

and has once again spoken from the heavens, once again restored his power and his priesthood in its pristine strength and purity upon those of us whom he has called to carry on his work in this, the dispensation of time in which he has brought together all that he has given his children in all previous generations of man, all as foretold through his prophets of old.

We have the power and the authority to confer these same blessings upon all nations, as the blessings which were given by the apostles of old to the nations in which they served as missionaries.

Daniel tells us: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." (Daniel 2:44.)

John, the Revelator, gave us one of the most beautiful predictions of all of the restoration of the gospel in these latter days, for he said: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

"Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." (Rev. 14:6-7.)

BISHOP THORPE B. ISAACSON

First Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric

President McKay, President Clark, President Moyle, President Smith, my beloved brothers and sisters, and the radio and television audience: I am very grateful for the prayer this morning of a wonderful man, former mission president, Brother Theodore Jacobsen. I know that the Lord will answer that prayer, and I shall be grateful to you for your prayers this morning because I confess to you that I feel very humble and very weak.

As I have listened to these inspired messages today and yesterday and the

These prophecies have, in large measure, been fulfilled. The gospel has been restored to the earth. God continues to magnify those upon whom he has bestowed his authority in these latter days to serve his people and to guide and direct the honest in heart the world over into the paths of truth and of right. We declare most solemnly that we have been called of God, and that we proclaim his word to the world by virtue of his power and authority. We invoke his blessings upon all mankind, and particularly that their hearts might be opened, their desires might be toward righteousness, and that they might lend an ear and understand and appreciate the truth when it is presented to them by his duly ordained and constituted servants—the missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

God bless them, and bless us, and bless all who lend ear to their teachings, we pray humbly this day, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

President Henry D. Moyle of the First Presidency of the Church has just spoken to us. We hope that all the television sets, radios, that were tuned in along the West Coast, in the Northwest, and throughout the nation, heard President Moyle's address.

We shall now hear from Bishop Thorpe B. Isaacson of the Presiding Bishopric.

day before, I have thought of the words of Riddle: "Those who know books know much, but those who know nature know more, and those who know God have reached the goal of human wisdom."

This great choir, I am sure, has uplifted us this morning along with thousands and perhaps millions who have heard them. They are a great credit to the Church and to the city, to the state and the nation. These choir leaders, the choir members, and the officers, are not just good musicians: They are good

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Latter-day Saints, and they are wonderful missionaries. They are devoted. I have a very choice brother singing in the choir, and I know how deeply devoted and what great love he has for this organization. May God bless every single one of them.

I know we have been deeply touched this morning by the inspiring address of President Henry D. Moyle. May I be pardoned if I tell you this morning that I thought his humble and yet beautiful address was just like the prayer he offered a few days ago in an upper room of the temple when the General Authorities met there preparatory to this great conference. As he spoke to you this morning, he had a prayer in his heart for you, the membership of the Church, and for our friends not of the Church; and as he offered that prayer in the temple, in the true order of prayer, I felt sure our Father in heaven had called him to his present position. Brother Moyle has no selfish interests. He has lived above selfishness. He will be a great blessing to the membership of this Church. Those of our friends not in the Church, as well as all of us, will sustain him and pray for him in the great load that he has to carry. The mantle of Presidency has fallen on his shoulders. Last night the priesthood assembled was deeply blessed as a result of his marvelous address. President Moyle will be a great comfort and blessing and assistance to President McKay and President Clark, whom he dearly loves.

A year ago it was the privilege of my wife and myself to visit many countries of Europe, and only by coincidence we came into countries, missions, branches, and districts where Brother and Sister Moyle had recently visited. I have never heard anyone speak so beautifully as the humble Saints of Europe spoke about President and Sister Moyle. I think we will never know the amount of good and the help that he rendered to so many of our humble Saints in far-off countries of Europe. In many places he spoke to them in their native tongue. How grateful they were for his presence. Sister Moyle likewise spoke to them. They are dearly loved in the far-off countries of Europe.

Faith promotes faith, and testimony inspires testimony.

Third Day

Today, if I may, I would like to take just one sentence from President McKay's beautiful dedicatory prayer offered at the London Temple, and may I quote from that one sentence. Speaking to the Lord, he said: "May we express overwhelming gratitude just to be alive."

I have a personal reason this morning for repeating this sentence from President McKay's dedicatory prayer, because today I am truly grateful just to be alive. A few months ago I became critically ill, and I learned then, as I have never learned before, that the line between life and mortality and death and immortality is very thin indeed. It only takes a few seconds—yes, a very few seconds—to change from life and mortality to death and immortality, and I saw how close one can get to the pale of death. I thought I was passing from this life to the other, and I am truly grateful to the Lord that he permitted me to live. I fully realized then that I was not prepared or ready for that passing, and it brought to my mind a few words that I have read in a poem that goes something like this:

"There is no time that we could set for parting.

Ever our prayer would be," (as mine was)

"Not yet, dear Lord, not yet, just another day."

I realized then more than ever before how dependent we are upon God, our Eternal Father, even for the preservation of our lives. When one faces such a change, and we are all going to face it, when we come close to it, many things come to our minds. I wonder if you are ready for that change. I wonder if you are prepared to change from life to death. I believe that we can become prepared and ready, and I concluded then that if the Lord would permit me to live longer, I intended to live better so that I could die better.

Even though one may not be completely conscious or aware of what is going on about him, I shall always be truly, humbly grateful, I hope, more grateful than ever before in my life for the blessings and the prayers of my friends and family and my Brethren.

I am more grateful now because I realize the power of the Holy Priesthood of God that we have heard so much

about in this conference, often referred to as the greatest power on the face of the earth. Some of the Brethren, who are prophets and servants of God, came to my room in the hospital and laid their hands upon my head and anointed me with holy consecrated oil, and then said unto me, "By the power of the Holy Priesthood, (Brother Moyle just told us about that power) and in the name of Jesus Christ, we bless you that you shall be well."

