

Melchizedek. Who was Melchizedek? A greater than Abraham, for he had the Gospel and blessed Abraham. All of those ancient worthies had a knowledge of the Gospel, and of life and immortality through the Gospel.

This is the same thing that is communicated unto us. It is our privilege, it is the privilege of all men who yield obedience to the Gospel. It is your privilege, you Latter-day Saints, to live in the enjoyment of this light and immortality. According to your faithfulness you have experienced more or less of this spirit of revelation, light and truth, and the power of God, and by living your religion you can go on from strength to strength, intelligence to intelligence, from revelation to revelation,

until you can "see as you are seen, and know as you are known." Having commenced in the principles of truth and obtained the Spirit of light and intelligence that flows from God through obedience to the Gospel, it is for us to "purify ourselves even as God is pure," and purge from ourselves all corruption, iniquity, fraud, lying and evil of every kind, all adultery, fornication, seduction and lasciviousness; and everything that would corrupt and destroy the human family, and seek after everything that is high, noble, exciting and praiseworthy among men, and among the Gods, that when we get through with this world we may obtain an everlasting inheritance in the celestial kingdom.

THE CREATION—THE SEVENTH THOUSAND YEARS, AND EVENTS WHICH ARE TO FOLLOW THE PERIOD OF THE MILLENNIUM.

DISCOURSE BY ELDER ORSON PRATT, DELIVERED IN THE SIXTEENTH WARD MEETING
ROOMS, NOV. 22, 1873.

REPORTED BY DAVID W. EVANS.

I will read the first ten verses of the 20th chapter of the Revelation given to St. John, the "beloved disciple," while on the Isle of Patmos:

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

"And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

"And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and