

The closing prayer will be offered by President Edwin Clawson of the Hyrum Stake, after which this Conference will be adjourned until two o'clock this afternoon. The afternoon session will be broadcast.

The Tabernacle Choir sang "The Hallelujah Chorus," from "The Messiah," by Handel.

President Edwin Clawson of the Hyrum Stake offered the closing prayer.

Conference adjourned until 2 p.m.

THIRD DAY AFTERNOON MEETING

The concluding session of the Conference commenced promptly at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 9th.

PRESIDENT J. REUBEN CLARK, JR.

First Counselor in the First Presidency

This is the seventh and closing session of the 114th Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We are again convened in the Tabernacle on Temple Square in Salt Lake City.

We will begin the afternoon services by the congregation singing "Redeemer of Israel," (words by William W. Phelps). Song folder No. 3, L.D.S. Hymns No. 231, Hymn Book No. 194.

Elder J. Spencer Cornwall will direct the singing, and Elder Frank W. Asper is at the organ.

The congregation sang the hymn, "Redeemer of Israel"—Words by William W. Phelps (L.D.S. Hymns No. 231).

Elder Thomas J. Brough, President of the Lyman Stake, offered the opening prayer.

Singing by the congregation, "Now Let Us Rejoice"—Words by William W. Phelps (L.D.S. Hymns No. 218).

ELDER JOHN H. TAYLOR

Of the First Council of the Seventy

I feel very grateful to President Clark for the kindly innovation that we have had in this Conference, so that we who are going to speak have a few minutes to offer up another prayer to our Heavenly Father that He will not leave us alone as we stand before the people.

I have listened with interest to the many splendid and inspirational

remarks that have been given during this Conference. I am quite certain that the inspiration that has come to us will be helpful in our lives, and that we will be able to do finer and better things than we have ever done before.

THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL OBLIGATORY

The Church of God has always been a missionary church. Whenever the Gospel has been introduced upon the earth, ways and means have been provided for the children of men to have the same opportunity for hearing and understanding the Gospel, and of finding the peace and happiness that others have found because of their membership in the Church. Seemingly the Lord has not been content to give the Gospel to any few people, but has always made it obligatory upon those who have received it to give it to others. We only find happiness for the blessings that we have received by seeing that other people have the same opportunity.

When Christ was on the earth, He organized His Church, chose His apostles, and commenced His ministry among the people. He also chose a group of men called seventies, to assist in bringing the glad tidings of great joy to the people and give them an opportunity of receiving salvation in the kingdom of God.

The last words that the Savior uttered as He finished His mission upon the earth were that His disciples should go into all the world and preach the Gospel. When He was upon the cross, and was about to give up His life that men and women might live again in the presence of God, He said unto the thief who hung at His side: "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Seemingly, as soon as His spirit left His body, He then commenced a great missionary work among the spirits in prison. He went to open the doors not only to the people who had not lived according to the laws of the Lord, but to all good men and women who had lived the laws of the Lord, according to their best information and ability.

He made it possible for those on the earth to have comfort in the thought of salvation and forgiveness for their loved ones who had gone to the other side without a knowledge of the Gospel. He brought the message to those in the spirit world that they should also have the opportunity of repenting of their sins and finding happiness, in the presence of our Heavenly Father.

We believe that as men and women go on the other side, they find opportunity and are assigned to proclaim this Gospel of Jesus Christ, that men might not be found wanting as they stand before the judgment seat of God, even though they be in the spirit world.

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT IN TEMPLE WORK

We are trying to do all we can in using our temples to see that men and women find this comfort and blessing. You remember we received a letter not long ago stating that there were 100,000 names of men whose temple work had not been finished, and that they could not have all the

blessings they might have if their work had been done. So the plea has been made that in this great missionary spirit of ours the men shall do the work for these one hundred thousand whose names are already prepared and ready, that those on the other side might find the added blessings and the joys because of the temple work having been done for them.

I sincerely trust that our men will not be found wanting in this great missionary service.

