the world is concerned, as to the recep-
tion of our ideas by them, that is their 
business, and God's business. They have 
to do with him and we have to do with 
him. We are in his hands, and all the 
world of mankind are in his hands, and 
he will manage and control them and 
dictate and regulate them according to 
the dictates of his will, and not according 
to my theories or yours or any other per-
son's, and, "The judge of all the earth will 
do right." This people know what they 
are doing, and they know precisely their 
position whether others do or not.

What has called you out from among 
the nations, you who are here before me? 
I speak now to Latter-day Saints, you 
who heard the sound of the Gospel in the 
various lands that you came from. When 
the Elders came and preached unto you 
it was something like the position of 
Paul of old—"Their words came to you 
with power and demonstration and with 
the Holy Ghost," and their words and 
testimony and spirit responded to that 
spirit which was in your bosoms, and 
you hailed their testimony as a message 
of light, and you obeyed it: you went 
forth into the waters of baptism and 
obeyed them, you have all been baptized 
into one baptism, have all partaken of 
one spirit, and are here under the same 
influence, guidance and direction; and 
hence we are here assembled, as on this 
occasion today, not by our own wisdom 
and intelligence, not by the intelligence 
of the world, not by the intelligence of 
Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, any of 
the Apostles, or anybody else, but by the 
intelligence and inspiration of the Lord 
of Hosts to them and to you, and by the 
Spirit of God attending the administra-
tion of his Elders, and you have known 
and comprehended and realized for your-
selves the truths which you believed in.

Standing in this capacity there is a 
work which we have to perform—to save 
ourselves, our progenitors, our posterity, 
and to act as saviors upon Mount Zion, 
to build the temples of the Lord and to 
administer in them, and as eternal be-
ings to watch after the eternal interests 
of humanity. This is the position that we 
occupy.

We find men come along among us 
sometimes who think we are fools, and 
that they could improve matters consid-
erably. They have had plenty of op-
portunity in the world to do that, why 
haven't they accomplished it? There is 
room enough for all the philosophers, 
and all the theologians, and all the 
wise men and philanthropists to benefit 
mankind outside of us. Anywhere, ev-
everywhere, go where you will, and what 
do you find? Corruption, evil, iniqu-
ity, hypocrisy of every grade and form, 
and under all circumstances, moral, re-
ligious, political and social, and every-
thing else you please to name. So-
cieties convulsed, rending apart, vili-