

## THE GOSPEL TAUGHT BY EXAMPLE

As the Lord counsels us in this day to be mindful of the standards that we should maintain before the world, I have remembered the repeated incidents that have been told which indicate that the eyes of the world are upon this Church and its young manhood and womanhood. In almost every incident where a young man has been converted to the Church by our boys in military service, he has told us that he was drawn to the Church because of the clean, pure life of some Latter-day Saint boy with whom he was associated. This is a day of demonstration when we as Latter-day Saints by our lives will preach more the gospel of truth than by all the words that we may conjure up. The Lord has said to us:

For Zion must increase in beauty, and in holiness, her borders must be enlarged; her stakes must be strengthened: yea, verily I say unto you, Zion must arise and put on her beautiful garments. (D. & C. 82:14.)

May the Lord bless us with the strength to do so, and may everyone who has named his name, be true to that name and live the covenants that he has taken as a member of the Church, and may youth everywhere echo the sentiments that these fine young men have reported to us, and remember that virtue and purity and integrity are the things that mark them as living above the things of the world. May the Lord bless us all with the power and strength to maintain the standards which our Father has given to us in his everlasting covenant, I pray humbly, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## ELDER MATTHEW COWLEY

*Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles*

In the year 1939, down in New Zealand, we had a very destructive flood. In that flood there were twenty-two white men drowned. They were working on a railway line that was being constructed. There were a large number of native young men working on the same line. Not one lost his life. At the inquest that was held, one of our young natives was asked if he could give a reason why no natives had lost their lives and only white men had suffered. He said, "Yes. The white men ran for their money; we ran for our lives."

I feel at this moment like those natives: from now on I will be running for my life, rather than for money.

## AN APPEAL FOR FORGIVENESS

If there is anyone here or within the sound of my voice whom I have ever offended, either in my professional career, in my political activities, my religious service, or in my social conduct, I plead humbly for forgiveness. I know that God does not look upon sin with the least degree of allowance; nevertheless, he that repents and does the commandments of the Lord shall be forgiven. The Lord will forgive whom

he will forgive, but as for us it is required that we forgive all men. I appeal, humbly and sincerely, for forgiveness of all my offenses against my fellow men.

#### WILLINGNESS TO SERVE

When I was called to preside over the New Zealand Mission in 1938, that call was much greater than any aspiration I had ever had for ecclesiastical preference. I have never sought, neither have I refused, any call that has ever come to me within the endowing power of the priesthood of God. I appeal also to you, to sustain me in this position. If I am sustained by you, the body of the Church, I am sure that I will be able to go about doing good. If you do not sustain me, heaven help me.

I sustain, here and now, the Authorities of this Church, from the highest unto the least. I have known President George Albert Smith all the days of my life. I have had the arms of his father about me in my childhood and in my early youth. I have had his arms about me in my maturity. I think it was he who set me apart for my first mission. He married me to my good wife. He took me upon my second mission—and now this! It seems that all the difficulties that have ever confronted me in life he is responsible for. [Laughter.]

I thank God, my brothers and sisters and friends, that I was reared in a good home. I thank God that in that home I was taught that it was more important to be moral than to be careful, that I was taught from the days of my youth to honor the priesthood of Almighty God. I was frequently told, as were the rest of the members of my father's family, by our father, that if there ever came a time or an occasion to choose between loyalty to him and loyalty to the priesthood of God, always choose loyalty to the priesthood of God. I thank God that such an occasion never arose.

#### A SINCERE TESTIMONY

I bear my testimony to you that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ, that Joseph Smith was and is a prophet of God, that these men who have been called to build upon the foundation of him who stood at the opening of the dispensation of the fulness of times have builded well upon that foundation and are, therefore, worthy to be sustained as prophets, seers, and revelators of the Most High.

God grant, my brothers and sisters and friends, that I may sustain you. You are the members. The only aspiration I have had in life has been to be a good and honorable member of the Church, and now in having been called to this position, I promise you that I will not lose sight of that other aspiration. The greatest call in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is to be a worthy member. Every worthy member of this Church is a potential savior upon Mount Zion of the souls of men.

In conclusion, I thank God for the service that has been rendered

by our men and women in the armed forces, and I hereby pledge my life to the ideals of government and religion for which they have offered their all. God bless you and God bless me, in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**President George Albert Smith:**

You have just listened to Elder Matthew Cowley of the Council of the Twelve of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

We have had a delightful day. I am sure that the weather outside has been no more enjoyable than the influence inside. We have come together to worship the Lord in song, in testimony, and in prayer, and our desires have been realized.

The Relief Society Singing Mothers will now sing, "Peace I Leave With You."

The closing prayer will be offered by President J. Melvin Toone of the Minidoka Stake, after which, this Conference will stand adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The proceedings of that session will be broadcast over KSL at Salt Lake City and KSUB at Cedar City.

Bishoprics, Stake Aaronic Priesthood committees, stake committees for adult members of the Aaronic Priesthood, general secretaries of Ward Leadership committees, and the Aaronic Priesthood Quorum advisers will probably remember that they are invited to a meeting by the Presiding Bishopric in this building tonight at 7 o'clock. Stake presidencies and high councilmen are especially invited to attend. We are sure that you will have a very delightful evening.

The Singing Mothers sang, "Peace I Leave With You," by Roberts.

Elder J. Melvin Toone, President of the Minidoka Stake, offered the closing prayer.

Conference adjourned until Saturday morning, October 6, at 10 o'clock a.m.

## SECOND DAY MORNING MEETING

Conference reconvened at 10 o'clock a.m., Saturday, October 6. Again the building was crowded with people, every available seat being occupied and many standing.

**President George Albert Smith:**

Another lovely morning to be in the house of the Lord, and we know that you all feel happy to be here.

This is the third session of the 116th Semi-Annual Conference