

be mocked, the laws of God are to be honored, and all of his ordinances and requirements are to be filled and fulfilled. He requires strict obedience of his children, and if we are

not obedient we shall come short of that glory that we anticipate now.

I hope and pray that the Lord will bless you all. Amen.

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**ALL NATIONS BELIEVE IN A FUTURE STATE OF  
EXISTENCE—ALL INHERIT THE CURSE IN THE DEATH OF  
THE BODY—THE ZION OF ENOCH TAKEN TO THE BOSOM  
OF GOD—CELESTIAL, TERRESTRIAL AND TELESTIAL  
SPHERES—BAPTISM IN WATER ESSENTIAL TO  
SALVATION—DIVINE AUTHORITY—ETERNAL MARRIAGE  
ORDAINED OF GOD.**

DISCOURSE BY ELDER ORSON PRATT, DELIVERED IN THE OLD TABERNACLE, SALT LAKE  
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I hope the congregation will give their attention and pray for the Holy Spirit to be shed forth upon all those who are upright in heart, that we may be edified and instructed by the inspiration and power thereof, for this is one of the objects which we have in view in assembling ourselves together, from Sabbath to Sabbath, to be instructed in the things pertaining to the kingdom, and also to partake of the emblems of the death and sufferings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We find ourselves here, upon this creation, intelligent beings, and questions no doubt arise in the minds of almost every man and every woman in relation to the future destiny of the human family, and what is the object of our being placed here on this earth for a short season and then

passing away. It is a question not only asked by intelligent beings who believe in divine revelation, but the heathen and semi-barbarous nations, in fact all people reflect, more or less, concerning the object of their existence here, and what awaits them in the future. Mankind gain very little light on this subject unless through the medium of divine revelation, hence we find among all people a great variety of views in relation to this matter. Our American Indians have some ideas of a future state of existence—they cannot persuade themselves to believe that man is destined, when he lays aside this mortal tabernacle, to be annihilated, but they look forward to a future state, and the pleasures they will hereafter enjoy in their happy hunting grounds. Some people believe