

privilege that we enjoy of meeting in this sacred building, in conference assembled to receive the word of the Lord. I endorse, most heartily, the truths that have been taught from this pulpit during this conference, and I take to myself the admonition of our beloved president with reference to the conditions that maintain in our beloved country at the present time. I desire to repeat his admonition to us, that our Father is the source of inspiration in all things, both spiritual and temporal. We may petition the throne of grace in faith and our prayer will not be unanswered.

In the language of a great prophet of Israel I would say to the Latter-day Saints, "Get the Spirit of God in your hearts and keep It; it will guide us into all truth; it will be a panacea for all our ills; it will enable us to look forward to the coming of the risen Redeemer confident that He shall come again in the clouds of heaven." Possessing that Spirit, our ambition will not be a selfish one, but with charity in our hearts for all mankind, love for all our Father's children, we will mingle with them day by day, and the influence we radiate will be one of love and kindness that will have its influence for good upon every child of our Father with whom we come in contact.

May the Lord add His blessing; may His peace be upon all Israel. I desire to add my testimony to those already borne. I know that the Book of Mormon contains the word of God, and that it supplements the other sacred scriptures of Jewish Israel. I know that the Doctrine and Covenants is the word of the Lord to us in this day; and I know that the same Power that gave the instructions contained in

those volumes still is supreme. He will continue to feed us the bread of life as we need it from time to time, if we will but live in accordance with the teachings we have already received. God grant that we may evidence our faith and devotion to the cause with which we are identified, by lives of purity and righteousness, doing good to all men, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PATRIARCH HYRUM G. SMITH.

Young people admonished to shun existing evils.

In the presence of this vast congregation, and in the presence of men much older than I, both in experience and in years, I certainly feel my weakness in standing before you, my brethren and sisters, and I pray that the Spirit of the Lord will continue to be with us.

I have enjoyed this conference above all others that I have ever attended. This to me is the first privilege of standing before so great a number of people. Without the Spirit and blessings of our Father in heaven, I feel that I will be unable to magnify the calling and position that has come to me. I desire an interest in your faith and prayers continually.

I know that this is the work of the Lord, and that we are His chosen people in these the last days. Where much is given much is expected; and I do earnestly pray that both young and old will take to heart the instructions that have been given by our prophet, and by those who have followed him, in teaching and warning us concerning these trying times, and in regard to our lives as Latter-day Saints. I

do hope, and pray, that the young people especially will take the advice of those who are older, and not go into by and forbidden paths, and partake of the evils that exist in our midst, by following bad examples set before us by those who are not of us. Let us look to our leaders, those who hold the Holy Priesthood, and take their advice, and, in the spirit of humility and prayer, I feel sure that if we take this admonition we shall not go astray spiritually, but be raised up by the power of the Lord and made equal to the responsibilities as they come to us from our fathers.

Again I say, that in the presence of this vast congregation and those of experience in the work, I feel my weakness, but I testify that the Spirit of the Lord has been with us and we have been blessed. I pray that His spirit will go with us, and help us to put into practice the teachings given at this conference, and that when we go away we shall not say, "What a splendid conference we have had," and then in a few days forget it. May the teachings given burn within our hearts that we may be given courage, and strength of mind and body, to serve the Lord and keep His commandments, that we may be His children in very deed, and be worthy of the blessings He has in store for us, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH.

I would like to say for the information perhaps of a great many of the Latter-day Saints who are present here today, that the last speaker is the great-grandson of the Patriarch Hyrum Smith, and who now

holds the position of Presiding Patriarch in the Church.

ELDER DAVID O. MCKAY.

Strength of the Church is individual testimony.—Obedience the key to knowledge of truth.—Benefit of Church to individuals.—Church members advised to restrain contention.

I pray for the inspiration of the Lord, that I may speak those things that will be in harmony with His will—that is the prayer of my heart this afternoon.

"Be it known unto you all and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders which has become the head of the corner; neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

So spake Peter, the chief apostle when he was arraigned before the judges for having healed the impotent man. He bore a strong testimony to those people who but a short time before had participated, directly or indirectly, in the crucifixion of the Savior. They warned Peter and John not to preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified, but when they perceived the boldness of Peter and John, and saw the impotent man standing before them whole, they counseled among themselves what to do. Then they returned and cautioned the apostles not to preach Jesus Christ to the people. At that point Peter and John, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, answered, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to harken unto you more than