

like to pay tribute for a moment also, in the same vein, to the youth of this Church with whom I have spent the major portion of my short life, and I should like to say that I have all the faith and confidence in them which it is in my power to possess.

I have had the privilege of teaching them for a number of years now at high school and institute level. I wonder if you know how faithful they are. Do you know, for instance, that in this very city for a number of years large groups of these young people have been coming at seven o'clock in the morning to learn the story of the Book of Mormon and to read that great book together in seminary gatherings? This activity has spread to California where thousands of fine young people are meeting the same test.

I have spent some time in the service. I have spent a good deal of time in the missionary field, and wherever I have gone, I have felt it in my heart—although there are some who are not what they ought to be, I know that—that there never has existed on the earth, a more righteous and excellent and loyal group of young people than these who are ours to teach and to take care of, and I honor them. When they come up to me and tell me occasionally, as they have done this morning on these grounds, that they appreciate what little I have been able to do in their lives, I rejoice, and my heart fills.

I would like to take just a moment to pay tribute to those who teach the youth of the Church in their religious education classes. While they are not always understood and while they are criticized

to some extent, their job is difficult, and I want to express my own faith in them, and my conviction that there is no body of men more faithful, more loyal, and more able to support these brethren whose job it is to lead this Church. I am proud to have been numbered among them.

Finally, may I pay tribute, as I feel I must on this occasion—and I perhaps will not have it or take it here otherwise, to my own family; to my father, whom I did not know—he passed away when I was a baby; to my angel mother who reared six of us under conditions very much like those Brother Evans' mother endured and braved; to my brothers and sisters, each of whom I love, and who have given service to this Church; to my beautiful wife who has stood at my side during many hours of activity in the Church; and to my lovely children.

I should like, too, as I leave this pulpit, to say to you that I do not come to this position faultless. I have been at times a little critical of some people in some instances. I do not feel critical today. I have been impatient. I do not feel impatient today.

I do ask God to bless me, that my efforts might be of some value to him, to these brethren, in forwarding a work which I know to be true, which I have spent my young life trying to forward in this earth because I know it to be true. I ask God to help me as I in humility seek to do a job which seems to me at this moment to be beyond my poor capacity to do, and I humbly pray it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY

WE HAVE just listened to Elder Marion D. Hanks, whom, as I stated a few moments ago, you have this day sustained as a member of the First Council of the Seventy.

Messages of appreciation of the television service rendered this forenoon to the people of the Northwest and on the

Pacific Coast, still come in. Knowing your interest, I will read two more.

This is from Seattle, Washington, signed by Wilford H. Payne, Seattle Stake: "Please accept appreciation of the first television broadcast conference session to Saints and friends in the Northwest."

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From Los Angeles, signed by the President of the California Mission, Bryan L. Bunker: "Televised conference messages received perfectly. Marvelous missionary opportunity in the future. Gratefully, President of the California Mission."

And now at the conclusion of this great conference, may we express again the gratitude of our hearts to these men, and companies, who have so graciously contributed of their means, with so little expense to the Church, to broadcast by radio and by television, the proceedings of this great conference. We want them to know that you and the Church generally deeply appreciate their co-operative efforts.

EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

We express gratitude, also, to the public press. I want to name especially the reporters on our papers, who have given such accurate and careful, complete accounts of the various meetings, speakers of our conference since last Wednesday, including the great Relief Society conference.

We wish to express appreciation to the audience here in the Tabernacle, your responsiveness and your reverence, may it be an example to the audiences, to the congregations throughout the Church when they enter our places of worship: Very little moving about, no leaving of the services; I have been favorably impressed and commend you.

We appreciate the co-operation of our city officials, their ready and efficient service, wherever it is needed; our traffic officers in handling the crowds. I have noticed new precautionary measures taken and the presence of the members of the police force on the corners, courteously, carefully protecting the crowds surrounding this block and throughout the city.

