the latter times, until they are utterly de-
stroyed.

Not only did God foreknow the wicked
and predestinate them, but he also
foreknew the righteous and predestinated
them; he knew that they would be con-
formed to the image of his Son and live ac-
cording to the words of Christ, while he
knew that the wicked would not fulfil the
terms requisite to be conformed to the
image of his Son, but would do the works
of the Devil whom they would list to serve.
It is written that God knows all things and
has all power. He has the rule and com-
mand of this earth, and is the Father of all
the human beings that have lived, do live
and will live upon it. If any of his children
become heirs to all things, they in their
turn can say, by-and-by, that they know all
things, and they will be called Supreme,
Almighty, King of kings, and Lord of lords.
All this and more that cannot enter into
our hearts to conceive is promised to the
faithful, and are but so many stages in that
ceaseless progression of eternal lives. This
will not detract anything from the glory
and might of our heavenly Father, for he
will still remain our Father, and we shall
still be subject to him, and as we progress,
in glory and power the more enhances
the glory and power of our heavenly Father.
This principle holds good in either state,
whether mortal or immortal; “For unto us a
child is born, unto us a son is given: and the
government shall be upon his shoulder: and
his name shall be called Wonderful, Coun-
selor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Fa-
ther, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of
his government and peace there shall be no
end, upon the throne of David, and upon
his kingdom, to order it, and to establish
it with judgment and with justice from
henceforth even for ever.” There will be no
end to the increase of the faithful. What a
pleasing thought! We shall enjoy each
other’s society in purity, in holiness, and in
the power of God, and no time will ever
come when we may not enjoy this. Such
great happiness is beyond the comprehe-
sion of mortals.

There never was a time when man did
not exist, and there never will be time
when he will cease to exist. Eternity is
without confines, and all things animate
and inanimate have their existence in it.
The Priesthood of God, that was given to
the ancients and is given to men in the lat-
ter days, as co-equal in duration with eter-
nity—is without beginning of days or end
of life. It is unchangeable in its system of
government and its Gospel of salvation. It
gives to Gods and angels their supremacy
and power, and offers wealth, influence,
posterity, exaltations, power, glory, king-
doms, and thrones, ceaseless in their dura-
tion, to all who will accept them on the
terms upon which they are offered.

It is very pleasing to dwell upon the glory
to be revealed in the future, but while our
thoughts are thus occupied we should not
fail to give our attention to our present
wants and necessities. Do we know how to
procure the means for our present subsis-
tence? Have we learned how to handle the
things of this life in the name of Israel’s God
to his glory, for the building up of his king-
dom, for the bringing forth of his Zion, for
the redemption of the earth, for the estab-
ishment of everlasting righteousness, and
for the endless happiness of those who will
thus be made happy? I am satisfied that
there are hundreds of people in this com-
unity who would starve to death, if they
were not continually told how to obtain the
means of subsistence. Do they know how
to cultivate the earth and draw from its
bosom beauty and embellishment? No; they
would do no more towards this than the