

panion, who is a great missionary and who takes great joy in serving the Lord; to my children whom I love and appreciate and who are an honor to me and my wife; to a sweet companion, long since on the other side of the veil; to parents that I honor and love, who are here today; to a father also on the other side of the veil; and to the Latin Lamanite people, a people of prophecy and a people of promise, among whom I have had the honor and privilege of working and living for over a quarter of a century.

Testimony

And at this time-hallowed pulpit of the prophets I wish to bear my testimony that our Father in heaven lives and loves us and answers our prayers; that Jesus is the Christ, the Creator of this world—the Creator of worlds without number—who suffered, died for our

sins, and was resurrected on that third day, and who stands at the head of this Church which bears his name.

I testify that the gospel was restored by Joseph Smith in these the latter days, and that we are, today, guided and directed by a living prophet of the Lord who has my most affectionate loyalty and obedience, as do all of these great Brethren who sit before us.

I offer that witness, this testimony, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President N. Eldon Tanner

We have just listened to Elder Robert E. Wells, a new member of the First Quorum of the Seventy. Bishop J. Richard Clarke, the new Second Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric, will now address us.

Bishop J. Richard Clarke

Second Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric

My brothers and sisters, it is impossible to describe the feelings of my heart at this time—and during this past week. Someone tried to describe, I guess, some of the feelings that had been going through his mind; he said, "I'm not sure that I was nervous but I was incredibly alert."

Never the same

The one thing I do know for sure is that I will never be the same. To be called by a prophet of God, and to receive a commission under his hand with the Brethren of the Council of the Twelve, is a unique experience which will last me for a lifetime.

And may I join Elder Wells in paying homage to those who have made so

many contributions to my life to make this experience possible. In front of a television set in Rexburg there sits an elderly couple in their nineties who feel, I am sure, that part of the reason for their longevity was to see a fulfillment of this hour.

I pay my respects to my wife and companion, who has always sustained me in whatever calling has come to me, as I have tried to sustain her in those things which she has been called to do.

When President Kimball asked me in my numb silence if I wanted to go home and think over the proposition, I was pleased to say that was a decision which my wife and I had made at the time of our marriage, and so I could immediately answer in the affirmative.

Let me say to my family that this,

as other callings which we have received, is a family calling. We recognize that we have a responsibility to each other—that families of Church leaders live in glass houses, as it were—and that we will do our best to live worthy of the blessings which have come to us and to try to live as closely as we can to the principles of the gospel.

Witness

Now may I add my testimony that God has borne witness to my soul that sitting behind me is a choice and holy prophet of God; that we are the recipients of one of the greatest blessings in the history of the world—to be living at this time when the Lord has called for all who would hear His voice to come and be partakers of His Spirit and righteousness and enjoy the peace and prosperity within His kingdom, here and in the eternal life hereafter.

May I bear witness that I know that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and our eternal Savior.

And may I express my love and appreciation to the Prophet Joseph Smith and all those who have given their lives or so much else that we might enjoy this hour in peaceful assembly.

Now I pray for the Lord's blessings upon all of us, that we may fulfill the righteous desires of our hearts and do His work as He would have it, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President N. Eldon Tanner

Bishop J. Richard Clarke, new Second Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric, has just addressed us.

Before calling upon the concluding speaker, we should like to say on behalf of all who have listened to the singing during sessions of this General Conference, we express appreciation and our sincere thanks to the members of the Tabernacle Choir for once again

giving so generously of their time to bring us the beautiful and inspiring music heard in the sessions of this Conference.

We are deeply grateful to the members and conductors of other choirs and organists who have performed during the conference.

We thank all who have contributed in various ways to the success and inspiration of this conference, especially the General Authorities, who have delivered such timely and inspiring messages.

We appreciate the attention given by local and national press representatives, and by representatives of radio and television in reporting the sessions of this conference.

We thank our city officials for the cooperation given this conference; the city traffic officers for courteously and efficiently handling the increased traffic; the fire department and the Relief Society and Church Health Unit nurses, who have been on hand to render service throughout the conference.

We are grateful to the Tabernacle ushers for seating the great audiences of these conference sessions in such a courteous manner.

We express appreciation to those who have provided the floral arrangements for the Conference.

We again express appreciation to the owners and managers of the many Radio and television stations who have given public service time to carry sessions of this conference from coast to coast in the United States, to Hawaii, Alaska, Mexico, Central America, and Canada; and by satellite to Australia, the Philippines, and countries of South America.

We thank the interpreters who have provided translation for the various sessions of the conference.

Our beloved Prophet, President Spencer W. Kimball, will be our concluding speaker, after which the Tabernacle Choir, directed by Brother Donald H. Ripplinger, with Robert