

Zion. "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."

Many other passages of a similar na-ture are contained in the Bible, which we all of us, at least, profess to be-lieve in; and by the manifestations of the power of God and the light of revelation, we have been instructed in the things of eternity, and the organ-tory; they are obliterated and blotted the things of eternity, and the organ-ization of the Church of God has been effected. It commenced unwas been effected. It commenced upwards of 54 years ago, and the work has been progressing from that time unto the and prospered, and then decayed, present; and all the organizations that crumbled, and died. The Lord have been effected pertaining to the manipulates all these things ac-Priesthood have been made under the immediate direction of the Spirit of the living God, and have been given unto us by direct revelation in order that we might be instructed in the laws of life and be enabled to accomplish the things that God had de-signed from before the foundation of the world pertaining to these last days; and with these things we are generally familiar.

when he had his vision opened in re-When Jesus was upon the earth and gard to the events that should tran-His Disciples asked Him to teach them spire in the latter days; he says: how to pray, He said :

"When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

In this He had direct reference to the In this He had direct reference to the events that are now taking place among ns as a people. "Thy Kingdom come." Why? That Thy will may "be done on earth, as it is in heaven." We are here for the purpose of becoming ac-quainted with the will of God, with the law of God, with the order of God, with the dominion of God; and we are here to establish the Kingdom of God. We are here to be taught in things per-taining to the Church of God and its purification. We are here to build up a Zion of God, which implies the pure in tion of God, which implies the pure in heart. Then we are here to send forth the Gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. We are here to build Temples to the name of the Lord and to administer therein. We are here to represent God upon the earth as His Priesthood, and we are gathered in the different Stakes as you are gathered here to-day, to attend to various duties associated with that Priesthood,

and to become acquainted with all the principal features associated with the Church and Kingdom of God upon the earth. It is for us as Stakes; as peoples, and as Saints of God, to learn to ples, and as Saints of God, to learn to comprehend the relationship that we sustain to God our Heavenly Father and to His Church and Kingdom here upon the earth, to Jesus the Mediator of the New Covenant, and to the Priesthood that is behind the vell; and also to become a qualited with things upon the earth connected with the welfare of humanity, whether in

land of Zion or in any other land. And we are gathered together for the ex-press purpose of being taught and in-structed in all these principles. We are not here, as Jesus was not here, to

times by another power that is called Lucifer, just as circumstances may be. But in regard to the nations of the earth, God sets up one nation and pulls down another, according to the counself just as safe. nations that years ago flourished and out as nations, and do not exist to. day. Nations and empires have rise and fallen; they have grown, increased will. But men generally understand very little of these matters; for there has been very little communication with God for ages, until He was pre-pared to reveal His will in these last days. Yet men profess to fear God, and agreat many of them seek to wor-ship Him. There is something very remarkable said by the Prophet Isaiah when he had his vision one din re-

spire in the latter days; he says: "Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the in-habitants thereof.

And it shall be, as with the people, s with the priest; as with the servant so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the bor-rower; as with the lender, so with the bor-rower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of asury to him. "The land shall be utterly emptied, and

this word. "The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. "The earth also is defiled under the in-habitants thereof; because they have trans-gressed the laws, changed the ordinances, broken the everlasting covenant. "Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth and they that dwall therein and days

earth, and they that dwell therein are deso-late: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left." There are many statements made by

the Prophets in relation to these things-that the Lord would pour out things His judgments upon the earth. Jesus speaks of the destruction that should come upon the people, that should be-fall Jerusalem, that should encompass nations, and of scenes that should transpire in the latter days-that the sun should be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and terrible day of the Lord should come. Associated with this is a part of the work in which we are engaged. A voice was to be heard, as I said before, saying:

"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye re ceive not of her plagues." "For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."