Do you know of any such power as that in the world? I bear testimony to you that the power of the priesthood is here in the Church. I testify to you that one knows and one feels that influence and that power, and is mindful of the blessings of the Lord received through the administration of his servants holding that Holy Priesthood.

I am grateful to be alive, and I promised the Lord that I would bear testimony of that power and that healing influence whenever I could have the strength to do so. I thank God, and I hope that you thank God just to be alive. If you feel that you are not quite prepared or ready for that change from life to death, let me urge you now—today—to change your life. Remember it only takes a few seconds to change from life unto death. Let me urge you to make the necessary adjustments in your life. Yes, make new resolutions. Turn back, if you have reason to believe that you are on the wrong road, turn back now. It isn't too late.

May I quote from Amulek's testimony in the book of Alma, wherein he states: "For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; yea, behold the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labors . . . for that same spirit which doth possess your bodies at the time that ye go out of this life, that same spirit will have power to possess your body in that eternal world." (Alma 34:32, 34.)

Repent! Forsake those things that are wrong so that when the time comes for you to make that change you can say as Paul said to Timothy: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto

all them also that love his appearing." (II Timothy 4:7-8.)

And as quoted in the last verse of the hymn, "Come, Let Us Anew":

"O that each in the day of his coming
may say,
'I have fought my way thro'—
I have finished the work thou did'st give
me to do.'
O that each from his Lord may receive
the glad word:
'Well and faithfully done;
Enter into my joy and sit down on my
throne.'"

That reminds me of a prayer that I read recently, and may I quote: "Your day is almost done. When the night and the morning meet, it will be an unalterable memory. So let no unkind word, no careless doubting thought, no guilty secret, no neglected duty, no wisp of jealous fog becloud its passing."

May God grant us the ability to change our lives where they need to be changed. I wonder if we are absolutely satisfied with the life we are leading, with the thoughts we are thinking, and with the deeds that we are doing. Everyone of us can thank God, our Heavenly Father, for our very life, and may we let God be our confidant—everyone of us—that "thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly." (Matt. 6:4.)

As we pass from day to day, each day bringing us closer to the time when we will change from life unto death, may we ask: "Heavenly Father, for what purpose hast Thou given me this day? To what end do its hours point? Help me not lightly to dismiss this question. Let me not be carried unthinkingly with the drift of the times. Give me grace to reflect seriously upon the course of my life, for days are numbered and precious."

May this group here today, and those who listen on the radio and television, resolve to live better hereafter so that we can die better. May God bless every single one of you, that you may live as long as you want to live and as long as you ought to live. Remember, each day of life is so precious we must not let it carelessly slip away.

I bear testimony to you humbly that God lives, that he is our Father, that

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Jesus Christ is our beloved Savior and our Elder Brother. Oh, how grateful we should be for the power and the blessings of the Holy Priesthood of God that are constantly in our midst today. Oh, how important it is to have the faith and ability to recognize, not only our blessings, but the source of those blessings.

God bless everyone of you, I humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

He to whom we have just listened is Bishop Thorpe B. Isaacson, a member of the Presiding Bishopric of the Church. The Choir and Congregation will now

sing, "Redeemer of Israel," Richard P. Condie conducting. After the singing, Elder Henry D. Taylor, Assistant to the Twelve, will address us.

The Congregation and the Tabernacle Choir joined in singing the hymn, "Redeemer of Israel."

President David O. McKay:

We will now hear from Elder Henry D. Taylor, Assistant to the Twelve. He will be followed by Elder Levi Edgar Young of the First Council of the Seventy.

ELDER HENRY D. TAYLOR

Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles

The calling of Brother Moyle to the First Presidency, and that of President Hunter to the Council of the Twelve, is added evidence, my brethren and sisters, that this Church is guided and directed by revelation and by inspiration. These are two wonderful men. I know the Lord has a great mission for them to perform.

We live today, my brethren and sisters, in a world of unrest and insecurity, where mistrust, suspicion, and disloyalty exist between nations as well as among individuals. Loyalty to oneself and to the principles he believes to be true, is a noble virtue.

In Shakespeare's *Hamlet* is expressed this impressive thought: "To thine own self be true, And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man. . . ."

Latter-day Saints should be taught early in youth the fundamental principles of the gospel. These teachings of the Savior, if observed, will serve as an anchor and guide throughout life, and bring happiness to the individual.

We have been privileged to come to this earth to be tested and proved, to see if we will be loyal and true to the commandments given by our Heavenly Father. We have the responsibility of being loyal to righteous and correct principles. Satan and his followers are zealous and loyal, but to causes and

principles which are unrighteous and opposed to the will of our Heavenly Father.

There are two opposing forces operating to win the souls of the children of men—one force for good, and one for evil. The Prophet Mormon gave a test that may be applied in determining one from the other, when he said: "Wherefore, all things which are good cometh of God; and that which is evil cometh of the devil; for the devil is an enemy unto God, and fighteth against him continually. . . ."

"For behold, the Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that he may know good from evil; . . ." (Moroni 7:12, 16.) Through righteous living we may have the companionship of the Holy Spirit, which will assist us in discerning right from wrong, good from evil.

Joseph Smith was permitted to behold the contrast between the glory of God and the power of darkness, and received this explanation: "All this is shown, the good and the evil, the holy and impure, the glory of God and the power of darkness, that you may know hereafter the two powers and never be influenced or overcome by that wicked one. . . . You have beheld the power of God manifested and the power of Satan; and you see that there is nothing that is desirable in the works of darkness; that they cannot bring happiness;