do or should believe these things.

The Lord has said that He will never
to destroy the world by a flood. What
will the next great catastrophe be? It
will be fire: He will cleanse the earth
as by fire, and will purify and make it
holy, and prepare it for the habitation of
His Saints. But in doing this, which will
be accomplished by the united labors of
His Saints under His direction, He has
not told us to build an ark; He has not
told us to go out of Sodom, as He did
Lot and his family; neither has He told
us to go down into Egypt or to come out
of Egypt. What has He told us? He has
told us, and it is recorded in the revela-
tions contained in the New Testament,
that in the latter days He would send
His angel flying through the midst of
heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to
preach to those who dwell on the earth.
That angel has flown, the Gospel is de-
livered, the kingdom is established, and
Zion has to be built up. Are the Latter-
day Saints going to do this? Yes, we
say so; we think the Latter-day Saints
are going to do it. But are these my
brethren and sisters now before me go-
ing to do it? Am I going to help to do
it? I know that I have labored nearly
forty years to get the people to believe
and to embrace, in their faith and prac-
tice, what the Lord has told us to do. The
Lord wants to build up His Zion, and He
wants to build it up through you and me.
We are the ones He has called upon. Will
we consent to do this? I firmly believe
that, before we make any very effectual
progress in the accomplishment of that
work, we must become more united and
more fervent in our faith and practice
than we have ever yet been at any time.
We have to become more like a single
family, and be one, that we may be the
Lord’s; and not every one have his own
individual interest. This is destructive,
this disconnects the feelings of the peo-
ples one from another, and causes divi-
sions and disunion. But when we make
the general cause of Zion our individual
cause it brings us closer together.

We must observe all the words of the
Lord. The commandments contained in
the New Testament with regard to the
ordinances of the house of God are oblig-
atory upon us. But we are not called
upon to build an ark to save ourselves;
we are called to build up Zion. God has
spoken from the heavens, and given us
revelations, and it is for you and me to
obey. The command has been given, it is
recorded, and you can all read for your-
selves.

In partaking of this Sacrament of the
Lord’s Supper we are all agreed. When
Jesus broke the bread and poured out
and blessed the wine, said he, "Do this
till I come." We do it every Sabbath in
remembrance of him, and we all agree
in doing this. When the word is, "Be
baptized for the remission of sins," we
also agree on this: no dissenting voice.
When we say we must have hands laid
on for the reception of the Holy Ghost,
we all consent to it, all feel alike in
this. When we say that the Lord is pour-
ing out the gifts of prophecy, revelation,
tongues, visions, faith, healings, and so
forth, we all agree in these things. They
are all right, all correct, we believe in
them all, and we yield obedience to them.
But when He speaks from the heavens
and says, "Now, my children, gather out
from the wicked," some consent to this,
and actually go so far as to gather, and
that is why we are here in these moun-
tains. But our labor is not done: we must
still progress until we become one. The
Lord says, "Be one; except ye are one ye