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My dear brethren and sisters:

As we come to the close of another glorious and inspirational conference, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings which have been poured out upon us.

We have feasted upon the word of Christ; our minds have been quickened by the power of the Holy Spirit; and we have worshiped the Lord in spirit and in truth.

Personal testimony

To all that has been said, may I now add my personal testimony of the truth and divinity of this great work and leave with the faithful Saints in all the world my blessing.

I say to you, and to the whole Church, and, for that matter, to the whole world, that a gracious and loving Father has in these last days spoken again from heaven to his servants the prophets.

His voice has been one inviting all men to come to his Beloved Son, to learn of him, to partake of his goodness, to take his yoke upon them, and to work out their salvation by obedience to the laws of his gospel. His voice has been one of glory and honor, of peace in this life, and of eternal life in the world to come.

I know that God lives and that he sent his Only Begotten Son into the world to work out the infinite and eternal atonement.

I know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that he received from his Father the power to ransom men from the spiritual and temporal death brought into the world by the fall of Adam.

Latter-day kingdom set up

I know that the Lord has set up his church and kingdom on earth for

the last time; that in this latter-day kingdom are found the power and authority of the holy priesthood; and that this church administers the gospel and makes its blessings available to all who will believe and obey.

I am not unmindful that there are good and devout people among all sects, parties, and denominations, and they will be blessed and rewarded for all the good they do. But the fact remains that we alone have the fullness of those laws and ordinances which prepare men for the fullness of reward in the mansions above. And so we say to the good and noble, the upright and devout people everywhere: Keep all the good you have; cleave unto every true principle which is now yours; but come and partake of the further light and knowledge which that God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever is again pouring out upon his people.

Prayer for God's children

Now I pray that our Father in heaven will bless his people—bless them abundantly and in full measure.

I pray that the Saints shall stand firm against the pressures and enticements of the world; that they shall put first in their lives the things of God's kingdom; that they shall be true to every trust and keep every covenant.

I pray for the young and rising generation that they shall keep their minds and bodies clean—free from immorality, from drug abuse, and from the spirit of rebellion and defiance of decency that is sweeping the land.

Our Father, pour out thy Spirit upon these thy children that they may be preserved from the perils of the world and kept clean and

pure, fit candidates to return to thy presence and dwell with thee.

And let thy preserving care be with all those who seek thy face and who walk before thee in the integrity of their souls, that they may be lights to the world, instruments in thy hands to bring to pass thy purposes on earth.

And may thy Spirit be with us now and forever, I pray, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. ■

The Primary Children's Chorus sang the following numbers: "Teach Me to Walk in the Light," and "I Am a Child of God."

The benediction was offered by Elder LeRoy J. Buckmiller, former president of the London Temple.

The conference was then adjourned for six months.

SALT LAKE TABERNACLE CHOIR AND ORGAN BROADCAST

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The following broadcast, written and announced by Richard L. Evans, and originating with Station KSL, Salt Lake City, Utah, was presented from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. Sunday, April 4, 1971, through the courtesy of the Columbia Broadcasting System's network throughout the United States, parts of Canada, and through other facilities to several points overseas.

Announcer: Once more we welcome you within these walls with Music and the Spoken Word from the Crossroads of the West.

CBS and its affiliated stations bring you at this hour the Tabernacle Choir from Temple Square in Salt Lake City, with Richard Condie conducting the Choir, Alexander Schreiner Tabernacle Organist, and the Spoken Word by Richard Evans.

"Green wave the palms along the path today; blossoms of gold and purple greet the King. Jesus, our Lord, in triumph leads the way; O, dry your tears and joyful homage bring!"

(Choir: "The Palms"—Faure, arr. Ringwald)

Announcer: "Thy Glory dawns, Jerusalem, awake thy bells to ring! Swift

fashion thee a crown of gold, . . . make ready for the King! . . .

(Choir: "Thy Savior Comes, Jerusalem"—Williams)

Announcer: Alexander Schreiner turns now to Mulet's stirring music written on a New Testament text, following the witness of Peter's words: "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God." (Matt. 16:16) From the Byzantine sketches we hear the Toccata in F Sharp Minor.

(Organ: "Toccata in F Sharp Minor"—Mulet)

Announcer: From the Brahms' "Requiem," the Tabernacle Choir sings these moving, worshipful words: "How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! . . . My soul crieth out . . . for the living God!" "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place."

(Choir: "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place"—Brahms)

There is something about children . . .

By Richard L. Evans

There is something about children that softens our hearts, and searches