has comparatively no strong passion to
overcome ought constantly to walk in the
vale of humility, rather than boast of his
righteousness over his brother. We are
under obligation, through the filial feel-
ing and ties of humanity, to more or less
fellowship those who do evil. We must
endure this until the Lord shall see fit to
separate the wheat from the chaff—until
the righteous are gathered out, and the
wicked are bound in bundles prepared
for the burning—until the sheep are sep-
arated from the goats. Those who have
not strong passions to contend with, day
by day, and year by year, should walk in
the vale of humiliation; and if brethren
and sisters are overtaken in fault, your
hearts should be filled with kindness—
with brotherly, angelic feeling—to over-
look their faults as far as possible.

Where persons wish to go to the
States, to California, or elsewhere, to
gather riches and return, they still have
a desire to drink of the bitter cup and
mingle with the ungodly that will give
them sorrow. If understood, to associate
with the Saints is one of the greatest
blessings we can enjoy upon the earth.
I should be much pleased, and so would
you, were we to never again hear the
name of God taken in vain. And I have
thought, for years and years, that if the
Lord had plenty of labor for me to do
in the midst of the Saints, I would be
well satisfied to never again place my
eyes upon a human being who hates
God and righteousness. Why not live
perfectly satisfied to look only upon the
Saints—upon our brethren and sisters—
the old, the young, the middle-aged, and
the children, whose faces smile and glow
with that heavenly expression through
which the Spirit of the Lord is beam-
ing? I would be well satisfied not to
be required to ever again see the face
of a devil. Why not so live in time,
and through eternity? A certain class
would refrain from mingling with the
wicked, while others delight to mingle
with them: they long to know what is
in the world, and present plausible arg-
ments for their desire. Our children
plausibly state, "We know nothing of the
world; we know nobody but 'Mormons.'"
It is sufficient to mingle with the wicked
when duty requires.

The providences of God are over all
the works of his hands, and it is our priv-
ilege to so live that we can understand
those providences, and understand his
design in the creation of all things. His
watchcare is over all his work, and he
turns, overturns, and changes at his
pleasure. It is our privilege to under-
stand this; and if we do, and practice
in accordance therewith, we are the best
people upon the face of the earth. We
enjoy privileges that no other people on
everth enjoy; and the greatest of all is to
enjoy communion with our Father and
his Son Jesus Christ. There is no bless-
ing equal to that, whether it is enjoyed
in palaces or in prisons, in wandering
in the mountains, or passing our time
pleasurably in great cities. Whoever the
Lord Almighty enlightens and fills with
the joy of the upper world is happy: the
Spirit, the joy, the peace, and the comfort
are within them.

We are to learn how to enjoy the
things of life—how to pass our mortal ex-
istence here. There is no enjoyment, no
comfort, no pleasure, nothing that the
human heart can imagine, with all the
spirit of revelation we can get, that tends
to beautify, Happify, make comfortable
and peaceful, and exalt the feelings of
mortals, but what the Lord has in store
for his people. He never objected to their
taking comfort. He never revealed any
doctrine, that I have any knowledge of,
but what in its nature is calculated to
fill with peace and glory, and lift every