

Saturday, April 4

those who have overcome by faith and are

Sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise, which the Father sheds forth upon all those who are just and true.

They are they who are the church of the Firstborn.

They are they into whose hands the Father has given all things—

They are they who are priests and kings, who have received of his fulness, and of his glory;

And are priests of the Most High, after the order of Melchizedek, which was after the order of Enoch, which was after the order of the Only Begotten Son.

Wherefore, as it is written, they are gods, even the sons of God—

Wherefore, all things are theirs, whether life or death, or things present, or things to come, all are theirs and they are Christ's, and Christ is God's. (D. & C. 76:53-59)

What a wonderful thing it is to have the opportunity through the gospel of Jesus Christ of receiving all that the Father has, to become sons of God!

Now they who enter into the terrestrial kingdom, and they who enter into the telestial kingdom will not be sons of God in the sense in which this term is used here. Of course we are all the children of God, every soul on the

earth; we are His offspring, but in the great kingdom that shall be established in exaltation, all who receive exaltation will become sons of God, joint heirs with Jesus Christ and entitled to all the privileges and all the blessings of the Father's kingdom. What a wonderful privilege that is! This blessing will not come to the inhabitants of the telestial and the terrestrial worlds.

Now the question often arises, Is this earth upon which we dwell going to be one-third celestialized, one-third terrestrialized, one-third telestialized? Are all the inhabitants of the earth going to dwell upon the earth? No. This earth is going to become a celestial body and is going to be a fit abode for celestial beings only; the others will have to go somewhere else, where they belong. This earth will be reserved for those who are entitled to exaltation, and they are the meek, spoken of by our Savior, who shall inherit the earth. When the Lord said the meek shall inherit the earth, He had reference to those who are willing to keep the commandments of the Lord in righteousness and thus receive exaltation.

May the Lord bless us, I pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER LEVI EDGAR YOUNG

Of the First Council of the Seventy

A NOTED American historian has recently written: "I wish that people, particularly the American people, would have more respect for ancient truths, the lessons of history, and the Word of God." What America needs besides fifty thousand planes is a spiritual awakening, and one deep enough to remove the notion from society that a man is doing well spiritually when he manages to listen to a sermon once a month over the radio. We need a return to the old-time standards of character that make it easy for a man to become indignant over corruption, come to a boil over injustice, and get fighting mad over a wrong. We need a reconstruction of moral fiber and a greater faith in the purposes of the Almighty.

We are living in a troubled and anxious world, and no time in all history have men watched more anxiously over their liberties than they are doing today. Days are dark for millions of the inhabitants of the earth. They will be darker still. But we have the will of the Lord, and consoling are the words we find in the gospel of St. John:

Then said Jesus . . . If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:31, 32)

Having been absent for many months in the New England Mission, I feel happy in renewing my work with the First Council of the Seventy. As I have come in contact with many of you stake presidents during the past few days, I

feel that we are going to establish a stronger unity between you and the quorums of seventy throughout the Church. We are grateful to you stake presidents for your cooperation in the past, and for the renewed hope and faith that the gospel will be preached to all the people of the earth. Amid the sorrows of this war-torn world, it must be remembered that there are men walking the earth beckoning us on—not abreast of us, but ahead of us. Religion explains them as men blessed of heaven; men spiritually endowed who are able to respond to the inspiration of the infinite power of God. They are good men, and wonderful is the vitality of goodness. They know that God has not separated Himself from the world, nor does He lightly regard anyone's need. There is a true Light "which lighteth every one who comes into the world," a saying rich in promise.

God has again spoken from heaven, and the Priesthood of God has again been restored to the earth. Prophets, seers, and revelators walk the earth. It is our firm conviction that the work of the Lord will grow in the hearts of men. We have faith in people, faith in the coming of God's kingdom upon the earth. Right does make might, and

right will prevail some day in all the world.

I want to call your attention to what Thomas Masaryk once wrote while he was teaching. You recall that Dr. Masaryk was the president of Czechoslovakia. He taught that a good leader does not need to be master, but a good leader is one who knows how to serve and feels he himself is guided and needs to be guided. He believed in living a clean, good life, and he was tolerant, and believed that all religions should work together to make a friendly world. These are some of the things he taught:

Search for truth.
Nothing is great if it is not true.
Everything in a democracy depends upon the people.
They must think and work together.
We need people united by an ideal. It is humanity that is important.

I know that you presidents of the stakes of Zion and we seventies with you are united by a great ideal. With that ideal, we will work with larger purpose for the cause of God. May God bless us all from day to day. May we have the light of His kingdom upon the earth. This we ask in His Name. Amen.

The congregation sang the hymn, "God Moves In A Mysterious Way" (Hymn Book, page 28).

ELDER RICHARD R. LYMAN

Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

IN these days it is pretty difficult to think of anything besides war, and the great question is, Who is going to win the war? I have here a clipping from *The Deseret News* of February 5, 1942. The heading is, "The most healthy will win the war." Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur expresses these views:

The people with the most health, the people with the most vigor, and the people with the most fitness and sobriety, training, and devotion to the common cause are the people who are going to win this war. America must throw off its night-clubbish habits, its loose thinking and health-destroy-

ing tendencies if America is to be on the winning side.

We educators know that the easiest way in the world to lose a football game is to have a team that breaks training rules and only half prepares for the contest. If we the Americans are to be the winners in this great contest, we must begin training, and we must begin that training now. There is no way to escape the fact that health will win this war for some people. God grant that that people may be the people of our own country.

Of the first two million men to go through draft examination, 900,000—think of it, 900,000, nearly half—were found to be unfit for military service because of physical, mental or moral defects.