

do so until every knee shall bend and every tongue confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Savior of the world, and that the Latter-day Saints comprise his Church and kingdom about which the ancient prophets spoke; and that the Church will continue to grow and extend itself, even beyond our imaginations, for it will surely reach to the uttermost parts of the earth.

I pray that his Spirit may continue with us, and that we may serve him always with a singleness of purpose, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

Elder Alma Sonne, Assistant to the Twelve, has just addressed us. The

Choir and Congregation will now sing, "Redeemer of Israel." Brother Jay Welch, Assistant Conductor, will guide us. After the singing, Elder Richard L. Evans will speak to us.

The Tabernacle Choir and the congregation joined in singing the hymn, "Redeemer of Israel," Elder Jay Welch, Assistant Tabernacle Choir Director, conducting.

President David O. McKay:

Elder Richard L. Evans will now address us. He will be followed by Elder John Longden.

ELDER RICHARD L. EVANS

Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

At this point of the conference many will understand why I remember a sentence recently read—a sentence which said that you can always use more words to say what has already been said. I shall try not to make the words too many, but should like to tie back to two or three points of the conference, first, to President McKay's opening address, of the love of God and the love of man, and of the peace that can come only through righteousness and the keeping of the commandments.

Secondly, from the reports given from this pulpit and others that have come in connection with the conference it is very evident that the Church in the stakes and in the missions is on the move, worldwide. Now it takes service, and it takes means to keep things on the move. I have read somewhere that service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on earth. Not only the service, but the means are necessary. Nothing does itself. Someone has to do everything that is done.

As to tithing, it requires that, too, not only as a material matter, but as a spiritual matter also. All we have the Lord God has given us, and I consider tithing to be an opportunity to express appreciation for what the Lord God has given. Neither the giving of service nor of substance is ever—or seldom—completely convenient for any of us. There was

a kind of tongue-in-cheek British economist lecturing here some months ago—and may be still in the United States—who propounded what he called "Parkinson's Second Law," as I recall, which said that "expenditures always rise to meet income." We have discovered this to be true.

The Lord God has said to us "... all things unto me are spiritual, and not at any time have I given unto you a law which was temporal; . . ." (D&C 29:34.) I would plead with all of us, as the work moves forward gloriously, that we should not hinder it by withholding our service or our substance.

Now, third, I should like to tie back to what I consider a most remarkable meeting last evening, which I wish everyone had heard, as President McKay and Brother Moyle and Brother Romney and Brother Petersen spoke. I should like to make a plea in keeping with some of what was there said to the youth, and to all of us, that we do not succumb to uncertainty. There are problems; there are uncertainties; but always we need to pursue solid purposes.

The Church is going forward, worldwide—in the building of buildings, in missionary endeavor, and in all else—and in our private and personal lives, young and old, we must also individually have the faith to go forward. It takes courage; it takes prayer and planning

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and work and faith; but there are glorious eternal opportunities; and we must not wait in uncertainty or succumb to it. The theories and the facts will all ultimately be reconciled; the questions will all ultimately be answered; the problems will all ultimately be resolved; and the promises will all be fulfilled, and we must plan and prayerfully pursue our plans and go ahead with our lives on solid and firm foundations, with faith, with cleanliness of conduct, with balanced living, with devotion, with the keeping of the commandments.

I think it was Ruskin who said, "There is no wealth but life." I pray God that we may use that wealth which is life, and not waste it away, and pursue earnestly the opportunities of time, into the limitless promises and possibilities of eternity, and I do it in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

Elder Richard L. Evans of the Council of the Twelve, has just addressed us. We shall now hear from Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Twelve.

ELDER JOHN LONGDEN

Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles

While I was on my mission, we had a great mission president, Samuel O. Bennion, who made us conscious of time. He called several conferences of two districts of missionaries into the city of Enoch—that is in Texas, by the way—and he would give each of us an opportunity to speak. As we approached the pulpit, he would say to each one, "Take five minutes and preach the gospel." From this and other training I have been made conscious of time, and I am grateful for it. I know there are others today who have not had this privilege, and I should like to share some of my time with them.

May I give you one or two thoughts as I bear my testimony of the divinity of this marvelous work?

Recently there have been many editorials in newspapers, magazines, radio and TV discussions, also private conversations, in which I have noticed one particular word being used many times. That word is "survival." Survival! Survival from what? an atomic bomb? survival from the "C" or "H" bomb? survival from a Marx, Hitler, Mussolini, or a Khrushchev, or their satanic teachings and practices—or another kind of survival?

The United States military services are most anxious to assist their personnel to survive, and tests to prolong mortal life are being made continually with various kinds of so-called survival kits. Last July I was interested in the story

told by a young man in our city who had made such a test with a survival kit measuring 9¼ inches by 6 inches by 3½ inches. The test was made in the rough Wind River range country of Wyoming. He had been flown into this area by plane and then dropped by parachute with the survival kit mentioned. Here are some of the items it contained: a full fifteen-day supply of food, first-aid kit, sewing kit, fire starting kit, fishing items, knife and stone; a twenty-foot line of nylon cord, and a book teaching its reader how to survive. Much research had been done on all items contained in the kit. During the test no one heard from this young man for two weeks. I listened to his story in fast and testimony meeting and afterwards in private. He said, most important of all in the time he had spent in solitude in the great outdoors was that he had come to understand and appreciate more than ever the blessings of the gospel; to be alone under the stars at night, to see the sunshine of the day, the beauty of nature at its best, the natural resources provided by God our Heavenly Father and his Son Jesus Christ. There had come into his heart and soul that testimony more important and precious than all else, the need of a *spiritual* survival.

We may survive physically and materially but unless we survive spiritually these things avail nothing.

I believe this has been the theme of