

Saturday, October 8

Second Day

since the Savior himself lived on the earth is that God himself saw fit to visit the earth with his beloved, Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer and Savior, and to appear to the boy Joseph." (*Gospel Standards*, p. 16.) And it is our duty above all others to go forth at home and abroad and proclaim the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. I know that in order to do this we must live close to the Lord.

President McKay together with President Clark and President Moyle in the beautiful blessing that they gave me when they set me apart as president of the Northwestern States Mission told me to live close to the Lord and listen to his whisperings and have the courage to execute them. When Brother and Sister Lee were in our mission field this last summer, they brought many blessings to the Saints and the missionaries, and already we have seen many join the Church who listened to their words. Likewise Brother and Sister Lee impressed upon us that we should not be too busy taking care of details and mechanics to listen to the whisperings of the Spirit.

I testify to you my brothers and sisters

that the greatest message that we have is that the gospel of Jesus Christ has been restored, the power of God unto salvation. I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I know that God lives, that Jesus is indeed his Son, the Redeemer of the world, and that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God—one of the greatest prophets that has lived on this earth, according to the word of the Lord contained in our holy book of Doctrine and Covenants. (See D&C 135:3.) I know that David O. McKay is the prophet of the Lord today, and I know that we need a prophet on the earth today. I propose to sustain President McKay with all of my might and strength. I say this and dedicate myself unto the Church, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

We will now hear from Elder Theodore M. Burton, formerly president of the West German Mission, at present at the Utah State University—we shall make such arrangements as are necessary.

ELDER THEODORE M. BURTON

Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles

President McKay, President Clark, if he were here, President Moyle, members of the General Authorities, my dear brothers and sisters, this is a humbling experience.

When President McKay called me this morning into his office and asked me how I felt, I told him I was frightened. I am frightened, but only to this extent—frightened that I might not measure up to the responsibility that has been given me. President McKay told me that my responsibility would be to principally bear witness to the divinity of Jesus Christ, and this I can do from the bottom of my heart. I do know that Jesus is the Christ. I have covenanted with him to be his son. I have covenanted to bear that name, and I pray that I might always bear it honorably, that I might never do anything to bring dishonor to that glorious name.

I have wondered since the call was

given me why I was called to this position. I do not stand here alone. This call has come to a great many people, people who have influenced my life, even before I was born. As the other brethren have said, I, too, come from a long line of forebears who bore responsible positions in this Church. My great-grandfather Burton was a member of the Church and came into the Church with his wife and one of his daughters. My grandfather Burton was a young man only fifteen years of age, who had heard about the Mormons in Canada, and he said that he would disown his parents if they joined the Church. So he left them and went down into Ohio, and there the missionaries contacted him and brought him into the Church. He then went back, and on his knees apologized to his father and mother for his lack of insight, for his lack of understanding, and asked their forgiveness.

Grandfather Burton came here with some of the very earliest pioneers as a bugler to Brigham Young, and he became one of Brigham Young's constant companions, along with Brother Lot Smith and Brother Porter Rockwell. I have read Grandfather's journals; I know how devoted he was to the Church. He was a member of the Presiding Bishopric for many, many years.

He married my grandmother, whose maiden name was Garr. The Garrs, too, are wonderful people of whom I am very proud. They were among the very first who came into the Church, and Great-grandfather Fielding Garr was one of those seven men chosen to perform that very special burial mission when the Prophet was assassinated, so I have been told. Grandmother walked across the plains as a young girl eight years of age, and said how happy she was when she got a thorn in her foot because that was the only time she was able to ride on the tailgate of the wagon until they got the thorn out of her foot. So she was one of those early pioneers who helped establish and build this country.

The Moyles have been in the Church for many years. My mother was Florence Moyle. I am proud of the Moyles. Great-grandfather Moyle and Grandfather Moyle helped build the Salt Lake Temple, and when you see the carving on the east side of the temple, "Holiness to the Lord," Great-grandfather did that as a missionary called to work on the temple.

I am proud of the Cannells. They, too, came into the Church early. Great-grandfather came here to Utah to protect his daughter from the Mormons, and when he got here he joined the Church and was grateful that his daughter found such an outstanding man as Grandfather James Moyle.

So I am proud of all of these people who have made it possible for me to be here. I am grateful to my Sunday School teachers. I am grateful to my Primary teachers. In my day we had Religion Class. I am grateful to those sisters who labored with us when we caused them many hours of trouble and concern, I am sure, but they taught me

the divinity of Jesus Christ, for which I will always be grateful.

