

Sunday, April 7

services, making the following introductory remarks:

President David O. McKay:

The music for this session, the concluding session of our Conference, will be furnished by the Tabernacle Choir, J. Spencer Cornwall conducting, Frank W. Asper at the organ.

We shall begin this service by the Choir singing, "The Lord's Prayer," as arranged by Leroy J. Robertson. The opening prayer will be offered by Dr. Wilford J. Reichmann, president of the St. George Stake.

The Choir sang "The Lord's Prayer," (arranged by LeRoy J. Robertson).

Elder Wilford J. Reichmann, presi-

dent of the St. George Stake, offered the invocation.

President David O. McKay:

Dr. Wilford J. Reichmann, president of the St. George Stake, offered the invocation. The Tabernacle Choir will now sing "There Is A Green Hill Far Away." Oscar A. Kirkham will be our first speaker following the singing.

Singing by the Choir, "There Is A Green Hill Far Away."

President David O. McKay:

Elder Oscar A. Kirkham of the First Council of Seventy will now speak to us. He will be followed by Elder Adam S. Bennion.

ELDER OSCAR A. KIRKHAM

Of the First Council of the Seventy

PRESIDENT MCKAY, I am very grateful for this hour and for this opportunity. Your words have sustained me as have also those of your Counselors which have been spoken. The wisdom and the inspiration of this Church and its teachings have been a great boon in my life.

There are two things that deeply impress me in the Latter-day Saint teachings as I labor with youth. First, you must live worthy that you may go on a mission for the Church—the second I will give later.

In the Doctrine and Covenants, section 68, we read:

Go ye into all the world, preach the gospel to every creature, acting in the authority which I have given you, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. (D & C 68:8.)

Then the Lord will be with you and bless you.

Thousands have heard and obeyed this word of the Lord. Now why not you, young men, take this opportunity? There will be something seriously wanting in your life unless you have this experience. Here is one of the finest things you can do for peace, happiness, and personal progress. Plan now, now!

As the thought crosses your mind, let it meet high resolve in your own life. There are thousands who are waiting to hear the word of the Lord. Yes, many are waiting to hear *your* voice.

My religion is your religion; let us live this great life fully together.

The second thing I suggest to you, my young friends—you must be worthy to be married in a temple of the Lord for time and for eternity.

It may take time for you and your young bride-to-be to understand all that it signifies, it may take a little courage, for it all seems so strange, but it is beautiful and understandable. It will be an answer to your prayer and to mine.

Remember, you said that night as you proposed, "It must be in a temple of God."

It was in an early testimony meeting, after you made that declaration, that I saw you both stand together, and you, young man, courageously spoke for both of you. I was sitting in the audience. My, how you thrilled me. I said, "Now you are on the way. This will be a great life. Joy will fill your hearts. This is the Mormon way of life."

To go on a mission, to be married in the temple of God for time and for eternity!

One father, a nonmember of the Church, said, when his son was ready for departure for his mission: "Son, I am very proud of you. Your life and your conduct have been an inspiration to your mother and me. Son, I want to be your first convert to the Church. Take hold of me. Don't let me turn back. I want to be your first convert."

For these lovely experiences for our youth, I humbly pray. There is much that can be said for the Latter-day Saint Church program. It has been blessed and inspired of the Lord. As you have listened this day, the day before, and the day before that, your meditations have been enriching. The Lord has been talking to you.

I have selected merely these two great teachings, which I feel are especially vital to the lives and happiness of our youth.

In a few days thousands of youth

from all parts of the United States will meet at Valley Forge, and then a few days later, thousands more will meet in London, England. They will come from all over the world. They are of many colors and races; I have camped with them; I know these men and boys; and if I may be bold to say, they have faith in God!

May the Lord bless us as we make more and more friends, as we mingle with people that we may give freely that which God has given us so abundantly, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

We have just listened to Elder Oscar A. Kirkham, member of the First Council of Seventy. Elder Adam S. Bennion of the Council of the Twelve will now address us. He will be followed by Elder S. Dilworth Young.

ELDER ADAM S. BENNION

Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

FOUR YEARS HAVE come and gone since I was called to this position, and they have been tremendous years: *Here with these devoted brethren, out in the stakes and wards with our wonderful people, in representative military camps from Canada to Germany, and in the mission fields with the inspiring devotion of our young men and women and the heart-warming response of the Saints.*

Together with these assignments have come opportunities to attend stimulating Religious Emphasis Weeks at representative universities of America. It is an intriguing experience to be invited to be a member of a team made up of a Catholic priest, an Episcopalian minister, a Presbyterian, a Methodist, a Baptist, a Seventh Day Adventist, a Christian Scientist, a Jewish rabbi, and a Mormon elder.

To meet with faculties of those institutions and with students and then to spend the evening in joint sessions of fraternity members and sorority girls, attempting to answer the questions which they ask—and I think I have

never been asked so many questions in my life before, and I have never been so grateful for the restored gospel of Jesus Christ and so proud of the program which it carries forward.

One of the most meaningful questions ever put to me was this one in one of the universities: "Mr. Bennion, what has your Church given to America that America didn't already have?" I have been thinking about that question ever since, and one day I hope to have a complete answer.

When it was first put to me, I offered five simple answers. Today I should like to do something I have not done in a conference here before. You good people who sit out there by your radios, I hope you have a pencil handy, because I am going to violate all the rules of psychology. The psychologists say we ought to limit ourselves to three ideas, or to five, at most. I am going to take you to a score of them today, and I am sure you cannot remember them all, but if you will jot them down, my thought is that it is a wonderful thing to get the whole scope of the gospel, to run it