

SERVICES AT THE TABERNACLE

Elder Howard Garrett Reports His Mission to the Eastern States.

DISCOURSE BY ELDER PAUL.

**Sectarian Ideas of Hell—The Plan of
Salvation Revealed to the Saints—
Resurrection for All Mankind.**

The services in the Tabernacle yesterday afternoon were presided over by President Angus M. Cannon, and were opened by the choir singing the hymn commencing, "Lo, the mighty God appearing."

The opening prayer was offered by Bishop W. B. Preston.

The services were continued by the choir singing the hymn beginning with the words, "Jesus, once of humble birth."

Elder Howard Garrett, recently returned from a mission to the Eastern States, was the first speaker. He said the only purpose he had in standing before the people was to bear testimony to the divinity of the work in

which the Latter-day Saints are engaged. He led for his mission in 1840, and for his labor in Greater New York, and, said he, it is astonishing what the Elders have accomplished there in the last two or three years. He said that he had been in New Jersey, where he met men who had heard the Elders in the early 40's, and their words had made such an impression upon them that they could not forget them. Elder Garrett said he enjoyed exceedingly the two years that he had spent in the mission here, and regarded those two years as the best of his life. He bore strong testimony that he had seen the sick healed by the power of God, and had seen His power manifested upon the Elders, and that he had seen the Lord in great city of New York. The speaker bore strong testimony that Lorenzo Snow was a Prophet of God, and that those who would obtain an exaltation in the kingdom of God,

The next speaker was President J. H. Paul of the Latter-day Saints college, who said he had nothing particular upon his mind that was striving for utterance, and that it had been his experience that when he had something upon his mind that he would like to tell the people, he had seldom had the opportunity to tell it.

The speaker stated that when he was called to preach the Gospel to the world, he was not at all conscious of the divinity of the Gospel, and he felt that if the world had anything to offer him, he would have accepted it, which he already possessed. He was ready to accept it. When he was called to go on to the heathen, he felt that the servant of God told him that if he would go out and open his mouth the Lord would give him strength. He felt that the Lord told the people that he and his companions were the fruits of that they called the Gospel. He felt that the Lord had picked up at random, and if they found them to be good fruit, or if they found them to be bad fruit, the people of the world, the people must conclude that they are of the good tree. The speaker was told by one of the crowd that he was addressing that Joseph Smith was inspired by the devil. What for? He asked the speaker, "Does the Lord say that man should be able to believe that Jesus is the Christ?" "A house divided against itself cannot

Elder Pius said the people in the world could not believe that the Lord would reveal Himself to a small people in a remote section of the world. In answer to the question, "Did the Lord to Moses was quoted by the speaker, in which the Lord said He had spoken to the people not because they were numerous, but because they were but a few." Many other passages were quoted showing that God would accept the truth and obtain eternal life for those who seek it, and narrow way would be found indeed. But the people of the various sects cannot see it is possible that the vast majority can be saved. The speaker has said that the multitude would walk in the broad way, and the few who are true to life would be persecuted and evil men would be exalted. Evil would be spoken against them falsely for His sake. This brought forth objection from the sects. "Do you think the good will be lost?" "The truth will be lost except yourselves." "No," replied the speaker, "all that is left eventually be saved." What is to become of the world? he asked. Just ages, asked the speaker, Plato, and Socrates and other sages, Brutus, "the Roman of them all," whose name was given to the American nation. "He was in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world to save a man," still they be cast into the abyss; how long will it last? they will "say the theology of the world. The speaker then quoted from orthodox sources, which proclaims the doctrine that we shall suffer in the agonies of hell through all eternity. The doctrine of the Bible called the Christadelphians was then explained, and it was shown thus that he never having obeyed the Gospel, shall lie in the oblivion of eternal sleep. "Which would you prefer," asked the speaker, "eternal suffering in hell or eternal annihilation?"

"The dilemma," suggested the speaker, "is like the position of the man who stood between the devil and the deep sea." Several passages of Scripture were then quoted showing that all the dead should rise and be judged.

In a controversy on this point with an Englishman, the speaker asked him if the glorious queen of the Britons, Boadicea, who died with her soldiers in repelling the Roman invaders, would be assigned to the everlasting pains of hell." The Briton thought that it was an awful decree, but that there was no other way.

The speaker then quoted the words of Jonathan Edwards in his description of the torments of hell, part of which was as follows: "Men and women shall see their wives and husbands and children torn from them and cast into hell until they were packed like grapes in a wine vat, and the wrath of God would crush them until the blood erupting from them would sprinkle

“I will then entered at length into the subject of the preaching of the Gospel to the spirits in prison, those who had disregarded the Prophet Noah, and quoted from the Bible to sustain the doctrine that the dead are as the living. I could have the true Gospel preachers to say, ‘We believe,’ said he, ‘in a Gospel that reaches as wide as the universe; in a Gospel of loving God who reaches after the spirits in prison.’ The speaker explained that those who are in prison shall be liberated after paying the uttermost farthing. ‘We left our Father’s court upon high, to gain an experience, and we have passed through the intermediate state, and will be graded up to that realm “where be weary cease from troubling and be at rest.”’ The choir sang the anthem, “Hosanna,” Benediction pronounced by Elder J. C. Christensen.

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