In accordance with this declaration which is a part of the great pro-gramme that we Latter-day Saints believe in, we have been gathered unto this land, which we denominate the land of Zion. We have come out from the world and some of us hardly know

pardy through any foolishness of mine protected here among the Indians, and I felt periectly safe among them. I would as soon go among the Red men to-day who traverse these mountains, these laws were turn our wives as I would anywhere else, and feel my-

I speak of these things to show some of the feelings that have been exhibited. Well, says one, didn't you feel angry? Oh, no, not perticularly so. 1 angry? Oh, no, not particularly so. 1 bosoms of this people. We have made felt it was all right. It was a part of eternal covenants with our wives, and the programme. 1 needed education and other people needed it, and it was necessary we should be placed in a position that we could have it. did not feel very unhappy. We felt quite comfortable. What! when you left your homes? Yes. I felt as easy as I ever felt in my life. I felt at least that I should be safe from the hands of blood-thirsty men and mobocrats, and that I should be put in a position that could protect myself better than I ould there, and others felt a good deal the same way. I remember we used

to sing a song somethin g like this: " On the way to California, In the spring we'll take our journey, Far above Arkansas' fountains, Pass between the Rocky Mountains." not wish to act as a Fenian, or a Nihil-

That is the way we used to sing. I remember a little boy of mine—he was then, though he is not a little boy now, ist, or a Communist, or a Kuklux, or a Regulator, or a Plug Ugly, or a Molly Maguire, yet, sir, we shall stand up for it is about 39 years ago-used to sing this, and all the boys around. He for our rights and protect ourselves in every proper way, legally and consti-tutionally, and dispute inch by inch every step that is taken to deprive us of our rights and liberties." And we will do this in the way that I speak of. met his grandfather one day, who call-ing him by name said: "Joseph, you "The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the Lord hath spoken this word. "The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the We are doing it to-day; and as you have heard expressed on other occashave neuror expressed on other occas-ions it looks very much like as though the time was drawing near when this country will tumble to pieces; for if the people of this nation are so blind and infatuated as to trample under foot and he ran out to meet him. We were then camped out in about a foot of snow. He ran towards his grandfathr and began to sing: the Constitution and the other safe-guards provided for the liberties of "On the way to California," etc.

"There," said he, "grandfather, I can sing that now." Well, I speak of these things to show some of the in-cidents I have passed through. We came out here and we found this country a desert, covered generally with sagebrush, and a few scattered Indians straggling around. We had to commence to build our houses, for there were none here when we came. man, we do not propose to assist them in their suicidal and traitorous enterin their suicidal and traitorous enter-prises; for we have been told by Joseph Smitd that when the people of this nation would trample upon the Constitution, the Elders of this Church would raily round the flag and defend it. And it may come to that; we may be nearer to it than some of us there were none here when we came: and since then the wild rness and the solitary places have blossomed as the think, for the people are not very zeal-ous in the protection of human rights. Ous in the protection of numan rights. And when legislators, governors and judges unite in seeking to tear down the temple of liberty and destroy the bulwarks of human freedom, it will be seen by all lovers of liberty, that they ross, and the desert has been made glad, as foretold in the Scriptures. We feel that we are kind of haif comfortaare playing a hazardous game and en-

feel that we are kind of half comforta-ble in these valleys of the mountains, but the devil is not dead yet. (Laugh-ter.) We did not think he would be: we have a work to perform, and we propose, by the help of the Almighty, to accomplish that work. We don't expect to be disappointed in it either, and we don't anticipate that it will be overturned. We believe that God lives in the heavens and manipulates

lives in the heavens and manipulates the nations of the earth, and woe to them that fight against Zion! I tell them in the name of God that He will fight against them. (Amen.)

raging as if portending a coming storm; and no man seems competent to take the helm and guide the ship of State through the fearful breakers that threaten on every hand. These are dangerous things, but it becomes our duty as good clizens to obey the law as far as practicable, and be governed by correct principles. structed in all cases principles. We have come gathered unto the mane of God that He will find it content the world is land, which we denominate the land of Zion. We have come out from the world is land of Zion. We have come out from the world is used in the world and some of us hardly know they we have come, having observed the Gospel and having received the gift. Sometimes the world through Him might be saved." This is used to be the down of the world and some of us hardly know they we have come, having observed the Gospel and having received the gift. Sometimes the world through Him might be saved." This is used to the question, and many of them will find it out when the world through Him might be saved in the they world through Him might be saved in the world and some of us and the world through Him might be saved in the world and some of us and the world and some of us and the world through Him might be save

