paragraph, which I have read. Upon my
house, saith the Lord, shall it begin, first
upon those among you who have pro-
fessed my name and have not known me
and have blasphemed against me in the
midst of my house.

There are some who have been bap-
tized into this Church, baptized, per-
haps, when they were eight years of
age, entered into a covenant with the
Lord to keep his commandments accord-
ing to the best of their ability and un-
derstanding, some of whom, when they
have been brought into temptation have
turned away from that covenant. Have
they blasphemed the name of the Lord?
I do know that as I walk along the
streets of Salt Lake City, I often see boys
from six or eight up to fifteen, sixteen,
eighteen, and perhaps twenty years of
age collected together, and so far as my
ears are concerned, I can bear testi-
mony that they have no regard nor re-
spect for the word of the Lord nor for
the covenants into which they have en-
tered, for they blaspheme his name in
the midst of his house or kingdom. Will
the Lord hold them guiltless? Can they
escape his wrath and indignation? Can
their parents escape the judgments of
the Almighty if they have neglected to
teach their children the wickedness of
taking the name of the Lord in vain? If
the parents have not done this the sins of
their young and inexperienced offspring
will rest more or less upon their heads. If
the parents escape the judgments of
death growing up thus in the midst of
their parents’ house, and from there it
shall go forth among the nations of the
earth. Let parents awake and see to it
lest the same destruction that will
befall the rest of the world befall them.

Do we teach our children to walk up-
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the Most High? Do we read to them the
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of Salt Lake City, often see boys
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Do we point out to them how that we
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