

Saturday, September 30

Second Day

Just think of all the messengers who have come back in the "restitution of all things" (Acts 3:21), as Peter promised before Christ can come again. And who were they? Angels. And who are angels? Servants of the Lord, "fellow-servants like unto thyself," as the angel said to John when he went to kneel down to worship him. (See Rev. 22:9.)

In closing, I would like to read the testimony of the Prophet Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon, received in Hiram, Ohio, on February 16, 1832, and I bear you my testimony that this is true:

"And while we meditated upon these things, the Lord touched the eyes of our understandings and they were opened, and the glory of the Lord shone round about.

"And we beheld the glory of the Son, on the right hand of the Father, and received of his fulness;

"And saw the holy angels, and them who are sanctified before his throne, worshipping God, and the Lamb, who worship him forever and ever.

"And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: That he lives!

"For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—

"That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God." (D&C 76:19-24.)

I thank God for the testimony in my soul that I am his son and that Jesus is my Elder Brother and that he is the Creator of heaven and earth and that he has revealed himself to the earth in this day and that messengers have returned with a message from God and hence we have the greatest message that could possibly be broadcast to this world, and I bear you that witness in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

He to whom you have just listened is Elder LeGrand Richards of the Council of the Twelve. Elder Sterling W. Sill, Assistant to the Twelve, will now speak to us. I am going to tell you something. Brother Sill approached me just before this meeting started and he said he has one speech one minute long and he has another fifteen minutes long. He said, "You tell me which you want." I believe, Brother Sill, we will take the one minute.

Elder Benson will follow him.

ELDER STERLING W. SILL

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My brothers and sisters, I appreciate this semiannual privilege of having a part with you in the general conference of the Church.

Someone has said that the greatest invention of all time took place at Platea, 2,500 years ago, when an obscure Greek perfected the process of marching men in step. When it was discovered that a great group of individuals could co-ordinate their efforts and focus them effectively upon a single objective, that day civilization began.

The Master himself emphasized this important ability when he said to his disciples, "... if ye are not one ye are

not mine." (D&C 38:27.) Then the greatest intelligence of heaven gave the most important success formula ever given, saying, "Follow me . . ." (Matt. 4:19.) And every human soul must finally be judged by how well he obeys that single command.

May God help us I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

I like a man who is true to his word! Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve will be our concluding speaker.