

"My son, peace be unto thy soul; thine adversity and thine afflictions shall be but a small moment."

"And then, if thou endure it well, God shall exalt thee on high. * * *
"Cursed are all those that shall lift up the heel against mine anointed, saith the Lord, * * * they are the servants of sin, and are the children of disobedience themselves." * * *

"Let thy bowels also be full of charity towards all men, and to the household of faith, and let virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly, then shall thy confidence wax strong in the presence of God, and the doctrine of the Priesthood shall distil upon thy soul as the dews from heaven."

"The Holy Ghost shall be thy constant companion, and thy sceptre an unchanging sceptre of righteousness and truth, and thy dominion shall be an everlasting dominion, and without compulsory means, it shall flow unto thee forever and ever."

I testify to you that Joseph Smith was and is a Prophet of God, that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the World, that his Church is on the earth today and that this people are led by a prophet of God, I give you this testimony with all my heart and soul, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER BRIGHAM H. ROBERTS

(Of the First Council of Seventy)

(Owing to the unavoidable absence of Elder Roberts from the Conference on Monday and Tuesday, he was not given an opportunity to speak; hence, on request of President Heber J. Grant, this address, given at another meeting, during the Conference, is here presented):

I wish to say, my brethren, that I appreciate, beyond any power of mine to express it, the opportunity afforded me to say just a word to you at the invitation of President Grant. You may be assured that my absence through two days from the General Conference was unavoidable.

THE MORMON BATTALION MONUMENT.

There is one matter that I think I ought to mention here—and I do so with very great pleasure—and that is, you will remember that at a similar meeting to this, six months ago, I was granted the privilege of presenting the matter of making a drive to raise the funds for the Mormon Battalion Monument. The State had appropriated \$100,000 provided the commission raise \$100,000 from other sources. With the consent of President Grant, I presented the matter six months ago. You doubtless remember the very fine spirit in which that subject was received by you, and what a very hearty response it met with. Well, I now have to say to you that in December the State Commission made the necessary organization throughout the counties of Utah, and throughout the stakes of Zion, outside of the counties of Utah, but we have been conducting this campaign for funds under very discouraging circumstances. We began right in the midst of the holiday season, and shortly after in very many of the communities the "flu" broke out and hindered our work. In addition to that, it seemed

to me that never before were the people called upon to meet so many demands made upon their generosity, as at that time. "Drives," four and five deep, followed upon ours but notwithstanding all these disadvantages, through the very excellent response from the stakes of Zion, I can say to you that the amount that is now in the banks, and that which has been reported to us, as being in hand, but not yet sent up to our treasurer,—the account being kept open in the hope that further additions will be made,—satisfied us that we now have contributed, of this \$100,000, from seventy to seventy-five thousand dollars; and I have not a doubt but that we shall be able to make such appeal to those who have not yet responded—as we think, to the fulness of their generosity—that will easily make up the remainder of that sum, and that it will be deposited with the State treasurer in time to make available the State's appropriation for the monument.

I thought it was only fitting to make this report to you since you took so splendid a part, and responded to the appeal with such spontaneity, that you ought to know the progress we have made. We are now so near to the top of the hill, that I am very sure we shall reach the summit of it splendidly, and, in due time, we shall be able to commemorate one of the greatest historical events connected with our pioneer history, and establish a monument of it for all future generations.

TESTIMONY.

Now, in relation to my joining the rest of the brethren in testimony concerning God's great latter-day work, mentioned by President Grant. Here, if anywhere, I feel entirely at home; and I experience the thrill that comes from a consciousness of being, with you, one of the sons of God. With all my heart and soul I thank God, the eternal Father, that he has given to me a sure testimony of his existence, his being, and the kind of being he is. For to me he stands revealed through Jesus Christ, our Lord; the Christ, resurrected and immortal, is the exact image and likeness of the Father's person; that as the Son is, so also is the Father; and that united with them and bearing witness to the children of men of their existence, is that personage of the Holy Ghost, a personage of spirit, with whom we may have fellowship, into whose fellowship we have been inducted by the holy ordinance of confirmation, the laying on of hands, by which we have access unto him and the light and intelligence and power and glory that emanate from him; and from the Father, and from the Son, and from the Holy Ghost. Thereby proceeds forth from these, to fill the immensity of space, the Spirit of the living God, in whom we may live and move and have our being. As we live and move and have our being on a summer day in the glorious sunshine, so in the everywhere presence of God about us, our souls may be in touch and in harmony, in union and fellowship with the Holy Trinity, through fellowship with the Holy Ghost.

I rejoice in those great and fundamental truths, and I thank God that he has given me a knowledge of these great doctrines, and the

truth of the whole gospel of Jesus Christ, including a knowledge of the truth of the blessed atonement, by which the mercy of God is introduced into the economy of God with reference to the human race, making forgiveness of sin possible, and man's fellowship with God a reality through the ordinances of the gospel. I know that these things are true, for God has given me the witness of them. Looking back over my life, I may say to you, though I may at times and in part have wandered from God, that is, I may have displeased him by the manifestation of my human weakness and imperfections, yet God in his mercy has never left me; and I can speak of and rejoice in the fellowship of God today, and in the clearness of the knowledge of God and of these great doctrines of the gospel, I have referred to, with all my soul. I know that God lives; that Jesus is the Christ; that the gospel is true; that his Church is established, no more to be destroyed; that the elements of preservation and continuity are in it, and will continue, and it will enlarge; it will grow stronger; its foundations are laid broad and deep, and it will remain in the earth to function for God in the work of salvation for the children of men, its glory increasing, its power enlarging, until it shall deliver such a message to this world for God, that it will lead to the redemption of the human race. In these things, my brethren, I rejoice with you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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My dear President Grant:—I have been called this morning to attend an important meeting of the Board of the State Industrial School at Ogden. I am compelled, therefore, to ask to be excused from the sessions of the conference today. I regret this very much, for I was anxious to attend the meetings, particularly on this sixth day of April.

The general theme of this conference has been a spiritual uplift to me. As the days and years add to my little knowledge of life, the beauty of the gospel of Jesus Christ grows. The vision of God the Father and the Son Jesus Christ to the boy Joseph Smith in the spring of 1820 is the one event that has ushered in a new period of the world's history. Ancient days were then left behind, and modern days began. It was the most natural thing in the world for God to reveal himself to a child whose mind was pure and who had not learned the theories of philosophy of that day. I look upon Joseph Smith as the greatest prophet of all history, for his was the work of the greatest age of man's development since the fall of Adam.

May we all go forward with the testimony ringing in our hearts that Jesus Christ is the Redeemer of the world; that Joseph Smith is a prophet of God; that the Priesthood of God has been restored; that the Book of Mormon is a record of the fathers of the American