have received the Holy Ghost, if they re-
ject that doctrine the Holy Ghost will
withdraw from them forever. Is it nec-
essary that believers should obey all the
doctrines and ordinances taught and es-
tablished by the Savior? There is no or-
dinance that God has delivered, by His
own voice, through His Son Jesus Christ
or by the mouths of any of His prophets,
Apostles or evangelists, that is useless.
Every ordinance, every commandment
and requirement is necessary for the sal-
vation of the human family.

What are we required to do? To re-
ceive the Gospel, the ordinances of the
house of God, and then to go on to per-
fection. We have been baptized for the
remission of sins and have received the
laying on of hands for the Holy Ghost.
We have Apostles, prophets, evangelists,
pastors, teachers, and so on. Are we not
perfect? According to the testimony of
the Apostle we are not. Says he, He-
brews 6th chapter and 1st verse, "There-
fore not leaving the principle of the doc-
trine of Christ, let us go on unto perfec-
tion."

How will perfection be obtained? By
all persons in the kingdom of God living
so as to be revelators from the heavens
for themselves and for all they preside
over, that everything they have to per-
form in this life—every worldly care and
duty, and all their walk and conversation
before each other and before the Lord,
may be marked out by the spirit of rev-
elation. Is this the way to perfection? It
is. This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ; this is the Gospel of life and sal-
vation. Who can dispute it? We must de-
stroy the Bible before we can dispute it
with any hope of success. But we may
do away with the Bible and say it is no
use to us, it has lost its virtue; it was
written for the people six thousand, four
thousand, two thousand, or eighteen
hundred years ago, and it is not for us
now. We have plenty upon the earth who
can tell the will of God to the children
of men and lead the people back into the
presence of God; and if the Bible were
destroyed by accident, it can be rewrit-
ten, and all the words of the Lord that
are necessary for their salvation can be
given to the people. We are thankful for
this.

Are we, the Latter-day Saints, loved
for entertaining these views and for
declaring these truths? "Oh, well," says
the stranger, "you should not be hated."
If we are hated for anything it is for
preaching the Gospel of life and salva-
tion. If we are hated for anything it is
for good works instead of evil works, no
matter who hears, tells or writes to the
contrary. Truth is truth and will pre-
vail. Are we in fault for believing in Je-
sus Christ? We ask the whole Christian
world, Can you give us the words of life
and salvation, or tell us how to be saved?
Could you do this when we belonged to
your societies, Presbyterians, Baptists or
any of you Protestants? Not the first in-
dividual amongst you could point out the
path, for one short rod, to the kingdom
of God. Do I know this? Certainly I do
by experience. I have searched for the
truth, though in my youth I was called
an infidel, and I was an infidel. What
to? This Bible? No, to false creeds, and
to professing without possessing, as I am
today.

Where is the man who can point
out the way of life and salvation?
Who can tell us of God the Fa-
ther and of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and give us their characters? Who
can tell about heaven and heavenly
things? Who can introduce heaven to
earth or earth to heaven and bring
man to his Father again, and reestab-
lish familiarity and association between