

one of us. Qualify yourselves as rapidly as you can by righteous living to go to the temple often and there worship and serve the true and living God. I plead with you for your own well being and happiness to practice the promises and covenants you make with the Lord in those temples. As the Lord has warned us: "For if you will that I give unto you a place in the celestial world, you must prepare yourselves by doing the things which I have commanded you and required of you." (D&C 78:7.) If we desire to receive celestial blessings, we must keep the celestial law.

Invitation to non-members

To those not yet members of the Church, I ask you to examine your own hearts. You will recognize that what I have said about these two great prophecies does have a familiar ring! These prophecies are going into complete fulfillment even now. Before your very eyes the plans of the Lord are being revealed to you, if you will only open your eyes and observe

what is happening about you. Waste no more time in speculation and questioning, but investigate these principles more closely and you will know for yourselves the truth of what I have spoken. Come join with us in serving the only true and living God, and qualify yourselves to receive those great blessings which God has reserved for you in these last days. You too can become a savior on Mount Zion for your family and friends, as that stone cut out of the mountain without hands rolls forth to fill the whole earth. That the kingdom of God is now in process of expanding under the leadership of true prophets of God, I testify in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. ■

President N. Eldon Tanner

Elder Theodore M. Burton, Assistant to the Twelve, has just spoken to us.

Elder Bernard P. Brockbank, Assistant to the Twelve, will be our concluding speaker.

Elder Bernard P. Brockbank

Assistant to the Council of the Twelve

My dear brothers and sisters: Jesus Christ is the head of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and he has asked that we teach his commandments and promised that he would be with us even unto the end of the world. That is the commandment.

Love of God

When the Savior lived on this earth, he taught that we are to love God and keep his commandments. Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." (Matt. 22:37.) This is the first and great commandment. It

is much easier to know the commandment than it is to live it.

Why should the Lord command his children to love him with all their heart, and with all their soul, and with all their mind? There is great wisdom and divine security for mortal man in full and complete love for God.

God's creations

God created the heavens and the earth and all plant and animal life upon the earth. God created the universe with all of its profound greatness and blessings. The greatest of all miracles is God's creation of man in his own image and likeness;

eyes that can see, ears that can hear, minds that can reason were created within our mortal mothers. We know that our mortal mothers do not know how to make eyes that can see and ears that can hear and mortal minds that can reason. God said that he created man in his own image and likeness. Our creation and mortal birth is evidence of divine power. All that we have that is good for this life and eternal life comes from God. We owe our full respect, dedication, allegiance, and love to him.

Satan, an enemy to man

The alternatives are to love Satan or some other part of God's creations. Satan did not participate in any of the creations that were for the good of man. We owe him absolutely nothing. But some pay tribute to Satan through bad temper, quarreling, dishonesty, adultery, covetousness, drugs, disrespect for God and Jesus Christ, disrespect for the Sabbath day, nonpayment of tithes, hatred, etc.

Satan is an enemy to man and seeks to destroy his freedom and his obedience to the Lord and to keep man from developing his divine nature and godliness. Satan is the author of evil, sin, and wickedness, and we should not by our thoughts or acts love or serve him.

Jesus Christ said, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Matt. 6:24.) And may I say that we cannot serve both God and Satan. Some try but no one has succeeded.

The desire to commune with God

Love for God brings love and respect for his children, and love for man's relationship to the Lord, and a desire to commune with him. Prayers are uttered by many sincere people to various concepts of a supreme being or power. The pagans, the Bud-

dhists, the Hindus, the Mohammedans, the sun and nature worshipers, and many others have their way of praying. Because of many man-made ways of praying, Jesus Christ gave a commandment on the proper way to pray. Here is the commandment—and many do not know that it is a commandment:

"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

"Give us this day our daily bread.

"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." (Matt. 6:9-13.)

Essentials of Christlike prayer

This prayer contains the essentials of a sincere, dedicated, Christlike prayer. If we love our Father in heaven, we should pray and talk to him. We should desire to do his will and to have a program for his kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. The prayer teaches us to pray to be kingdom builders and to help build the kingdom of God on this earth. When we love God and sincerely pray for the kingdom of God to come to this earth, as it is in heaven, we commit ourselves to the giving of our time and talents and money.

When we say, "Father, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven," we should be subject to the will and desires of our Heavenly Father, even as a little child is subject to the will of its earthly parents. To sincerely submit and agree with the Lord that his will be done shows respect, love, and oneness.

