over those committed to our trust in
time, that we may receive an inheri-
tance in eternity. If we want inheri-
tances in this world—if we want worldly
possessions—we must be faithful stew-
ards in the things of this world, and hold
them as from the Lord, always keep-
ing them upon the altar. No matter
whether in spiritual or temporal affairs,
the principle is the same, faithfulness
is required. And if we do not feel will-
ing to devote ourselves with heart, mind,
and talent, as well as our worldly pos-
sessions, to the cause of God, we are
not worthy to receive the inheritance to
which we are looking forward.

How is it with those who turn away
and wither and die, after having par-
taken of the good word of life, and par-
taken of the powers of the world to come?
In view of these things the Savior said
unto the generation in which he lived,
"It shall be more tolerable for the land of
Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judg-
ment, than for you." This will strictly ap-
ply to us, if we turn away. Or might
it not be said with equal force, it shall
be more tolerable for Carthage and War-
saw than for us in that great day, if
we turn away from the principles of life
and salvation that are poured upon us?
There is no damnation so complete as
that which will come on those persons,
who, after having tasted the good word
of God, after having received the prin-
ciples of life and salvation, and been made
acquainted with the powers of the world
to come, again turn unto the beggarly el-
ements of the world. Then it becomes us
to hang onto these principles and to this
power—to this principle of life and salva-
tion which has been revealed to us—and
not let them slip from us, and we finally
go down to perdition.

Do we see and appreciate the bless-
ing of this Gospel which has been
made known to us? Sometimes I think
we do, and at other times I think we
become careless and indifferent. This
should never be, but we should progress
and increase in the knowledge of God
and in faith, for it is a treasure indeed,
and is like all other things pertaining to
the kingdom of God. We must be faith-
ful to increase in it, as well as in light
and knowledge. Let us get the truth and
stick to it, and not let it slip through our
fingers.

We go to the ends of the earth, and
proclaim this Gospel to those who sit in
darkness, and we feel desirous for the
salvation of Israel—we desire to impart
to the world the good and saving feelings
we possess. This is good, and there is
nothing in the world that begins to com-
pare with the things accomplished by the
Latter-day Saints. They go upon the
principle of faith for their support, and
they prosper. There is no people equal to
this people. They are the pure in heart,
which constitutes Zion. If they will only
apply to their everyday lives the prin-
ciples which have brought them together,
and faithfully live their religion, they are
the happiest people in the world, and a
people the Lord delights to bless, when
He can do it without sending them to
hell; and there is nothing but what they
will be able to accomplish, inasmuch as
they are faithful.

They love the authorities of this
Church; they love brother Brigham, and
he has great influence over them. What
fault has the world to find with brother
Brigham? None, except that the peo-
ple are united in sustaining him, and
that his word and counsel are as the
law unto them. What right have they to
find fault with or complain of this? He
has a just right to his popularity; Joseph
Smith had a right to his; the Lord gave
it to them. And there is no governor,
president, emperor, or king, but what