may be required by him, I cannot con-
ceive that it will be possible for me to en-
ter into the celestial kingdom of God our
heavenly Father.

Do you understand, do you compre-
end, that everything we have is re-
quired by God our Father, to be laid
upon the altar? Is there anything that
is nearer your heart than the Gospel of
the Lord Jesus Christ? Is there any-	hing that stands between you and obe-
dience, perfect obedience, to the will of
God, as revealed unto you through the
Holy Priesthood? If there is, you must
get rid of it. We must humble our-
selves before the Lord to that extent
that we shall have a greater love of his
work, a greater degree of obedience in
our hearts to the Holy Priesthood than
we now have for the things we so highly
value. In no other way can we ex-
pect to become the people that God de-
signs we shall be. Every day, it seems
to me, the circumstances of the people
make more and more apparent the ne-
cessity for a complete change in our tem-
poral circumstances. We read in the
Book of Mormon that when the ancient
Nephites began to increase in means and
become rich, as we are now increasing,
the Spirit of God began to decrease in
their midst. There were some who had
property and could clothe and educate
their children better than their neigh-
bors. The wealthy could have carriages,
horses and fine raiment and other com-
forts and advantages which their poorer
brethren and sisters could not have. In
consequence of these things they be-
came divided into classes. The rich were
raised up in their feelings above the poor.
The poor were humble and meek
and sought unto the Lord, in many in-
stances at least. Divisions into classes
prevailed, and all the attendant evils
connected therewith. They became
puffed up in pride, and the Lord suffered
the Lamanites to come upon and scourge
them, and after wars had wasted away
their strength and the magnitude of the
destructions which overtook them had
abused them, they would begin again to
feel after and to humble themselves be-
fore the Lord, and to seek for his Holy
Spirit to dwell in their hearts.

We are now exposed to precisely the
same influences as they were. We are in-
creasing in wealth, and if we allow our
hearts to be placed upon it, we shall have
to undergo or to pass through difficulties
similar in character to those which they
had to endure. The Lord will not suf-
fer us to become alienated from his work
without scourging us. He will let our en-
emies upon us, or do something else to
punish us, to bring us down and make
us humble before him. He has provided
a way by which we can escape all these evils, and I wish this morning, in the few
remarks I may make, to call your atten-
tion to this subject, because it rests upon
my mind, and seems to be the uppermost
thought in my heart.

In the early days of this Church God
revealed unto his people a system for
them to live in accordance with. It is
known by us as the Order of Enoch; and
it seems to me, every day, that events are
so crowding upon us as to compel us to
reflect upon and to prepare our hearts to
enter upon the practice of this order; and
that, unless we do enter upon it, sooner
or later, as God shall direct through his
servant Brigham, we shall be subjected
to all the disasters and evil consequences
which have attended the present sys-
tem of things, under which all men seem
to live and labor for self only, and few,