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WHO BEARS THE BLAME?

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Who bears the blame? From North to South
An impious threat has wrung;
From Southern lip and Northern mouth
Defiant words are flung—
The words which are a nation's shame—
"Disunion," "Strife!" who bears the blame?

Hof Massachusetts! land where first
Fair Freedom's banner rose;
Hof Carolinian land where burst
Her lightnings on our roes!
Are ye ashamed of Moultrie's fame?
Or Warren's blood? Who bears the blame?

A voice from Moultrie's battle ground,
To warn the South, comes forth;
From Bunker's height, with solemn sound,
A voice rebukes the North!
The martyred dead their wrongs proclaim,
And North and South must bear the blame.

They bear the blame—or South or North,
Who range in hostile line—
Whose words are fierce, whose hearts are wrath,
Who threaten—arm—combine;
Who marshal here a hostile band,
And there in hostile columns stand!

They bear the blame, who urge the strife
In freedom's hallowed guise;
They bear the blame who bear the knife
In slavery's cause to rise!
Or North or South, 'tis still the same—
Ye dare not ask, "who bears the blame?"

Forbear! forbear! The warning comes
From Vernon's sacred tomb—
With mourning march, with muffled drums,
Our martyrs walk the gloom;
Our star thick banner sinks in shame—
Our Union falls! Who bears the blame?

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HISTORY OF JOSEPH SMITH.

APRIL, 1844.

Monday, 8.—At 9 1/2 a.m., President Joseph Smith took his seat on the stand and requested the choir to sing a hymn. He called upon Elder B. Young to read 1st Corinthians, 15 ch., as his own lungs were injured.

Elder B. Young said to continue the subject of Prest. Smith's discourse yesterday, I shall commence by reading the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians, from an old Bible, and requested W. W. Phelps to read it.

Prayer by Elder B. Young, after which the choir sang a hymn.

President Joseph Smith said: It is just as impossible for me to continue the subject of yesterday as to raise the dead; my lungs are worn out; there is a time to all things and I must wait. I will give it up and leave the time to those who can make you hear, and will continue the subject of my discourse some other time. I want to make a proclamation to the Elders; I wanted you to stay in order that I might make this proclamation. You know very well that the Lord has led this church by revelation. I have another revelation in relation to economy in the church—a great, grand and glorious revelation. I shall not be able to dwell as largely upon it now as at some other time; but I will give you the first principles. You know there has been great discussion in relation to Zion; where it is, and when the gathering of the dispensation is, and which I am now going to tell you. The Prophets have spoken and written upon it; but I will make a proclamation that will cover a broader ground. The whole of America is Zion itself, from north to south; and is described by the Prophets who declare that it is the Zion where the mountain of the Lord should be and that it should be in the center of the land; when Elders will take up and examine the old prophecies in the Bible they will see it.

The declaration this morning is, that as soon as the Temple and baptismal font are prepared we calculate to give the Elders of Israel their washings and anointings and attend to those last and more impressive ordinances, without which we cannot obtain celestial thrones; but there must be a holy place prepared for that purpose. There was a proclamation made during the time that the foundation of the Temple was laid to that effect, and there are provisions made until the work is completed, so

that men may receive their endowments and be made kings and priests unto the Most High God, having nothing to do with temporal things, but their whole time will be taken up with things pertaining to the House of God. There must, however, be a place built expressly for that purpose and for men to be baptized for their dead. It must be built in this the central place; for every man who wishes to save his father, mother, brothers, sisters and friends, he must go through all the ordinances for each one of them separately, the same as for himself, from baptism to ordination, washings and anointings, and receive all the keys and powers of the priesthood, the same as for himself.

I have received instructions from the Lord that from henceforth wherever the Elders of Israel shall build up churches and branches unto the Lord throughout the States, there shall be a Stake of Zion; in the great cities as Boston, New York, &c., there shall be stakes. It is a glorious proclamation, and I reserved it to the last, and designed it to be understood that this work shall commence after the washings, anointings, and endowments have been performed here.

The Lord has an established law in relation to the matter; there must be a particular spot for the salvation of our dead. I verily believe this will be the place; and hence men who want to save their dead can come and bring their families, do their work by being baptized and attending to the other ordinances for their dead, and then may go back again to live and wait till they go to receive their reward. I shall leave my brethren to enlarge on this subject; it is my duty to teach the doctrine: I would teach it more fully; the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. God is not willing to let me gratify you, but I must teach the Elders and they should teach you. God made Aaron to be the mouthpiece for the children of Israel, and he will make me to be God to you in his stead, and the Elders to be mouth for me; and if you don't like it you must lump it. I have been giving Elder Adams instructions in some principles to speak to you, and if he makes a mistake, I will get up and correct him.

Elder G. J. Adams preached a discourse which occupied three hours, and which could be heard a great distance.

President Joseph Smith turned over the conference into the hands of the Twelve.

Choir sang a hymn. Prayer.

