

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

JUST 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,

And no unclean thing can enter into his kingdom; therefore nothing entereth into his rest save it be those who have washed their garments in my blood, because of their faith, and the repentance of all their sins, and their faithfulness unto the end.

Now this is the commandment: Repent, all ye ends of the earth and come unto me and be baptized in my name, that ye may be sanctified by the reception of the Holy Ghost, that ye may stand spotless before me at the last day. (III Nephi 27:19-20.)

No unclean thing can inherit the kingdom of heaven. ". . . Be ye clean

that bear the vessels of the Lord." (D. & C. 133:5.) In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

That short and impressive sermon just delivered was by Elder Bruce R. McConkie, of the First Council of Seventy. We shall now hear from Elder Richard L. Evans of the First Council of Seventy.

ELDER RICHARD L. EVANS

Of the First Council of the Seventy

I WAS quite willing, I think truthfully I can say, even eager, that you should be spared this. Before the meeting began, I gave to President McKay all rights I might have to any time this afternoon—with the result that you see.

I should like to say before proceeding, that, with you, I have much missed here the presence and the utterance of Dr. John A. Widtsoe and Brother Albert E. Bowen. These men have meant much in my life, as they have in yours. I pray that the healing, sustaining, strengthening, peace-giving influence of our Father in heaven, may be with them to give comfort and health and peace to their thoughts and to their souls.

From the first utterance of the conference, the impressive and satisfying statement of comfort and encouragement and caution from President McKay, down to the present, we have been fed and strengthened. A wonderful sermon of summary could be given here, I think, by taking a sentence or a theme from each of the brethren, and putting them together, and almost I think it would be well to do it. I cannot attempt it fully, but some have lingered indelibly in my thoughts, beginning with the message of encouragement from President McKay; the earnest invitation this morning of President Richards to come into the kingdom, to enjoy its full fruits

and fellowship; the fervent utterance of President Clark yesterday as to the power and blessed privilege of prayer. And so we might continue.

I remember Brother Moyle's appeal to live in accordance with our opportunities, to serve in accordance with the lot that is ours, each of us; and a sentence from Bishop Wirthlin lingers from last night, and runs through my thoughts: that we cannot criticize people into activity.

It has been a glorious conference, a summation of which would be impressive and soul-satisfying any place in the world, to any group of men and women, as it has been to us here.

I should like to make this plea to all of us: that we do not wait for another prophet to come to tell us what we already know. I think if we shall miss realizing our highest happiness and possibilities and opportunities and progress and peace and development, it will not be because of what we do not know; it will be because of what we ignore, for I believe verily that the Lord God has given us in his plan and purpose a knowledge of every principle that is essential to our happiness and salvation and to the realizing of our highest possibilities here and hereafter.

In all that we do, of course, there is the element of the human and the divine, a mixture of the two. We are