none greater than he, and yet the least
in the kingdom of heaven was greater
than he; and of all governments that had
arisen among men, there were none so
great and good, as the government of the
United States, and yet the government of
God in its very infancy was greater than
it.

And why was this? Because its laws
emanated from a more perfect Being.

It was for this purpose, then, that a
republic was organized upon this conti-
nent to prepare the way for a kingdom
which shall have dominion over all the
earth to the ends thereof.

Hence, the Prophet Daniel has told
us, that the kingdom of God should be
cut out of the mountains without hands;
in other words, when the kingdom of
God should be taken from the moun-
tains, it should be taken by the power of
the Almighty, and not by human hands;
it should be organized by the Lord, and
governed by His laws. God, who inter-
ests Himself in the affairs of men, was
to speak from the heavens, and inspire
His servants to give laws and revelations
to His people, informing them that His
kingdom was to be taken from the moun-
tains in His own due time, and that it
should increase until it should become a
great mountain and fill the whole earth.

Do the people suppose that they can
frustrate the designs of the Almighty,
and put to death the Prophets who
are sent unto them, and fight and war
against them, and belch out their rage,
and threats, and persecute them as they
have done, without being brought into
judgment?

The wicked suppose they can do
this with impunity, but there is a God
who holds the helm of the ship of
Zion, and who will carry out His pur-
poses with regard to the Saints of lat-
ter days, in which the kingdom, and
the greatness of the kingdom, and
the dominion under the whole hea-
vens, shall be given to the Saints of the
Most High and they shall possess it for-
ever and forever.

I was highly delighted with the re-
marks that were laid before us by our
beloved brother this morning. And
in speaking concerning the corruptions
that men have brought into our midst, I
perfectly agree with him, for all such cor-
rruptions and wickedness must be done
away; they will not be suffered to exist in
the kingdom of God; I mean by this that
when there are crimes committed, they
will be visited with their just reward and
that immediately.

In that kingdom, when its laws go
forth, there will be officers of peace, and
they will lay judgment to the line, and
the axe will be laid to the root of every
tree that will not yield fruit, and it will
be hewn down and cast into the fire, and
be utterly burnt up.

I have not said much the past win-
ter in regard to the corruptions that
have been practiced in our midst, and
why? Simply because there are men
here, higher in authority, and whose
place it is to rebuke sin; and they have
borne testimony of the wickedness and
corruptions that have been sent into our
midst. I do not mean to say that all are
corrupt, there are honorable exceptions,
but all know that there have been men
sent here, who were as corrupt as hell it-
self.

Such characters, if they had met with
their just desserts, would not now have
been living to disgrace humanity. These
are my feelings, and I will here say, that
I have felt to be of one heart and one
mind with the Presidency in relation to
these things. Brethren, in saying these
things, do we feel like excluding all the
outsiders, so called? No, God does not
design it; He never intended that this
people should live exclusively by them-
selves.

God will so order it, that we shall
have a hundred of them, where we