

ister of the things which they had heard and seen, because of the commandment which was given them in heaven.

"And now whether they were mortal or immortal, from the day of their transfiguration, I know not;

"But this much I know, according to the record which hath been given, they did go forth upon the face of the land, and did minister unto all the people, uniting as many to the Church that would believe in their preaching; baptizing them; and as many as were baptized, did receive the Holy Ghost;

"And they were cast into prison by them who did not belong to the Church. And the prisons could not hold them, for they were rent in twain,

"And they were cast down into the earth. But they did smite the earth with the word of God, insomuch that by his power they were delivered out of the depths of the earth; and therefore they could not dig pits sufficient to hold them.

"And thrice they were cast into a furnace, and received no harm.

"And twice were they cast into a den of wild beasts; and behold they did play with the beasts, as a child with a suckling lamb, and received no harm.

"And it came to pass that thus they did go forth among all the people of Nephi, and did preach the Gospel of Christ unto all people upon the face of the land; and they were converted unto the Lord, and were united unto the Church of Christ, and thus the people of that generation were blessed, according to the word of Jesus.

"And now I, Mormon, make an end of speaking concerning these things for a time.

"Behold, I was about to write the names of those who were never to taste of death; but the Lord forbade, therefore I write them not, for they are hid from the world.

"But behold I have seen them, and they have ministered unto me;

"And behold they will be among the Gentiles, and the Gentiles knoweth them not.

"They will also be among the Jews, and the Jews shall know them not.

"And it shall come to pass, when the Lord seeth fit in His wisdom, that they shall minister unto all the scattered

tribes of Israel, and unto all nations, kindreds, tongues and people, and shall bring out of them unto Jesus many souls, that their desire may be fulfilled, and also because of the convincing power of God which is in them."

It seems that these men shall have a peculiar endowment, and that endowment shall be the convincing power of God.

"And they are as the angels of God, and if they shall pray unto the Father in the name of Jesus, they can shew themselves unto whatsoever man it seemeth them good;

"Therefore great and marvelous works shall be wrought by them, before the great and coming day, when all people must surely stand before the judgment seat of Christ;

"Yea even among the Gentiles shall there be a great and marvelous work wrought by them, before that judgment day."

Now, you wonder why so many Gentiles are turning their hearts toward the truth. We can learn that there is a change brought about by agencies in addition to the witnesses that were spoken of yesterday by Elder Roberts.

God bless you. Amen.

ELDER JONATHAN GOLDEN KIMBALL.

Thoughts on temporal interests—The need of being devotional and self-sacrificing.

I readily discover, my brethren and sisters, that this congregation do hunger and thirst for the word of God, and it is through this that the Apostles and those that have spoken unto you have been given such great liberty, and why you have been fed by the servants of the Lord under the influence of the Holy Spirit. It is now your duty to not only listen but to digest; not only to make resolutions, but to live up to the instructions that have been given, if you expect to receive the blessings of the Lord.

There is a principle that I desire to talk upon for a few moments. I have the idea, but it is not yet clothed, but I pray the Lord that He may move upon me through your faith and prayers, to explain my views upon a certain subject. I am very much interested myself in the financial wel-

fare of this people, because I realize from my own experience that when men are in financial difficulties, and their honesty is in question, and they are unable to fulfill their agreements, it is very difficult for honest men who are sensitive to the reproach of the children of men to feel joyous and happy, and to appreciate the blessings with which they are surrounded. I want to say to you that the sun not shine brightly to such men, the grass is not green, and sometimes I fancy, they hardly feel that water runs down hill. It is a most terrible condition to be in. One of the great difficulties that menace this people is the lack of employment for our people. I know how some of us worship gold and silver, but I tell you that is not so great a problem among this people as employment. I am not in much doubt that the time will be in these United States when the people will worship work more than they do money, and it is one of the demands that I make upon this people, that they see to it that the people of this Church are employed. If you have large farms, and you are poor and poverty stricken with so much land, see to it that the people are given employment. Then the people must see to it that they are willing to take the produce of the country as pay for their labor, and not ask the farmer to give them gold and silver, which it is very difficult for him to get.

