

Saints? Where can we find a people who are making the sacrifices that this people are doing, who are doing the good that this people are doing?

OUR RELIGION A POSITIVE ONE

Mormonism, I think we were told by Bishop Cannon this morning, is a positive religion, and I say that which is in opposition to it is negative. If it were possible that the Latter-day Saints could be mistaken in their attitude that this religion of ours is a positive religion, that there are things that must be done and accomplished in order to attain salvation, principles to be accepted and ordinances to be received, service to be rendered such as the Latter-day Saints are rendering, I say if it were possible that we could be mistaken in this thing—for we will all know at some future time with regard to salvation and its requirements, when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is the Christ, if not before—we would be as well off as those who take the negative attitude toward religion. But if it proves that we are right—as I am sure it will—in our claims of the things necessary in order to obtain salvation, how much better off we will be than those who have been on the negative side. So we are on the safe side, and I thank God that I have the assurance that we are on the safe side so far as understanding what salvation is and how it may be attained.

I think so far as the practice of these things is concerned we are setting a worthy example to the world of mankind. I have no fear so far as that is concerned that that is the order of things. If only we could fulfil the law in an acceptable way as our Father's children, all will be well with us, there will be no disappointment, and that is the thing that we are here upon this earth to do, to make preparation for the life which is to come, which is eternal, so that when we go beyond there will be no reproach of having done things we ought not to have done, there will be no disappointment. We will enter into the rest and the glory that are prepared for the righteous of our Father's children.

God bless this people for their faithfulness, their devotion to the work of the Lord, and may he reward all the members of this Church fully for every sacrifice that they make in this life, and if not in this life, in the life to come, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

At the suggestion of President Heber J. Grant, the Choir and congregation arose and sang "High on the Mountain Top."

ELDER J. GOLDEN KIMBALL

Of the First Council of the Seventy

The way you people look around and feel around, I am wondering if you think that I am old. (*Laughter.*) I am very glad that I am not so old as I feel. I am thankful nearly every minute that I am well. I am better informed about life than death. I appreciate more than I can express President Grant's kindness towards me in permitting me to

stand in this pulpit and declare humbly and prayerfully before God that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God, that Jesus is the Christ, that God is our Father. If you take that from me, you have taken my whole life.

I have been in the First Council of the Seventy over forty years, drifting along in the Council and receiving their instructions; and I now happen to be the senior president of the First Council. These young brethren—I call them young because they are not so old as I am—have been wonderful, they have been so kind, so considerate, and so appreciative that I want to say to you good people, you Latter-day Saints, I have been rewarded. Right along I have received my reward and pension for every kind thing that I have done.

I love God, and I love God because he is a God of love, because he is a God of kindness, a God of forgiveness, for he has provided an opportunity that with all our weaknesses we can repent. And if you take from me the joy, the happiness, the peace and forgiveness, for heaven's sake, what have I left? I would not give you a nickle for the whole thing. I love this work. My brethren have been wonderfully good to me, and they have been patient. God knows that, or they never would have endured it, because I have said things that I was sorry I said, but I could not take them back. (Laughter).

I have a book—I did not write it, thank the Lord—they call it *J. Golden Kimball*; it has been passed around. There are in it something over fifty talks, not long talks but short ones, that I have handed over to the stenographer, and they have been printed. I am saying to you in all candor that I have read it, (it is about the only book I have read through) to find out what is said about me.

My brother Elias, before his death three years ago, read that book and he said: "Golden, there are things in that book that God must have given to you." That is my testimony to you, my brethren and sisters, in conclusion, that the Lord in his kindness and love has given me inspiration at times. I have been moved upon to prophesy, and my prophecies have come true. I am testifying to you that I have administered to a great many sick people; within a short time I have administered to three, four or five.

A young married man who is not a Mormon took a fancy to me, and I went and administered to that young fellow. His stomach is punctured, he has been under the physicians' care—three, four or five physicians—in the Catholic hospital. That young man wanted me to administer to him. I blessed him. He sent for me again and I blessed him again. That young boy almost worships me; I hope he lives.

I administered to a woman not so long ago who had a cancer. She said she was healed. Well, I have told all of them it is not I, it is God, it is God's faith.

In conclusion: You good people learn to love God. But without faith what can you do? All of us can have faith, and without it we cannot accomplish a single thing.

I pray the Lord to bless all you brethren, all you Authorities. My whole conclusion is God save the people, and God knows they do need salvation.

My father, Heber C. Kimball, once was discouraged and he said: "I do not know whether any of you will be saved. If any of you are saved I will be more surprised than anybody else."

The Lord bless you. Amen.

ELDER JOSEPH F. MERRILL

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CAMPAIGN AGAINST TOBACCO

Nearly a year ago the First Presidency authorized the Council of Twelve to organize a campaign throughout the Church against the use of alcoholic beverages and tobacco. This was to be a project for all Priesthood quorums, both Melchizedek and Aaronic, which should be charged with the responsibility of keeping their own members free from using alcoholic beverages and tobacco and of assisting all others to do likewise. Further, the Presidency called upon the auxiliary organizations of the Church to cooperate with the Priesthood quorums in giving help to the campaign.

When the revised Priesthood plan went into operation last January, every quorum was advised to begin working on the liquor-tobacco project. From then until now the campaign has been in process of developing and continues so.

Everyone recognizes that this is a work that cannot be finished in a season or a year. For it is expected to reach every home in every ward of the Church and secure a favorable response to the objective of the campaign—win our people away from the use of liquor and tobacco.

This of course will be a campaign of education, a conversion of the intellect, a winning of the heart and securing action by the will. Of necessity time will be required to do these things. Another reason why the campaign must continue beyond the limits of a single year is that boys and girls are growing up and while at the moment they are innocent and clean, efforts must continually be made to keep them so. Hence it is believed that the campaign should go forward on all feasible fronts and utilize every available means of reaching all the members of the Church, especially those living within reach of Priesthood quorums.

Methods of doing this work most certainly require careful consideration. The objective desired is clear and easily understood. But no two persons are exactly alike; their circumstances and environments differ and the ways of effectively reaching their hearts and wills must be determined by their individual condition and characteristics. Hence tact, resourcefulness, persistence, wisdom and good will must be factors of any and all successful methods.