead have been made to people working in the Temples.

Brother Richards concluded with an exhortation to the Saints to remain faithful to their covenants.

President Cannon announced that as the Tabernacle was not large enough to hold the people, an overflow meeting would be held in the Assembly Hall in the afternoon.

The choir sang:

Arise! Shine! for thy light is come.

Adjourned till 2 p. m.

Benediction by Bishop Orson F. Whitney.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singing:

Let us pray, gladly pray,
In the house of Jehovah.
Till the righteous can say,
"Oh, our warfare is over."

Prayer was offered by Apostle Abraham H. Cannon.

The choir sang:

Jesus, once of humble birth,
Now in glory comes to earth;
Once He suffered grief and pain,
Now He comes on earth to reign.

The Priesthood of the Fifteenth Ward officiated in the administration of the sacrament.

President George Q. Cannon addressed the conference. He read from the Book of Mormon a portion of the 27th chapter of Mosiah. He then referred to the organization of the Church with six members, sixty years ago today, and spoke of the manifestations of the power of God in behalf of the Saints in the various trying circumstances through which they had passed. These manifestations were a great testimony to the people that God had not forgotten his promises, and enabled His people to await the future with confidence and in serenity, for they knew their feet were planted on the rock of truth. In their religion God had embodied all truth. The speaker named some of the inconsistent ideas regarding future rewards and punishments which were believed in by the Christian world when the Church was organized, and called attention to the true order of the plan of salvation. He then spoke of the plainness, beauty and comprehensiveness of the Gospel which God had revealed through His Prophets, and closed with a powerful exhortation to the Saints to devote themselves to the service of the most High by living in harmony with his divine laws. The discourse was reported in full.

President Wilford Woodruff said: Before this conference closes there is a subject I wish to say a few

words upon. Brother Cannon has today laid before us the truth with regard to the ordinances of the Holy Gospel, the revelations of Jesus Christ and the principles pertaining to the salvation of this people, which are revealed to us in the Bible, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and are given through the living oracles. Paul says there is but one Gospel, and "Though we or an angel from heaven preach any other Gospel than that which I have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Whenever there has been any baptism from the days of Father Adam, or Moses, when he crossed the Red Sea, down to the days of Jesus Christ, and Joseph Smith, it has always been the same. There has never been any change in the Gospel ordinances, in baptism or repentance; no change in the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There has been no change in the manner of receiving them; no change in the reception of the Holy Ghost. It is so in every age and generation of the world. There is no change in the holy resurrection of the children of men from the grave. These principles have all been reserved to us. I wish to say that in my acquaintance in this Church, I have seen men, from time to time rise up and try to be servants of God. They try to explain things they know nothing about, to make themselves appear clever. There is a great deal of this kind of thing in this age. There was one of the leading Elders of the Church who went before the people and undertook to preach certain principles. Joseph heard of it and desired him to present the doctrine to him in writing. He wrote it, and when he completed it read it to the Prophet. He asked Joseph what he thought of it. "Why," said Joseph, "it is a beautiful system, I have but one fault to find with it—What is that, Brother Joseph?" Joseph said—"It is not true." So I say, every little while someone, thinking he is smart, tries to teach something that is not in the Doctrine and Covenants and other Church works, and which is not true.

I, myself, sat for over two hours once in a meeting house, in St. Louis, listening to a prominent Elder of this Church, who had called the people together to preach to them the doctrine of the, what was called, "baby resurrection." He preached to two or three thousand people, and there was not a word of truth in the doctrine. I thought he ought to know better. In the afternoon I was called upon to speak. After meeting there were a great many people gathered around me and asked what I thought of the man's sermon. I replied, it is all nonsense. Well, that is just how I felt. It is no benefit in this world for men to preach such false doctrine. And now, every little while, I hear of some one of the Elders, who wishes to be considered smart, trying to teach something they know nothing about.

The Elders have a world of truth to preach about. There is enough revealed to fill the whole earth as