spare for bringing those who will aposta-
tize to this country a second and third
time. After they have come back once
and twice, they stay awhile and want to
go away again; and after they have been
away awhile, they begin to learn that
this is the kingdom of God, and some of
them want help to come back.

My faith reaches far beyond the faith
of many touching the final destiny of
such persons, understanding that the
Lord is more merciful than human be-
ings; and the faith of this kingdom goes
far beyond the faith of the Christian
world upon this matter. There will
not so many people go into that awful
place that burns with fire and brimstone,
where they sink down, down, down to
the bottom of the bottomless pit, as the
Christians say—not near so many as the
Christian world would have go there.
That gives me great joy, notwithstanding
all the perils and persecution we have
suffered through the wickedness of the
wicked. Liars, sorcerers, whoremongers,
adulterers, and those that love and make
a lie will be found on the outside of the
walls of the city; but they will never get
into the bottom of the bottomless pit. Who
will go there and become angels of
perdition and suffer the wrath of an of-
fended God? Those who sin against the
Holy Ghost.

This kingdom progresses. Who has
eyes to behold the handiwork of the
Lord? The trials we have been passing
through in this Territory, from our en-
emies, we think are terrible; but these
trials are only like a drop to a bucket-
ful, compared with what many of this
people have heretofore passed through.
Contrasted with Missouri, our present
and late trials are very trifling, very
light, and very easy upon us. You
may let your hearts be comforted, those
of you who can see the hand of the
Lord in leading this people and re-
straining the wrath of our enemies. Can
any of you see? Yes, a great many. If
your eyes were opened, you would see
his hand in the midst of the nations of
the earth in the setting up of govern-
ments and in the downfall of kingdoms—
in the revolutions, wars, famine, dis-
tress, and wretchedness among the in-
habitants of the earth. In these manifes-
tations you would discern the footsteps
of the Almighty just as plainly as you
may see the footsteps of your children
upon the soft earth.

The wonderful developments of his
providence are oftentimes mysterious to us,
and we exclaim, "Really, I did not expect
to hear such news, nor to see such aston-
ishing and unexpected results in the ac-
tions of the righteous and the wicked." The
Lord takes care of the whole of that,
and dictates their conduct for his own
purpose and glory. He makes the wrath
of man to praise him, and that which he
cannot bring about to promote his king-
dom and his purposes he restrains. The
wicked he permits to go far enough to
produce a result that will serve his pur-
pose. "For my kingdom must be estab-
lished upon the earth in the latter days," saith the Father, "and I have given it to my Son Jesus Christ. He has died to redeem it, and he is the lawful heir pertaining to this earth." Jesus will con-
tinue to reign with his Father, and is dic-
tated by his Father in all his acts and
ruling and governing in the building up
and overthrow of nations, to make the
wrath of man praise him, until he brings
all into subjection to his will and govern-
ment. And when he has subdued all his
enemies, destroyed death and him that
hath the power of death, and perfected
his work, he will deliver up the kingdom
spotless to his Father. You may preach
upon that text. It is a source of great con-
solation to me, for it will be fully accom-
plished, and all that transpires will be