It was expected by many of those cor-At the above estimate of population the ratio or percentage would be one prisoner to every 10,000 Mormons, or one hundredth of one per cent., and of the Gentiles one rupt men-I do not say in speaking of these that all are corrupt-that when passed we should out and deal with on one per cent, and of the Gentles one of the one per cent. So that the actual proportion of criminals is more than ten times greater them as they do with their women un der such circumstances-makes trumamong the Gentiles of Utah, with the above

pets of them. There is no such feel-ing as that in my bosom, nor in the very liberal estimate, than among the Mor-It is urged that these non-Mormon priso-It is urged that these non-Morimon priso-ners are not a fair representation of the average of crime throughout the country, but are the result of the flow of the desper-ate classes westward to the borders of civil-zation; with greater truth we reply that the We | nal obligations which we have entered Mormon prisoners are not representatives of Mormonism, nor the results of Mormonism, but of the consequences of a departure from Mormon principles; and of the 13 prisoners classed as "Mormons" the greater nesses of men, when no principle of truth is involved. Under these circum-stances I had a sister of mine who was rtion were only so by family o Arrests in Salt Lake City, 1883: keeping house for me when Mr. Pier-

pont came there to dine with me. I pont came there to dine with me. I said: "Mr. Pierpont, permit me to in-troduce you to my sister. It is not lawful for us to have wives here." (Laughter.) After taiking further with him upon the subject I said, "Now, Mr. Pierpont, you are well acquainted with all these legal affairs. Although I have yielded in this matter in order that I might not be an obstructionist, and do Mormons, . Non-Mormons, - . 1,55.) or more than ten times the number of Mor-

raging as if portending a coming storm

information. President Cannon then read as fol-

The distinction being made between

Polygamy and Prostitution: Ist. Congress made a law which would affect both; and cohabitation with more than one woman was made a crime whether in polygamy or out of

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Mon arrests. Again, it is estimated that there are 6,000 on-Mormons, and 19,000 Mormons in Salt Lake City, which shows of Mormons one arrest in 126%. Non-Mormons one arrest in a fraction less might not be an obstructionist, and do than every four, or rather more than twenty

ive per cent.

ons" the greater

President Taylor continued: Make the best of this we may, it is a bad showing and ought not to exist among the dwelling places of the Saints. What of our drunken Saints? Our violators of the Sabbath day? one Our violators of the Sabbath day? our Sunday bathing trains? whereon many of our youth mix up with the ungodly, and what of many other evils that exsist among us? It is a shame that these things should exist in Zion in the cities of the Saints; but our would-be re-formers are ten times lower and more depraved than we are. Yes, but then we have ten times too many crimes; and it is sorrowful to see it, and we can only account for it on this princi-ple, that the wheat and tares must grow together until the harvest. The Gospel net gathers of every kind, good record shows them to be, as a whole, ten times as corrupt as we are. Before they came we were comparatively free from their gross immoralities. But what of to-day? The record shows that theirs are the gambling dens, the houses of assignation, theirs the brotheis, and drinking saloons, etc and if, which God forbid, we have foetecide and infanticide it are playing a hazardous game and en-dangering the perpetuity of human rights. For it will not take long for the unthinking to follow their lead, and they may let loose an element that they never can bind again. We seem to be standing on a precipice and the tumultuous passions of men are agi-tated by political and party strife; the elements of discord are ascething, and belongs to them—these are their insti-tutions, they do not belong to us. Is it, then, any wonder that they have ten times the amount of crime. This is a terrible showing, and yet these are our reformers, our accusers; from these proceed our courts, our nts of discord are seething and juries, etc, they assume to be our re-

as good as they. President Cannon again read:

