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## REMARKS

By President BRIGHAM YOUNG, Richmond, Cache valley, June 9, 1860.

REPORTED BY G. D. WATT.

I will speak to you a short time, and then we will proceed on our journey.

So far as I know, no other valley in this Territory is equal to this. This has been my opinion ever since I first saw this valley, and I greatly desire that it may be filled with Saints, and not with rowdies—not with horse thieves, murderers, and rioters, who roam over the country regardless of right. Can I have my desire gratified? If the Saints here will be faithful, will not contend one with another, and will sanctify the Lord God in their hearts, the Spirit of the Lord will reign here and make your settlements too strait for the ungodly. But if you are slack and neglectful of your duties, if you forsake your covenants and wander into darkness, the power of Satan can reign here.

Fill this valley with those who love and serve God—make your settlements as it were a Zion, an earthly paradise—and you will in the highest degree gratify my feelings and desires. It all depends upon us, brethren, whether Satan shall gain dominion over us in this kingdom God has set up, or whether he shall not. My faith is and my prayers day by day are that the Lord will reign in the midst of his Saints. The inquiry may rise, "Does the Lord reign upon the earth?" We could answer, yes, for it is his earth and he controlleth according to His pleasure, and it will yet be devoted to those who serve him. But in consequence of the agency that is given to the intelligent children of our Father and God, it is contrary to his laws, government, and character for him to dictate us in our actions, any further than we prefer. If we cleave to Him and enjoy the light of his Spirit, he will lead us day by day; but it is left to our agency, is in our option, whether we seek the counsel that comes from heaven, or take the counsel suggested to us by our common foe; this is an act of our own responsibility, independent of God or the devil.

The Lord will rule the acts of the children of men and bring out the results of those acts, but will not dictate them in their acts contrary to their own wishes. This he has already done, of which we are witnesses for him. Survey the travels of this people, and you will see that the acts of the wicked have been to destroy this kingdom, and yet God has ruled the result to promote and extend the kingdom, to exalt it and bring it into note. If the wicked had had their desire, they would have obliterated this kingdom years ago—it would have been blotted out of existence. They acted on their own will—from their own choice—but God has produced the result; and wherein they have tried to destroy us, they have built us up. Of this we are witnesses.

A few words with regard to your situation here. I discover that this is a new settlement; you have come here this spring to make a commencement, and you are rather scattered. What would you do, provided the Indians become angry and suddenly attack you? Suppose a few of them should come down here at a time when the men are scattered at their labors, what could they do to these women and children, when there is a man here, another there, and another yonder? An Indian comes to the door of a house, and before the man can arrive from a distance, his wife and children are laid low by the rifle, tomahawk, or knife. Should a small band of hostile Indians come suddenly upon your settlement, every woman and child might be destroyed, during the absence of their protectors. Ten Indians could kill every woman and child here, and break you up. Is this good policy? No. I will give you my counsel; build good stockades. Move your families and wagons close together, then, if you are disturbed, you are like a hive of bees, and every one is ready and knows at once what to do.

The Indians are wicked and ignorant; they are taught to steal, and to kill each other and the whites, and it is nonsense for you to expose yourselves—it is a weakness and error. You say that you wish to be on your lots; then unite and build some kind of common defence, that your women and children may be safe. So arrange your stacks of hay and grain that if one is burned the rest need not be set on fire by it. This is my counsel to you, and you can do with it as you please.

As you get able, put good fences around your city lots, and build houses that any person may be justly proud of. When you have done this, you have exhibited your talents in providing some of the comforts of life. But do not set your hearts on your buildings, for I would rather have you remain in your wagons and dug-outs, than do that. We have to learn how to build up Zion, and to realize, when it is built, that it is not ours until it is given to us by our Father as our eternal habitation. We own nothing but the talents God has given to us to improve upon, to show him what we will do with them.

When you have built splendid habitations, be as willing to leave them as you would to leave a dug-out. Say, "the Lord gave me ability to complete this building; it is not mine; he can dispose of it; and if he wishes me to burn it, all right, I am willing." These are the feelings every Saint should have.

Improve this valley. Perhaps many hundred more persons will move here this season, and many more settlements be made. Do not be anxious to have large farms, more than you can till; but divide your lands with your brethren, and make yourselves humble and happy. This is temporal advice, so to speak, but above all so live that the light of the Spirit of the Lord will dwell in you day by day. If you do not do this, it is hard to live 'Mormonism'; but take this course, and it is the easiest path to walk in. There are many here to-day who can say, in all truth and sincerity, that the words of Jesus, as the disciples have written them, are true: "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Many of you can say that the yoke of the gospel is the easiest a person can bear, and its burden the lightest.

I feel to bless you; and pray that you may dwell here and have wisdom to preserve yourselves and raise your children to be Saints, and sanctify yourselves that you may be prepared for the things that are to come, for great events await us.

I have not time to say more.  
God bless you. Amen.

## REMARKS

By President BRIGHAM YOUNG, Willow Creek, June 12, 1860.

