

requirement is an obedient heart, *an obedient heart.*

In another place the Lord said,

If you keep not my commandments, the love of the Father shall not continue with you, therefore you shall walk in darkness. (*Ibid.*, 95:12.)

May the Lord give us power, humility, and meekness, that with determination and in gratitude and thanksgiving to him, we may be intelligent enough to keep his commandments and glorify his holy name, I humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER ADAM S. BENNION

Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

NO MAN who has not been through this experience can appreciate what it means. I am honored but humbled. For years I have been going up and down the land preaching, but in the hour of this greatest call I have no preaching. With your faith and prayers and with the sustaining influence of our Father in heaven, I should like to give you in a few brief minutes my personal witness.

President McKay has been an ideal to me all my life, and I love him. Thirty-eight years ago I was called to the membership of the general board of Sunday Schools at the instance of President McKay and President Stephen L. Richards. During those years I have sat at their feet to admire them, to marvel at their strength, to glory in their service. President Clark I have always regarded as one of the strong men of America. These men who constitute the General Authorities of the Church I have known and have worked with, and I honor and sustain them all. The members of the Twelve, and the Assistants, and the Presiding Bishopric, and all others called to these high positions—I love them. I can only hope in my heart that they will find it in theirs to sustain me as I sustain them.

I love this Church and its people. In the fall of 1847 my grandfather

The Combined Choruses of the Brigham Young University and the congregation sang the hymn, "Praise To The Man Who Communed With Jehovah."

President David O. McKay:

Elder Adam S. Bennion, whom you have just this morning sustained as a member of the Council of the Twelve will now address us. He will be followed by Bishop Carl W. Buehner.

came across the plains and lived in a log cabin such as is in the southeast corner of this block. For a quarter of a century now it has been my privilege to bring men from all parts of the country to this block, and in tribute to our pioneers I always take them to one spot. If you haven't seen it, I commend it to you. If you'll go yonder to the southeast corner and stand with one eye on their early abode, the log cabin, and the other eye turned a little to the northwest, you will realize that while they lived in the log cabin they dreamed dreams of a temple. A hundred years ago this year they laid the foundation. The men who come from New York marvel as they turn from the log cabin and its hint of poverty to the temple that took forty years to build and required four million dollars that they did not have. They were real people.

I love this country. I love its inspired Constitution and its great free institutions. If I have had a text for the last twenty years, it has been the preservation of all that we cherish in the name of freedom. It is my hope that the things that are our benediction may be passed on to our children. This country has been wonderful to me as has this Church.

I think that perhaps nobody in this

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congregation came from humbler circumstances than I, and for that I am grateful. I do not recall my father at all because he died when I was a year and a half old, but like you I had a wonderful mother. As a matter of fact, my life has been enriched by three wonderful women: the mother who bore me and nurtured me through the privations of those days when with five little ones she made ends meet somehow; the companion of my life who for forty-one years has sustained me with an unflinching devotion; and a mother-in-law who has none of the attributes that we so familiarly attach to the name, Sister Richard W. Young, with her ninety years of benediction.

I have said I love this Church and its people. I love the Lord. My life is anchored to the testimony that I have that God lives and that Jesus is the Christ. I glory in my membership in a Church which was instituted through

revelation, and I testify to you today that the Prophet Joseph Smith and all of his successors, men of God, have been inspired to build this great institution.

President McKay, in the love I bear you, I give you my life and my service, and with your sustaining benediction and the blessings of heaven, I'll go where you want me to go; I'll give my best in an attempt to do what you and He would have me to do.

God bless you all. If my assignment may in some part be with these grand young people such as are here from Brigham Young University today, it will be a glorious privilege to bear witness to a new generation of the glories of the gospel as they have blessed me at every turn of my life. I pray the blessings of God upon us all, and I dedicate myself to this service, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BISHOP CARL W. BUEHNER

Second Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric

THIS IS a great and an inspiring conference, and I am most happy that I can be here this morning and raise my hand to sustain those who have been called to preside over us in this great Church.

I would like Brother Bennion to know (I have known him for many years) that he has been an inspiration in my life, and that I am sure he will find great joy and happiness in the new assignment that has come to him.

I should publicly like to thank the First Presidency of the Church for the great experience that came to me immediately following the last general conference, of going into the islands of the Pacific and meeting there a very wonderful people. I had the opportunity of visiting New Zealand, Samoa, Tonga, the island of Niue, and the Hawaiian Islands, and I found there a people of great faith, who have an admiration for the leadership of this Church. I am sure this morning their

eyes are focused on this great conference, from which the law goes forth.

I should like to relate one brief experience, and that is because I have observed the great number of people who have tried to get into the Tabernacle to hear the conference. I participated in the dedication of a little chapel at Pago Pago in the Tutuilla District, and I observed something there that I would like to recommend to the Church. I would like to see it tried here. This little chapel, which normally, I imagine, would seat about two hundred people if it were equipped like our chapels are, had no benches in it. The people all sat on the floor with crossed legs. We had 508 in a little chapel that normally would hold two hundred. I am not recommending that we take the benches out of the Tabernacle, but we may use some new chapel as a guinea pig to try the new method, and possibly we could reduce the size of our buildings so that we could build