to the different organizations of the hu-
man family, we would learn that some
are not capable of the same exaltation
as are others, arising from the differ-
ence in the conduct and capacities of peo-
ple. There is also a difference in the spirit
world. It is the design, the wish, the
will, and mind of the Lord that the
inhabitants of the earth should be ex-
alted to thrones, kingdoms, principali-
ties, and powers, according to their ca-
pacities. In their exaltation, one may be
capable of presiding over ten cities,
while another may not be capable of pre-
siding over more than five, another over
only two, and another over but one. They
must all first be subjected to sin and
to the calamities of mortal flesh, in or-
der to prove themselves worthy; then the
Gospel is ready to take hold of them and
bring them up, unite them, enlighten
their understandings, and make them
one in the Lord Jesus, that their faith,
prayers, hopes, affections, and all their
desires may ever be concentrated in one.
That is the design and the wish of the
Father.

You may ask, "Did he foreknow that
they would be saved?" I have seen many
in the world that never have been able
to discern the difference between fore-
knowledge and foreordination. I thought
that I could always discern the differ-
ence. If I know that an act will transpire
tomorrow, it by no means follows that I
had decreed it. It is the design, wish,
desire of our Heavenly Father that ev-
ery soul in this congregation should be
crowned in the celestial kingdom. Will
they be? No. I know that some will not.
But does it follow that some are ordained
to go to hell? No. It is the design of the
Gospel to save this congregation, all the
Latter-day Saints, and all the world be-
sides that will believe the testimony of Jesus and become obedient to the Gospel of salvation. And none need to turn
round and say, "If it is the design of
the Lord, I shall be saved;" for its being
the will and design of the Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost, and of every Saint that
ever was or ever will be, that you should
be a Saint, will not make you one, con-
trary to your own choice. All rational be-
ings have an agency of their own; and ac-
cording to their own choice they will be
saved or damned.

Inasmuch as the Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost are one, the desire of the
Savior, as manifested in his sayings and
teachings, is, that his people should also
be one, even as he and his Father are
one. If we had the heart, feeling, and
faith within us that Jesus had while here
in the flesh, should we be scattering in
our faith? Should we be divided in our
interests? No: we should become one. I
have not time to tell you why this peo-
ple are not identically one; but to the dis-
cerning mind the Holy Spirit will mani-
fest the reason in a moment—will lay it
before you like an open vision, and you
will at once be able to discern thousands
of reasons for it. Are they capable of be-
ing one? Yes, if they will in all things
bring their wills into subjection to the
will of the Father.

If any are in the habit of taking
the name of God in vain, cease do-
ing so today, tomorrow, and through-
out the coming week, and so continue,
and you will soon gain strength to en-
tirely overcome the habit; you will gain
power over your words. Some are in
the habit of talking about their neigh-
bors, of vending stories they know noth-
ing about, only that Aunt Sally said
that Cousin Fanny told Aunt Betsy that
old Aunt Ruth said something or other,
or somebody had had a dream; and by
the time the story or dream reaches
you, it has assumed the semblance of a
fact, and you are very foolishly spend-
ing your time in talking about things
that amount to nothing, or that you have