I came of goodly parents. My father and mother are people of whom I am very proud. I am grateful for the association I have had with my wife. She, too, comes from a long line of people who have been in this Church for many generations. Her father, who is still living, over ninety years of age, is still president of his high priests quorum. I am grateful to her, for she has stood by me from the time we were married and has been loyal and faithful in every respect.

I am proud of my son. I only have one son, and so I have to make up in quality what I lack in quantity. I am proud of him. When my great-uncle Henry Moyle was patriarch of Alpine Stake, he gave me my patriarchal blessing. He told me that we would have responsibilities to take upon us. He told me that my children would have to bear part of that responsibility, too. So I pray that my son will live close to the Lord and be able to accept his share of responsibility when that comes.

I have just returned from the West German Mission, and I bring you all the love of those wonderful people. I have spent just about one-fifth of my life among German-speaking people. I love the Swiss people; I love the Austrian people; I love those German people with whom I have been working. They are simply marvelous Saints, strong and stalwart, loyal and true, and they are about to strengthen the Church in that mighty nation so that we will have stakes of Zion there, too. I am hoping and praying that I shall also be present when that glorious day comes, when we can establish on the continent of Europe, among foreign-speaking peoples, stakes of Zion. I know that their hearts are filled with love of God as yours are, and I bring you their greetings and their love, and I am proud to be associated with a Church so international in its character that we can love people regardless of what language they speak, what color they may be, or what nation they represent. We have covenanted to be brothers and sisters, and this love that was spoken

of before is the love that exists in this Church today.

Without multiplying words, then, President McKay, I accept this calling with humility and pray for your help and for your instruction.

My brothers and sisters, I will rise and do better than my best, because I know that I have been called to this position by a Prophet of God who speaks in the name of Jesus Christ. I bear you my testimony that he is a prophet of God. I bear you my testimony that Joseph Smith is a prophet of God. I bear you my testimony that these men with whom I have associated in the mission field, and these authorities who are sitting before you today, are prophets, seers, and revelators, for I have seen prophecies fulfilled that they have made. I bear testimony that Jesus is the Christ, that this is the Church of Jesus Christ, possessing all the authority that is necessary to establish and maintain it upon the face of the earth today. I know it will grow until all people can recognize and bow their knee and confess that Jesus is the Christ, and that his kingdom is upon the earth. This testimony I give you in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH

Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

I wish to read a part of the instruction given by our Redeemer to his disciples on this continent just before he left them.

"And my Father sent me that I might be lifted up upon the cross; and after that I had been lifted up upon the cross, that I might draw all men unto me, that as I have been lifted up by men even so should men be lifted up by the Father, to stand before me, to be judged of their works, whether they be good or whether they be evil—

"And for this cause have I been lifted up; therefore, according to the power of the Father I will draw all men unto me, that they may be judged according to their works.

"And it shall come to pass, that whoso repenteth and is baptized in my name shall be filled; and if he endureth to the

President David O. McKay:

We know, President Chase, of the position Dr. Burton holds in the Utah State University. He will be true to the agreements made, but we shall appreciate your cooperation.

The combined choral groups and congregation will now sing, "Now Let Us Rejoice in the Day of Salvation," conducted by Professor David A. Shand. After the singing, President Joseph Fielding Smith will address us.

The Combined Choral Groups and the congregation joined in singing the hymn, "Now Let Us Rejoice In The Day of Salvation."

President David O. McKay:

I announced yesterday that President Ernest Wilkinson was excused to attend a convention in the East. I am pleased to note his presence this morning.

President Joseph Fielding Smith of the Council of the Twelve will now speak to us, and he will be followed by Bishop Carl W. Buehner of the Presiding Bishopric.

end, behold, him will I hold guiltless before my Father at that day when I shall stand to judge the world.

"And he that endureth not unto the end, the same is he that is also hewn down and cast into the fire, from whence they can no more return, because of the justice of the Father.

"And this is the word which he hath given unto the children of men. And for this cause he fulfilleth the words which he hath given, and he lieth not, but fulfilleth all his words.

"And no unclean thing can enter into his kingdom; therefore nothing entereth into his rest save it be those who have washed their garments in my blood, because of their faith, and the repentance of all their sins, and their faithfulness unto the end.

"Now this is the commandment: Re-