Dr. Nathan Allen, of Lowell, has declared in a paper read before a late meeting of the American Social Science Association, that "no where in the history of the world was the practice of abortion so common as in this country; and he gave expression to the opinion that, in New England alone, many thousands of abortions are procared an-unally." as far as practicable, and be governed by correct principles. I had some papers read over at the General Conference, giving my views in relation to some of these matters. They have been published, but I will have one or two extracts read for your

Dr. Reamy, of the Ohio State Medical So-ciety, says: "From a very large verbal and written correspondence in this and other States, together with personal investigation and facts accumulated * that we

and facts accumulated • that we have become a nation of suurderers." The Rev. Dr. Eddy, writes to the Christian Alsocate regarding one little village of 1000 inhabitants: "Yet here, and elsewhere, where 15 per cent of wives have the crimi-nal hardihood to practice this black art, there is a still large and additional per cent. who endorse and defend it. • Among married persons, so extensive has this prac-tice become, that people of high repute not only commit this crime, but do not shan to speak boatingly among their intimates of the deed and the means of accomplishing it."

of. I do not wonder that the Prophets have expressed themselves as strongly as they have in relation to the events that shall overtake the world. I remember that some 30 years ago there was one of our brethren in an eastern city, I heard a report about his wife being engaged in something of that sort. I asked him if it were true. He

if passion guided their actions why call each other husband and wife, why hallow their associations by any sacred ceremony, was there any need of such? Why not do as tens of thousands of others do, live in the condition of said it was. I don't know when I felt such a loathing for a human being in my life as I full toward her. I would coner have touched a rattlesnake than touched her hand. And I feel so to-day. We cannot degrade ourselves with these flendish practices. All are lificit love? And then if any child not guilty; for as I have frequently should be feared from this unsanctified said, there are thousands and millions union, why not still follow our Chrisunion, why not still follow our Chris-tian exemplars - remove the foetal in-cumbrance, call in some of the copy-ists of Madame Restell, the abortion-ists, male and female, that polute our land, that would have been sub-rosa, genteel, fashionable, respectable, Christianilke, as Christianity goes in this generation. And if this did not succeed, the young man might have of honorable men and women through out the land. But these evils which exist in this and other na-tions are too terrible almost to be spoken of; yet it is requisite they should be presented before you Lat-ter-day Saints that you may remember the pit from whence you were dug and succeed, the young man night have turned his victim into the street the rock from whence you were hewn; that you may appreciate in some mea-

turned his victim into the street to perish, or the of polution as is done in tens of thousands of instances in the most sanctified manner by the hypocrites of the day. Then, in either of these cases, the young gentleman could have been received into good society, be petted and applauded; could hold a position under our covernment, he even a depsure the blessings you enjoy, and your freedom from these infamies in this land of Zion. And I would say to you Bishops—if you find adulterers and adulteresses in the Church, cut them off they cannot be associated with the off, they cannot be associated with the Latter-day Saints.

