followers of Jesus Christ. Yet the little
good, if any, that is in them, they have
received from God. Lucifer, the son of the
morning, has not got a good principle,
does not say a good word, perform a good
act, or present a good idea to any people
upon this earth or any other earth that
he has not received from that God whom
you and I serve. Everything that is good,
everything that is lovely and truthful,
virtuous and kind, everything to be ad-
ored and desired by the pure in heart
comes from God, our Father, who dwells
in heaven. The most wicked person that
ever dwelt upon the earth, the Lord sup-
ports; He gives to him the breath of life,
and causes His sun to rise upon that
poor miserable wretch, who would, if he
had the power, destroy everything that
is good. The Lord our God sends His
rain upon the just and upon the unjust,
and gives food and raiment to the good
and to the evil; He parcels out the earth
among his children, and his mercy and
loving kindness are over all the works of
his hands. Though the Lord is thus kind
and merciful to all, yet he saith, "them
that honor me I will honor, and they that
despise me shall be lightly esteemed."

In the days before Noah's flood those
who served God and kept his command-
ments were prepared to receive glory, im-
mortality and eternal life, according to
the law of the Gospel. When this law
was given to the people in any age, the
kingdom of God was established, and the
devil and his hosts were made mad even
as they are at this day.

We are told that if we would give
up polygamy—which we know to be a
doctrine revealed from heaven, and it
is God and the world for it—but sup-
pose this Church should give up this
holy order of marriage, then would
the devil, and all who are in league
with him against the cause of God, re-

joyce that they had prevailed upon the
Saints to refuse to obey one of the rev-
elations and commandments of God to
them. Would they be satisfied with this?
No; but they would next want us to re-
nounce Joseph Smith as a true prophet
of God, then the Book of Mormon, then
baptism for the remission of sins and the
laying on of hands for the reception of the
Holy Ghost. Then they would wish us
to disclaim the gift of prophecy, and the
other gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit,
on the ground that they are done away
and no longer needed in our day, also
prophets and apostles, etc.

They want us to yield all these points,
transgress the laws God has revealed for
the salvation of the world, and change
all the ordinances of God's house, and
conform to the dogmas of modern Chris-
tianity and to the corruptions of the age.
Will the Latter-day Saints do this? No;
they will not to please anybody. Shall
we have a warfare? We shall; we will
war and contend for the right, and trust
in our God until righteousness is estab-
ished upon the earth, until peace shall
reign everywhere, until the children of
men shall lay down the weapons of their
warfare and cease to exhaust their abil-
ity and ingenuity in forming weapons of
destruction to slay their fellow men, un-
til the minds and affections of mankind
shall be turned unto the Lord their God,
and their energies be directed to beau-
tifying the earth and making it like the
garden of Eden. We calculate to strug-
gle on, and continue to exercise faith and
enjoy our religion, keeping all the com-
mandments of God, observing the ordi-
nances of his house, trying to fulfill all
his words, trusting in him, and we shall
see what this course will come to.

I can tell the whole world that we
shall preach the gospel of life and