the earth; we know the design of the Fa-
ther in sending him. We also understand
the earth, and the nature of the earth,
and why God permitted Mother Eve to
partake of the forbidden fruit. We should
not have been here today if she had not;
we could never have possessed wisdom
and intelligence if she had not done it.
It was all in the economy of heaven, and
we need not talk about it; it is all right.
We should never blame Mother Eve, not
the least. I am thankful to God that I
know good from evil, the bitter from the
sweet, the things of God from the things
not of God. When I look at the econ-
omy of heaven my heart leaps for joy, and
if I had the tongue of an angel, or the
tongues of the whole human family com-
bined, I would praise God in the highest
for His great wisdom and condescension
in suffering the children of men to fall
into the very sin into which they have
fallen, for He did it that they, like Je-
sus, might descend below all things and
then press forward and rise above all.
Our spirits once dwelt in the heavens
and were as pure and holy as the angels;
but angels have tabernacles and spirits
have none, and they are anxious to take
tabernacles and they come to the mean-
est, lowest and humblest of the human
race to obtain one rather than run any
risk of not doing so. I have heard that
the celebrated Mr. Beecher, of Brook-
lyn, once said that the greatest misfor-
tune that could ever happen to man was
to be born; but I say that the greatest
good fortune that ever happened can
happen to human beings is to be born on
this earth, for then life and salvation are
before them; then they have the privi-
lege of overcoming death, and of walk-
ing sin and iniquity under their feet, of
incorporating into their daily lives every
principle of life and salvation and of
dwelling eternally with the Gods. I
would hardly dare say this, but Jesus
said, "Is it not written in your law, I
said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods,
unto whom the word of God came, and
the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye
of him, whom the Father hath sancti-
fied, and sent into the world, Thou blas-
phemest; because I said, I am the Son
of God?" The Apostle Paul has also said,
"For as many as are led by the Spirit of
God, they are the sons of God." "And if
children, then heirs; heirs of God, and
joint heirs with Christ." And all who are
faithful to the precepts of the Gospel will
see Jesus and be as he is.

I recollect once, not long after we
came to the Valley, I think it was in 1851,
a Baptist preacher came here; he put
up at my house; I kept him while he
stayed in the city. He was a gentlemen,
very kind and very good. I preached
one day on the character of the Deity,
and when I reached a certain point, a
point where he could learn nothing fur-
ther, I left it. When we reached home
he said to me, "Brother Young, why did
you not proceed with your discourse? I
would have given anything in the world
if you had, for I should then have learned
your belief with regard to our heavenly
Father." I said to him, "Do you believe
the Bible?" "O yes," he replied. I then
quoted to him the 26th and 27th verses
of the 1st chapter of Genesis, in which
we find the following words: "And God
said, Let us make man in our image,
after our likeness: and let them have
dominion over the fish of the sea, and
over the fowl of the air, and over the
cattle, and over all the earth, and over
every creeping thing that creepeth upon
the earth. So God created man in his
own image, in the image of God created