

ple and given them the Priesthood, and He requires them to administer in this Priesthood for the redemption of both the living and the dead.

When we pass behind the veil we shall meet not only the servants of the Lord who have labored on the earth in this, but in other dispensations. We will then receive our reward.

#### APOSTLE HEBER J. GRANT.

I believe that if we do not use and improve upon the talents God has given us, we shall not be able to progress. I am afraid too many of us think we have sufficient testimony and knowledge of the Gospel. But I fear that a man who does not add to his knowledge of spiritual things will come under condemnation.

I have often noted the ready responses made by our Elders who are called upon missions, and if we were as ready to show obedience and make sacrifices in other directions as we are in this, we would be far more united as a people than we are.

Many of these Elders who are so ready to sacrifice years of their time to go on missions are not willing, on their return, to make even a small sacrifice in the performance of duties at home. In a short time after their return they seem to lay off the harness entirely.

But if it is our desire to press onward and become strong intellectually and spiritually, we must continue ready and willing to make sacrifices in the discharge of the duties required of us. There is need for all of us to labor to the full extent of the powers that have been given to us, to forward the work of God on the earth.

Almost all of the Elders of this Church have received a testimony of the truth of this work and are able to bear testimony that they are engaged in the work of God. They feel a life and a power in it greater than this world could impart to it. We as Elders of Israel know that we are engaged in the work of God, but do we labor faithfully and consistently? Do we so live as to conform our course to the Gospel we offer to the nations? I believe it is the duty of every man who has embraced this work to so order his life that no honest man can find any fault with it. It is necessary for us to lead lives that are consistent with our professions, and if we fail to do this it will be hard to inspire our own children with faith in the doctrines we preach.

When an individual has received light and intelligence from God, and then neglects to carry out the counsel and advice of the Scriptures, the loss to that individual will be greater than to one who had not received such light and knowledge. The sooner we awaken to the fact that we must depend upon ourselves to work out our own salvation, the sooner we will arouse to greater efforts.

I have just had the privilege, in connection with one of my brethren, of visiting Bannock Stake in Idaho. I remember when a boy having

heard it predicted by our Elders that the liberties of the Latter-day Saints would be taken from them. Today not a vestige of political liberty remains to the Latter-day Saints in Idaho, unless it can be called such to be permitted to pay taxes and to die. These two privileges still remain to them. A religious test oath has been established under which a man can't leave the "Mormon" Church under two years, and then he must have a Gentile swear for him that he is really out. It is provided in the Constitution that no religious test can ever be established under our government, but this has been done in Idaho. It is also provided in the Constitution that no *ex post facto* law shall be passed; but this also has been done. All this is in fulfillment of prophecy. It is now proposed to prevent Latter-day Saints from acquiring title to lands under the laws of Congress, and it seems to be a widespread feeling that this people have no rights which ought to be respected.

The speaker referred to the recent dedication of the Latter-day Saints' Seminary in the Eighteenth Ward, and dwelt at some length upon the necessity of laying a religious and spiritual foundation for the education imparted to our children.

If our Elders were as zealous in providing schoolhouses wherein their children could be properly educated, as they are in going on missions to the nations, it would be an inestimable blessing to our children. Unless we do provide better means of religious instruction for the rising generation, I fear that many of them will turn away from the truth.

I have seen men who, in the days of their poverty, were humble and obedient to the requirements of the Gospel, but I have seen them change when they became wealthy. We ought to increase and grow spiritually when God blesses us temporarily.

The choir sang:

How will the Saints rejoice to tell  
And count their sufferings o'er?

The conference adjourned until 7 p.m.

Benediction by Counselor C. W. Penrose.

#### SUNDAY EVENING.

The choir sang the hymn commencing:

Praise ye the Lord! my heart shall join  
In work so pleasant, so divine.

Prayer by Elder Henry P. Richards.

The choir sang:

Earth is the place where Christ will reign  
With all His Saints a thousand years.

#### ELDER ELIAS MORRIS

was the first speaker. He said the Saints had been well repaid, in good instructions, for assembling at the meetings which had been held today. While the brethren were speaking of the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith, many things passed through my mind regarding the prophecies made anciently concerning him. Though

he was but a boy when he made known the principles of the Gospel to men, his words came with power; there was no doubt about the principles he taught. He asked no questions of men as to their truth, for he had received them from God and knew they were correct. Those principles are still the truth. All the doctrines and principles which he revealed stand today unchanged, though he was but a youth when they were made known, and was not learned in the ways of men. He was correct in every doctrine because the power of God was with him. He is classed by many learned in the world as an impostor; but is it not strange that an impostor could bring forth principles, and an order of the Church of God, that cannot be overthrown, and that are identical in all respects with that which Christ brought? Is it not strange, also, that all the learned of the world could not find out the Church of Christ, and yet it could be brought forth by him, whom they say was an impostor? He was a Prophet inspired of God, and that is the reason why every principle he revealed was the truth; that is why he did that which the learning of man could not accomplish. He came with "Thus said the Lord," and the power and authority of Jehovah were with him. Who of all the denominations knew anything of baptism for the dead, or of temples till he revealed it? None. Who knew of the gathering of Israel and how it should be done till he came? None. Yet this so-called impostor brought forth more truth than the world possessed, and therefore there could be no imposition. He was in every respect what he claimed to be, and when the Gospel message which he taught was received, the testimony of the Holy Ghost followed, and the Lord bore witness to its truth.

When I received the Gospel this was my experience. The spirit of the gathering came upon me, and I was desirous of assembling with the Church of God; and I had no rest till I gathered. This is the case with the Saints in every land, and is a fulfillment of prophecies made by Prophets anciently. There is no other inducement but the Gospel that brings the saints here from many lands; but this spirit was unknown to the world till God revealed through Joseph Smith. And as it is with this, so it is with other doctrines of the Gospel.

We should be proud of what we have received from God. Let us live so that we shall be worthy of them, and so that we will not have to blush for our unwise course. Let us unite to carry out the commandments of God. We have enough to do in building up His Kingdom, without having a part with that which is ungodly. May we continually walk in the path that leads to life eternal, and have the Holy Spirit to guide us in all things.

#### ELDER CHAS. W. PENROSE

said he had greatly enjoyed the meetings held today, because of the good instructions and the presence