

every infraction *against the laws of God should be dealt with*. I do not say how. I leave that to the inspired wisdom of the judges. Knowingly permitting a serious infraction of divine law to pass unnoticed is no kindness to the offender. He will never gain forgiveness except on the terms the Lord has prescribed, and which I have tried to outline.

And I ask you as a final question, How can we ever hope to maintain the dignity of the Church and the majesty of the law of the Lord without exercising disciplinary action through the tribunals which the Lord has set up. So I think I am justified in calling upon the Bishoprics, the High Councils, the Stake Presidencies, the Mission Presidencies, and the officers of quorums to be watchmen on the towers of Zion, to guard and forewarn the people against the incursion of sin, to teach in plainness and without equivocation the law of the Lord, to uphold the law, and righteously and mercifully enforce it for the blessing of our membership in the Church and all mankind.

Now I hope, my brethren, that I do

not seem too exacting in what I have laid before you. I believe that it is but a kindness to our brethren and our sisters throughout the Kingdom of the Lord to make them understand these principles which he has laid down, and I believe that if we exercise the great priesthood which has been given to us in the manner in which we should exercise it, we shall accomplish for those who offend, as well as for the Church, a great service. And I ask the Lord to bless us in this great power of the Holy Priesthood, to which tribute has been paid here tonight. It is the power of God; it is the direct delegation of his authority for the administration of his work, and he has selected his servant who stands at the head of this Kingdom to represent him, and I know that as we follow his direction and counsel and his example, we will win for ourselves his confidence and we will win the confidence of the Lord, and the blessings which will make us happy.

May the Lord bless you, my brethren, I humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY



WE HAVE several notes here that should be considered by presiding officers in stakes and wards, in addition to those already mentioned in the message given by the Bishopric and by the counselors in the Presidency.

One of these I will mention. The others we can carry over. Will the presidencies of stakes at your quarterly conference please present to the visiting General Authorities any problems which you have that are current, or might be current within a few days or weeks. Let the Brethren who are on the ground consider these problems with you. It may be the reorganization of a bishopric, the appointment of high councilmen, or the reorganization of a high council. Not infrequently we find before us correspondence from stakes in which

quarterly conference was held just the week before our Thursday meeting, problems which should have been taken up with the visiting Brethren.

If you will follow that little suggestion it will expedite matters in the Presidency's office, which are accumulating.

As I contemplate the vast audience of Priesthood tonight, assembled in the various places named at the opening of the meeting, and realize the potency and power of this great body of men, I am overwhelmed. As I sat in the audience and listened to the message given so impressively by the Bishopric, and so successfully by the men and women who produced that film, I felt my feelings swell within my breast as to the possibility of the good that will be done, and can be done, by these fifteen or twenty or twenty-five thou-

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sand men of the Priesthood who are worshipping tonight.

"There's surely somewhere a lowly place
In earth's harvest fields so wide,
Where I may labor thro' life's short day
For Jesus, the Crucified;
So trusting my all to Thy tender care,
And knowing Thou lovest me,
I'll do Thy will with a heart sincere,
I'll be what you want me to be."

I hope everybody who sang that verse applied it to himself, and in a way made a sacred vow to do better in the future than in the past, and there came to my mind five fundamental virtues which should be associated with that will. I will just name them.

First is faith,—faith in God the Father, in His Son, faith in our fellow men.

The second is honesty, a childish sincerity, honest in dealing with our fellow men. It is the foundation of all character. If you offer prayer at night and you have dealt dishonestly with your fellows during the day, I rather think that as the king in Hamlet, your words fly up but your thoughts remain below; but if you have dealt honestly, the Lord will hear and answer your true feelings.

The third is loyalty. It is a wonderful principle. A true friend is loyal. Many acquaintances are not, and may not be. Be loyal to the Priesthood. Be loyal to your wives and to your families, loyal to your friends.

I cannot think that the Spirit of God will strive with a man who in any way helps to break up another man's family. I care not what seeming attraction may be between him and the wife of the other man. God will withdraw his Spirit from such a one.

Do you know that five or six letters that have come just this week from broken-hearted wives of some men who are disillusioned with the Church have their origin in dishonest dealings with men, or fancied dishonest dealings of brethren, and three of them from broken-hearted wives who are pleading for something to be said to have their

husbands brought to recall what it means to be loyal to covenants made in the House of the Lord.

Fourth, there springs from that chastity. All these 25,000 men, clean. That means something in this old world.

Fifth, in the heart of each one a willingness, indeed, a desire, to serve their fellow men.

I will say no more, but I feel impressed to ask you, and all other listening in to repeat with me the First Article of Faith, and the Thirteenth Article of Faith, and let us say it slowly, and think of each word as we say it.

You recall the first: "We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost."

The Thirteenth: "We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul—We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things."

Will you brethren? The first. (The brethren repeated the First Article of Faith.)

Thirteenth. (The brethren then repeated the Thirteenth Article of Faith.)

May inspiration from on high and the constant guidance of the Holy Spirit enable each of us to accentuate that belief by radiating in our daily lives the ideals and principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I earnestly pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

The Millennial Chorus will now sing "Onward Christian Soldiers," directed by A. Burt Keddington, after which Elder Evan P. Wright, formerly president of the South African Mission, will offer the closing prayer.

The session at 10 o'clock Sunday morning will be broadcast over Station KSL, and by arrangement through KSL