

**President N. Eldon Tanner**

President Hugh B. Brown of the First Presidency, from whom we have not heard for the last two or three General Priesthood meetings, will be our concluding speaker.

Following President Brown, the men

of the Tabernacle Choir, conducted by Richard P. Condie, with Robert Cundick at the organ, will sing, "Ah, Then My Heart So Free," following which Elder Boyce H. Lines, President of the Mt. Graham Stake, will offer the benediction. This Conference will then be adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

**President Hugh B. Brown****Of the First Presidency**

I shall not detain you long, brethren. I would very much like to say, however, that this evening's session has been very much worthwhile to me. Although, because of age, my days of laboring with my own children are pretty well over so far as their early life is concerned, I am still greatly interested in the welfare of the young people.

I have enjoyed very much listening to Brother Dunn and Brother Tuttle, giving us some viewpoints that, I am sure, caused us to think. I hope we will take these thoughts home and put them into practice.

I was glad to get Brother Smith's reaction to the priesthood and its meaning and its value.

I think it is a wonderful thing that we could have with us tonight Brother Lind, who, being an astronaut, has had some experiences that none of us has ever had or probably ever will have. It is refreshing to find a man who has gone through the kind of tests he has and who has remained true to the truth, true to himself, true to God. His testimony to you, all of you out there as well as you who are here, should be a thrilling thing. It should help you as you go forward and have your tests, your temptations. It will help you, if you will think back and remember what he said tonight and then try and put your lives in order, so that you may at the end be found worthy of the blessings of God.

I shall never forget the words of my mother when I left to go on a mission sixty-odd years ago, when she said to me, "When you were a lad you often had bad dreams. You remember you

would call out from your room and say, 'Mother, are you there?' And I would say, 'Yes, son, I am here. Everything's all right. Turn over and go to sleep.'" She said, "Now, my boy, you are going on a mission. You will be 5,000 miles away from me and I can't answer your call, but many times you will need to ask someone, 'Are you there?' Now," she said, "while you are gone, and the rest of your life, whatever happens, don't forget to call out and say, 'Father, are you there?' And I promise you, my boy, if you will do that, he will respond to you. You may not hear his voice; you will not see his form or figure, but you will know he is there, and he will support you."

I bear you my witness tonight that many times in intervening years I have called out to him for help, and I have needed it all the time. I needed it at the beginning of this conference. I called out to him and said, "Father, are you there?" I bear witness that he answered. He has been with us through this conference. We have had a glorious time.

I leave you my testimony of the divinity of this work. I know it better than I know anything else, and I thank God for the privilege of working in it. I pray that all of you, my brethren holding the priesthood, will remember that you can get just as close to your Heavenly Father as you can to your earthly father, if you will undertake to live righteously, to talk to him regularly, and to obey his commandments. I leave you my witness and pray that God will bless you.

Father in heaven, wilt thou bless

these fathers that they may have the genius to reach the hearts of their boys. Oh, Father, wilt thou bless these boys that they may know the value of their fathers, and get close to them. Oh Father, wilt thou bless the mothers of these boys and the wives of these husbands. Be with them, and inspire them in their work. Father, be with all thy children. Help us to discharge the duties of our priesthood, the obligations of our callings, to be true to our-

selves and to thee, we humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Singing: "Ah, Then My Heart So Free," by men of the Tabernacle Choir. Richard P. Condie, conductor, Robert Cundick, organist.

Closing Prayer: Elder Boyce H. Lines, president of Mt. Graham Stake.

Conference adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning, April 9th.

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## THIRD DAY

### MORNING MEETING

Sunday, April 9th.

The Sunday morning session of the Conference convened immediately following the Tabernacle Organ and Choir Broadcast, which was presented at 9:30 a.m. and concluded at 9:55. A complete report of this broadcast will be found in this report on pages 136 and 137.

President David O. McKay was present and presided. At his request President Hugh B. Brown, First Counselor in the First Presidency, conducted the services.

The singing for this session of the Conference was by the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir, with Richard P. Condie conducting. Alexander Schreiner was at the organ.

Prior to the opening of the meeting the Choir sang: "Sleepers Wake, A Voice Is Calling."

President Brown made the following introductory statement:

#### President Hugh B. Brown

We are pleased to announce that President David O. McKay is on the stand this morning and is presiding at this meeting. He has asked me to conduct. He wishes to extend his heartfelt greetings to all on this beautiful Sabbath morning.

It is a very great pleasure for us to be present this morning in the Tabernacle and in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square, and to know that there is a vast television and radio audience

witnessing this sixth session of 137th Annual Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Tabernacle Choir, under the direction of Richard P. Condie, with Alexander Schreiner at the organ, will open this service by rendering, "I Will Greatly Rejoice." Following the singing, Elder Howard B. Anderson, formerly president of the California Mission, will offer the invocation.

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Singing by Choir: "I Will Greatly Rejoice."

Invocation: Elder Howard B. Anderson, former President of California Mission.

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#### President Hugh B. Brown

The Tabernacle Choir will now sing, "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place," following which President Nathan Eldon Tanner of the First Presidency will speak to us.

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Singing by Choir: "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place."

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#### President Hugh B. Brown

Our first speaker this morning will be President Nathan Eldon Tanner, second counselor in the First Presidency of the Church, following which the Tabernacle Choir will sing, "How Great the Wisdom and the Love."