

"They who have slept in their graves shall come forth; for their graves shall be opened, and they also shall be caught up to meet him in the midst of the pillar of heaven." Now, these are the first fruits of that resurrection, and they shall descend with Christ. They also who are on the earth shall be caught up to meet Him. And all this by the voice of the trump of the angel of God.

This, brethren and sisters, is something worth working for. We desire to live so that when this event shall come, whether we be on the earth or in the grave, that this sound may be heard by us—that we may come forth and join that happy throng. The revelation goes on to describe those who shall hear the trump, but who are of a different class to that to which I have referred. There will be some that did not hear the gospel upon the earth, but who received their portion in the prison. We have generally thought that the doctrine of salvation for the dead was not taught until 1843, when the Prophet Joseph received revelations concerning work for the dead; but from the very beginning the Lord revealed unto him that there was a possibility of salvation being obtained by those who had passed away without a knowledge of the Gospel. And so we are told here of the next class that shall be resurrected:

"And after this another angel shall sound, which is the second trump; and then cometh the redemption of those who are Christ's at his coming; who have received their part in that prison which is prepared for them, that they might receive the Gospel, and be judged according to men in the flesh.

"And again, another trump shall sound, which is the third trump; and then cometh the spirits of men who are to be judged, and are found under condemnation.

"And these are the rest of the dead, and they live not again until the thousand years are ended, neither again, until the end of the earth.

And another trump shall sound, which is the fourth trump, saying, There are found among those who are to remain until that great and last day, even the end, who shall remain filthy still."

Perhaps the sons of perdition are the last class. All will be resurrected. Jesus died for us all. He became the Redeemer, He bought us for a price, and His death brought the privilege of resurrection unto every soul, whether he be a sinner or not. All will receive a share in the resurrection—not in the first resurrection, but they will be resurrected, and will be brought before the bar of our Heavenly Father.

Brethren and sisters, let us so live that there will be no danger of our being in the latter classes, but that we may be among the first fruits of Christ. Sunday after Sunday we promise that we will take upon us His name. Let us not only take upon us His name, but show in very deed that we are His. Let us follow the good counsel given us this morning, live our holy religion, carry out the commandments of God, and not fear what man may say concerning us. We know what we have received; we know that this work is for the salvation and betterment of men, then let us carry out its principles. This is my advice to you. God bless you all. Amen.

PRESIDENT JOHN R. WINDER.

Missionary work at home and abroad.

I have no doubt, my brethren and sisters, but that you, with myself, have greatly rejoiced in what we have heard from Presidents Smith and Lund. With those brethren, I join in extending to you a hearty greeting to this conference. When I think that many of you have traveled hundreds, and some of you thousands, of miles to visit this Conference, I feel in my heart to hope you will be amply repaid for your journey. I trust we will keep in mind the good instructions we have already received, and that we will be more diligent and determined to serve the Lord with all our might, mind and strength. Our motto, as I understand it, is "Peace on Earth, and Good Will to Men." Some of you, my brethren, who are present today, are laboring in the nations of the earth, endeavoring to enlighten the

minds of those who are in darkness and bring them to a knowledge of the truth. I have no doubt the feeling in your heart all the time is, "Peace on earth, good will to men." While we claim the right to serve the Lord with full purpose of heart, in our own way, we have no wish to deprive others from doing the same. We hope and expect to always have the privilege of serving the Lord as we feel is best, and while we value this privilege ourselves, we extend the same right to everybody on the face of the earth. I rejoice this morning, my brethren and sisters, in the progress of the work, and the good reports we receive from the utmost bounds where our brethren are laboring. There is a gratifying growth and increase everywhere, so far as we can learn. It is remarkable the inquiries that are now being made in relation to the Gospel; and while I rejoice in what the missionaries are doing abroad, I sometimes think what a difference in experience there is right here on this Temple block. Here we have established a bureau of information, and a number of brethren and sisters are called to act as missionaries on this block. Instead of their having to wander up and down the earth seeking for the privilege to distribute tracts or impart information in relation to the Gospel, hundreds and thousands come to them to obtain information; and tens of thousands of books and pamphlets in relation to the Gospel have been distributed by the brethren and sisters who are laboring here. What a change has come over us! I believe that some of you, while traveling abroad, will find the fruits of the labor on this block. Many visitors, if they do not obey the Gospel as a result of the work of the missionaries here, at least become more friendly to the Latter-day Saints than they were before they visited us.

It is a glorious work, brethren and sisters, that we are engaged in; may we never tire of it, but always be willing and faithful in the discharge of every duty that is required of us. I feel thankful that the Lord has preserved my life, and permitted me to meet with

you here on the seventy-fourth anniversary of the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. If anybody on earth has cause to be thankful I think I have. The Lord has permitted me to live to see almost my eighty-third year, and I am deeply thankful to Him for His goodness. While life shall last I propose to work more energetically and faithfully than I have done hitherto, if the Lord will help me to do it. God bless you all, my brethren and sisters, is my prayer in the name of Jesus, Amen.

The choir sang the anthem:

"In Our Redeemer's Name."

Benediction by Elder Lewis W. Shurtliff.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The choir sang the anthem:

"Lift up the Voice in Singing."

Prayer by Elder James H. Hart.

Singing by the choir:

"The Overthrow of Gog and Magog."

PRESIDENT FRANCIS M. LYMAN.

Causes of the unity of the Saints—Necessity for continuous faithfulness to God—An admonition to the people.

It is about three years since I stood before so large a congregation. During that time I have been abroad, and have always felt that we were greatly favored when we could meet from one hundred to six hundred people. I greatly desire your sympathy, your faith and prayers, and the blessing of the Spirit of the Lord. If the Lord speaks through me, I am sure I shall be edified in speaking and you will be in listening. I greatly enjoyed the measure of the Spirit given to our brethren this morning, and the word of the Lord that we listened to through them. I feel disposed to read to you a few words uttered by the Savior on the occasion of His first visit to the people of Nephi. They are to be found in the eleventh chapter of III Nephi, in the Book of Mormon:

"And the Lord commanded him (Nephi) that he should arise. And he arose and stood before them.