

work, which is impossible without effort and concentration."

I have had the feeling for a long time that we are unduly influenced by fear. I think for the most part the priesthood of the Church believe themselves to be courageous. I am sure that we have not entirely overcome fear. I am very much impressed with the statements that Elder John A. Widtsoe of the Council of the Twelve made at an annual general conference in April 1942:

"Fear which 'shall come upon every man,' is the natural consequence of a sense of weakness, also of sin. Fear is a chief weapon of Satan in making mankind unhappy. He who fears loses strength for the combat of life, for the fight against evil. Therefore, the power of evil ever seeks to engender fear in human hearts. In this day of sorrow, fear walks with humanity. It directs, measurably, the course of every battle. It remains as a gnawing poison in the heart of victors as of the vanquished.

"As leaders in Israel, we must seek to dispel fear from among our people. A timid, fearing people cannot do their work well. The Latter-day Saints have a divinely assigned world mission so

great that they cannot afford to dissipate their strength in fear. The Lord has repeatedly warned his people against fear. Many a blessing is withheld because of our fears. He has expressly declared that men cannot stop his work on earth, therefore, they who are engaged in the Lord's latter-day cause, and who fear, really trust man more than God, and thereby are robbed of their power to serve.

"The key to the conquest of fear has been given through the Prophet Joseph Smith," Brother Widtsoe continues. "'If ye are prepared ye shall not fear.'" (D&C 38:30.) That is a message from the Doctrine and Covenants, and Brother Widtsoe says in conclusion, "That divine message needs repeating today in every stake and ward. Are we prepared to surrender to God's commandments? . . . If we can honestly answer yes, we can bid fear depart. And the degree of fear in our hearts may well be measured by our preparation by righteous living, such as should characterize Latter-day Saints."

God bless us to eliminate fear and to meet every challenge which the priesthood of God places upon us, I pray humbly, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. MCKAY

While Elder Lee and the other members of the twelve were presenting the outline of the great correlation work now in preparation, a passage of scripture came to my mind, which I shall quote, if I can, which will summarize the purpose of all this work:

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: . . ." (Eph. 4:11-13.)

That is what these brethren have in mind. That is what you brethren of the priesthood, assembled in these vast congregations tonight, have in mind, because you are servants of the Most High, and he has given you the responsibility

of perfecting the Saints, of working in the ministry, for edifying the Saints of God, and the object is the perfecting of the individual.

There are many who are working tonight in positions who are sometimes discouraged. They may be in a bishopric, some may be in the presidencies of stakes, some may be in the presidencies of quorums, some deacons who feel, "Well, I am not doing anything." Teachers who are asked to go ward teaching sometimes feel they are incompetent, inadequate to teach. The plans that have been outlined today for you will be an aid no matter what position you may be holding, and you who feel inadequate, particularly the young boys who hold the office of teacher, when you go into the home of a man of the priesthood, and you feel inadequate to do your duty, remember this, given by a nonmember of the Church, but it contains encouragement:

"Who does his task from day to day
And meets whatever comes his way,
Believing God has willed it so,
Has found real greatness here below.

"Who guards his post, no matter where,
Believing God must need him there,
Although but lowly toil it be,
Has risen to nobility.

"For great and low there's but one test:
'Tis that each man shall do his best.
Who works with all the strength he can
Shall never die in debt to man."

(Edgar A. Guest)

God bless the priesthood of the Church of Jesus Christ throughout the whole world. They are called to serve; to serve the members of the Church, and to serve the world by preaching the everlasting gospel. May the Lord guide us, inspire us, never leave us alone, I pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

Elder Kurt Weinzinger and the Brigham Young University Male Chorus, under his direction, will sing, "Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones." Elder Alton Christensen, president of the Sevier Stake, will offer the benediction, after which this Conference will be adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow.

The general session tomorrow morning will be carried "live" by eighteen television stations from Denver to the West Coast from the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, commencing at 10:00 A.M., Mountain Standard Time. Eighteen radio stations throughout the west will broadcast the Sunday morning session, and three radio stations will carry the program "live" to the eastern part of the nation.

You will be interested also to know that the Sunday morning session will be

beamed by short-wave over facilities of Station WRUL of Boston in Spanish to the Caribbean, Mexico and South America, and in English to Europe and Africa. It is reported that we shall have a potential listening audience during this Conference of seventy-seven million.

The Tabernacle Choir broadcast will be from 8:35 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Those desiring to attend this broadcast must be in their seats at 8:15 A.M. It is requested that the audience remain quiet during the broadcast.

As thousands leave this great meeting tonight, let us keep in mind the admonition that is constantly being given us to drive carefully. Let us have courtesy in the city and on the highways.

The Male Choruses will now sing, "Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones," and the benediction will be offered by Elder Alton Christensen, president of the Sevier Stake.

Singing by the Male Choruses, "Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones."

President David O. McKay:

I am sure the great gathering of Priesthood would think we are amiss in our duty if I did not express for you your hearty appreciation of the excellent singing you brethren have given us tonight and also this afternoon. We appreciate your staying over and giving this service. God bless you and the girls who were with you this afternoon, also.

The benediction was pronounced by President Alton Christensen of the Sevier Stake.

Conference adjourned until Sunday morning, Oct. 7, at 10:00.