been taught that, if we will believe in the
Lord Jesus Christ, repent of our sins and
exercise faith in his name, all will be well
with us and we shall be brought into the
presence of our Father and God. This
was our former tradition. But there are
Latter-day Saints who have almost come
to the conclusion that if they believe in
the Lord Jesus Christ, repent of their
sins, and are baptized for the remission
of them and have hands laid upon them
for the reception of the Holy Ghost, and
partake of the Sacrament or Lord's Sup-
per, they have accomplished just about
all that is required of them in order to es-
establish the kingdom of God on the earth.
Herein lies the difficulty which the ser-
vants of God have to encounter. The
people come short of understanding pre-
cisely the order of the establishment of
the kingdom of heaven; consequently it
is a labor that needs a great deal of at-
tention, and one that requires the influ-
ence of the Priesthood over the minds of
the people to get them to draw nigh unto
God and His cause.

As we have just heard remarked, in
relation to the love of the world, a great
many Latter-day Saints, after receiv-
ing the Gospel, seem to run well for a
time and then turn again to the love
of the world in its awful, fallen state,
lusting after the things that are perish-
able. Still, if they could but understand
true doctrine and correct principles, they
would find that there is nothing pertain-
ing to the elements of this earth, but
what, in and of itself, is good and of
God. Some may exclaim, "Sin excepted."
To this I would say that God permits
sin, or it could not be here. All the cre-
ations are His work, and they are for His
honour and for the benefit of the children
of men; and all things are put into the
possession of man for his comfort, im-
provement, and consolation, and for his
health, wealth, beauty, and excellency.

We should also understand what to
do with the things which God has placed
in our possession. We should also de-
sire to understand and should seek to
know the object for which the earth was
framed; and then we wish to compre-
hend His object and design in placing
His children on it. We should also desire
to understand how our Heavenly Father
wishes us to act now we are here; how
we should devote our time and talents,
our daily labor, and whatever means He
puts into our hands, for the building up
of His kingdom on the earth. We want
to get the Saints to think of these things.
If we could only get to the affections of
the people and could plant within them
the principles of the kingdom of heaven,
it would be an easy matter to bring their
hands to join in the establishment of the
Zion of God upon the earth. But, herein
lies our labor. The weakness and short-
sightedness of man are such, and he is so
prone to wander and give himself up to
the groveling things of the world, having
had so little knowledge with regard to
God and godliness for hundreds of years,
that it is literally a breaking up of the
fallow ground of his heart to prepare him
to see the holy city that the Lord will es-
ablish.

The Latter-day Saints gather to-
gether for the express purpose, they say,
to establish Zion. Where is Zion? On
the American continent. Where is the
gathering place? For the present, in the
mountains. What are you going there
for? To help to build up Zion.

We find a great many trying to
be Saints and endeavoring to under-
stand how they may be of the most
benefit in building up the kingdom of
God on the earth. My brother Joseph