

maybe he wouldn't like me, and I saw that he liked my candy anyhow, and maybe liked me."

APPRECIATION BRINGS LOVE

I want to tell you brethren and sisters we would have more love in our homes and in our wards and in our stakes if we just took time not only to appreciate our wives, but also to tell them that we love them, not only to appreciate what our bishops are doing for our boys in the Aaronic Priesthood, but also put our hand on the shoulder of the bishop and tell him, "Bishop, how I do appreciate what you are doing for my boys." Tell the superintendent, and the Sunday School teachers, and tell your ward teachers. Next time they come, make them feel at home, and when they get up to say good-night after delivering their lesson, kneel down and pray with them, receiving their blessings.

May we, my brethren and sisters, have the will power to express our appreciation—not only to appreciate, but also to express that appreciation more, and to pray together oftener.

TESTIMONY

And in conclusion, may I, my brethren and sisters, express with all my heart my gratitude to my Father in heaven for giving me a testimony of the divinity of this work in which we are engaged. I know that he lives, that he is our Father. We are all his children. I know that Jesus is the Christ, and that his Church is upon the earth, and that the men who have stood at the head of this Church from the time of the Prophet Joseph Smith to the present time when President David O. McKay stands at the head, have all been called of God, and they have been set apart by the laying on of hands to preside over the Church, to preach the gospel, and to administer in the ordinances thereof. I bear you this testimony humbly, and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER MARK E. PETERSEN

Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

I am grateful, my brothers and sisters, to meet with you in general conference again. I was greatly impressed by that masterful sermon of our President as he opened the conference; and with these other brethren. I surely sustain him as the prophet, seer, and revelator of the Lord.

I was more than happy to see Brother Thomas E. McKay here, and I am so glad that he bore that wonderful testimony to you. I think I would like to tell you another testimony about Brother Thomas E. McKay, and I believe I will make that my address to you here in this conference.

INCIDENT OF HEALING

Not very long ago I was down in one of the California stakes attending a stake conference. At the close of the morning meeting, one of the bishops brought his mother to the stand as she wished to shake hands and send a message back home. When she reached the stand, she said, "Will you give a message from me to Brother Thomas E. McKay?"

I said, "I shall be very glad to."

She said: "It has been a couple of years since he was here to stake conference, but I want you to take a message to him."

At that time I was holding in my hands a Book of Mormon that I had used during the conference. She took the Book of Mormon from my hands and opened it and read a paragraph to me, then she closed the book and gave it back.

She said, "Two years ago Elder Thomas E. McKay was down here to our stake conference. I was blind. I knew that if he would lay his hands upon my head I would receive my sight again. I sent over to the conference and had him come. He and the other brethren laid their hands upon my head, and blessed me. Now you see that without even the use of glasses I have been able to read a paragraph from your book. When you get back to Salt Lake City, will you tell him what I have done here today and express to him the gratitude I feel to the Lord that one of his chosen servants came down here and was willing to lay his hands upon my head? Whereas I was blind two years ago, now I can see and I can read without glasses."

A TRUE SERVANT

I thought that was a beautiful testimony she bore to one of the servants of God. I have loved Brother McKay ever since I first became acquainted with him some years ago. I can testify to you along with this good sister from California that indeed Thomas E. McKay through his life has been a true servant of God, and I am glad that he stood here today and bore that fervent testimony that he knows that God lives; that he knows that Jesus is the Christ; that he knows that Joseph Smith was a true prophet of God; and that all the men who have succeeded him in the presidency of this Church likewise are prophets of the Lord.

I bear you this testimony also because I know that these things are true, and I give you this testimony in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER RICHARD L. EVANS

Of the First Council of Seventy

I wish that Brother Petersen had followed me instead of preceding me, for I should have tried to see that he had more time and I had less.