

afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, And his arm shall rule for him. (Isaiah 40:9-10.)

May we give our faith and prayers to the Jewish people in all the world this day, I ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### President David O. McKay:

The speaker to whom you have just listened is Elder Levi Edgar Young of the First Council of Seventy. The Choir and Congregation will now join in sing-

ing: "Come, Come Ye Saints," led by Elder J. Spencer Cornwall. After the singing Bishop Carl W. Buehner will address us.

The congregation and the Combined Choruses joined in singing the hymn, "Come, Come Ye Saints," led by Brother J. Spencer Cornwall, Tabernacle Choir director.

#### President David O. McKay:

Bishop Carl W. Buehner will now speak to us. Bishop Buehner will be followed by Elder Henry D. Moyle.

### BISHOP CARL W. BUEHNER

#### *Second Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric*

**M**Y DEAR brethren and sisters, I would like to dedicate the few moments allotted to me to the faithful youth of the Church, who in my opinion are carrying their full load as true champions. Their records have never been better. Their influence is felt for good far and wide. I am sure their influence has been felt in the home. There they have helped to develop the spirit of "love at home" and bring strength to the family.

Their searching questions have done much to stimulate inactive parents to activity and faithfulness in the Church. I would like to relate a few little experiences that have come to me which have impressed this on my mind. The first is a story about a little boy named Mark.

While I was attending a youth conference up north recently, during the evening's entertainment it was announced that a little boy named Mark would play some piano solos. The master of ceremonies suggested that he would like to have Mark's father come forward with him and introduce him. They both came up front to the microphone. The father explained that when little Mark was only two months of age, his eyes had to be removed from their sockets because of cancer. When Mark became about two and one-half years of age, he found his way to a

piano and there began to play some little simple pieces of music. Mark is now six years of age, and he was going to play some piano solos for us.

As his father was talking about Mark, he said, "Mark just loves to play the piano; Mark just loves to play the organ; Mark just loves to play the trumpet; and Mark just loves to play the string instruments." About this time, Mark's little high voice came ringing out, and he said, "Daddy, I love you, too." You could feel an affinity between a father and a son that was wonderful. Then the father took little Mark over to the piano. Being a very small boy, he could not reach from one end of it to the other, so he went first to the left side, found the end of the piano, then walked to the right side and located the other end. Then standing on the tip of his toes and straining every muscle of his body, Mark reached for the top of the piano. This he could scarcely do. When he had become oriented, he mounted the piano bench and played three numbers with the finesse of a professional. Mark inspired every person there that night. Mark, if you are listening, I would like to tell you that you are on your way to becoming a great man. I feel some of us with all our faculties will never be as accomplished as little Mark who lost his eyesight when he was only two months of age.

I think of a father of a large family who have recently become members of the Church. This father was invited to give a short talk at one of the sessions of our quarterly conferences. The children were very proud of their dad, and as he was speaking to us, he said, "Do you know I changed my necktie six times this morning. Each of my children had an idea I would look better in another necktie." I thought two things about this—how wonderful it is to have six different possibilities in the way of neckties to wear with a suit, and how proud these children were of their dad. They wanted him to look his very best when he addressed our quarterly conference that morning. I appreciate this in these children. There may have been some younger who could not express their opinion—this story just represented the six who could. I enjoyed the feeling of love felt in that home between these children and their parents.

Recently, I heard the story of another man who is now just coming into activity in the Church. He indicated that his son came to him and said, "Dad, do you know what tomorrow is?" To which the father replied, "Yes, my boy, you will be eight years of age." "That's right, Dad," he said, "and do you know what that means?" The father indicated that he did and said, "I have been thinking about this, Son, I have spoken to the bishop, and we have made arrangements to have someone baptize you." To this the boy replied, "But, Dad, I don't want just someone to baptize me—I want you to baptize me." The countenance of the father fell, and he appeared very embarrassed as he had to say to his son, "Because of my inactivity in the Church, I only hold the office of a deacon and that does not carry with it the authority to baptize." To this the boy said, "Dad, I'll wait."

"Just think of the responsibility that was placed on my shoulders," the father continued. "Now I was preventing my son from becoming a member of this Church. Because of my inactivity and because I had not been advanced in the priesthood, this prevented me from enjoying the privilege of baptizing my son a member of the Church."

