and I am as the Father." He contrasts
himself and them with the Father, and
then says, "What manner of men ought
ye to be? Verily I say unto you such as I
am, and I am as the Father is."

It is for this purpose that we came
into the world, that we might become
like the Father; and that we may become
like Him, we need converting every day,
or at least until we are free from all evil,
even if it be five hundred times—not to
turn away from the truth, but keep go-
ing on to perfection.

We need converting until we feel that
indeed the promise of the Holy Ghost
is "to all that afar off, even to as many
as the Lord our God shall call." The
Lord calls the Jews, the Christians, the
"Mormons," the Gentiles; He calls the
Ten Tribes; and He has called us also;
God has called brother Joseph, brother
Hyrum, and brother Brigham, and His
Apostles, and the Elders who hold the
Priesthood in this age, and He calls the
people of America and of Europe, and
the whole human family. Some He calls
by His angels, and by His own voice out
of the heavens. In this way He called
Joseph and his associates, and revealed
to them the fulness of the Gospel, put
upon them the powers of the eternal
Priesthood, after the same order as Him-
self, and told them to go forth and call
others to assist them.

They did so, and others obeyed the
Gospel; they laid their hands upon them,
after they had baptized them and con-
firmed them; and they ordained them to
bear testimony of their calling, and the
restoration of the Gospel in its fulness—
that a new call had been made to the na-
tions of the earth.

And it required another call in our
day, for Peter had gone the way of
all the earth, and also his brethren
who were his contemporaries; and the
brethren among the Nephites had gone,
or had been taken away; and those hold-
ing the authority among the Ten Tribes
had gone the way of all the earth.

And it was this that brought those
glad tidings and those messengers to us;
and those were the ones that brought the
light of heaven to our beloved brother
Joseph Smith.

Well, if I have been made a high wit-
ness of these things, what brought the
truth to me? It was through the min-
istration of angels, under whose hands
these my brethren have been ordained to
the holy Priesthood, and it brought down
with it the blessings of the everlasting
Gospel, for it could not be in the world
without a call; for those who previously
held it had gone to another sphere.

The Gospel was revealed to ancient
men in different climes and countries,
whenever there were men to be saved,
and it was revealed to modern men,
because there were modern men to be
saved by it. The Gospel was to all whom
the Lord our God should call, in every
age and country, and but for this call
we would have been as blind as bats in
the traditions of our fathers, led away
by divers creeds and by the cunning of
men who lie in wait to deceive. Where
would we have been if it had not been
for this call? We might have been good
men enough, perhaps, but where would
we have been?

The introduction of the Gospel was
worthy of an angel, yes, the errand was
worthy of a corps of them—it was wor-
thy of a host of them! It was worthy
of a God! It was an object of impor-
tance that called Jesus from the bosom
of his Father in the eternal world. A call
was necessary then; faith was necessary,
and faith comes by hearing the word
of God; and how could you have heard
it, if nobody had been called to deliver
it? We were in the midst of darkness,