

Sunday, October 1

brethren, beside whom I feel like a pigmy. I pray for strength; I pray for help; and I pray for the faith and the will to be obedient. I think that I need—and I feel that all of us need—discipline, if this great work is to roll forward as it is ordained to do.

I expressed three and a half years ago when I stood here my appreciation for the name which I bear [Bryant S. Hinckley, his father], which has come from faithful forebears, who gave much and received little that I might receive much while giving little.

I was moved this morning as the choir sang that great anthem, "Crown Him Lord of All." The unity, the harmony, and the discipline of this choir always impress me. Now, my brethren and sisters, God has written the score which we are to perform. Our prophet is our director. With effort and with harmony we can stir the world and "crown him Lord of all," if we have the will to discipline ourselves with that restraint which comes of true testimony.

I would like to say that this cause is either true or false. Either this is the kingdom of God, or it is a sham and a delusion. Either Joseph talked with the Father and the Son, or he did not. If

he did not, we are engaged in blasphemy. If he did, we have a duty from which none of us can shrink—to declare to the world the living reality of the God of the universe, the Father of us all; and of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, our Redeemer, the Author of our salvation, the Prince of Peace.

I give you my testimony that this is true. It is not false. Our detractors may debate theology, but they cannot refute this testimony which has come by the power of the Holy Ghost into my heart and into your hearts, and which I solemnly declare this day as I express unto you my appreciation for your sustaining hands and hearts, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

We have just heard from Elder Gordon B. Hinckley of the Missionary Department, member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of the Church. Elder S. Dilworth Young will please come forward and speak to us. Elder Young is a member of the First Council of the Seventy.

ELDER SEYMOUR DILWORTH YOUNG

Of the First Council of the Seventy

Yesterday Elder Marion G. Romney mentioned the matter of the Holy Spirit and said that one does not hear it with his ears. May I read to you a verse of scripture which verifies that. Nephi was rebuking his two brothers who were intent upon killing him as they journeyed toward the Promised Land. He reminded them that they thought to murder his father, but also their intent was to murder him, and therefore in their hearts they were murderers. Then he reminded them of the times which the Lord had tried to impress them in these words:

"Ye have seen an angel, and he spake unto you; yea, ye have heard his voice from time to time; and he hath spoken unto you in a still small voice;"—and this is the part I would like to

have you hear—"but ye were past feeling, that ye could not feel his words; . . ." (1 Nephi 17:45.)

I used to wonder why Nephi didn't say "hear his words." Now I know that one doesn't hear them with his ears, as Brother Romney said. But into a person's mind there come words. These seem to be his own words, but with the Spirit upon him, are not his words. With these words comes a feeling. One actually feels the words, just as Nephi said. These brothers had lost that feeling, and therefore could not detect words given by the Spirit as apart from their own thoughts.

This "feeling" comes to all who will hear. One's first experience in this likely is akin to those of all converts to the Church when they read what

Moroni said. He told them that after they had heard these things, if they would ask God they would know of their truth. (Moroni 10:4.) I believe that James was referring to this fundamental truth when he wrote these words, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, . . ." (James 1:5.) The Prophet Joseph, reading, was impressed to go to the woods and pray. Anybody who cannot learn to hear by feeling will not go very far in the Church, in my humble opinion, for I believe that to be the way the majority of us know if these things are true.

By that Spirit which whispers in my soul, and which I feel with my heart and my feelings at the same time, the knowledge of which rings constantly in my whole being, I know that Joseph Smith received many of his revelations by that means. By that whispered feeling, too, I know that he was a prophet of the Living God and that President McKay is likewise a prophet of the Living God. I would ask only one thing, that each of us as we leave this conference ask ourselves if during any of these meetings, we felt in our hearts the whispering, and had the words form into our minds as the whispering became feeling, and the message came clearly into our minds that the speaker

has spoken truly. "That is true doctrine. He is speaking truth to us," it tries to say.

To me this conference has been filled with that type of thing. I am proud to be a member of the Church. I am delighted to have the opportunity of bearing my testimony that I know these things are true, and I do it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

The Choir and congregation will now sing, "O Say, What Is Truth?" You have just listened to Elder S. Dilworth Young of the First Council of Seventy. Elder Jay E. Welch, Assistant Choir Leader, will lead us as we join in singing, "O Say, What Is Truth?" and we shall hear from Elder Franklin D. Richards following that song.

The Choir and congregation joined in singing the hymn, "O Say, What Is Truth?"

President David O. McKay:

Elder Franklin D. Richards, Assistant to the Twelve, will be our next speaker. He will be followed by Elder Theodore M. Burton.

ELDER FRANKLIN DEWEY RICHARDS

Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles

President McKay, President Moyle, President Brown, President Smith, and all of you wonderful brothers and sisters and friends, I approach this responsibility and assignment with a humble heart, and I pray that our Father in heaven will bless me with his Spirit that I might be able to say something that will be helpful in building the kingdom of God.

At the last conference, I spoke to you about the amazing growth and development of the Church. At that time I suggested that each of you accept President McKay's challenge that every member be a missionary. To do this I proposed that we ask our friends and neighbors the two golden questions,

"What do you know about the Mormon Church?" and "Would you like to know more?"

It is apparent that many have been asking these questions. Are you one of them?

As a supervisor of the eight eastern American missions, I have spent a large part of the time since the last conference in those missions, and I bring to you the affectionate greetings and love of the mission presidents, the missionaries, and the Saints. I am happy to make this brief report:

First, that convert baptisms are nearly three times those of a year ago, that means approximately 1,100 each month,