people that are enlightened, and that all
the rest of mankind are heathen. Go
to China, which is called by its inhab-
itants the celestial empire because of
their supposed purity, and they actually
believe that they are the only nation un-
der heaven that has the true knowledge
of eternity.

Turn to the Christian nations on the
eastern and western continents—take
enlightened Christendom as the whole—
and they believe that they are the only
people who have the knowledge of God.
It is true that they far exceed all other
nations in many of the arts and sciences,
and they also believe that they are the
only people who understand the true re-
ligion of heaven.

They are sending their missionaries
to the east and to the west, to the north
and to the south, and they are penetrat-
ing every nook and corner, to enlighten
what they call the heathen nations. Is
not that the case? That arises from
the traditions of their fathers which are
handed down to the children, and they
are enveloped in them.

When we look at this people, could
we expect them to become prepared to be
the disciples of the Lord Jesus in one, in
two, in five, in ten, in twenty, or in thirty years?
No. And it will be just as much as we
can do to be worthy to be the brothers
and sisters of our Lord and Savior Je-
sus Christ when he makes his appear-
ance. Let us strive with all our might, be
as watchful as it is possible for us to be, apply
ourselves by faith and diligence to the
keeping of his commandments, and
continue so doing until Jesus sets his feet
upon this continent, and we will then
find that we are only just prepared to re-
ceive him. This is the preparatory work,
and it will prepare the people, if they will
live for it.

How can we live our religion, except
we do as we are told? I will reverse
the question and enquire, How can this
people do as they are told, except they
live their religion? They cannot. Every
family—every neighborhood is taught to
glorify God. They are instructed from
day to day, they are taught the way of life
and salvation, they are counseled contin-
ually to seek unto the Lord their God, to
obtain the faith of the ancients, to obtain
the light of the heavens, to walk in the
light of His countenance day by day; but
how can you do these things, except you
do as you are told? You cannot. Neither
can you live your religion, except you do
as you are told; for the people are taught
to live their religion—they are taught to
cease from every evil thought and every
evil action, to cease having a murmur-
ing spirit, to cease having a doubtful feel-
ing; and they are taught to cease being
neglectful in regard to any known duty.
We are taught to double our diligence
where we have been slack, to seek unto
the Lord day by day, that we may have
the light of his countenance upon us.

Brother Heber has been prophesying.
You know that I call him my Prophet,
and he prophesies for me. And now I
prophesy that, if this people will live
their religion, the God of heaven will
fight their battles, bring them off victo-
rious over all their enemies, and give to
them the kingdom. That is my prophecy.
I said amen to all that brother Heber
prophesied, for it is true; and he may say
amen to all that I prophesy, for it is also
true.

I have no fears in regard to the king-
don of God upon the earth; but I have
fears lest this people be not prepared
to receive glory, immortality, and eter-
nal lives, when those principles are pre-
sented to them. This is all the fear that
I have—that we will not walk up to our
privileges and be prepared for them.

I thank my Father in heaven—
yes, my soul says, Glory, hallelujah,
praise the name of Israel’s God, for the
blessings I enjoy at the present time!