

in this beautiful land. God be thanked for the prayers of my family."

Can we make our homes more beautiful? Yes, through addressing ourselves as families to the source of all true beauty. Can we strengthen our society and make it a better place in which to live? Yes, by strengthening the virtue of our family life through kneeling together and supplicating the Almighty in the name of his Beloved Son.

This simple practice, a return to family worship, spreading across the land and over the earth, would in a generation largely lift the blight that is destroying us, and it would restore in-

tegrity, mutual respect, and a spirit of thankfulness in the hearts of the people. That we of this great Church, the kingdom of God, may be faithful in setting an example before the world in this practice and in encouraging others to do likewise, I humbly pray, as I leave with you my testimony of its virtue, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

Elder Gordon B. Hinckley of the Council of the Twelve has just spoken to us.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY

Brethren and Sisters, we are nearing the end of another great conference. I am impressed with the thought that everyone who has attended, either in presence or by listening in, no matter where he or she may be, must leave this conference with a greater determination to be a better man or a better woman; a better citizen of the town, county, or nation than he or she has ever been before.

Brother Bernard P. Brockbank has just said that it is good to be in the presence of good people. He gave a sermon in that sentence. "It is good to be in the presence of good people." Every man and every person who lives in this world wields an influence, whether for good or for evil. It is not what he says alone, it is not alone what he does. It is what he is. Every man, every person radiates what he or she is. Every person is a recipient of radiation. The Savior was conscious of that. Whenever he came into the presence of an individual, he sensed that radiation—whether it was the woman of Samaria with her past life; whether it was the woman who was to be stoned or the men who were to stone her; whether it was the statesman, Nicodemus, or one of the lepers. He was conscious of the radiation from the individual. And to a degree so are you, and so am I. It is what we are and what we radiate that affects the people around us.

We cannot go from this great conference without an added responsibility to contribute to a better life around us. As individuals, we must think nobler thoughts. We must not encourage vile thoughts or low aspirations. We shall radiate them if we do. If we think noble thoughts, if we encourage and cherish noble aspirations, there will be that radiation when we meet people, especially when we associate with them.

That is true of the individual. It is true of the home, as we have heard in this conference from Brother Gordon B. Hinckley. Our homes radiate what we are, and that radiation comes from what we say and how we act in the home. No member of this Church—husband, father—has the right to utter an oath in his home or ever to express a cross word to his wife or to his children. You cannot do it as a man who holds the priesthood and be true to the spirit within you by your ordination and your responsibility. You have to contribute to an ideal home by your character, controlling your passion, your temper, guarding your speech, because those things will make your home what it is and what it will radiate to the neighborhood.

I am reminded of a remark made by a man who came here and attended the board meeting of the United States Steel Company in 1946. You will remember—some of you in this audience,

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some of you General Authorities will remember—that they invited us to attend a dinner of that board, and at the conclusion of that entertainment the chairman, the master of ceremonies—I think it was Mr. Irving S. Olds—said: “Now we are not going to have any set speeches, but here is an opportunity if any of you would like to express yourselves.”

Mr. Nathan L. Miller, general counsel for that board, arose, and in substance said, “I am one of those inquisitive, suspicious New Englanders, and I have been impressed with something in this city that seems to be different from any other city I have ever visited.” A radiation! He continued, “I walked up and down Main Street and watched the people. There is something about the city which is different from any other I have been in. I tried to define it and wondered what it was, but during an interview in the President’s office today (President George Albert Smith was their host then, and the board had invited him that morning) I think I discovered what it is.” President George Albert Smith had called on some of the brethren to speak to the visitors (United States Steel board members), who were sitting and standing around the First Presidency’s board room in the Church Administration Building.

He said, “I listened to what these men said.” One of them had referred to the pioneers and the spirit of the pioneers; that before they started out across the plains under the direction of President Young, they sought divine guidance first. Second, under his direction, they were prepared. Every man would carry a gun and must be prepared for an attack of savages or any other possible emergency that might come to the pioneers that day. And third, every man must take just as much care of his neighbor’s cattle as he did of his own. *Worship, Preparation, Service!*

I do not know whether it was that that answered this gentleman’s curiosity or not, but he said, “I thought in that meeting in the President’s office I detected what there is in the city which is different—it is spirituality,” said he. “That’s it! It is spirituality! The pioneers had it! I am wondering if you

younger men (he spoke to those around him) can keep that spirituality with the installation of material things coming into your midst.”