President Hyrum Smith called the conference to order at 25 minutes to four p.m., and spoke to the assembly one hour and a half. He treated upon the subject of the Elders preaching abroad. He said it was a matter of consequence that the Elders of Israel should know what they were about when they go to preach the gospel. They should, like Paul, be ready to give a reason for the hope of their calling. When they are sent to preach the gospel, they should preach the gospel and nothing else, if they wish to stand approved themselves. The Elders are sent into the world to preach faith, repentance, baptism for the remission of sins, and the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost, and they should let the mysteries alone.

God has commanded you to preach repentance to this generation, and if this generation will not receive the first principles of the gospel and the Book of Mormon they will receive nothing greater. Just go and do as you are told and God will bless you.

It is the power of God that is going to convert the world and nothing but the power of God. Every man who knows me knows that I have taught these principles from the beginning. It is the honest and pure in heart that will hearken to the everlasting covenant; they are those who are noble and good; they will feed and clothe you and receive your testimony, and we want the Elders to gather out the good seed to Nauvoo. The day will come when you will see the wicked flee when no man pursueth. I want you to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves; preach principles that will stand the test of ages; teach them good precepts and save souls; go forth as men of God and you will find friends wherever you go. Drink deep of the Spirit of Truth and a great and mighty work shall be wrought in the world; hundreds and tens of thousands shall flock to the standard and go up to Zion. Many other remarks were made by the speaker.

After which Sidney Rigdon made a few remarks and concurred in what br. Hyrum had said.

12 minutes to 6 adjourned to April 9th, at 8 o'clock a.m.

Tuesday, 9.—At 8 a.m. the Elders assembled at the stand (President B. Young presiding) and were addressed by Elder Amasa Lyman, after which

President B. Young said: What has been given is correct; the speech and conduct of Elders one towards another is frequently wrong; one Elder will speak evil of another, and while you undertake to trample on others you will sink yourself. A man has sinking principles; but if his feelings are elevated, he will build up others and build up himself; just as sure as one Elder tries to build himself up on the destruction of another he will surely sink himself.

I would like to sit and hear the brethren teach for a week, but as business is pressing we must hurry through. Preach repentance to this generation; faith must go before repent-

ance, and of course all men must follow the course and obey the laws and ordinances for the remission of sins, so as to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, and then your mission is done. Let a man who goes into the vineyard build up all he can. If a man preaches anything in error, pray to God that no man may remember it any more. No Elder will correct another in public before unbelievers unless he has the sinking principle. I call all the Elders together to witness that I always use charity, for it covers a multitude of sins.

Let us obey the proclamation of Joseph Smith concerning the Elders going forth into the vineyard, to build up the Temple, get their endowments and be prepared to go forth and preach the gospel. You may build up Zion and learn to be men and not children. It was a perfect sweepstakes when the Prophet called North and South America Zion. Let us go to and build the Temple with all our mights that we may build up the kingdom when established and her cords lengthened. It is a perfect knock down to the devil's kingdom. There is not a faithful Elder who cannot if he is humble and diligent build up a church; there are many men will give you large sums to build a stake of Zion where they live; it proves the words of the Prophet of the last days.

The priesthood is fitted to every capacity in the world; there are blessings and conditions in that priesthood that suit every man; this will suit the condition of thousands, because it is as broad as the heavens, deep as hell and wide as eternity.

I am asked all sorts of questions about making Gods and devils and organizing the eternal worlds, but we could not get it precisely into our understandings so as to make them; the God we serve is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. There is no need of breaking the law of the land if you keep the law of the Lord. I want a wife that can take care of my children when I am away, who can pray, lay on hands, anoint with oil, and baffle the enemy, and this is a spiritual wife.

The sweepstakes is a perfect knock down to the devil. We will build up the churches and establish Zion and her stakes; this is a fire which cannot be put out; it has spread far faster than ever it did before; if you kick us and cuff us we will turn the world upside down, and make the cart draw the horse. We want to build the Temple and have the roof on this fall, in the name of Israel's God. There are hundreds of Elders who will sell their property to build the Temple; let us pay up our tithing; if there are any men who have not paid their tithing, they will not get in there. Let the branches send teams with provisions to work all the year.

We are acquainted with the views of Gen. Smith, the democrats and whigs and all factions. It is now time to have a President of the United States. Elders will be sent to preach the gospel and electioneer; the government belongs to God; no man can draw the dividing line between the government of God and the government of the children of men. You can't touch the gospel without infringing upon the common avocations of men; they may have helps and governments in the church, but it is all one at last.

Patriarch Hyrum Smith said: I never knew a proclamation to be understood at once. Prest. B. Young wished to draw the attention of the brethren, first to build the Temple and get your washings, anointings and endowments; after that to build up branches throughout the nations. We must do all we can to build the Temple, and after that to build up churches. The gathering will continue here until the Temple is so far finished that the Elders can get their endowments, and after that the gathering will be from the nations to North and South America, which is the land of Zion. North and South America are the symbols of the wings; the gathering from the old countries will always be to head quarters, and I have no doubt this conference will do a great deal of good.