REPORTED BY G. D. WATT.

Brethren and sisters, I will occupy a short time, and then give way for others who may wish to address you.

We are trying to be Saints, and intend to keep trying. We are for the kingdom of God, and are not going to the moon, nor to any other planet pertaining to this solar system; but are determined to have a heaven here, and are going to make it ourselves, by the help of God and his angels. We have been traditionated that when we were prepared to be saved, we ought then to pass from this stage of existence; and that then we never would have anything more to do with this earth, for all our connections and associations with it, as pertaining to this life, also passed away, and we should see and know nothing about it in the future. This is not according to the design, as we believe, of God and his providences and works. It is not the work of the Lord to organize an earth and destroy it. That is not the system he has devised; his plan is to organize an earth, people it with intelligent beings, present to them principles of eternal life, and bestow upon them the keys thereof, that they may be able to prepare themselves to dwell to all eternity, and to bring forth their increase to dwell with them. This is our belief.

When the light of the gospel came, truth sprang out of the ground, and the heavens were opened. The plan by which God works is rational, and meets the capacity of his children. This earth is the home he has prepared for us, and we are to prepare ourselves and our habitations for the celestial glory in store for the faithful. None will be destroyed, except those who receive the oracles of truth and reject them. None are condemned, except those who have the privilege of receiving the words of eternal life and refuse to receive them.

From Adam to the least and last of his posterity, none will be condemned and suffer as we were taught in our youth. The Christian world teach that the heathen, and everybody else, except a few belonging to the Catholic church, the Church of England, or some of the orthodox sects of the day, are to be cast into a lake of fire and brimstone. The Bible teaches that the wicked will be turned into hell, with all the nations that forget God. That is true. How many nations do you think have forgotten him? The Lord will save all, except those who have the privilege of life everlasting and reject it.

What is our duty? To promote the kingdom of God on the earth. Every person that confines his thoughts and labors to happying his own family and immediate friends, will come far short of performing the duties devolving upon him. Every sentiment and feeling should be to cleanse the earth from wickedness, to purify the people, sanctify the nations, gather the nations of Israel home, redeem and build up Zion, redeem Jerusalem and gather the Jews there, and establish the reign and kingdom of God on the earth. Let that be the heart's desire and labor of every individual, every moment.

I am extremely happy, and my joy increases according to my understanding and the sensibility God has given me, that this people, called Latter Day Saints, are improving—that they improve every year, and increase in the knowledge and understanding of the dealings and providences of God, and understand them-

selves more and better. You may ask, "How do you know this?" Because it is before me, and plain to be seen. True, there are some rude persons within our borders, and too much stealing is carried on. How is it with you? Are you in the stock driving business? Do any of you belong to the class of marauders, pilferers, drunkards, or swearers? The very great majority of this people are striving to improve themselves before their God and their brethren. The wicked seek to destroy the kingdom of God, and it is for us to build it up, and promote righteousness upon the earth. When we do this, we will promote honesty in all our conduct and transactions.

As we increase in understanding we will increase our efforts to adorn our minds, our families, our possessions, and our neighborhoods, and seek to promote every pure, holy, graceful, and delightful principle, custom, habit, or whatever else pertaineth to correct human conduct. This will increase the Spirit of life in the people, and will make the aged beautiful as well as the young. Without the Spirit of truth—without the Spirit of Christ—people will become hateful and disagreeable, or what the English term ugly, and the Yankees, homely; or, as others express it, ordinary looking. The Spirit of truth beautifies and lights with intelligence an otherwise forbidding countenance. We need it to beautify both the body and mind.

I do not see much, if any, improvement in this settlement during the past three years. True, you lost time and labor in moving South, but if you labor all your lives, and God does not bless your labors, they are in vain. He can give you possessions and great wealth, as he gave to Job. In a short time he added to Job much more than he had ever previously possessed. If your hearts are pure and holy, the Lord can in a short time restore to your settlement four fold.

How many times have I asked the Latter Day Saints what they could do with regard to building the New Jerusalem? Suppose the word were to come to us that Jesus had appointed a certain time in which he would again visit this earth, and that he wanted a place prepared for him; or the command, "Go forth, ye Latter Day Saints, and begin to build the New Jerusalem, and prepare to receive the city of Enoch that will come down out of heaven;" where is the man competent to go and collect stone fit to lay in the first tier of the foundation of the walls of that city? To judge from their improvements, there is hardly a man capable of judiciously directing the labor of even two men; hardly a man that can properly erect a grist mill, or a building for carding machines. Where are your useful machinery, your beautiful habitations, your fertile gardens, your lovely walks, and magnificent palaces? You may reply, "We are not going to stop here, but are going to the centre stake of Zion," and so you pass on in comparative inactivity, and attempt only to build log houses or mud shanties. If you had the spirit of your calling, you would be anxious to build the best houses you could, and make the best gardens, fields, and vineyards, though you knew that you would not enjoy them one day after they were completed.

