

OUR DUTY TO MAKE KNOWN THE TRUTH

This work with our youth is closely allied to our larger obligation—missionary work. There is nothing like it in all the world. As the blood is the life of the flesh, so is missionary work the life of this Church, and if you take it away, there is no Church.

This is the Church and Kingdom of God that was established by the Savior who came to this earth in the Meridian of Time, who performed His mission and died that we might live. It is the work of God; I know that our Eternal Father appeared to Joseph Smith, His son, and said unto him, "Joseph, this is my beloved Son. Hear Him."

As a result of that visitation came this great organization, the Church, which will go on to perfection until the Christ comes again. There will never be a time when you and I will have so big a part to play as we do today. This is your day, it is my day, it is the time for men to prepare to meet their God, and to establish the principles of eternal truth in the hearts of the children of men.

I pray the Lord to bless you, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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Patriarch to the Church

In humility and with full appreciation of my immediate responsibility, and with complete awareness of my own weakness, I call upon my Father in Heaven to direct my thinking for a few moments and to grant me profitable utterance.

THE BINDING POWER OF TESTIMONY

In the past thirty-six hours we have had eloquent evidence of the power of Mormonism. As I have sat through these sessions, considering the personnel of the General Authorities, I have been greatly impressed with the wealth of background and secular training that they bring to this work, men who, before their calling, were bankers, business men, farmers, laborers, engineers, chemists, dentists, attorneys-at-law, schoolteachers. All of them with varying secular background, yet all of them unitedly bound together with one thing—a tremendous testimony of the truth of Mormonism! Every one of us was moved with the testimonies of Brother Kimball and Brother Benson yesterday.

I have been impressed with how many times the necessity for loving one another has been mentioned in these sessions.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself (Matt. 22:37, 38.)

DIVINE GUIDANCE NECESSARY IN CIVIL GOVERNMENT

There is a certain disposition among a good many people, and some of our own faith are not entirely free from it, to criticize any pulpit ut-

terance which dwells on major current issues. There are those among us who suspect insidious political intent, if, from the pulpit, even so much as mention of government is made, but religion is of no value whatsoever if it deals only in platitudinous generalities.

We are the children of God, literally. That being the case, God's word should be uppermost in our minds in trying to bring about worthwhile government. Until we as a people in particular, and the sons and daughters of God in general, realize that our civil governments will be failures so long as they are not based upon divine guidance, so long will we continue to have strife, conflict, and bloodshed.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD BASED UPON LOVE

We are facing a time when, unless men repent and accept in very deed the Gospel of Christ, we shall see revolution in our own country. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Upon these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Until we can be big enough, individually, to love our neighbors, and together love each other, we shall fail. That has some pretty practical and definite applications. It means, for one thing, that men who call themselves employers and men who call themselves laborers must get together and work together and love one another, literally. So long as we have on the one hand employers who are motivated only by profit, and who, for their profit, are willing to exploit labor at any cost, and so long as on the other side of the fence we have men who call themselves laborers, and who band themselves together, and make unjust demands at any cost, so long as we have groups like these fighting each other, we have no hope for establishing the kingdom of God upon the earth.

Class hatred is growing, even within the confines of our own country. While many were inclined, a while ago, to laugh at the "zoot suit" riots, they were but symptoms of basic social disease. We must learn to love one another. Successful government will be impossible without it.

This body of Priesthood, together with all others holding the Priesthood, has a tremendous responsibility in persuading men to work together. The magnificent material accomplishment of fifty million cans of food, that President Clark has told us about, is of less importance in my estimation than the brotherhood, the increased love for one another, that has resulted from people getting together and working shoulder to shoulder.

PRIESTHOOD GIVEN BECAUSE OF WORTHINESS

Not long ago in one of our council meetings, President Clark called attention to the fact that there had just been called to the office of the Patriarch in a certain stake a man who was a janitor. President Clark pointed out that there was an evidence of the strength of Mormonism—a job that is looked upon by the world as a lowly job, and yet among the Latter-day Saints a man so employed, because of his righteousness and his integrity, could receive the patriarchal Priesthood, and even the men and women who enjoyed the cleanliness of the building which he cared

for would go to him in reverence and respect for their patriarchal blessings.