THE GOSPEL BEING PREACHED AT HOME AND ABROAD

There is another agency that has always been used in missionary work, and that is the foreign missions. We are doing all that we can with the few missionaries who are available. Our ranks are practically depleted as far as the foreign missionaries are concerned. In mission offices we are having lady missionaries to take care of the business part of the work, but in a few months the boys will be back home and taken into the army.

It has been very fortunate that older men, sometimes with their wives, have seen the necessity, or at least they are taking hold of the opportunity that is presenting itself of going out into the world for six months, or even on a regular mission. These older missionaries fill a great need caused by the exodus of our missionaries into the armed forces.

I am in hopes, and I am sure as a Church we are all in hopes—that all the people will realize that the time is short and the harvest is still plentiful, and that we who hold the Priesthood of the Lord ought to find opportunity, if there is any way possible, of going out and performing this work.

Another great missionary agency is carried on by the home missionaries in our stakes and in the mission fields. Men and women who are very anxious to bring the word of the Lord unto the people are giving good service. As was said the other day, we are finding very many people here in our home towns who are anxious and willing to hear the word of the Lord. I trust that we may be able to increase the number laboring in home missions.

I remember while I was in Nottingham on my first mission that we would go to Sunday School in the forenoon and Saints would take us home in the afternoon for our lunch, and then when lunch was over, all of us, missionaries and Saints, old and young, used to take our tracts, and go out for two or three hours and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I am wondering whether we have taken advantage of every opportunity of preaching the word of the Lord. While we are busy and have many things to do, I am quite sure if we would only think about this matter more seriously, we would find times when this great body of Priesthood could go out for at least a few hours and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I think it was in Washington Stake where the seventies' quorum had decided that on Sunday, after the morning services, they would go out and tract among the people. So they went in their automobiles and reached some of the outside places, and there they would spend two or three hours in preaching the Gospel.

When I go among our seventies and see the great body of men who have been in the mission field and are trained and experienced, wondering what they can do in their seventies' quorum, I ask why do they not develop ways and means of doing missionary work; why shouldn't all of us use part of the week or part of the month, in doing missionary work, to the blessing and salvation of our neighbors and friends.

MISSIONARY WORK BY OUR ARMED SERVICE MEN

I am thinking also of another great agency that is at work at the present time, and that is our boys, and young women, in the service of our country—boys who have been taken out of the mission field and sent in to do their part for their country. I have often thought, brethren, that if the government was only as wise as they thought they were they would rather insist that all the Mormon boys have an opportunity of doing missionary work before going into the armed services, because every returned missionary who goes into the armed forces brings with him a testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He brings with him the thought of cleanliness and splendor of life. He brings with him everything that ought to be in the hearts of men and women as they labor in the cause of their country. Our boys and girls are surely doing a wonderful and a splendid work as they associate with their companions in service.

They are clean fellows. Just recently, I met one of them at a bus stop in Wendover. I had gone into the eating place in the station. The place was crowded, and everybody, it seemed to me, was smoking or drinking, or gambling. As I went toward the door a young fellow in uniform came up to me, and said: "Brother Taylor, I am surely glad to see you. You ordained me a Seventy when I went into the mission field." Just a young boy, yet the influence he had in that building and on the busses and on the trains was teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people in the most splendid way.

May the Lord bless us, brethren and sisters, may the Lord help us, that we may feel the obligation in some way or somehow of bringing a knowledge of the Gospel to the people who have not yet heard the Gospel. If we will meet this requirement, great shall be our reward for helping others to understand the beauty of the way of life and salvation.

May this be our part, I pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ELDER MARION G. ROMNEY

Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles

My beloved brethren and sisters: I have repeatedly and earnestly sought the Lord that His spirit would be with me while I occupy a few minutes of these precious moments, and I ask you if you will please join your prayers with mine, that this time may be profitable to us all.

I believe the phrase most frequently spoken in this Conference has been "the spirit of the Lord." Nearly every speaker who has addressed us has expressed his wish, his prayer, that the spirit of the Lord would