With all due respect to some things that are being done, I believe that it is absolutely necessary—God requires it of this people—that they pay their tithes and offerings, and that the offerings be used for the people that are old, aged and infirm. It is one of the most destructive things that has happened in this Church when strong, able-bodied men and women, and young men and women are provided from its offerings which are given for the poor. I know the spirit that is creeping in among this people. I remember a certain experience I had when the scarlet fever struck my family. After they had recovered I sought most diligently in one of our own thriving settlements for a little help. I found families that were poor, and that were being supported by the

Bishop. When I asked them to come and assist my wife—and I offered them the best I had (for which I was grateful to my Heavenly Father), that is, tithing office scrip—they said, “we can get enough of that without working.” I have told some of my brethren that there is no man in this Church that has been treated better than I have by the authorities of the Church, and I am wonder-struck when I think of how I have been blessed; but I tell my brethren, “when you have not employment for me, say the word, and I will take my family by the hand, and I will again be a pioneer in the land.” We have hundreds of brilliant young men, men that have experience; but they are hanging around these streets and starving to death. Do you know what is the matter with us? There is a great deal of pride connected with it. It is not a difficult thing to live in a log hut if you have never had anything better, but it is a difficult thing to drop to a log house when you have been living in a castle. But our pride has got to be humbled, young men. There are a great many of us that ought to be sent out. Talk about missionary work; they ought to call out of this city 500 and send them on missions to colonize and build up the tens of thousands of acres that are in this great State of Utah. If the State of Utah is not good enough for you, go to Canada. That is a wonderful country, and you can get rich and prosper if you keep the commandments of the Lord. Then you can come back to Salt Lake City, and put on all the style you want to, if you pay for it.

I desire to read to you from the Book of Doctrine and Covenants. I will put my text to the last part of my discourse, instead of the first. I wish to call to your mind what the Lord says:

“I, the Lord, stretched out the heavens, and built the earth as a very handy work, and all things therein are mine:

“And it is my purpose to provide for my Saints, for all things are mine;

“But it must needs be done in mine own way; and behold this is the way that I, the Lord, have decreed to provide for my Saints, that the poor shall

be exalted, in that the rich are made low;

"For the earth is full, and there is enough and to spare; yea, I prepared all things, and have given unto the children of men to be agents unto themselves.

"Therefore, if any man shall take of the abundance which I have made, and impart not his portion, according to the law of my Gospel, unto the poor and the needy, he shall, with the wicked, lift up his eyes in hell, being in torment."

So that I fancy we had better commence to get generous and impart of the abundance which the Lord has given us and give employment to the thousands of people that are in need. The trouble that came upon the people in Kirtland was brought about for these reasons which I will read to you:

"But behold they have not learned to be obedient to the things which I required at their hands, but are full of all manner of evil, and do not impart of their substance, as becometh Saints, to the poor and afflicted among them,

"And are not united according to the union required by the law of the celestial kingdom;

"And Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the laws of the celestial kingdom; otherwise I cannot receive her unto myself;

"And my people must needs be chastened until they learn obedience, if it must needs be by the things which they suffer."

Now, Zion will be redeemed, and I want to say to you, my brethren and sisters, that all is not well in Zion; but if you wish to be popular you want to say that all is well in Zion. The Lord requires it at the hands of this people that they pay their tithes and their offerings, and that they see to it that they impart of the abundance which the Lord has given, to those that need work, and give them employment. The hands of the Presidency and the Apostles of this Church are tied because we are raising up among this people, what I call paupers. It is not the fault of the people altogether, it is because they cannot find work. I pray the Lord that He may move upon all of us that are in need of assist-

ance, that we will have the pride of a Latter-day Saint, and not receive anything when we are able to work, unless we be furnished employment. That demand should be made upon the Latter-day Saints, and I felt impressed that if the time ever came that I had no food for my family, I would go among the Latter-day Saints and as a servant of God I would demand work. And if you would not give me work the Lord would take from the abundance which you are blessed with.

Now I want to prophesy, as the son of a prophet, that if this people want to be blessed they must labor for Zion; for if you labor for money you shall perish. You are under covenant, and it is a demand that God makes of this people that they redeem Zion. You have got to be generous, and you have got to place all that you have and are upon the altar and learn to live the law of the celestial kingdom.