He was referring to that radiation of the group which we all feel. I repeat, every individual has it. Every home radiates it, and every Latter-day Saint home should have it.

A father visited his son’s new home. The son was proud to show him the new bedroom, the new installations in the kitchen. After they were through with their visit, the father said, “Yes, it is beautiful, but I see no signs of God in your home.” And the son said, “I went back, and as I looked through the rooms, I noticed I had nothing suggestive of the presence of the Redeemer or the Savior.”

What I am saying is, we leave this conference today with greater responsibility than ever before, as men of the priesthood, as women of the Church, to make our homes such as will radiate to our neighbors harmony, love, community duties, loyalty. Let our neighbors see it and hear it. Never must there be expressed in a Latter-day Saint home an oath, a condemnatory term, an expression of anger or jealousy or hatred. Control it! Do not express it! You do what you can to produce peace and harmony, no matter what you may suffer.

The Savior set us the example, always calm, always controlled, radiating something which people could feel as they passed—the woman who touched his garment. He felt something go from him, that radiation which is divine.

Each individual soul has it. That is you. The body is only the house in which you live. God help us to radiate strength, control, love, charity, which is another name for love, consideration, best wishes for all human beings.

The Church is reaching out, radiating, not only by bodies and meetings, but now through the kindness of the radio owners, television owners, we have touched them from the center. Listen to the people up in Alaska: “Our sincere thanks for the spiritual uplift. Reception excellent at both ends of this far north stake. Attendance at Anchorage, 89. Fifty prayers are certainly with

you. Alaska Stake President (Lloyd B. Owen).” Fifty prayers! Why, it is just radiating throughout the whole world.

God help us as members of the priesthood and as members of the Church to radiate faith in God, love of humanity, service to his people wherever they are, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

We express appreciation and gratitude for all who have in any way contributed to the success and inspiration of this great Conference. We are grateful to our General Authorities who delivered such inspirational messages. We appreciate the attention given by local and national press representatives, and by the representatives of radio and television stations in reporting the sessions of this Conference.

We appreciate the cooperation of City Officials, the city traffic officers in handling carefully and ably increased traffic, etc. How well they handled it last evening after our special Priesthood Meeting. The Fire Department and Red Cross have been on hand to render assistance and service whenever and wherever needed.

We are grateful for what our Tabernacle Ushers do in rendering quiet, efficient service in seating the great audiences of this Conference. As previously mentioned, we are most grateful to the owners and managers of the many radio and television stations throughout the Nation and our own City, who have carried the sessions of this Conference from Coast to Coast, to Alaska, Hawaii, Australia, and Canada; and by short wave to countries in many parts of the world. This extensive radio and television coverage has given this 133rd Annual Conference of the Church the widest dissemination in the history of the Church. We thank Brother Paul Evans who has watched over the broadcasting facilities here.

We are thankful and grateful to the Lord that millions have been given the opportunity to tune in on the proceedings of this General Conference.

Tonight the Deseret Sunday School

Union Conference will convene in this building at seven o'clock. All Sunday School workers will wish to be in attendance. The public is cordially invited.

Sacrament meetings will be held this evening in the various wards.

We again thank our members and friends who furnished these beautiful flowers to decorate the Tabernacle during this Conference—the daffodils from Tacoma Stake, through the courtesy of the Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival, and the Calla Lillies from the High Priests' Quorum of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake.

The Tabernacle Choir—talk about radiation—there is a group which radiates throughout the entire world. We just say “thank you,” and “thank you” is a grateful feeling for your response. Some of you have been here since 7:30 this morning and perhaps 7:00, maybe earlier. In behalf of all who love you and hear you, we pray the Lord to continue to bless you and your officers, your leaders, and the organists. God's blessings will attend you and the Church for your service.

The Choir will sing “All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name,” and the benediction will be offered by Elder Thomas S. Monson, formerly President of the Canadian Mission, after which this great Conference will be adjourned for six months.

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The Logan L.D.S. Institute of Religion Choir furnished the music for the Friday morning and afternoon sessions. James L. Bradley was Conductor of the Choir at both sessions.

The musical numbers for the Saturday morning and also the Sunday morning and afternoon sessions were furnished by the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir, Richard P. Condie, Conductor, and Jay E. Welch, Assistant Conductor.

At the Saturday afternoon meeting the