

Why do we as a people hesitate, my brothers and sisters, to pursue fully the work God has assigned us to do by revelation? How can the Indians be encouraged to a full life of opportunity, joy, and happiness without our help? As we meditate this challenge, we should remember the example of the Christ who humbly and graciously washed the feet of his disciples to teach them the lesson of humility in his service.

Calling to mind the vision and lesson given to the Apostle Peter, who at first resisted taking the gospel to the gentiles, "We cannot call that common or unclean which God has cleansed." (See Acts 10:15.) Does not that same counsel apply to us today, now that the time has arrived for the Indian to receive the fulness of the gospel of our Lord? I am firmly convinced the Lord in his own way is preparing the Indian people to receive the message of the restored gospel, but we must willingly cooperate with him in this program according to the important assignment given to the Church.

Now we should resolve, my brothers and sisters, to never give up in this program regardless of disappointments and discouragements, but fulfil in a pleasing way to the Lord our duty to the Indian people with patience, love, and kindness. Also, we must faithfully keep all promises made to them, and by real sustained interest and never failing them again build confidence through our ef-

forts to serve and thus create a desire within them for the gospel and kingdom of our Lord.

I do not want you to get the idea from this talk that the Church does not have an Indian program and is not making some progress in this field of service, because we are, but we must step up our efforts, increase effectiveness of the work, and accomplish much more than we are now doing to fully bless these people and to please the Lord, our God.

I recognize and express appreciation to those of our brothers and sisters who have given and are giving such faithful and devoted service to the peoples of Lamanite origin. I pray that the choice blessings of our Heavenly Father will be upon this branch of the house of Israel, that our efforts among them will never diminish but will continue to increase in order that they may enjoy the blessings that God has promised to them, which I humbly pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

That earnest appeal for the Lamanites to which we have just listened was given by Elder Delbert L. Stapley of the Council of the Twelve. President Joseph Fielding Smith, president of the Quorum of the Twelve, will now speak to us. He will be followed by Elder Henry D. Moyle.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH

Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

MY DEAR brethren and sisters: We are here assembled, as we assemble at every conference, for the purpose of being instructed, built up, and encouraged so that when we return to our homes, we will be able to teach our people and keep them in the path of truth. We may even be admonished, if that is necessary.

This afternoon I wish to bear testimony to the restoration of the gospel, to the mission of our Redeemer, to the call of the Prophet Joseph Smith and the establishment of this work in the dis-

persation in which we live, known as the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times. I know absolutely that Jesus Christ is the only Begotten Son of God, the Redeemer of the world, the Savior of men insofar as they will repent of their sins and accept the gospel. Through his death he redeemed all men and took upon him that sacrifice which would relieve us of our sins that we may not answer for them if we will accept him and be true and faithful to his teachings.

I am just as fully satisfied, because I know, that the Father and the Son ap-

peared to Joseph Smith and revealed to him the great truth which had been lost because of the wickedness of the world; that they are separate distinct Personages; that the Father and the Son, together with the Holy Ghost, constitute the Godhead, the great ruling power of the universe; that Jesus Christ volunteered to come into this world to redeem it; that John the Baptist came to the Prophet, as did Moroni before him, and Peter, James, and John later, to give authority and to usher in the kingdom of God anew in this dispensation in which we live, because men had turned away from the truth. Through darkness which covered the earth they had lost the knowledge of God; they had transgressed the laws and changed the ordinances; and instead of teaching the simple truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ, they taught the commandments of men just as the Lord Jesus Christ declared to the Prophet Joseph Smith.

I am grateful for my membership in this Church, for the opportunity that has been mine to serve. My desire is to prove true and faithful to the end. I realize that this is the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times; that we live in perilous days; that men's hearts are failing; that contention prevails; nations stand in opposition to nations; and there is no peace.

ELDER HENRY D. MOYLE

Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

I, like Elder Stapley, have had in mind calling to your attention at least, a part of the great service that President David O. McKay has rendered the Church and his Maker during the last fifty years, and particularly that service which has been rendered during the last twenty years since the establishment of the great Church welfare program came about.

When the Lord speaks through his servants, as he did in 1936, there is no room left for any doubt in the minds of true Latter-day Saints. We believe in the words of Amos which have been quoted here before today, that

Surely the Lord God will do nothing,

I realize, because I discover it, that there is commotion not only among men, but also in the elements pertaining to this earth; that they too are becoming angry. The judgments of the Almighty are being poured out upon the inhabitants of the earth by earthquakes, by flood, by famine and pestilence, and in many other ways, and all of these are signs that have been given by our Lord Jesus Christ to convince men upon the face of the earth that his coming is near, even at our doors.

When you return to your homes, teach the people. Call upon them to repent wherein they need to repent, to get on their knees before the Lord, to remember their covenants, and their obligations to keep them, and to walk faithfully and humbly in the sight of their Eternal Father.

That is one of the most important missions that we have. Let us carry it out, I humbly pray in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

We have just heard President Joseph Fielding Smith, president of the Quorum of the Twelve. Elder Henry D. Moyle of the Council of the Twelve will now address us. He will be followed by Elder Alma Sonne.

but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. (Amos 3:7.)

In this respect we reaffirm our ninth article of faith:

We believe all that God has revealed, all that he does now reveal, and we believe that he will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

There is a story that has oft been told by President McKay, particularly during the early days of the welfare program, that I should like to repeat. It is the story of an engineer who pulled his train into a station one dark and stormy night, and while the engineer was going