because God has spoken from the heav-
ens."

Now I want to prophesy a little. It is not very often that I prophesy, though I was commanded to do so, when I was a boy. I want to prophesy that all men and women who oppose the revelation which God has given in relation to polygamy will find themselves in darkness; the Spirit of God will withdraw from them from the very moment of their opposi-
tion to that principle, until they will fi-
nally go down to hell and be damned, if they do not repent. That is just as true as it is that all the nations and king-
doms of the earth, when they hear this Gospel which God has restored in these last days, will be damned if they do not receive it; for the Lord has said so. One is just as true as the other. I will quote this latter saying, as recorded in the Book of Covenants. The Lord said to the Elders of this Church, in the very commence-
ment as it were, "Go ye forth and preach the gospel to every creature, and as I said unto mine ancient Apostles, even so I say unto you, that every soul who be-
lieves in your words, and will repent of his sins and be baptized in water shall receive a remission of his sins, and shall be filled with the Holy Ghost; and ev-
ery soul in all the world who will not be-
lieve in your words, neither repent of his sins, shall be damned; and this revela-
tion or commandment, is in force from this very hour upon all the world," as fast as they hear it. That is what the Lord has said. Just so, in regard to polygamy, or any other great principle which the Lord our God reveals to the inhabitants of the earth.

Now, if you want to get into dark-
ness, brethren and sisters, begin to op-
pose this revelation. Sisters, you begin to say before your husbands, or husbands you begin to say before your wives, "I do not believe in the princi-
ple of polygamy, and I intend to instruct my children against it." Oppose it in this way, and teach your children to do the same, and if you do not become as dark as midnight there is no truth in Mor-
monism. I am taking up too much time. I would like to dwell on another more pleasing part of this subject, if there were time. (President G. A. Smith—"There is plenty of time, brother Pratt.")

I will go on and tell the people why polygamy was instituted in this dispen-
sation. So far as a future state is con-
cerned, God has revealed to us that mar-
riage as instituted by him, is to benefit the people, not in this world only, but to all eternity. That is what the Lord has revealed. Do not misunderstand me; do not suppose that I mean that mar-
riage and giving in marriage are to be performed after the resurrection; I have not stated any such thing, and there will be no such thing after the resurrec-
tion. Marriage is an ordinance pertaining to this mortal life—to this world—
this probation, just the same as baptism and the laying on of hands; it reaches forth into eternity, and has a bearing upon our future state; so does baptism; so does the ordinance of the laying on of hands; so does every ordinance which the Lord our God has revealed to us. If we attend to these things here in this life, they secure something beyond this life—for eternity. They neither baptize, nor receive baptism, after the resurrec-
tion. Why? Because neither was in-
tended to be administered after the res-
urrection. After the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage. Why? Because this is the world where these ceremonies are to be attended to. That which is secured here, will be