the food I had. I was not cross at that
time, but I called upon my Heavenly Fa-
ther to open the way whereby I might
be fed and be nourished and cherished.
I know that God is merciful and benev-
olent to his creatures; I know that the
earth belongs to him, and that all power
is his, both in heaven and upon the
earth, and all the children of men are in
his hands. We are all his children, every
soul of us, not only the righteous but the
wicked; and they all have their agency
and the right to do as they please, but
they are responsible for all their acts.

As we measure to others, so it will be
measured to us again; and as we make
up our beds, so we shall sleep, and we
shall have to give an account to God for
all the acts done in the body. When,
for instance, you sin against President
Young, you have got to make that right
with him: I have no power to remit that
sin. And when you sin against Jesus
Christ, you have got to make that resti-
tution to him which is necessary to gain
forgiveness. When you sin against the
Holy Ghost, you have got to make the
atonement to him. And as we do to oth-
ers, so it will be done to us, and the na-
tion and the government that we look to
for our rights.

We are born of the fathers who won
our liberties. We are the children of that
God who spake to our fathers, and gave
them the law, and inspired them to write
the Constitution of our country. And
those who now sit in the judgment seat
should remember that as they measure
to us it will be measured to them again,
and they cannot avoid it; and we may
with safety apply the same to ourselves,
for as we measure to each other, so will it
be measured back to us. If we transgress
a law, we must pay the penalty, for the
Almighty requires this of every one of us.
He will not force any man to keep his

law; but all will find, when they wish
to enter into the kingdom, that there is
Mercy on one side of the door, and Jus-
tice on the other; and what Justice can-
not claim, Mercy will.

With these views of the subject let us
learn to take a course to do unto others
as we would wish them to do unto us in
like circumstances. Be honest and up-
right in all things; abstain from all lying
and hypocrisy, root it out of your hearts,
and work righteousness continually.

This is the religion of Jesus Christ
as taught in these books—the Bible and
the Book of Mormon, and it is in ac-
cordance with that which is in my breast
and which is a better book, for it is life
in Christ; and that living being that
receives light and intelligence from the
heavens through the revelations of the
Holy Ghost is a living oracle. It is the
living Oracle that is within us that will
guide us in the way of life.

Now, you require brother Brigham to
live in that manner that he can hold the
oracles of God and be to you a living
oracle—the mouthpiece of the Almighty,
to communicate line upon line, and pre-
cept upon precept, and have the word
of truth constantly on hand. Now, why
should you require more of the head than
of the other members? The Lord has
said that upon those members that you
consider the least honorable he has con-
ferred the most honor; and he will confer
upon every man and woman that honors
the Priesthood, the Presidency, the Bish-
ops, and all the members of the body.
We cannot honor God except we honor
his authority: there is no possible way
of honoring the kingdom of God only by
honoring its authorities.

If we take this course, we shall do
well and be prospered in all things.
I am satisfied that the majority of
this people are improving, and it is
for their sake that we are sustained.