

For the indignation of the Lord is kindled against their abominations and all their wicked works.

Nevertheless, Zion shall escape if she observe to do all things whatsoever I have commanded her.

But if she observe not to do whatsoever I have commanded her, I will visit her according to all her works, with sore affliction, with pestilence, with plague, with sword, with vengeance, with devouring fire.

#### THE WAY OF ESCAPE

Nevertheless, let it be read this once to her ears, that I, the Lord, have accepted of her offering; and if she sin no more none of these things shall come upon her.

We have the means of escape through obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Will we escape? When I see, even among the Latter-day Saints the violation of the laws of the Lord, I fear and I tremble. I have been crying repentance among the Stakes of Zion for thirty years, calling upon the people to turn to the Lord, keep His commandments, observe the Sabbath Day, pay their honest tithing, do everything the Lord has commanded them to do, to live by every word that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God.

By doing this we shall escape the calamities.

I am going to repeat what I have said before, for which I have been severely criticized from certain quarters, that even in this country we have no grounds by which we may escape, no sure foundation upon which we can stand, and by which we may escape from the calamities and destruction and the plagues and the pestilences, and even the devouring fire by sword and by war, unless we repent and keep the commandments of the Lord, for it is written here in these revelations.

So I cry repentance to the Latter-day Saints, and I cry repentance to the people of the United States, as well as to the people of all the earth. May we turn to live in accordance with divine law, and keep the commandments the Lord has given, I humbly pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### ELDER CHARLES A. CALLIS

##### *Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles*

The blessed Savior said:

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. John 14:1.

Again

For I will reveal myself from heaven with power and great glory, with all the hosts thereof, and dwell in righteousness with men on earth a thousand years, and the wicked shall not stand.

(Doctrine & Covenants Section 29:11.)

#### BLESSINGS TO FOLLOW JUDGMENTS

The earth, in spite of these dark, gloomy days, is moving forward to a glorious ideal. The good that seems imprisoned is working toward

deliverance and triumph. "We believe that Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisaical glory."

The judgments that are raging in the earth are testimonies to the Latter-day Saints that God's blessings will follow, for He loves mercy more than judgment.

#### STRENUOUS WORK NEEDED

If Paul were to return to the earth now would he say to the American people what he said to the people of his day?

The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

I think that America stands in need of the gospel of strenuous work. We are becoming a soft people; we like our nights of pleasure and our days of loafing. There would not be nearly so much sin in the world today if men and women would work more and play less. It is becoming a practice to talk much of our rights. These rights of course are sacred; they are God-given, but if we neglect to use them they become a curse, as it were, and God will take them away.

Why not talk more about obligations to man, to country, and to God? We are under deep obligation to care for our fellow-creatures. Think of this wonderful truth in the Book of Mormon:

When ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God.

#### GOD'S PURPOSES TO BE FULFILLED

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the mother of men because it has given so much. This heaven-inspired Church Welfare Plan creates in us a fine desire to be sympathetic and to work, and to help others to work. The joy that we gain from service to men is not easily measured.

Wars may come, and they will go. I do not believe the Millennium is imminent; this Church is consecrated to the task of preaching the Gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. We have scarcely scratched the surface. Where we are baptizing one today, in the not distant future we are going to baptize fifty, aye, a hundred, for God's purposes are sure to be fulfilled. He does not delight in the death of the wicked. He loves His children and through His servants, He is pleading with them to come to the light, which results in obedience to Him.

#### ETERNAL RICHES REMAIN

The days are dark; we suffer temptation, we suffer hardships of various kinds, but there is one thing that depression and war cannot take from us. I refer to the gift of eternal life. We should put more trust in the spiritual values of existence. The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. Wars may rage, famine may come, earthquakes and the like, and depressions, but these things cannot take away the eternal riches of Jesus Christ. Some of these riches

are the glorious atonement, salvation for the dead, the second coming of the Son of God, the glorious resurrection and the eternity of the marriage covenant by which we are united in marriage on earth and in heaven by the power of the holy Priesthood. Thieves and misfortune cannot take these things from us, for they are immortal, God-given, and shall survive death and destruction. The Apostle Paul sings this glorious refrain of gratitude:

It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

#### THE LOVE OF THE SAVIOR

What a wonderful thing it is to have a mediator, the Lord Jesus, who intercedes for his brethren.

And Paul continues:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

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Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ our Lord. (Romans 8:34-39).

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (Romans 8:18).

Ere long the skies will rend and Jesus Christ shall descend in glory with all his holy angels. Then will begin the long foretold Millennium, for which women have wept and for which men have prayed. Christ shall reign upon the earth in glory and in power from the rivers to the end of the earth. In that glorious Millennium we shall have good government, freedom from corruption; we shall rejoice in the divine reign of Him who is Prince of Peace and King of Kings.

When He comes

He will rule the world with truth and grace,  
And make the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love.

Even so, blessed Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

#### ELDER SAMUEL O. BENNION

##### *Of the First Council of the Seventy*

I am delighted, my brethren and sisters and friends, to greet you upon this occasion, and to feel the impressions of the holy Spirit of God that have been manifest all through this great Conference. It is always an inspiration to see the large congregations of the Church gathered together as we see them during the periods of our Annual and Semi-Annual Conferences—people who have come from great distances, people