and applauded; could hold a position under our government, be even a dep-uty marshal, registrar or whit not; and still further, be able to answer all the necessary questions; and be admitted as a grand juror without being brought in as a gutter-snipe on an open venire, but as a respectable citi-zen on the regular panel. Or again, these two in the event of a child being born, might consign it to the care of some degraded hag, some baby farmer, where gradually and quietly its inno-cent life would ebb out, and by and by the grief-stricken parents would re-ceive the anticipated notice that their dear little offspring, notwithstanding every care, was dead and buried. This is a respectable crime—a crime com-mitted principally by those who go to high-toned churches and fashionable meeting-houses in velvets and feath-Another thing: I was lately called upon as a witness-perhaps you may have seen some account of it in the papers-and I want to make some explanation in relation to the matters that I then presented, because they are not generally understood; I was required to divulge certain things. I did quired to divinge certain timps. I did not know them to divinge. Perhaps some of you have had people come to you with their confidences. I have, but I don't want to be their confidant. Why? Because if they made a confidant of me and I was called before a tribunal, I could not as an honorable more some that not, as an honorable man, reveal their confidences, yet it would be said I was a transgressor of law; but no honora-ble man can reveal confidences that and bad, sheep and goats. Again, it is but just to those who oppose us, to say that 'they have their ministers, their Sunday schools, their churches, their hospitals etc, and many, very many good and honorable men and women. But with all these agencies the meeting-houses in velvets and feath-ers, in silks and satins, and who with ers, in silks and satins, and who with upturned eyes and hypocritical voices, insult the majesty of Heaven by drawl-ing out, "Lord have mercy upon us miserable sinners." Yet they are mur-derers-murderers of the worst kind, shedders of innocent blood, consumers of their own flesh, whom the venge-ance of God awaits. Yet this young people, those that I cannot tell. And I could not tell very much to that court; for I have studiously avoided knowing any more than I could possibly help about such matters. I was asked questions about our temple, which of course I could not divulge. I ance of God awans, man and woman could have done all this, and no marshals with done all this, and no marshals with was asked questions about records which I could not tell them, because which I could not tell them, because I did not know. I have studiously avaided entering into a knowledge of of these matters. They did notbuild our temples. We have never had any revelations from God through them; we may have had from the de-vil (laughter), but never have had rev-elations from God through them. And I think there are some things we have a right to guard sacredly in our own hodone all this, and no marshals with ready feet would have dogged their steps, no packed grand juries with unanimous alacrity would do the bid-ding of overzealous prosecuting attor-neys, no Federal judge would overturn precedent, ignore law, disregard jua-lice on nurnose to convict. No they precedent, ignore law, disregard jua-tice on purpose to convict. No, they might then have been the friends, as-sociates, companions of judge and prosecutor, governor and commis-sioner; but now, as they would neither associate unrighteously, nor take means to destroy the results of their union, but honestly and virtuously like, as is claimed, as husband and wife, he stands in the felon's dock charged with an offence against the mignity of

right to guard sacredly in our own bo-soms. We are told "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His covenant." Now, if the Lord shall commit a secret to me I don't think I should tell it to anyone; I don't think I would, not un-less He told me. Then, I do not want to know your secrets. I was naked if stands in the felon's dock: charged with an offence against the Mignity of the United States, and to convict him oppressive! laws, more oppressively administered, are brought to bear with aff the ingenuity that malice can devise and hatred adopt. And there, in this ignominious position, he stands, with every person who might possibly be his friend, excluded from the jury, without the possibility of a fill trial by his peers, not one of the panel being in the least sympathy with himself; and by such people this unfortunate young gentleman has to be tried, judged, to know your secrets. I was asked if certain ordinances could be performed in different places. I told them, yes, under certain circumstances. "Where," I was asked "Anywhere where besides the EndowmentHouse?" Yes. "Where, in some other house?" In another house or out of doors, as the circumstances might be. Why did I say that? Is not a temple the proper place? Yes; but it is said in our revelations per aining to these the least sympathy with himself; and by such people this unfortunate young gentleman has to be tried, judged, prosecuted, proscribed and condemned because of his firm and unswerving faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, of David, Solomon and nu-merous other God-fearing and honor-

famy and ruin that you never dreamed her by those holy women of old, such our associations, and know the char-

her by those holy women of sold, such as Rachel, Ruth, Hannah and others, who honored God's law and became the mothers of Prophets, Priests and Kings. And as my cogita-tiohs ran I thought what need had these two to follow such examples of a bye gone age, why not walk in the our modern Christian civilization, and if passion wided their actions why oaths framed on purpose to screen the adulterer and adulteress; and while honorable men are prevented, or vol-untarily abstain from voting, and har-lots and whoremongers, and men who lots and whoremongers, and men who betray their wives and associate with other women are considered honorable men and protected by the authorities of this Territory, it is for us to guard ourselves against everything that is improper, and to be pure, especially youthat bear the vessels of the Lord. God bless you and lead you in the paths of lufe, in the name of Jesus, Amen. men.

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