I will here quote the words of the Savior, "And I say unto you, make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations. He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least, is unjust also in much. If, therefore, ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?" Now he that is unfaithful in building a house, or in making a garden, an orchard, a farm, or in beautifying what is in this possession, who will commit to that man, or people, the great things of the kingdom of God that are to be attained on this earth?

I cannot preach upon the words quoted, more effectually than I do in building, improving, and occupying upon the talent God has given to me. If it is ability to dictate the making of a road, dictate it; or make it as others dictate. Where is the man that made a road in a canyon as it should be made until I dictated it? Men go into canyons and drive up and down hills where it requires six horses to haul up or hold back an empty wagon, and break their animals' legs, and kill men and boys. Who has broken wagons on roads that I have dictated? No one. In such canyons persons soon save more in cattle, wagons, time, and labor than the roads cost. Why do not the rest of the brethren learn this?

I know how to build a meeting house—how to place the first and last stone and piece of board, and how to put on the first and last touch of paint. I know how to build a mill and put the machinery in it, and I intend to keep improving as long as I live. There are mechanical branches that I do not understand, but I am constantly trying to learn. Should I live, and I would not then be a very old man,

to hear the command, "return and build the centre stake of Zion," I intend to know how to build it.

You may say, "If you know all about it, their is no necessity for our learning anything concerning it." We cannot be in every place; and though we could, every man, woman, and child should improve as rapidly as possible. Parents should know how to teach their children; women should learn to make the most beautiful cloth; and men should become skilled in raising sheep and in the improvement of all kinds of stock, and in making all kinds of useful machinery. It is said we are yet young. True, but we ought to at least make a beginning. Not one woman in ten, that I ever saw, thoroughly understands keeping a house.

Why do not women learn to be housekeepers? They may reply, "Brother Brigham, if you will teach us, we will keep our houses according to your instructions." I could go into your houses and tell you, item by item. Your husbands may furnish fine furniture and glass and china ware, and some of you suffer your children to mar and break it. Give children such playthings as they cannot break, and with which they cannot hurt themselves. Were I now to go into one of your houses, perhaps I would hear the mistress inquiring for the dish cloth, but Sal. does not know where it is, the last she saw of it little Abraham or Joe was playing with it out-doors. Where is the milk pail? Turned bottom side up on the hog pen.

What I say of housewives will fully apply to farmers and mechanics. I labored many years as a mechanic, and in the darkest night I could put my hand upon any tool I used. You may call this boasting, but it is not; it is merely mentioning the order in which I kept my shop. When a farmer is done with his plows, he should put them under shelter until they are again wanted. When harness is taken off, it should be so hung up that you can go at any time of night and find it, or a saddle, bridle, saddle-blanket, or any other trapping, and be ready at once, without a hostile Indian's being able to see you, or being made aware of your preparations, through your being obliged to take a light to hunt scattered articles.

We have been toiling and delving at home, and now you see us enjoying ourselves, without one word of discord. A week ago to-day we passed this settlement, with several men, women, children, horses, mules, and vehicles, and I ask the company whether a single person has been found out of his place? We have traveled in order and peace, notwithstanding our dispensing with a formal organization. "Where is the captain of the company?" I do not know, unless I am. We have traveled in the order in which persons joined us, and I do not think a rash word has been spoken by any man, woman, or child since we left G. S. L. City. What does this prove? That when the law of God is written on the hearts of a people, every person will know his place; it proves that we are improving.

Law is for the disobedient and lawless. When a people are made free in Christ, and come to understanding, they will know that there is a place for everybody, and every one will seek to fill his own place, and every hand will be reached forth to promote the kingdom of God on the earth. Our business is not merely to prepare to go to another planet. This is our home. We are to purify our hearts, our habitations, our families, associations, settlements, states, and country, until improvement circumscribes the whole earth and sanctifies it and prepares it to be brought back into the presence of our Father and God.

When your eyes are open, you will see that this earth has fallen from the glory and presence of the Father, to pass through certain ordeals together with the people upon it. And by and by, when Jesus reigns and rules king of nations, he will say to his Father, "here is my work; here are my brethren; here is my redemption—the fruit of my labor. I have ceased not to contend with the enemy, until I have put him under my feet; I have destroyed death and him that has the power of death."

You work hard. Study to apply your labor to advantage, and you will accomplish much more, without wearing yourselves out so fast. If you have to roll a log, cut down a tree, etc., study how to take advantage of the work. Contrive to accomplish your work with the least expenditure of strength.

You have rich land, good water, a pure atmosphere, and one of the pleasantest locations in the Territory. Adorn your houses and your city. I marvel to see you contented to live as you do. I have passed much of my life in a log house, but do I like bed bugs and darkness? No. I love light. Were I obliged to live in a log house, I would have it plastered and white-washed, that it might be neat and pleasant.

Study order and cleanliness in your various occupations; adorn your city and neighborhood; make your homes lovely, and adorn your hearts with the grace of God.

May the Lord bless you. Amen.