However, the challenge worked. This good father really went to work, and he

indicated that within a few months he had qualified himself to be ordained a priest and had the honor of officiating at the baptism of his son.

I heard another impressive story of a different nature. I was in the home of some wonderful people that I met during a recent quarterly conference in California. There were a father and a mother who had five children. The mother was to have a serious operation and was very much concerned about it, as any of us would be if we were to go through the same ordeal. The children in the home began to sense the anxiety of their mother as she was preparing to leave home and enter the hospital. They realized the seriousness of what might happen. A day or two before the mother left for the hospital, one of the younger boys, about six years of age, came to her and said, "Mother, everything is going to be all right. I talked to the Lord last night about your condition. I told him you were going to undergo a serious operation and that you were worried about it. The Lord understands, Mother, and everything is going to be all right." To this she said, "You know, a calmness came over me. I knew everything would turn out all right, and it did." Later she said to me, "This little boy would never think of going to bed at night without first offering his prayer to his Heavenly Father. Some of the other children might, but not this boy." You must admit with me that young people with such faith exercise a great influence in the home.

Another experience that impressed me was concerning a young lad who recently attended a Senior Aaronic Priesthood graduation exercise, a little red-headed fellow and the only youngster present with the men and women who were participating in this service. When the meeting was over, he came to the sponsors of the Senior Aaronic Priesthood school to express his appreciation to them for what the school had done for his dad. Young people, I think you are wonderful!

A little girl eight years of age came home from Sunday School one morning and said to her father, "You know, Dad, I have been learning some wonderful things about heaven and what we must do to have a home with our

Heavenly Father when we leave here. I would like to ask you a question. What is going to happen to us if I keep doing the things my Sunday School teacher has been telling me to do, and you keep doing the things I have seen you do?"

The father said, "I could not answer my daughter, and it disturbed me. That night I called the bishop to see which night of the week they held priesthood meeting. You can tell how long I have been away from Church—they don't hold priesthood meeting in the evenings any more. The bishop was not at home, but his wife indicated I should call the ward clerk. This I did, and he told me the time that the priesthood meeting now convened on Sunday morning. He further said, 'I will be looking for you. I am a little sandy-haired man, and will have on a light gray suit. I will meet you at the door when you come Sunday morning.' Then I said to him, 'So you will know who I am, I weigh about two-hundred pounds. I have black curly hair and will be wearing a blue suit.' When I approached the chapel on Sunday morning I saw the clerk, and standing next to him was a very large man who turned out to be the bishop of the ward. The challenge by my daughter started me back into activity in this Church of

ours. I am now an assistant ward clerk."

I see that my time has gone. I have some more stories to relate—someday I might write a book, and you can read them then. [Laughter.]

In conclusion I should like to say, God bless the youth of the Church. I love them. I love to work with them. They are doing great things, and I am sure their faces are turned in the right direction. If those of us who have to do with these young people will give of our time to assist them so that their lives will follow the course that is set for them, which will lead them back into eternal life, joy and happiness will not only be theirs but ours. May it be so, and may our Heavenly Father's blessings be with us, each and every one, I humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### President David O. McKay:

Bishop Carl W. Buehner of the Presiding Bishopric has just concluded speaking. The Presiding Bishopric of the Church hold the Presidency of the Aaronic Priesthood. We shall now hear from Elder Henry D. Moyle of the Council of the Twelve.

### ELDER HENRY D. MOYLE

#### *Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles*

I AM DEEPLY appreciative, my brethren and sisters, of this opportunity, and especially to have felt the wonderful spirit that has been with us in these meetings. I am sure it has come to us in large measure as a result of the inspired opening remarks of our beloved President. I hope that that same inspiration may continue with me for the next few moments.

There is a passage in the scripture that has impressed itself upon me recently very much. It was Job who said:

There is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. (Job 32:8.)

Born of this inspiration is the testi-

mony we have of the divinity of the Savior of mankind. We know and bear witness to the world that he is the only Begotten Son of the Father, the Redeemer of mankind, the Lord God Almighty.

The Prophet Joseph Smith tells us that the Holy Ghost is the medium through which inspiration is transmitted to us from on high and that the reception of the Holy Ghost is the distinguishing characteristic of Latter-day Saints.

Paul made clear to the Corinthians the true relationship between the Holy Ghost and our personal testimony of the divinity of the Savior. He said:

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.