him in regenerating the earth and its in-
habitants, for they were not very proper
associates. He had to select just such
beings as there were, and in the first
place he revealed himself from the heav-
ens to Joseph Smith. He made known
to him some of the first principles of the
Gospel of Christ, and then unfolded unto
him certain things pertaining to the or-
ganization of the Church of God upon
the earth, *the* Church in its organization,
with Presidents, Apostles, High Priests,
Seventies, Bishops and their councils,
high councils, for their instruction and
guidance, and with teachers, priests and
deacons, and so forth. He organized
his Church here upon the earth, and re-
vealed unto these various quorums their
several duties, and placed upon them
certain responsibilities, told them what
they were, and revealed unto Joseph
Smith all things pertaining to the first
organization of his kingdom upon the
earth. He told his disciples, as Jesus told
his, to go forth without purse or scrip, to
preach the Gospel to every nation and
kindred and people and tongue—to call
upon them to repent of their sins, to be
baptized in the name of Jesus for the re-
mission of their sins, to have hands laid
upon them for the reception of the Holy
Ghost; to lay hands upon the sick and
to cast out devils, just as Jesus told his
disciples to do; and said he: "Freely you
have received, freely give." "Go without
purse or scrip, trust in me, I am your
father, I am the God and father of all
the spirits of all flesh. I have you un-
der my special control, I will stand by,
I will sustain you, my spirit shall go
with you, mine angels shall go before
you to prepare the way for you." This is
what he told Joseph Smith, and the El-
ders went forth, according to the word
that God had given them, and they told
you and told others to repent of your sins
and be baptized in the name of Jesus for
the remission of them. And what then?
You should receive the gift of the Holy
Ghost, which should take of the things of
God and show them unto you; it should
unveil the heavens to one, give the spirit
of prophecy to another, the gift of inter-
pretation to another, the gift of healing
to another, and so forth, the Spirit divid-
ing to each man severally as he saw fit.

These Elders went forth and
preached to you Latter-day Saints now
before me, this very Gospel I have been
laying before you, and there was some-
ting in your spirit ready to receive it.
You could not tell why or wherefore, but
you believed it to be a message sent from
God, and you went forth into the waters
of baptism and were baptized, and you
received the gift of the Holy Ghost, and
you then knew for yourselves of the truth
of that doctrine which God had commit-
ted unto them; and you, in turn, were
ordained, and you also went forth to
preach the same Gospel, with the same
results, for you saw the power of God
manifested. You saw the sick healed,
and the power of God attend your min-
istrations. You saw the lame leap for
joy, those who were downcast, inspired
and led to rejoice through the principles
of eternal life, and thus the Lord has
perpetuated the same thing until the
present day. Mixed up with that have
been other things. We have been gath-
ered here. What for? What did we come
here for? Who knows? We came here
because God said he would build up his
Zion in the latter days.

Under the teachings of Joseph
Smith and President Young, the El-
ders of the Church have preached the
gathering, and this is a gathering