

PRESIDENT DAVID O. MCKAY

And now another annual conference of the Church has become history. In conclusion, none of us should leave this conference, *first*, without a resolution in his or her heart to live a better life. True religion cannot be worn only on Sundays, laid aside as you put aside your Sunday clothes, and left to lie in moth-balls during the week. True spirituality should be expressed in daily activity. That has been a theme of this great conference.

No father, no mother, no husband, no wife, and no children who have been here in attendance with them should return home without going into a better home than that which they left when they came. No fathers and mothers who have listened in can be true to their ideals as members, and to the noble thoughts inspired by the remarks of these Brethren of the General Authorities, without living tonight and in the future in a more spiritual home than heretofore. That is our duty.

No man or woman who has listened in can be true to himself or to herself without doing something to make life sweeter and better in their home than it was. That is our responsibility.

Secondly, the great theme has been that salvation and peace, contentment of the human family, not only in the home but also in community life, will come through obedience to the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It has been the season of Easter, and every speaker has referred to the salvation, glorified life, the eternal gospel of the Resurrected Christ. We cannot be true to ourselves and to our loved ones and our associates, without being determined to live more in accordance with those divine principles. I mean in daily life, in our speech, in our self-control, in home associations, with business associates, in political fields—that is the obligation we have taken upon us by participating in the high ideals of the messages given by these speakers.

We cannot be true to ourselves and to our loved ones, to our associates, without feeling a determination to know more about this great truth to which testimonies have been borne. The spirit

within bears testimony that truth exists in this old world, and the spirit feeds upon that truth. I have much to say, but I shall summarize it, because of the lateness of the hour, by applying to the truth of the gospel what Mr. Jordan says about truth in general:

We cannot truly believe that we are the children of God and that God exists without believing in the final inevitable triumph of truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ. And as we leave this conference we shall have less worry about the destruction of the world and the present civilization because God has established his Church, never to be thrown down or given to another people, and as God lives and his people are true to him and to one another we need not worry about the ultimate triumph of truth.

If you have that testimony of truth on your side, you can pass through the dark valley of slander, misrepresentation, and abuse, undaunted as though you wore a magic suit of mail, that no bullet could enter, no arrow could pierce. You can hold your head high, toss it fearlessly and defiantly, look every man calmly and unflinchingly in the eye, as though you rode, a victorious king returning at the head of your legions, with banners waving and lances glistening and bugles filling the air with music. You can feel the great expansive world of more health surging through you as the quickened blood courses through the body of him who is gladly, gloriously proud of physical health. You will know that all will come right in the end, that it must come, that all must flee before the great white light of truth, as the darkness slinks away into nothingness in the presence of the sunburst.

So, brethren and sisters, with truth as our guide, our companion, our ally, our inspiration, we may tingle with the consciousness of our kinship with the Infinite, and all the petty trials, sorrows, and sufferings of this life will fade away as the temporary, harmless visions seen in a dream. That is our privilege through God's blessing and guidance if we apply in daily activity the spiritual blessings and privileges of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

God help us all to do so and to enjoy such blessings I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

The Tabernacle Choir will now favor us with, "O Divine Redeemer," conducted by Richard P. Condie. The closing prayer will be offered by Elder Philo T. Edwards, president of the Sharon Stake.

The singing, as we have told you, has been furnished today by the Tabernacle Choir under the direction of Richard P. Condie and his assistant, Brother Jay E. Welch. Brother Frank W. Asper has been at the organ this afternoon.

We expressed appreciation for the flowers this morning and for the services of the radio and television stations, and of all who have participated in this great Conference to make it successful. We have not said anything about the ushers, who, if you have noticed, have been at their places right from early Friday morning, and have helped serve the Saints and crowds every hour since that time. We thank you, Bishop Isaacson, and others, who are responsible for their service.

Tonight the Deseret Sunday School Union will convene in this building at 7 o'clock. All Sunday School workers are expected to be in attendance.

Let us drive carefully as we go to our homes. We have here a notice which may be of interest to you who are leaving. "U.S. Highway 50, Donner's Pass," it says, "is closed, but U.S. Highway 40 over Donner's Pass is open for passenger cars. Chains, however, are necessary. U.S. Highway 40 (Alternate) through Feather River Canyon is open. Chains, however, are necessary there." We thank the Highway Patrol for sending this information to us.

The Choir will now sing the closing song, and after the benediction this Conference will be adjourned for six months. The benediction will be offered by President Philo T. Edwards.

Singing by the Tabernacle Choir, "O Divine Redeemer."

President David O. McKay:

You would consider me very remiss, I am sure, if I did not express appreciation to Brother Condie and the members of this great Choir, and for their inspirational singing this day. Brethren and sisters, it has taken a lot of work for you to attain to that high standard, but we do appreciate your having gone to that work and having given to us this day inspiration inexpressible. Thank you and God bless you.

I am just reminded too that now is a good time to thank the two Choruses—one from the Brigham Young University, with combined choruses of young people, last Friday; and the other from the Utah State University of Logan, another group of several hundred young people, both of which groups gave us singing that is unexcelled, I think, anywhere in school groups. We appreciate it especially, and I should say that President Chase of the Utah State University is in the Near East. That is why he is not with them, but we have had as his representative President Mark Newberger, who is acting president of the Utah State University. We thank them and all.

Now the benediction will be offered, and this Conference will be adjourned for six months.

President Philo T. Edwards of the Sharon Stake pronounced the benediction.

Conference adjourned for six months.

The choral music for the Friday sessions was furnished by the Brigham Young University Combined Choruses, with John R. Halliday conducting at the Friday morning session, and Don L. Earl at the afternoon meeting.

The music for the Saturday morning and afternoon sessions was furnished by the Combined Choruses of the Logan Latter-day Saints Institute and the Utah State University, James L. Bradley conducting the singing at the morning session, and Alma Dittmer at the afternoon session.

At the General Priesthood meeting Saturday evening, April 5, the singing