"But," says one to me, "you would not preach that way four years ago when you had something." Well, if you have got to learn to preach the way I am doing you will learn it just the way I learned it. You will pay for it. The Lord will take from you what you have if you don't humble yourselves, and He will chasten you. I want to say to you the Gospel is to be preached to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. We are spending no less than \$300,000 a year, if I have figured right. If your Elders are traveling without money they spend an awful sight of it, it seems to me, and you will be called upon to spend a good deal more. You will be called upon to place all that you have and are upon the altar; and if you do not have your feet right and know that this is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, when you are asked to give up your means, you will flounder and lose the faith; but if you have not got anything you will be just as Peter was. I am in the same fix. If I leave this Church, where in heaven will I go. That is the way I feel.

I feel to bless the people. I feel that you are being blessed and that you will continue to be blessed as long as you keep the commandments of God. When you cease keeping the commandments of God then the judgments of God will

commence at the house of the Lord, and I pray that that may be averted. I pray that we may not pass through the experience that the people had in Kirtland because they transgressed the laws of God. May the Lord bless you. Amen.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH.

The Saints a charitable people—Idleness and pauperism should not be fostered—Value of independence and industry.

My brethren and sisters, I have been unexpectedly called upon to make a few remarks and as I have not premeditated upon what to say, it is just occurred to me to follow some of the remarks that have already been made to us this morning, by reading from the fourth chapter of Mosiah:

"Believe in God; believe that He is, and that He created all things, both in heaven and in earth; believe that He has all wisdom, and all power, both in heaven and in earth; believe that man doth not comprehend all the things which the Lord can comprehend.

"And again: Believe that ye must repent of your sins and forsake them, and humble yourselves before God; and ask in sincerity of heart that He would forgive you; and now, if you believe all these things see that ye do them.

"And again I say unto you as I have said before, that ye have known of His goodness, and have tasted of His love and have received a remission of your sins, which causeth such exceeding great joy in your souls, even so I would that ye should remember, and always retain in remembrance, the greatness of God, and your own nothingness, and His goodness and long suffering towards you, unworthy creatures, and humble yourselves even in the depths of humility, calling on the name of the Lord dally, and standing steadfastly in the faith of that which is to come, which was spoken by the mouth of the angel;

"And behold, I say unto you, that if ye do this, ye shall always rejoice, and be filled with the love of God, and always retain a remission of your sins; and ye shall grow in the knowledge of the glory of Him that created you, or in the knowledge of that which is just and true.

"And ye will not have a mind to injure one another, but to live peaceably, and to render to every man according to that which is his due.

"And ye will not suffer your children, that they go hungry, or naked; neither will ye suffer that they transgress the laws of God, and fight and quarrel with one another, and serve the devil, who is the master of sin, or who is the evil spirit which hath been spoken of by our fathers; he being an enemy to all righteousness;

"But ye will teach them to walk in the ways of truth and soberness; ye will teach them to love one another, and to serve one another;

"And also, ye yourselves will succor those that stand in need of your succor; ye will administer of your substance unto him that standeth in need; and ye will not suffer that the beggar putteth up his petition to you in vain, and turn him out to perish.

"Perhaps thou shalt say, the man has brought upon himself his misery, therefore I will stay my hand, and will not give unto him of my food, nor impart unto him of my substance that he may not suffer, for his punishments are just.

"But I say unto you, O man, whosoever doeth this, the same hath great cause to repent; and except he repenteth of that which he hath done, he perisheth for ever, and hath no interest in the kingdom of God.

"For behold, are we not all beggars? Do we not all depend upon the same Being, even God, for all the substance which we have; for both food and raiment, and for gold and for silver, and for all the riches which we have of every kind?

"And behold, even at this time, ye have been calling on His name, and begging for a remission of your sins. And has He suffered that ye have begged in vain? Nay: He has poured out His Spirit upon you, and has caused that your hearts should be filled with joy, and has caused that your mouths should be stopped, that ye could not find utterance, so exceeding great was your joy.

"And now, if God, who has created you, on whom you are dependent for your lives, and for all that ye have and are, doth grant unto you whatsoever ye ask that is right, in faith, be-