

Sunday, October 5

Third Day

ence, will not be ours to enjoy and perhaps we shall not bestow to our children the gifts and endowments they have a right to receive.

And I know, that in addition to keeping sacred and holy these ordinances, and being faithful throughout our lives, we must also develop the native talents God has blessed us with, and they can be developed in the service of this Church, for if men and women will develop their talents, they have an opportunity of passing on to their children these great blessings and gifts of the Spirit. And so, when we consider perfecting ourselves and sanctifying our souls to behold the face of God and enjoy his presence, we must think of our children and their children's children.

Parents who live righteously and develop every natural gift and talent through service are entitled to choice spirits from our Heavenly Father and have a greater opportunity to endow them richly with their own perfected qualities and virtues which should assure their children a happy and useful life. My brothers and sisters, what joy and happiness would come to us as a result of our own righteousness? The greatest dividends we could experience would be ours, and these dividends can only come as we honor the holy ordinances and covenants that we have entered into. May we do this and be faithful and true in all our obligations and duties I humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### ELDER CLIFFORD E. YOUNG

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**T**HIS has been a very inspiring conference, my brethren and sisters. This afternoon we have indicated by the raise of our hands that we will sustain the men and women whom God has called in their respective positions as leaders in this Church. This means that as we go from this conference, we will be a little more faithful in the discharge of our duties as Latter-day Saints. We will be a little more loyal to the bishop of the ward where we reside. We will be a little more loyal to the president of the stake and those associated with him. We will be a little more loyal to those who are near and dear to us because they perhaps come first. We will be a little more considerate of our children, their well-being; they need our help; they need our counsel; they need an understanding heart.

We have pledged here today that as we sustain this work, and I take it that in sustaining the Authorities that means we will sustain this work, we will sustain ourselves. We will sustain all that pertains to the Church and kingdom of God in the earth. We have that obligation. This is not just a perfunctory exercise that we witness every

general conference, at stake conferences, but it is a solemn service. We enter into an obligation that we are in harmony with the work of the Lord. We renew our covenant that we will keep his commandments, if you will, because in keeping his commandments, we uphold this work, God's work, and we sustain all that pertains to it. And so we have witnessed here today a sacred part of our services, renewing our faith, and witnessing by our uplifted hands that we will sustain those whom God has chosen and thus sustain his work.

I am reminded here of an incident that may illustrate what I am trying to say, and then I will be through, for I realize the time is passing rapidly. There presided over one of our stakes some years ago a very worthy stake president. I need not hesitate to mention his name. It was President Heber Moon of the Duchesne Stake. President Moon met with a tragic accident, he and his wife. They lost their lives through an automobile accident on slippery roads as they were coming to Salt Lake City. One of my first appointments was to attend his stake con-

ference. It was not too long after the depression. We were just getting on our feet. Livestock men were beginning to see daylight, and Brother Moon was in the livestock business, and he related this experience. His bank had said to him, "If you will stay with your sheep, cutting your expenses to the quick, we will not let you down; we will try to see you through." It was a time when the bank owned the major part of President Moon's herds. President Moon assured his banker that he would do it. And then he counseled with his family, and it was decided that his boys would give up school and go out to the herd. One day in visiting the herd, he found on the sheep camp table a sack of tobacco. He was concerned about it. His boy was camp tender but was then out with the sheep. He waited until the boy returned, and then he said, "Son, saddle another horse, and let's ride around the sheep." So the boy saddled another horse, and they rode around the sheep, and as they were riding along over the range, President Moon remarked about the range and the conditions, and then he said: "Son, I am not so sure but what we would be better off if I sold out." The boy said: "Why, Father, what's the matter, is the bank pressing you?" "No," he replied, "we're making headway and now have some equity, but you boys, your welfare mean more to me than all the sheep and range combined." The son didn't say anything as they

rode back, but on reaching camp the boy went inside and, taking the lid from the camp range, threw the sack of tobacco in the fire. Then turning to his father he said: "Dad, you can depend on it, it will never happen again." That boy is now a member of a stake presidency.

There are two lessons here, my brethren and sisters. One was referred to by Brother Stapley—a man's honor, and that is a part of our pledge here today, a man's honor not only to himself, but to those who trust him. And the other, our desire and resolve to have an understanding heart with our children and our families. It seems to me that as we covenant here in these sacred exercises, we pledge for a renewal of understanding. We pledge a greater desire to serve and to be true to every trust, the Church, our business associates and our families. May God help us so to be, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### President David O. McKay:

The Tabernacle Choir and congregation will now sing two stanzas of "Redeemer of Israel," Brother Cornwall conducting.

After the singing, we shall hear from Elder Bruce R. McConkie, of the First Council of the Seventy.

The Choir and congregation sang the hymn, "Redeemer of Israel."

#### ELDER BRUCE R. McCONKIE

##### *Of the First Council of the Seventy*

**J**UST this brief word:

Be clean, be pure, be chaste, for no unclean thing, no impure thing, and no unchaste thing can inherit the kingdom of God.

God spoke to Father Adam and said,

... teach it unto your children, that all men, everywhere, must repent, or they can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God, for no unclean thing can dwell there, or dwell in his presence. (Moses 6:57.)

The voice of the Lord was given by Amulek, saying,

... no unclean thing can inherit the kingdom of heaven; therefore how can ye be saved, except ye inherit the kingdom of heaven? Therefore, ye cannot be saved in your sins. (Alma 11:37.)

And when Christ summarized the plan of salvation to the Nephites, he did it by saying,