We wish to mention again these beautiful flowers sent from Oahu and others furnished by our local florists. We appreciate our singers, and although we have already expressed it to each choir, I repeat again your appreciation

of the Relief Society Singing Mothers, the members of the Swiss-German Choir, the Men's Chorus, who rendered such good service last evening in the Tabernacle, and finally, and of course, not least, the members of our Tabernacle Choir. To all of these and to all others, including our ushers, we extend heartfelt appreciation.

And now, this great conference draws to a close. Our anticipation, our hopes, our prayers that it might prove to be uplifting and inspirational, have been realized, and for that we are grateful to our heavenly Father, grateful for the inspiration he has given to the General Authorities who have spoken to you. What great messages they have given to us and to the world! Truly, our hearts have been filled with gratitude that the Lord has magnified each one, to the end that his word has been spoken.

In conclusion, may I leave just one closing thought. This Church of Jesus Christ commonly known as "Mormonism," is in the world to make people happy. Happiness is the end, really, of our existence. That happiness comes most effectively through service to our fellow men, and the Church is the most effective means in the world through which that service may be rendered.

There is no happiness without peace. Today, the President of the United States, his Cabinet, Congress, the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Judiciary, are all seeking peace in the world. Nations are longing for it. Mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers who have children and grandchildren in the armed forces are praying daily that we might have peace.

Peace is the message that came when the Savior was born a Babe in Bethlehem. It was heralded by the angel choir, singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:14.)

"Peace," he said to his disciples toward the close of his ministry, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in

me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33.)

After his resurrection, when the doors were closed and the ten disciples were in session, as he greeted them, his first salutation was, "Peace be unto you." (*Ibid.*, 20:21.) And eight days later, when the eleven were there, the same salutation, "Peace." (See *Ibid.*, 20:26.)

What a glorious thing it is, brethren and sisters, and this is my message: Peace cannot be found in external things. Peace comes from within. "There is no peace except by the triumph of principles," said the wise Emerson. Peace is within the individual soul. There is no peace when one's conscience is seared or when one is conscious of having committed some untoward act.

There was certainly no peace in that young girl's soul who came and confessed the other night, fearful of the disgrace she had brought upon her loving parents, fearful of how she could again meet the world. She was experiencing the pangs of retribution—the antithesis of peace.

Peace springs from righteousness in the soul, from upright living. If we are going about in the world to establish peace, let us begin at home, first with each individual. If you want peace tonight, remember yours is the responsibility to obtain it, and it is my responsibility, and it is your privilege and mine to attain it.

Certainly, let us establish peace in our household. We are sending out missionaries, it is true, to proclaim peace and universal brotherhood. That is one great mission of our Church. May all the world recognize it and co-operate with us in spreading the glad news, the glad tidings of great joy. That is the paramount purpose of our missionary work. May God guide the boys and the girls, the young men and women who go out, paying their own expenses or receiving support from their parents, in thus proclaiming peace to a disturbed

and unsettled world. What a glorious concept, but let us set the example by having peace in our homes.

Paraphrasing the author of *The Simple Life*: "Let our homes become sanctuaries for ourselves." (I commend the appeal made by Elder Benson.) Sanctuaries! A sanctuary is where we have peace. May our homes become warm nests where children may be protected and grow into noble men and women; where love may find privacy, old age repose, prayer an altar, and the nation a sure source of strength and perpetuity.

With all my soul at the close of this great, inspirational conference, my dear fellow workers, I say God bless you, that in your hearts and in your homes you may have peace. I say to all our friends who have been listening in, may the peace that comes from obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ find lodgment in your hearts, through your acceptance of the truth.

May the spirit of peace be poured out upon all nations, that the threatening clouds of destruction may be dissipated, and the sunshine of peace shine once more all over the world, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Singing by the Choir, "Hallelujah Chorus," (Messiah).

President David O. McKay:

The Conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union will convene in the Tabernacle tonight at 7:00 o'clock. Officers and teachers are requested to be present, and the public cordially invited.

President Elwood J. Corry of Cedar Stake, will now pronounce the benediction.

Elder Elwood J. Corey, President of the Cedar Stake, pronounced the benediction.

Conference adjourned for six months.