

revealed word of the Lord because you have seen fit not to follow that advice?"

Eventually he admitted that the reason he did not feel at home was not a cold shoulder had been turned to him, but because he knew in his own heart that he was doing what he ought not to do.

I think many times it would be kindness to help people understand their own reactions. It is so easy to do the other fellow's thinking for him; it is so easy for me to think because I am not doing what is right, the other fellow is trying to pass me up. The greatest kindness that this body of Priesthood, and the Priesthood wherever it may be, can give to the world is, first of all, courageously to set an unwavering example of righteousness; and second, to bear testimony to the truth. There is no greater kindness which this people can give to the world.

Brethren, we should take the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as an international power more seriously. I promise you that there shall be no solution to our various problems; we shall continue to see the wise men of the world confounded and their wisdom become foolishness, because they suppose they know of themselves; we shall see no solution to our problems until the world starts to accept the Christ in deed, not in lip service; and it is your responsibility and my responsibility as members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to see that this word is spread by example as well as by precept.

God grant that we shall see our job, that we will not take our responsibility so lightly that we will look upon negligence as humor, but as tragic in these days, that this work may be the ultimate world leaven which it is destined to be, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER STEPHEN L RICHARDS

Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

We have surely been blessed, my brethren, with excellent counsel and inspiring messages in this conference. When I contemplate the fact that within this historic building we have met in peace, we have not been disturbed, we have been able to concentrate on the high purposes to which our lives are dedicated; while all about us is turmoil and confusion, I feel deeply grateful for the blessings which the Lord has brought to us.

OUR DUTY TOWARDS THOSE ENGAGED IN PRESENT CONFLICT

I believe that our course is well charted for us. There need be no confusion about the direction we are to take, and the destination we are to achieve. We are set to maintain the kingdom of God in this world, and all of our energy and our effort is directed to that glorious purpose.

It is true that we find ourselves at this particular time confronted with a necessity which deserves and demands our immediate attention. Our country is engaged in a war. We are citizens. We have the job of winning that war. It has heretofore been pointed out how essential it is to the preservation of liberty in the earth that we accomplish this

our immediate purpose and undertaking. I believe that we can make some real contributions to that end, and that we ought to make them.

In the first place, this war has to be financed. However much we may disagree with policies in vogue we must recognize that fact, and there devolves upon each one of us an obligation to do all that he can to provide the funds which are essential to supply our soldiers with the implements of war. When I think of what they suffer, the hardships through which they have to pass, as revealed by such arresting accounts as we have from Eddie Rickenbacker, for one I would not fail to give to each of these men the implements which he needs, the medicines that he requires, if it were possible for me to give them to him, and I think that each one of us is under obligation to subscribe to bonds, to contribute to various causes which are destined to help those in distress, and to be liberal, as liberal as our circumstances will permit.

FREEDOM ESSENTIAL TO GROWTH OF CHURCH

In the next place, we are sending out our young men into battle sometimes, I feel, without having fully interpreted for them the issues at stake and the purposes for which they are expected to fight. I am sure that every soldier would receive encouragement and fortitude to enable him to bear his trials if he had a perfect understanding of why freedom and liberty are essential to the consummation of the great purposes of the Almighty.

We never could have begun this work in any country other than America. American freedom has furnished the environment in which and out of which the Church of Christ has grown and developed. The preservation of that freedom is not only essential for our civic rights, but it is essential also for the growth and ultimate consummation of the kingdom of God. In my humble judgment every soldier who conscientiously and conscientiously devotes himself to the preservation of that freedom is making a distinct contribution to the great work with which we have the honor to be identified.

I would like each one of our soldier boys to have the consolation in his hours of bitter trial that whatever he gives to the cause of freedom he gives to the cause of Christ, and I would like each one to know that as he enters into this great undertaking he does so with the blessing of the Priesthood of the living God. We did not create the war; we deplore it; but it is here; and it is essential that triumph come to the cause of freedom and victory. I, for one, feel a deep gratitude in my heart to every soldier for fighting my battle for my home, my country, and my religion.

