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My dear brothers and sisters. As we come now to the closing moments of another great general conference of the Church, my heart is full of gratitude for the generous outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord which we have enjoyed.

We have been fed the bread of life, and our desires to serve the Lord and keep his commandments have increased. It has been good for us to be together under these very favorable circumstances.

Appreciation for counselors

May I express before you the profound appreciation I have for the faith, devotion, and service of the two great men who stand beside me in the First Presidency of the Church.

President Harold B. Lee is a spiritual giant with faith like that of Enoch. He has the spirit of revelation and magnifies his calling as a prophet, seer, and revelator.

President N. Eldon Tanner is also one of the noble and great ones who was prepared from eternity to render the important service he is now performing in this, the Lord's church. He is a man of surpassing ability and integrity.

Spirit of oneness

The First Presidency of the Church is united as one, and it is my prayer that we may ever be one, even as Jesus said that he and the Father and the Holy Ghost are one. And this same oneness should prevail in every stake presidency, every bishopric, and every priesthood quorum presidency.

I am also grateful for the labors

and ministry of President Spencer W. Kimball and his associates in the Council of the Twelve, as well as those of all the General Authorities, and I want you to know that I love my brethren.

Blessings for faithful

I feel in my heart to bless the faithful members of the Church. Just as surely as they continue to walk in paths of truth and virtue, they shall have the desires of their hearts in righteousness and shall go on to eternal reward in our Father's kingdom in due course of time.

I have sought all my days to keep the commandments and do those things which will please the Lord, and I desire to bear testimony of his goodness to me and likewise his goodness to all his children who have made covenant to keep his commandments.

Divinity of the work

As I stand now, in what I might call the twilight of life, with the realization that in a not-far-distant day I shall be called upon to give an account of my mortal stewardship, I bear testimony again of the truth and divinity of this great work.

I know that God lives and that he sent his beloved Son into the world to atone for our sins.

I know that the Father and the Son appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith to usher in this final gospel dispensation.

I know that Joseph Smith was and is a prophet; moreover, that this is the Lord's church, and that the gospel cause shall roll forward until the knowledge of the Lord covers the earth as the waters cover the sea.

I am sure that we all love the Lord. I know that he lives, and I look forward to that day when I shall see his face, and I hope to hear his voice say unto me: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Matt. 25:34.)

And I pray that this may be the happy lot of all of us, in our own due time, and I say this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The number, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains," was sung by the Tabernacle Choir.

Elder Dale T. Tingey, former president of the Southwest Indian Mission, offered the benediction.

After the benediction the Tabernacle Choir sang the hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour."

The General Conference was then adjourned for six months.

SALT LAKE TABERNACLE CHOIR AND ORGAN BROADCAST

Sunday, October 3, 1971 — 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

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 o'clock a.m., on Sunday, October 3, 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.

We hear LeRoy Robertson's worshipful setting for these wonderful, moving words: "How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings . . . that publisheth peace . . . that saith Unto Zion: Thy God reigneth."

(Choir: "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain"—Robertson)

Announcer: Next is a Mozart setting for the 110th Psalm: "God said, . . . Now be seated here at my right hand, . . ."

(Choir: "Dixit Dominus" [Psalm 110]—Mozart)

ANNOUNCER: With Alexander Schreiner at the Tabernacle Organ on Temple Square today we hear the echoing and answering sounds of the "Grand Chorus Dialogue" by Gigout.

(Organ: "Grand Chorus Dialogue"—Gigout)

Announcer: "The tumult and the shouting dies, the Captains and the Kings depart, Still stands thine ancient sacrifice, An humble and a contrite heart, Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget. . . ."

(Choir: "Recessional"—de Koven arr. Nightingale)

"Just for today . . ."

By Richard L. Evans

"Lord, for tomorrow and its needs, I do not pray, . . . Just for today."¹