

their understanding was clear. They foresaw the benefits, blessings, and glorious reward that would follow a true, virtuous, and upright course.

When the Saviour was afflicted and fasted forty days, he was tempted by the Devil. He was offered all the glory of the world, if he would only fall down and worship the Devil. He would not do it; and why? He foresaw and knew that he would some day possess much more than all that he was offered. Likewise it has been with others in similar trials: they have looked forward with a discerning eye. And nothing could buy them then. How many men in this generation would not worship the Devil, if they were offered the kingdom of Denmark for it? Their deeds answer the question. How do I look upon men raising up their voice and influence against this work? They are contending against God, and they will be weak as the dust. They have undertaken a work they are not competent to perform. I pity them. The world is wicked and corrupt and on the downward road. We are commanded to be as a city on the mountains, and to let

our light shine, that we may be instrumental in the hands of God to save the honest in heart, and lead them unto light and truth. This is our errand here. We live in the midst of the nations who will be visited with judgment, and fall, they being sentenced by Heaven's high hand decree. Their visitation will come surely, but not all at once. Men talk about revelation, that it is not necessary, &c.

The people in the days of the Saviour were commanded to seek for the revelations of the Spirit, that they may be enabled to serve God acceptably. So it is with us. If we live humble and faithful, we shall never err. The men God has placed to lead us will lead us right, and we must follow their counsel and be obedient, and no blessing or good thing can be withheld from us. Nobody stands in our way for onward progress and salvation in the celestial kingdom of God. I must conclude, praying God to multiply his blessings and protection over you, in the name of Jesus our Redeemer. Amen.

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### SYNOPSIS OF A DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT LYMAN,

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Brethren and Sisters,—I am glad once more to meet with you. We have many reasons for feeling thankful to God for the multiplicity of favours he bestows upon us from time to time; one of which is that we are preserved and upheld since our last meeting together in this place. But I do not know of any additional reasons we have to feel dissatisfied and repine. We may be placed in a variety of circumstances from time to time: we may have learned something which we did not know at our last meeting here in the fall. There is a continual development of light, power, and blessings in us while we are here in our probationary state.

We have come here again, and we feel to bless you and strengthen you; and we wish to gain blessing and strength ourselves. I am a little selfish in this respect. We are strengthened, comforted, and blest to feel, see, and know that you are progressing; and

the principles of truth are more extended and acknowledged among men, and work with an increasing effect all the day long. This is truly a great blessing. The glorious principles of our holy religion place us on a sure basis, and shed forth pure streams from the fountain of life, which happily, invigorate, and bring a pleasant and healing influence; and we feel as though we are the happiest ones among the creations of God.

However our circumstances may be, we possess wealth, glory, and greatness, which no invading robber can dispossess us of. It is far more precious to us than all the glittering gold, and all the wealth, splendour, and refinement that some of our fellow-men are permitted to possess for a while, to make them comfortable and render life pleasant. All this glory and greatness are always endangered by the invading robber, by the flames, by pestilence, and death, &c.



Our wealth is not thus to be wasted away and gone for ever. You need not think, because it may have fallen to your lot to struggle with poverty and various kinds of adversity, that you were born to linger away your time in misery and sorrow, be disgraced, and go to perdition. You will not always be poor. The designs of your Father in heaven with you is not of such a nature. By faithfulness and good works you will aspire to a glorious destination. The promises of the Lord can never fail.

It is for the Saints here in Copenhagen and everywhere to practise righteousness in all their lives. You must not imagine that you cannot do it here, and that it is only to be found in Zion, or in some remote corner of the earth. The elements of it are all around us; and if you practise it till you get home, and then continue, you will feel joyful, as you do to day, and hopeful that you may live many-days and see Zion in its full development of glory upon the earth.

Men talk a great deal about heavenly beings, and admire them. Who are the heavenly beings who surround the throne of God and worship in his holy temple day after day, singing songs of praise and adoration? They are simply men and women who have been true and faithful in the days of their probation, and have taken an upward step from this lower creation, from the mist and encumbrances we are now enveloped in. They are the millions who have overcome, been counted among glorified spirits around the throne of God, and gained their exaltation in times past. They are sons and daughters of our Father. Jesus is our elder brother, "the first-born," and was anointed with the oil of gladness above his fellows, and received a greater glory than any of the rest of his brethren; and why? Simply because he loved righteousness and hated iniquity. We are commanded to imitate his example and be glorified with him and his Father, as well as the rest of our brethren and sisters who have gone before us and passed through the ordeals of death.

In proportion as we love righteousness and hate iniquity we shall receive blessings and glory. The same fountains that shed forth their golden streams and blessed and exalted our fathers will flow to you, and you will be enabled to gain a full victory and triumph on the very same conditions as they did. Therefore if our coming here would have some effect in persuading you to be firm and steadfast, and to walk in righteousness and truth before God, we shall feel ourselves richly rewarded.

"Always do right, and there will never be anything wrong with you," as brother Rich says. What effect would it have on you, if an embassy from the regions of glory—from the throne of Jehovah—would come here and teach you? How would you know they were telling you the truth? You are not prepared for their immediate associations. Believe me when I speak the truth, and those who are with you as representatives of God to you. Our blessing, our progress, and glory will be in proportion to our labour to save and exalt our fellow-men.

For over thirty years men have used their influence and skill to check the progress of this work and prove Joseph Smith to be a false prophet. But where is the first one that has been able to prove one of the principles which he or his successors have taught to this generation to be incorrect or false? There is not one who has done so hitherto. A true Prophet speaketh nothing but the truth, and it is useless to contradict him, for truth will prevail and have its due effect. The movements taken by our enemies to check the progress of this work have proved ineffectual. God will lead on his people to victory and triumph, and the enemies and opposers of truth will see sorrow. The fruits of their labours will follow them even to their tombs. Their own proceedings will be the means of their dissolution and final doom.

May Heaven grant you every blessing, and comfort you, and enable you to be faithful and true to the end, is my prayer in the name of Christ. Amen.

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It is *little* troubles that wear the heart out, than a feather, even with artillery.

It is easier to throw a bombshell a mile