and sufferings of his Son; for if they con-
tinue to do this without any reasonable
excuse, they will soon begin to be dark-
ened in their minds. Hence you see,
that all these ordinances, however sim-
ple in their nature, are instituted of the
Lord, and if we have not faith sufficient
to comply with them, it proves that we
have not much faith in God. The Apostle
James speaks upon the subject of faith
very plainly: he says—"Show me thy
faith without thy works, and I will show
thee my faith by my works." Faith with-
out works is dead, being alone. Men may
profess ever so much faith in Christ, but
if they do not attend to the ordinances
of heaven, we know that their faith is a
dead faith and will not obtain the bless-
ings which the Lord has promised. We
will pass on, however, in taking up the
distinguishing characteristics, between
the Latter-day Saints and other religious
denominations. We shall, however, have
to dwell briefly on the different points,
for there are many things wherein we
differ.

When the baptized believer has re-
ceived the gift and power of the Holy
Ghost, the question is, What will be its
manifestations, &c., and how are we, as
Latter-day Saints, to know that we have
received the Holy Ghost? This is a very
important question for us to decide in
our own minds. How are believers in
Christ to know that they are believers,
such as the Lord will acknowledge? They
are to know it by the pouring out of the
Holy Ghost upon them. How am I to
know when the Holy Ghost is poured
out upon me, or how are you to know?
We would not know only by comparing
with the Scriptures, or by some revela-
tion to our own minds, which would give
us this knowledge. For instance, suppose
we should receive a spirit that would
cause us to fall down on the ground, or
cause us to be cramped up into an ill
kind of a shape, or that would take away
our strength and all our memory and
understanding, should we not know at
once that no such spirit was acceptable
in the sight of God? And, after reading
about the gifts of the Holy Ghost to man,
should we not know, that it does not op-
erate thus? When the Holy Ghost rests
upon the servants and handmaidens of
the Lord, it imparts a variety of gifts,
not all to one man, and not the same
to every individual; but it gives to one,
one gift, and to another, another. For
instance it gives to some the gift of wis-
dom. Now, what is it to receive the word
of wisdom? When a person receives, by
the power of the Holy Ghost, the word
or gift of wisdom, he receives revelation.
Herein, then, is another point in which
we differ from the religious world gen-
erally. They do not believe in any later
revelation than the New Testament, that
is, they did not when this Church arose;
but of late years, since the rise of this
Church, many of them have begun to be-
lieve in revelation later than the New
Testament.

When the Holy Ghost falls upon some
it gives them the word of wisdom, that
is, it imparts to them an understand-
ing of things that are wise. The Spirit
may whisper, "It is wise for you to do
this thing"—"it is wise for you to do that
thing"—"it is wise for you to take such
a course, and to do thus and so." This is
what might be termed the word of wis-
dom. A person may have great wisdom
and yet not have much knowledge; he
may have great wisdom given by revela-
tion to know how to exercise that degree
of knowledge which he may be in pos-
session of. Then again there are others
who may receive the gift of knowledge