

Tabernacle Choir and to their conductors and organists for the beautiful and inspiring music during all of the sessions of conference.

We thank our city officials for the cooperation given this conference; the doctor, the Church Health Unit nurses, and the ambulance services who have been on hand to render assistance; the ushers and the interpreters; and those who are responsible for the beautiful flowers on the stand and on Temple Square. Temple Square is literally a garden paradise.

We express appreciation to local and national press representatives for the coverage of the conference.

## President Gordon B. Hinckley

My beloved brothers and sisters, these have been two wonderful days. I hope that we will review and ponder what we have heard. We have feasted on the word of God.

The music has been wonderful. The prayers have been inspired. The talks have been uplifting and enlightening, and our lives will be the richer for our experience if we strive to do better in harmony with the teachings to which we have listened.

### President Benson's testimony

We regret that President Benson has been unable to speak to us. He is now in his ninety-third year. His presence yesterday and again today has helped us. We have enjoyed his smile and the wave of his hand. As we bring this meeting to a close, I leave with you a statement from him—his personal witness of the Son of God, whose servant he is. These are his words:

"Nearly two thousand years ago a perfect Man walked the earth—Jesus the Christ. He was the Son of a Heavenly Father and an earthly mother. He

We are grateful for the owners and the operators of the many radio and television stations and cable and satellite systems who have given time and made facilities available to carry sessions of this conference in many countries.

Following President Hinckley's remarks, the Tabernacle Choir will sing "Consider the Lilies of the Field."

The benediction will be offered by Bishop Henry B. Eyring, First Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric.

The conference will then stand adjourned for six months.

is the God of this world, under the Father. In his life, all the virtues were lived and kept in perfect balance; he taught men truth—that they might be free; his example and precepts provide the great standard—the only sure way—for all mankind. Among us he became the first and only one who had the power to reunite his body with his spirit after death. By his power all men who have died shall be resurrected. Before him one day we all must stand to be judged by his laws. He lives today, and in the not too distant future shall return, in triumph, to subdue his enemies, to reward men according to their deeds, and to assume his [rightful] role to rule and reign in righteousness over the entire earth" (*An Enemy Hath Done This*, comp. Jerreld L. Newquist [Salt Lake City: Parliament Publishers, 1969], pp. 52–53).

Such is the testimony of our prophet and our leader. When all is said and done, I remind you that this is our great mission—to bear witness to the world, both with example and precept, of the living reality of the Son of God, the resurrected Lord, who is our Redeemer and our Savior.

**"I invoke the blessings of heaven"**

Now in conclusion, may I thank each of you, all within the sound of my voice, wherever you may be across this broad land and across the world, for the faith which you carry in your hearts of the divinity of this work, for the devotion with which you serve, for your prayerful desires to bring up your children in light and truth and to nurture them with the good word of God.

When you leave the Tabernacle in a few minutes, I invite you to look at the spires of the temple just to the east of us. The capstone on the highest tower of that beautiful structure was put in place one hundred years ago tomorrow. The Brethren at the conference of a century ago urged the people to consecrate the needed skills and resources to ensure dedication of the temple on April 6, 1893. They met the challenge, and at this time next year we will commemorate the centennial of

the dedication of this magnificent house of the Lord. Its presence is testimony that no challenge is too great for the people of this Church when they move forward in faith.

In behalf of President Benson and all of my Brethren, I invoke upon you, wherever you may be, the blessings of heaven. May the Lord smile with favor upon you that there may be peace in your lives and peace in your homes. May you return safely to those you love, and may the remembrances of this great occasion be sweet and fruitful, I humbly pray. God be with you till we meet again, my beloved brethren and sisters, my friends and associates in this great work, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

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The choir sang "Consider the Lilies of the Field."

Bishop Henry B. Eyring offered the benediction.

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## SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE MUSIC

The Mormon Youth Chorus, conducted by Robert C. Bowden, sang at the Saturday morning session of the conference. Bonnie Goodliffe and Linda Margetts were the organists.

Music for the Saturday afternoon session was provided by a Relief Society choir from the Brigham City Utah Region, conducted by Evelyn M. Harris. Clay Christiansen was the organist.

At the general priesthood session, music was provided by an Aaronic Priesthood choir from the Orem Utah Region. Stanley Zenk conducted the choir, and John Longhurst was the organist.

The Tabernacle Choir, conducted by Jerold Ottley and Donald Ripplinger, provided music for the Sunday morning and afternoon sessions. Richard Elliott and John Longhurst were the organists.

Throughout the conference sessions, prelude, postlude, and interlude music and accompaniments on the Tabernacle organ were played by John Longhurst, Clay Christiansen, and Richard Elliott, Tabernacle organists; and by Bonnie Goodliffe and Linda Margetts, Temple Square organists.

**F. Michael Watson**  
Clerk of the conference