gence, and he cannot tell. Ask him, "Do
you believe man has a soul? Do you be-
lieve his soul lives when he dies?" He will
answer, "Yes; but I cannot tell where." Or
inquire of him, "Do you believe that
the soul had an existence previous to its
coming here?" He will reply, "I do not
know." Can you answer such questions?
Yes; for you have been taught concern-
ing these things. Have you been taught
the character of the Father? Yes.

Will you improve upon the gifts be-
stowed upon you? Let me ask you, as a
favor, to bless yourselves and friends by
conquering and controlling yourselves—
a principle that you should cultivate;
then you may control others. But un-
less you control the passions that per-
tain to fallen nature—make all your fac-
ulties subservient to the principles God
has revealed, you will never arrive at
that state of happiness, glory, joy, peace,
and eternal felicity that you are antici-
pating. Then learn to govern yourselves.

Were any professed Saints present,
and there may be, who indulge in paltry
pilfering, thieving, carousing, tippling,
cursing, &c., I would advise them to con-
template their conduct with shamefaced-
ness. Shame, also, to those women who
run after the Gentiles! Such women are
so corrupt that they are a distress to
their sex. Are there any here of that
class? I expect there are a few who will
say, "Brother Brigham, how are you?"
and shake hands, and then go and lie
with a Gentile. I don't want such persons
to shake hands with me.

Brother Joseph has exhorted you to
revere the character of our Savior. He
who does not will sooner or later suf-
fer. The Lord will bring us to an ac-
count for all we do, before that tri-
unal that will punish for all disgrace-
ful conduct. Shame to those men and
women who call themselves Latter-day
Saints, and act disgracefully! You ought
to be as pure and holy as angels. We are
commanded to be pure as Christ is pure,
and holy as he is holy. He passed through
the trials, became sanctified, and pre-
pared himself to dwell with the Gods;
and he dwells in the midst of eternal
burnings, where the principles and all
that pertains to the celestial kingdom
are a consuming fire to all that is im-
pure. He has been exalted, crowned, and
has received thrones, principalities, and
powers; and he commands us to walk in
his footsteps, in reference to every prin-
ciple that pertains to eternal lives. Let
us do this, that the whole body, from the
crown of the head to the soles of the feet,
may be sanctified. Those who come short
of this will be judged accordingly.

As to the persecution, the slander,
and malicious acts aimed at us, who can
expect anything else from the wicked
and ignorant? Christ and Baal are not
reconciled; the Lord will hold no fellow-
ship with the Devil. But Satan will con-
tend until he is driven from the earth.
He is the adversary, the opposer, and ac-
cuser of the brethren. He opposes the
Son of God in the great struggle be-
tween truth and error. This victory must
be gained in our houses, neighborhoods,
towns, counties, and states; and this
common enemy of all Saints will con-
tinue to offer his opposition until driven
from the earth, and will contend for ev-
ery inch of ground.

Let us walk in the footsteps of our Fa-
ther and of our Savior, cling to the prin-
ciples of life, and live by every word that
proceeds from the mouth of God. Live to
purify yourselves, and you will be able
to overcome every power of the enemy.
Children are now born who will live until
every son of Adam will have the privilege
of receiving the principles of eternal life.

God bless the Elders who preach