what we have been speaking of, this af-
ternoon, be true, you behold the condi-
tion of the whole human family in regard
to the ordinances of the gospel. You see
that without authority they cannot em-
brace the gospel. If it be not true then
all these Latter-day Saints are deceived,
and we, like all the rest of the world,
are without authority and power. But if
it be true, not only you and I and the
people of this Territory are concerned,
but every man and woman in the world
are equally so. If God has, indeed, sent
His holy angel and conferred the Apos-
tleship, and power and authority to ad-
minister among the inhabitants of the
earth, first to the Gentiles, and after-
wards to the scattered remnants of Is-
rael, who can be saved without obeying
these institutions of Heaven?

Was anyone, either Jew or Gentile,
saved anciently who rejected the preach-
ing of the Apostles? Not one. It mattered
not how righteous they might have been,
even if they had received the ministra-
tions of angels, like good old Cornelius,
they could not be saved without obeying
the gospel. You know Cornelius was so
righteous, and had given so many alms
to the poor, that they had ascended to
God as a memorial in his favor. Yet with
all this the Lord had to send an angel
to tell him that he was not yet in the
right way. This angel came to Cornelius
and told him to send for Simon whose
surname was Peter, and he should tell
him how to be saved. Cornelius might
have reasoned thus: "Am I not righteous
enough to be saved without sending for
Peter? Have not my alms come up be-
fore the Lord as a memorial? And has
He not sent to me an holy angel from
Heaven to tell me that my prayers have
ascended up to Heaven before Him? And
is there any necessity for me to send for a
man to tell me whereby I may be saved?"
"Yes," said the angel, "he shall tell you."
As much as to say, you cannot be saved
with all your prayers and alms, unless
you have a properly authorized servant
of God, to tell you how to be saved, and
to administer the ordinances of salvation
to you.

When Jesus gave the commission to
his apostles in ancient days he told them
to preach the gospel to all the world—
to every person under the whole heaven,
and said, "He that believeth and is bap-
tized shall be saved; but he that be-
lieveth not shall be damned." But is not
this very severe? Is there any charity in
this expression? Must all be condemned
who do not bow to this order? Are there
not good sects among the Pharisees, Sad-
ducees, and Herodians, and good people
of all sects and parties, just men whose
prayers continually ascend before God?
How is it that none of them can be saved
without obeying this gospel which these
eleven men were commissioned to teach?
That was the decree. It mattered not
how much righteousness they had, they
all had to bow to that one system, that
one ordinance, that one church, and be
united heart and hand in the building
up of that kingdom, and outside of that
there was no salvation.

Now, if it be true, as I said, in the
first place, that God has sent His an-
gels and that He has conferred the apos-
tleship, and given authority to adminis-
ter in His name; if this be true is there
a man or woman, Jew or Gentile, Ma-
hammedan or Pagan, rich or poor, among
the priests or people that can be saved
without receiving the Book of Mormon
and the authority that God has estab-
lished? No, not one, if they have had
the opportunity of hearing and receiving
it. If it be not true, all mankind should
reject it. Do you not see the impor-