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THE TABERNACLE SERVICES

Elders J. W. McMurrin and C. W. Penrose, Address the Congregation

On the Gospel of Christ for the Salvation of the Dead, Memorial Services.

Religious services were held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, commencing at 2 p. m. Elder Charles W. Penrose of the presidency of the Stake, presided.

The choir sang the hymn beginning:

Hark! from the tombs a doleful sound
They sound for redemption.

Prayer was offered by Elder Robert Morris.

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Jesus, name of wondrous love,
Name of all my hope below.

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The Latter-day Saints believed that God it was unchangeable being, and loved He will keep the promises He has made, fulfilling His word to all things. Men may change their views or may suffer in their minds as to what constitutes the Gospel, but the Latter-day Saints believe that there is no change in the principles of the Gospel, and that it is the same as revealed in the beginning; they believe that the difference between many sects as to the principles of salvation are not of God, whose confusion does not come from Him. The Redeemer of mankind taught a Gospel in which all was harmony; it was the same Gospel that was taught by Father Abraham, by the Apostle James, and by all the servants of the Most High—made to last one Gospel, one way of salvation for mankind.

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We know how our Redeemer was treated by the Jews, who regarded Him as an impostor, and who caused that He was nailed to the cross. Those Jews were unbelief that He was not the Messiah they had looked for; so unbelief that they willingly cried out "Crucify Him!" when the judge declared he found no fault in Him. This illustration should be a warning to people not to cry out against those who were obedient; for Jesus was crucified, and crucified, yet He was the Messiah, the One who offered salvation to those who persecuted Him. The Gospel He taught was one of power, as all were decided. That is the Gospel the Latter-day Saints teach, and which all people should seek to obey. It is one of the means of salvation, so testified to by inspired men in every age. It is the only plan, and the name of Jesus is the only name whereby men can be saved. It is the plan revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith, whom the Lord Jesus commanded to proclaim it to the world.

A common doctrine among men is that if they merely profess the name of Jesus they can be saved, and some go so far as to say they are saved already. To support this it is cited that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." What is it that constitutes an honest belief? It is an obedience to the testimony with conviction. If a man believes that Joseph Smith is a Prophet, he will hear the words of that Prophet. If a man believes not Joseph he believes not Jesus. This the Lord Himself declares when He states that those who heard His sayings and did them would be like a wise man who built his house upon a rock, and when those who heard His sayings, and did them not, were foolish, building upon the sand. It is the obedience upon which the latter relies would be cast away, because they were not genuine believers in Christ, not keeping His commandments.

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tion came through Him alone. This, then, is the first principle of the Gospel. The scriptures inform us that those who receive the testimony of John the Baptist submit to baptism at his hands, and through the authority from Jesus Christ, and through the ordinance of baptism by water for the remission of sins. Then we the account of that, and through the ordinance of the laying on of hands, Jesus bore witness to the Holy Ghost. All agree that this ordinance of baptism, administered by one authorized by God, is right and necessary. It was baptized himself to fulfill all righteousness. He taught the baptism for the remission of sins, and was crucified and resurrected. He commanded the Apostles to go into the world, preaching the Gospel, receiving the people, and organizing them. This was not for remote time, but to the end of the world. Jesus was with them always, even unto the end of the world, according to Matthew. The Gospel was to be preached to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, by men authorized by God. He was baptized himself to fulfill all righteousness. He taught the baptism for the remission of sins, and was crucified and resurrected. He commanded the Apostles to go into the world, preaching the Gospel, receiving the people, and organizing them. This was not for remote time, but to the end of the world. Jesus was with them always, even unto the end of the world, according to Matthew. The Gospel was to be preached to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, by men authorized by God.

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