JUST CRITICISM HELPFUL

When we can love one another, we will be well on our way to the solution of our problems. It is well for us not to be led astray by words. Calling a government democratic, does not make it so, any more than calling a man a villain makes him a scoundrel. We need vision. It is so easy to denounce without judgment.

The other day one of our young men, in most vitriolic language, was denouncing the bureaucracy of our present government, and someone asked him, to his great embarrassment, what a bureaucrat was, and he did not have the slightest idea, but in his home he had heard bureaucrats denounced. Now, that sort of uncritical denunciation is foolish.

It behooves us, as men holding the Priesthood, to examine governmental procedures and if those procedures result in the general good, if those procedures are compatible with the Gospel, the Lord's word, it is our business to foster them, and if necessary fight for them, just as it is our business to examine governmental procedures, and where we find them out of harmony with the Lord's word, to fight against them, no matter what high-sounding names those procedures may be given.

Brethren, let us not be discouraged because we are what is called a minority. What is a minority? The Latin has a motto, *multum in parvo*: "Much in small space." In the field of biochemistry it has been proved that one part of adrenalin—one of the endocrine secretions—in 100,000 parts of water, will cause certain live tissue to react. In statistical terms that one part in 100,000 is a minority.

Jesus of Nazareth, in terms of the census, was a pitiful, almost a ridiculous, minority; but Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, is the greatest power we know, before whom ultimately every knee shall bow. Let us not be discouraged by the specious argument that we are of relatively little moment because we are a minority.

POWER IN THE PRIESTHOOD

We have the Priesthood of Almighty God, and if we are righteous and magnify it, and exercise it, there is no limit to what we can accomplish in the way of good, no matter how great are the mere numbers arrayed against us.

I pray that we may magnify the Priesthood, that we may have vision, that we may not be led astray by mere names, that we shall be able intelligently to examine governmental procedures, and that bringing our judgment to the matter of government, we shall have wisdom and unusual discernment in selecting men for office who will stand for government that is compatible with the gospel.

I have not heard of it, but I hope that in some of our international conferences the men who are our leaders are big enough to get down on their knees and ask for divine guidance. I have not heard that it was done at Casablanca; I have not heard that it was done at Washington; I have

not heard that it was done in Quebec. It may have been. I hope it was. But when we can have men who realize that the solution to our problems must be in terms of the word of the Lord, then shall we have just government; then can we fight a just battle.

We can exercise great influence. This little numerical minority must be the leaven which leavens the lump of the world. It is our responsibility. Where much is given, much is expected. God grant that we can live up to our responsibility, I pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Selection by the Tabernacle Choir male chorus, "Discovery" (by

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As I have looked over this audience, and all of the congregations that have been present in this great tabernacle the past two days, my feeling has been that some people are not far from the kingdom of God.

GRATITUDE EXPRESSED FOR LOCAL MISSIONARY WORK

We have heard, and heard rightly and beautifully, about the missionary effort that is being put forth to teach the people of the world something new, something deep, something of truth about the kingdom of God, and I want to take this opportunity to thank the presidents of stakes, and all the bishops of wards for their faithful support and help in spirit and in prayer for the work that is being undertaken by all the missionaries of the stakes of Zion. It is a great work in which they are engaged, and they are unafraid. You missionaries who are present at this conference, remember, please, that you are in the service of God; and all the sacred scriptures—and the scriptures are great and many—have been entrusted to you to study, to think about, and to teach.

A SACRED CALLING

Yesterday we heard beautifully expressed the admonition of Jesus Christ to His disciples to go forth and preach the Gospel unto all people, and that causes us to recall the words of the Lord that have been written by the Prophet Joseph Smith:

And the voice of warning shall be unto all people, by the mouths of My disciples, whom I have chosen in these last days. (D. & C. 1:4.)

You are called to go forth to learn, and to teach, and to bear your testimonies, which are sacred. And when you do bear your testimonies, it is the depths speaking unto the depths of people's souls.

Above the door of the School of Music at Harvard University are these words: "To charm, to strengthen, and to teach, these are the three great cords of might." Remember, my fellow missionaries, the words of a prophet of old when he said:

We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old . . . For they got not the