

prophet inspired of God to establish—no, re-establish— his Church upon the earth, no more to be thrown down, forever; and as the years multiply upon my head a knowledge of these great truths increase in their emphasis in my soul. "Time but the impression deeper makes, As streams their channels deeper wear." To this I bear witness in your presence, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER J. GOLDEN KIMBALL

(Of the First Council of Seventy.)

I presume there are very few who are here present who are not aware of the fact that I was born in these valleys of the mountains. Have I not given evidence to the Latter-day Saints of this Church, during the twenty-seven years of my ministry? Have I not been frank and honest and clear in my statements, and have I felt any doubt in your minds that I do not believe and am not honest and truthful and believe with all my heart and with all my soul that God is the Father? I may not have a perfect and true conception of God, but I love God; I love him for his perfection; I love him for his mercy; I love him for his justice; and notwithstanding my many weaknesses I am not afraid to meet him. For I know that he will deal justly by me; and the great joy I will have is that he will understand me and that is more than some of you have been able to do. (Laughter.) I believe with the same love and faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Redeemer of the world I believe that Joseph Smith is a prophet of God, and there is no man living who reads the things that God has revealed through the Prophet, and the sayings of the Prophet with more joy and more satisfaction and more happiness than I have in reading of the Prophet of God. My father breathed it into my very soul, and I thank God that I am a son of one of God's servants, and that no man can place a finger or make a statement that he did not uphold the Prophet of God, not only Joseph Smith but Brigham Young, and all the others who labored in the Church. Now, friends, if you are in any doubt about my standing in the Church and any of you want to question my loyalty and patriotism you can get a row any time you want it. (Laughter)

I sustain President Grant. When he became President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints I told him I sustained him with my full faith and confidence; and that is the best I can do. I propose to stand behind him and his counselors and the Twelve apostles. As I told an apostle once: "If God Almighty puts a child in the Council of the Twelve, and he will give me enough of his Spirit, I will sustain him. I pray the Lord to bless you. Amen.

ELDER RULON S. WELLS

(Of the First Council of Seventy.)

I find myself in full and happy accord with the spirit of this conference and the utterances that have been made from this stand. I

believe in the doctrines that have been taught. I believe in those principles which are the underlying foundation of the work of God which contemplate and have for their purpose the liberation and freedom of the children of God, not only our civil liberty and freedom from the tyranny of despotic and autocratic governments, but also that perfect liberty which can only be attained through obedience to the "perfect law of liberty"—the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ—the truth which will make us free indeed, even free from the bondage of sin and the tyranny of the adversary of our souls.

The discovery of this land—the promised land—the Land of Joseph, the Zion of latter days, and the establishment thereon of this government, a government deriving its powers from the consent of the governed, is so interwoven with the work of God that we are bound to recognize the inspiration of the Almighty in connection therewith.

Read I Nephi 13, 12 where Nephi sees in vision that the Spirit of God inspired the great Columbus (it can mean no other) to cross the many waters, the great Atlantic ocean, which separated him from the seed of Nephi's brethren, who were in the promised land.

Let me, then, declare my faith in the inspiration of the Lord as it relates to these historical events:

I believe that the Lord restored this land and inspired its discovery by Columbus for the purpose of establishing a government thereon which would secure to its people their inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

I believe that he inspired Thomas Jefferson in the writing of the Declaration of Independence. I believe that the Constitution of the United States was inspired of God, that under its protection his Church could be established and thereby the "perfect law of liberty," the gospel of Jesus Christ, be promulgated not only in the promised land but in all lands, to every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

I believe that George Washington was the human instrument in the hands of God in establishing a government based on the principles of human liberty.

I believe that Abraham Lincoln was the human instrument in God's hand of preserving these precious principles that they should not perish from the earth.

I believe that Woodrow Wilson is the human instrument, in the hands of the Lord of extending these principles to all the nations of the earth, for God is no respecter of persons but designs that all his children shall be made free.

I believe that the League of Nations covenant, when ratified, will become the instrument whereby the inalienable rights of men shall be extended to our Father's children in every land, that it will be an effectual opening of the door which will admit the promulgation of the greater, the perfect, law of liberty, through which the Lord designs to make his children free. Amen.

A sacred solo: "Abide with Me," was sung by David Rees.