Christ's example of dedication

Jesus Christ is the example of one who was dedicated and submitted himself to the building of the kingdom

of God upon this earth and in doing the will of the Father. He said, "I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." (John 6:38.) He also said, "The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." (John 5:19.)

Deliverance from evil

The prayer directs that we should ask our Heavenly Father to meet the temptations and adversities of this life. If we love and trust God, we should ask him to deliver us from evil. There is peaceful assurance and comfort in sincerely asking to be delivered from evil. In our family prayers, we should teach our children to ask the Lord to deliver them from evil. When did you ask, and follow the commandment of the Lord to be delivered from evil, and teach your children and those that you have the privilege of teaching?

The price the Lord has asked us to pay to be delivered from evil is to sincerely ask him.

The prayer closes with these heavenly oriented words: "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever." It keeps our minds on the goal that we are all seeking—the kingdom of God.

The law of tithing

I would like to read the law from the Lord that is used to finance the building of the kingdom of God on this earth—the law of tithing as it is recorded in the Holy Bible.

The Lord said, "For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

"Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts.

"But ye said, Wherein shall we return?"

And the Lord said, "Will a man rob God?" Within the sound of my voice there are some that do. "Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

"Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."

And the Lord commanded, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts." (Mal. 3:6-11.)

Will a man rob God by not paying his tithes and offerings?

Remember, the first and great commandment is to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. If we keep this commandment, we will not rob God.

A personal experience

I recall a personal experience. A few years ago when my wife and I were involved with a young family, we were struggling to meet our financial needs, and we were in debt, and we were not honest in our payment of tithes and offerings. We were attending church and I thought that we loved the Lord, but one day my wife said to me, "Do you love God?" and I answered, "Yes."

She said, "Do you love God as much as you love the grocer?"

I replied, "I hope that I love him more than the grocer."

She said, "But you paid the grocer. Do you love God as much as the landlord? You paid him, didn't you?" She

then said, "The first and great commandment is to love God, and you know we have not paid our tithing."

We repented and paid our tithes and offerings, and the Lord opened the windows of heaven and poured out blessings upon us. We consider it a great privilege to pay tithes and offerings to the Lord.

I would like to mention that when we were not honest with the Lord, we were disturbed and had difficulties and problems.

We can perfect our lives by living the Lord's commandments. And as has been quoted many times in this conference, the Lord has said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15.)

The Lord at the head

The Lord said to the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1831, ". . . the hour is not yet, but is nigh at hand, when peace shall be taken from the earth, and the devil shall have power over his own dominion." (D&C 1:35.)

We are in perilous times, and many love pleasure more than they love God. The devil has power over his own dominion. However, in these perilous times there is hope. The Lord is still at the head of his church. It is a great blessing to live in the latter days and to be a Latter-day Saint. The children of our Heavenly Father can receive peace, security, and happiness from loving him with all their hearts, and with all their souls, and with all their minds, and in keeping his commandments.

I know that God lives and that my Redeemer lives. I know that I am a child of God and that I was created by God in his image and likeness. This is my greatest knowledge. God revealed this knowledge to me, and I have great peace and happiness from this witness.

I express love for my Heavenly Father and for my Savior, Jesus Christ, and for the Holy Ghost, and for

all mankind, and do so in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. ■

President N. Eldon Tanner

We have just listened to Elder Bernard P. Brockbank, Assistant to the Twelve.

We have the three following announcements:

First, the Deseret Sunday School Union meeting will be held this evening at 7 o'clock in the Salt Lake Tabernacle. All Sunday School officers and teachers are invited to attend. We also recommend that all members of the priesthood who have Sunday School responsibilities be in attendance at this meeting.

Countries in Europe, South and Central America, Africa, and parts of Asia, totaling nearly two-thirds of the world, will be able to receive broadcasts of these proceedings over the Church-owned International Short-wave Radio Station WNYW, with studios in New York.

Second, all sessions of the conference will be rebroadcast over KSL Radio, KIRO Radio at Seattle, KMBZ Radio at Kansas City, Missouri, and WNYW International short-wave Radio beginning at midnight tonight, and on Tuesday, and can be heard in many parts of the United States and the world, including Canada, Alaska, Europe, Central and South America, and the Islands of the Pacific.

The Mormon Youth Symphony and Chorus, under the direction of Jay E. Welch, will give a special concert tomorrow night. This program will begin at 5:15, and will last one hour and ten minutes, keeping the evening free for family home evening. The Tabernacle doors will open one hour before the concert. There is no charge for admission.

The singing for this session has been furnished by the Tabernacle Choir under the direction of Richard P. Condie and Jay E. Welch, with Robert Cundick at the organ.