We have every power and principle to teach the people. Say what God says and say no more; never deviate one fraction from what God tells you. Elder Rigdon's remarks were very correct; give out the simple principles; a man never fails who only says what he knows; and if any man says more and can't give reasons, he falls short. Preach the first principles of the gospel—preach them over again; you will find that day after day new ideas and additional light concerning them will be revealed to you. You can enlarge upon them so as to comprehend them clearly. You will then be able to make them more plainly understood by those you teach, so that you will meet with scarcely any honest man but will obey them, and none who can oppose. Adduce sufficient reason to prove all things, and you can convert every honest man in the world. The knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ is not prevalent in the world, although it is written in the Holy Book; you can prove it by the Holy Book they profess to believe in, and your arguments will be so strong and convincing that people will hear and obey it by thousands. The Savior says that to you it is given to know the mysteries of God, but to the world it is not given; you have power; you are authorized to put down every foolish thing you hear; a wise man will put it out of existence as he goes along, for light cleaveth unto light, know-

ledge to knowledge, and intelligence to intelligence.

We engage in the election the same as in any other principle; you are to vote for good men, and if you do not do this it is sin; to vote for wicked men it would be sin. Choose the good and refuse the evil; men of false principles have preyed upon us like wolves upon helpless lambs. Damn the rod of tyranny; curse it; let every man use his liberties according to the Constitution. Don't fear man or devil; electioneer with all people, male and female, and exhort them to do the thing that is right. We want a President of the U. S., not a party President but a President of the whole people, for a party President disfranchises the opposite party; have a President who will maintain every man in his rights.

I wish all of you to do all the good you can; we will try to convert the nations into one solid union. I despise the principle that divides the nation into party and faction; I want it to grow up like a green bay tree. Damn the system of splitting up the nation into opposing belligerent parties; whatever are the rights of men guaranteed by the Constitution of these United States, let them have them; then if we were all in Union no one dare attempt to put a warlike foot on our soil. I don't like to see the rights of Americans trampled down; I am opposed to the policy of all such persons as would allow Great Britain or any other power to take from us Oregon or any portion of our national Territory, and damn all who attempt it. Lift up your voices like thunder; there is power and influence enough among us to put in a President. I don't wonder at the old Carthaginian lawyer being afraid of Joseph Smith being elected.

[A unanimous vote was passed by the immense assembly for Joseph Smith to be the candidate for the next President.]

Elder Heber C. Kimball arose and said:—What br. Hyrum has told you is God's truth, and will eventually come to pass. As he was making his observations to the Elders it made me think of the first time that I went out into the vineyard to preach; I dwelt on one subject till it branched out like unto a tree that was cultivated until the branches shot forth in all directions. Suppose you had only one seed to plant, and that seed was an acorn, and you spend your time in cultivating it till it comes forth a great and mighty tree, branching forth with many branches and bearing fruit abundantly after its own kind. So it is with the first principles of the gospel, they branch out in all directions unfolding new light continually; they are eternal principles. I never preached anything else but the first principles; when first we went to England we preached nothing else, and never even touched on the gathering, as there was no place of gathering, the church having been driven from Jackson county and also from Kirtland, and the Prophets, Patriarchs, Apostles and Saints were wandering in the wilderness seeking for a home; but as soon as the people were baptized and received the Holy Ghost, the most of them had the spirit of prophecy, and prophesied of coming to this land, as being the land of Zion, and the time would come that they should come here, yet we never taught the doctrine of the gathering or Book of Doctrines and Covenants.

If you tell the people to stay, they will gather here stronger than ever. If you want to cut anything off, you should know how to restore; you should never cut off the ears of the people until you are able to make them others. It is no matter what way you convert them, so that you convert them to believe the doctrines of the very Bible they have always professed to believe. It is no use attempting to teach them other things until you can make them believe the principles contained in the Bible which they have been taught to reverence and believe from their infancy. It teaches the gathering and all the principles of the gospel necessary to be taught to the unbelieving world.

This is the thrashing floor where the wheat is gathered to be thrashed; there are a great many green heads, and they of course have to be pelted a little harder. After the wheat is thrashed it has to go through the fanning mill, and then the screen, and then the smut mill; then it has to be ground, and to be bolted, but many bolt away and leave. If you get a cudgelling don't be mad, for your heads are green. We are going to arrange a plan for conferences and we design to send Elders to all the different States to get up meetings and protracted meetings, and electioneer for Joseph to be the next President.

A great many of the Elders will necessarily have to leave their families, and the mothers will have to assume the responsibility of governing and taking care of the children to a much greater extent than when their husbands were at home. I therefore exhort them to be humble, faithful and diligent, seeking to the Lord for wisdom to rear up their children in righteousness and prepare them to roll on the work of the Lord, when their fathers shall have been worn out in the ministry. The mothers, therefore, are the persons who will more or less have to train the children.

20 minutes to 11.—A call was made for the volunteers to go preaching to pass out to the green. A great company moved out and returned to the right of the stand, and were numbered 244.

20 minutes to 1.—Adjourned for one hour.