

Priesthood, whose mission is appointed unto them to go forth;  
And this is an ensample unto them, that they shall speak as they are moved upon by the Holy Ghost,

And whatsoever they shall speak when moved upon by the Holy Ghost, shall be scripture, shall be the will of the Lord, shall be the mind of the Lord, shall be the word of the Lord, shall be the voice of the Lord, and the power of God unto salvation: Behold this is the promise of the Lord unto you, O ye my servants.

PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF

spoke. The following is a synopsis of his remarks:

There is one peculiarity of the Saints that is unknown anywhere else, that is that the Elders are called upon, without previous warning, to speak to the Saints. Those who have listened to them, thus called at this Conference, know that they have spoken by the Spirit and power of the Lord. I have been with Joseph, the witnesses of the Book of Mormon, and with many others, under many circumstances, and I have never felt a better influence than has been here. No man has ever been called to build up the Kingdom of God, and has been able to do it except by the Holy Ghost. That Spirit is one of the Godhead. It will deceive no man. It is the Spirit of inspiration, and will guide us into all truth. The Elders are told what they should say would be given to them in the hour they needed it. This is our condition. The Lord has said that He would choose the weak to confound the wise. This certainly has been the case in this age. The Elders are sent forth to carry to the nations the Gospel of Christ.

A greater Prophet, save Jesus only, than Joseph Smith, God never raised up. This is because the present one is the greatest dispensation of all. The world called him an illiterate man, but he was raised up by God, and taught by Him as His servant. He brought forth the Book of Mormon, translating it by the Urim and Thummim, and giving an account of the ancient inhabitants of this continent. In that book is a record of the building of temples and cities, of the visit of Jesus to this continent, and many other things. That is a true history. Joseph also organized the Church as it was organized by Jesus and His Apostles on the eastern hemisphere.

Almost the whole body of the male members of the Church who have arrived at maturity have received some portion of the Priesthood. There is reason for the Lord pursuing this course. There never was a time when there were so many to whom the Gospel should be preached in the world as at present. John the Revelator saw the restoration of the Gospel in the last days. The angel he saw has visited the earth, and his message has been proclaimed as far as time and circumstances have permitted.

When I came here in 1847, we found this a barren desert. Now you find fields and crops, and cities in all these valleys, and 200,000 Saints are dwelling here. They have been gathered from the various nations, in response to the Gospel proclamation. They were taught

the principles of the Gospel as Jesus taught them, the Holy Ghost testified of their truth. This whole congregation will bear witness to this. If there are any here who do not belong to the Church, let them look upon the work of the Saints, and then ask themselves if we are not sincere, if we are not earnest, if we are deceivers. No man can say in his heart that we are not what we claim to be.

The God of heaven has set up His Kingdom and it will not be overthrown. In the times of Daniel, the Lord gave Nebuchadnezzar a dream—that of the great image—and manifested what should come to pass. His dream was interpreted by Daniel the Prophet, and the Kingdom of God which was shown in the dream is being established in these days. The Lord is going to comfort His people. He will prepare them for the coming of the Son of Man. This is your work. The God of heaven raised up this nation. He inspired men in regard to the discovery of this continent, and the subsequent development of liberty upon this land. The hand of God was in the establishment of this government, and if any constitution has ever been inspired, it is the Constitution of the United States; that contains the best fundamental basis of government for all mankind. All men and women should be sustained in their religion; they should have the right to enjoy it. The Saints claim this as a right; they claim a right to believe in God and keep His laws. If any people have a truth that I have not, I want it. Any people have a right to preach their religion, and we claim the same right.

The Lord has given us the principles of truth. Sixty years ago this Church was organized, and it has grown through persecution to the present. God has set His hand to establish His Kingdom. So far He has sustained it, and He will continue to do so. We are all in His hands. If this had not been His work it would have been gone long ago.

Whatever law a people observe will bring them the reward of its observance. The ancient Prophets and Apostles obeyed the celestial law. We are endeavoring to do the same thing. In the great rebellion in heaven, one third of the hosts there were cast out. The same war that was there is being continued here, and will till Christ comes. There are but few who have received the fulness of the Gospel in any age. There were only eight souls who believed the testimony of Noah. The city of Enoch had to be taken from the earth. Jesus came as the Savior of the world, but only a few followed Him, and they were persecuted and put to death. The Church was driven into the wilderness, and the Priesthood taken to heaven till it was restored through Joseph Smith in this age. Those who obey the Gospel are under the necessity of undergoing persecution, because the majority are against them. Anciently the Apostles were required to lay down their

lives. Are we any better than they? We are not. If the Lord were to call us to seal our testimony with our blood, I think we would do it. I think that any sacrifice the Lord requires would be made. Today the Lord is going to establish Zion, and the Saints should stand in holy places. Let us round up our shoulders and bear the tribulations sent upon us. The Lord will have a chastened people. The Church must be sanctified for the coming of the Son of Man.

I have sympathy for those who take a stand against the kingdom of God. When Jesus was crucified, He knew what would follow upon the Jewish nation, and prayed for their forgiveness. He knew the great afflictions that would come upon the Jews until the last dispensation. All that Jesus and the Prophets said of the judgments upon them have been fulfilled in the terrible experiences they have had. Today for the first time since Jerusalem was destroyed, the Jews are returning, and Jerusalem will be rebuilt. The words of the Lord will be fulfilled. The world is being warned by the Elders, some of whom have laid down their lives. The world have reason to weep for their rejection of the Gospel, because of the judgments which are coming on the earth.

I say to the Saints, Be ye faithful the little time you are on earth. We will follow our brethren beyond the veil, and it will pay us to be true and faithful, and keep the law of God. I rejoice in seeing so many Saints here, and listening to the testimony of the Elders. If we do right, all will be well. When a young man I longed to see an apostle. Now they are with us, and I can bear record that the Kingdom of God will triumph, and Christ will come and reign on earth. May we be faithful, that we may enter the glorious presence of our God. All who keep the celestial law of God shall receive their salvation in the celestial world with their wives and children, and all that has been given to them.

PRESIDENT JESSE N. SMITH,

of Snowflake Stake, said: The principal part of my labors has been upon the frontiers, where the instructions needed by the people are essentially of a parental character. I have a testimony of the truth of the Gospel, and desire to be faithful. I rejoice to see the prosperity of the Saints, and that they are becoming numerous, notwithstanding the opposition they are confronted by. The faith of this people has vitality, and God protects and blesses them. I am anxious to perform every duty in the fear of God, trusting in Him for the results. Our aged brethren are becoming enfeebled with many years of service. Those who follow them should arise in the strength of the Lord. I exhort all who have received the Priesthood to be diligent. I see in the future this great kingdom established and perfected, and securing to all men their rights, and protection to all. The Lord will never forsake this