

Sunday, April 8

Second Day

and time again when the revelations of God came to him. Some of them have described in writing how it occurred.

We don't stand alone. We have witnesses to our faith. We are a unique people. All about us are witnesses to the truth of this great latter-day work. It might be well in building our testimonies, to begin with the simple foundation—events. Ultimately we will then win that greater testimony, the testimony of the spirit which is *the* testimony, but which we must achieve little by little, in a natural manner that the Lord has prescribed:

#### A WORLD MESSAGE

So brethren and sisters, let us look into our testimonies. Are they just words on our tongues, or do they really represent our convictions? If they need mending, mend them; if they need building, build them. Remember that our message is a world message—I have said before from this stand that we are not confined to these valleys and mountains—our message is for the whole world. For every nation, every tongue, and every kindred, we have responsibility.

God bless us and be with us, not only in our search for truth, but also in our use of truth, for the accomplishment and the completion of the great purposes of the Lord in these days, I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Choir and congregation sang the hymn, "O Say, What Is Truth?"

#### ELDER MATTHEW COWLEY

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

I have been thinking, my brothers and sisters, since the meeting of the Twelve in the temple on Thursday, of the words of the Master when he was about to take his departure from the Twelve, and he said unto them:

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.  
(*Matt. 28:19-20.*)

#### QUORUM OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

As this Council of Twelve met in the upper room of the temple on Thursday, the Spirit of God bore witness to my spirit that Christ was saying there to the Twelve: ". . . and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." And where there is no Quorum of Twelve in God's ministry upon the earth, Christ is not there as the leader of his Church and his kingdom. This testimony has sunk deep into my heart since that meeting and during this conference, which has been presided over by the Council of the Twelve with

President McKay as its presiding officer. When Christ came to the earth he organized his Church, and at the head, under his leadership, he had Twelve Apostles. And when he left, he left his Church under the direction of the Twelve. When he came to the American continent he organized his Church, and at the head of that Church, under his leadership, he placed Twelve Disciples. And when he left them, he left his Church and his Saints under the leadership of that Twelve. And when the gospel was restored again, Christ came back and appeared unto him who was raised up to be the Prophet at the head of this dispensation. And under his direction the Church was organized for the last time, and at the head of the Church under the Presidency of the Prophet were the appointed Twelve. And when the Prophet was taken from the earth, sealing his testimony with his blood, the Church was left under the direction of the Twelve. And down through the years when the leadership of the Quorum of the Presidency has been taken away, the keys have remained with the Twelve.

“. . . and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

As God has borne witness to me in that meeting in his holy house and in this conference, so I bear witness to you that where there is no Quorum of the Twelve, the true organization of Christ's Church is not here upon the earth, and that is my testimony to you, which I bear in all humbleness and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## ELDER SPENCER W. KIMBALL

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

My brothers and sisters, these are momentous days. The experiences of this week we will not soon forget. I am impressed, too, as Brother Cowley expressed, with the importance of the body to which I belong. This is the first general conference I have ever attended which was conducted by the Council of the Twelve.

#### STATEMENT OF PAUL

I am reminded of the statement by Paul to the Ephesians when he said:

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists and some, pastors and teachers.

And then he outlines carefully for what purpose they were called:

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body (the Church) of Christ.

And then he goes further and makes a statement that I think is very important indeed to every Latter-day Saint: