9. "But first let my army become very
great, and let it be sanctified before me,
that it may become fair as the sun, and
clear as the moon, and that her banners
may be terrible unto all nations; That
the kingdoms of this world may be con-
strained to acknowledge that the king-
dom of Zion is in very deed the kingdom
of our God and his Christ; therefore, let
us become subject unto her laws.

10. "Verily I say unto you, it is ex-
pedient in me that the first elders of my
church should receive their endowment
from on high in my house, which I have
commanded to be built unto my name in
the land of Kirtland. And let those com-
mandments which I have given concern-
ing Zion and her law be executed and ful-
filled, after her redemption. There has
been a day of calling, but the time has
come for a day of choosing; and let those
be chosen that are worthy. And it shall
be manifest unto my servant, by the
voice of the Spirit, those that are chosen;
and they shall be sanctified; And inas-
much as they follow the counsel which
they receive, they shall have power after
many days to accomplish all things per-
taining to Zion.

11. "And again I say unto you, sue
for peace, not only the people that have
smitten you, but also to all people; And
lift up an ensign of peace, and make a
proclamation for peace unto the ends of
the earth; And make proposals for peace
unto those who have smitten you, ac-
cording to the voice of the Spirit which is
in you, and all things shall work together
for your good. Therefore, be faithful; and
behold, and lo, I am with you even unto
the end. Even so. Amen."

Let us consider these things and
sanctify ourselves in all humility.
God has preserved us from all our
enemies for over forty years since
this revelation was given, and we occupy
many cities, towns and settlements, and
should improve in all the goodly graces of
the Gospel preparatory to the great work
still before us, for the promises of God
are true and will not fail.

Oliver Cowdery, previous to his apos-
tasy said to President Joseph Smith: "If
I should leave the Church it would break
up." Joseph said to Oliver—"What, who
are you?  The Lord is not dependent
upon you, the work will roll forth do
what you will." Oliver left the Church,
and was gone about ten years; then he
came back again, to a branch of the
Church in meeting on Mosquito Creek,
in Pottawattamie County, Iowa. The
body of the Church had come off here
to the west, but there was still remain-
ing there a branch of about fifteen hun-
dred or two thousand people, and when
he came there he bore his testimony to
the truth of the Book of Mormon and
the divine mission of the Twelve Apos-
tles, and asked to be received into the
Church again, and said that he had
never seen in all his life so large a con-
gregation of Saints as the one then as-
sembled. We loved to hear brother Oliver
testify, we were pleased with his wit-
ness, but when he passed off and went
among our enemies he was forgotten,
and the work rolled steadily along step
by step, so that, ten years after, when he
came back to an outside branch, he ex-
pressed his astonishment at seeing such
a vast body of Saints. Some men in
their hours of darkness may feel—I have
heard of men feeling so—that the work
is about done, that the enemies of
the Saints have become so powerful, and
bring such vast wealth and energy to
bear against them that we are all go-
ing to be crushed out pretty soon. I will
say to such brethren, it is very bad pol-
icy for you, because you think the old