

he has requested the speaker, President Clark, to conduct the services.

These services will be broadcast in the Assembly Hall over a loud speaking system and by television.

The proceedings of this session will be broadcast over KSL at Salt Lake City, and by arrangement through KSL, over the following stations:

In Utah: KSUB at Cedar City, KSVC at Richfield, KJAM at Vernal, KVNU at Logan.

In Idaho: KGEM at Boise, KID at Idaho Falls, KEYY at Pocatello, KBIO at Burley.

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And by transcription over KTYL at Mesa, Arizona, and KEXO at Grand Junction, Colorado.

It will also be televised over KSL television station, channel 5.

The choir music for this session will be rendered by the Tabernacle Choir, Elder J. Spencer Cornwall conducting, and Elder Alexander Schreiner at the organ.

We will begin the afternoon services by the Tabernacle Choir singing: "As The Dews From Heaven."

The opening prayer will be offered by President Parley A. Arave of the Blackfoot Stake, Idaho.

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The Tabernacle Choir sang the hymn, "As The Dews From Heaven."

President Parley A. Arave of the Blackfoot Stake offered the invocation.

The Choir sang "The Lord Will Comfort Zion."

**President J. Reuben Clark, Jr.:**

Elder Henry D. Moyle of the Council of the Twelve will be our first speaker this afternoon. He will be followed by President Oscar A. Kirkham of the First Council of Seventy.

### ELDER HENRY D. MOYLE

#### *Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles*

Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered:

And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him. (Hebrews 5:8-9.)

Closely allied with this statement of the New Testament is our third Article of Faith.

We believe that through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

#### EXALTATION THROUGH OBEDIENCE

Just as surely as our Savior became the author of our eternal salvation, so must we through that same degree of obedience be-

come the authors of our own exaltation. We celebrate this Easter Sabbath with a knowledge that we shall come forth in the morning of the resurrection. We likewise know that we shall be judged according to that which we do in the flesh. We shall not be saved by grace alone. And how grateful I am to my Father in heaven for the restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ that has taught us the importance of obedience to his will and to his command.

We sometimes feel that we need further light and knowledge from our Father in heaven in order to carry out the duties and the responsibilities of our calling. It is my humble conviction that if we were able to make ourselves entirely submissive to the will of our Heavenly Father, his direction to us would be complete.

Closely allied with the day which we celebrate today was Christ's ascension to heaven. He realized well that he had been the stay and the staff of his disciples during his ministry here upon this earth. It would hardly have been possible for them to carry on in his absence unless another comforter were given to them, and that comforter was indeed promised them, and the disciples of old received it. It is my testimony to you today that every son and daughter of our Father in heaven here upon this earth who lends obedience to the first principles and ordinances of the gospel receives this comforter. The first principles and ordinances of the gospel are: first, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Just as John of old records:

... The Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you. (John 14:26.)

So he will today. Without that gift and without that power of the Holy Ghost you and I would not be able to become submissive to the will of our Heavenly Father. We would not know what his will is, except by the gift and power of the Holy Ghost. Then when we know what his will is, we must be as clay in the hands of the potter to permit our lives to be molded in the pattern that the Savior of mankind set for us.

#### SUBMISSION TO GOD'S WILL

I am grateful beyond measure this day to know that I have the privilege of associating with men who have been called of God, to lead and guide Israel in these latter days. I know that as we submit ourselves to the will of our Heavenly Father there comes into our life a consciousness, a peace that passeth all understanding. It is through submission to the will of our Father in heaven that we receive all of the blessings that are essential for our welfare and our happiness and our advancement in his kingdom. Following the resurrection, in which we shall participate, we shall stand before the judgment bar of God with our record before us—one I hope of

which we shall be proud, one which will entitle us to associate with those of our loved ones who have gone to the great beyond, and who will be there to welcome us. May we all enjoy the blessings and the privileges which we desire through our obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel. If we can become entirely submissive and obedient to the will of our Heavenly Father, our problems will be solved temporally and spiritually. When we are called upon to mourn there will come a comfort and a consolation into our hearts "that passeth all understanding." I stand here before you today to express my thanks and gratitude to my Heavenly Father for this knowledge, this conviction, this witness that has come into my life.

#### TESTIMONY

The birth and the mission of Jesus Christ is just as real to me as was that of my own earthly father. Christ was born and died for the sins of men. I know his resurrection from the grave was as real as his life, and that before he ascended to heaven he stood before his disciples and gave to them a promise of a comforter which would be sent to them. They received the comforter, and that same comforter has made itself manifest in the lives of thousands and hundreds of thousands of Saints in this the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times. I know that comforter exists today and builds us up and strengthens us and qualifies us for every responsibility and every duty and obligation of life. The power and gift of the Holy Ghost can draw us close together, can make us united, can make us discern the word of the Lord when we hear it from his servants, that we will be immediately obedient and susceptible to his will thus expressed.

#### REPENTANCE FOR ALL

I want to say that when we hear a sermon on repentance, it is meant for you and me. Sister Choules of the Southern States Mission addressed an audience at Macon, Georgia, at the dedication of the chapel, and in that talk she expressed this beautiful thought: "Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all sit and listen to a sermon on repentance and not immediately think of our neighbor?" I knew she had in mind such sermons as we have heard in this conference. They were intended for you and me.

May the Lord help us to realize that we need repentance, that we need to be obedient and susceptible to the will of our Heavenly Father; and may he bend us to his will, I pray humbly in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### ELDER OSCAR A. KIRKHAM

*Of the First Council of the Seventy*

I pray that I may enjoy the blessings of the Spirit of the Lord. I am very grateful today that across our good land millions