

the ministry of Joseph Smith and of his servants the Elders that were called of the Lord by him, Brigham Young and the Apostles and Elders who have borne these testimonies to the nations of the earth,

and I say, brethren, give diligent heed to these things, lest by any means we should let them slip and come short of entering into rest.

May the blessings of Israel's God be upon you forever. Amen.

**THE POSITION THE SAINTS HAVE OCCUPIED HAS BEEN A
PECULIAR ONE—THE UNITY OF THE SAINTS—HOME
MANUFACTURE PREFERABLE TO
IMPORTATION—ORGANIZATION NECESSARY TO
SELF-SUSTENANCE.**

DISCOURSE BY ELDER JOHN TAYLOR, DELIVERED AT THE ADJOURNED GENERAL
CONFERENCE, HELD IN THE NEW TABERNACLE, SALT LAKE CITY, MAY 7, 1874.

REPORTED BY DAVID W. EVANS.

Those things which we have been listening to are of very great importance to the Latter-day Saints. Situated as we are, entertaining the views that we do, in possession of the light and intelligence that have been communicated unto us, we stand, in these respects, in an entirely different position from that of the world with which we are surrounded; and, as has already been stated, it is necessary that we begin to reflect a little upon that which has been revealed to us, that we may understand our position and relationship to each other, the duties and responsibilities that devolve upon us as fathers, as mothers, as children, as Elders of Israel, and in all the various relationships of life, and that we may comprehend the requirements made of us by our

heavenly Father. Some of those things which have been presented before us are obvious to every reflecting mind, there is nothing strange, anomalous or peculiar about them; they are things which have been more or less advocated by different statesmen among the various nations of the earth, and, according to circumstances, they have been adopted, more or less, by a great many people, and we, the Latter-day Saints, have approached nearer to them than many of us seem to have any idea of. There would not be time, at present, to enter into an elaborate detail of the various plans, ideas and workings involved in the principles which have been presented before us this morning; but in taking a cursory view of our position, we shall find that it is very different