BELIEF IN ULTIMATE SPREAD OF CHURCH

Then we recognize that while we are helping to win this war it is essential that we make a contribution that will help to win a decent peace for this earth. Now, of course I do not know and I cannot state, and I do not know that anybody can state at this juncture, what kind of an organization may be set up for the establishment and the preservation

of peace in time to come, but I do know this one thing, that no peace will ever be lasting or satisfactory into which is not infused the spirit of the gospel of Jesus Christ, whose disciples we are. I recognize the fact that it seems a herculean and almost impossible undertaking for the few of us who constitute the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to be an important factor in giving the spirit of our Savior to the peoples of the world and those who preside over nations. I cannot understand myself just how it may be accomplished, but I know that if God wills it, it can be accomplished, and I believe that it will, and in the end when we see how it is accomplished, perhaps we will conclude that it was not such an impossible task after all.

When we think how, with the development of modern science the voice of one man can be magnified to reach all over this earth, and how a man's picture can be projected so that thousands can see it at one time, it does not seem to me within the realm of the impossible that a way may be provided by which about one-half of one percent of the population of this nation can influence the will and the judgment and the action of all the remainder. I believe that it can be done. I am sure that it can be done only with the aid of spiritual power and spiritual gifts, and that is what we most need at this hour.

PRIESTHOOD CARRIES POWER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

The power of the Priesthood is a spiritual power. We know that there is efficacy in it. We have seen its power manifest. We know, too, that these spiritual powers are not developed except through goodness and righteousness. We need today the great gift of discernment to be able to proceed with an intelligence and a wisdom that transcends our finite powers in the courses which we are to pursue. We need, too, personal influence which shall touch the lives of all with whom we come in contact and impress them not only with the seriousness of our undertaking, as so well explained by Brother Smith, but with the vitality of this undertaking for the welfare of this world. I believe that God can magnify the personal influence of a man so that it reaches out and touches the lives of others, and I have been constrained for many years to believe that if all the people of our Church were actually to keep the commandments, which President Grant has asked them repeatedly to do, they would develop individual personal power that would go out to the far corners of this earth and substantiate every doctrine that we teach and make an impression that could not be denied.

That is why individual life and living mean so much in the work that we seek to carry forward. Whenever our lives become inconsistent with our doctrine and our professions, that vitiates our influence, and every man of this Priesthood who does not have the strength of character to live according to the law which he knows to be right retards the work of God and the establishment of His kingdom.

My brethren, this is a day of consecration to the greatest and highest things that we have ever known in life. It is a day when our soldier boys give themselves, their service and their lives, if need be, to the

preservation of the heritage that we have received from the founders of our country, and it is a day when we of the Church must needs re-dedicate ourselves to its great mission. God will bring victory if we will lend ourselves to the great cause. I pray that we may have His Spirit to guide us always, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY

Second Counselor in the First Presidency

The closing song will be, "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go, Dear Lord." The congregation will remain seated, and note particularly the last stanza, "I'll be what you want me to be."

After the benediction this conference will be adjourned until 7 o'clock this evening.

All who hold tickets are invited to the session tonight under the same conditions and entering at the same designated places.

Singing by the congregation, "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go" (Rounsfell).

Elder ElRay L. Christiansen offered the closing prayer.

Conference adjourned until 7. p.m.

SECOND DAY

EVENING MEETING

Conference reconvened at 7 o'clock p.m., Monday, April 5.

President Grant was present at this session and presided. President David O. McKay, Second Counselor in the First Presidency, conducted the services.

J. Spencer Cornwall, Director of the Tabernacle Choir, led the singing, and Wade N. Stephens played the organ accompaniments.

There were present on the stand: President Grant, and his two Counselors, members of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, the Patriarch to the Church, the Assistants to the Twelve, the Presidents of the First Council of Seventy, and the Presiding Bishopric.

The congregation sang the hymn, "Praise to the Man" (William W. Phelps).

Elder Willard Ellis Bay, President of the Garfield Stake, offered the opening prayer.

Singing by the congregation, "O Say, What Is Truth?" (John Jaques).