way that we may be ready for whatever
dispensation the Lord may have in store
for us, and so that we can acknowledge
his hand as Job did, and not find any
fault with him because of his providences
toward us. If we cannot comprehend
them now, we shall be able to do so in
a little while. The Lord may have pur-
poses in view in his dealings with us that
we do not understand; I presume he has.
In fact, the whole of the dealings of God
to man are a mystery. There is a veil
over the world, and it is ordained of God
that it should be so, for if it were not
so, and if men could comprehend etern-
al things, as God comprehends them,
there is no man on the earth, no matter
how wicked he may be, but what would
be willing to keep the commandments of
God, and to pass through anything that
God ordained, for therein he would see
there was salvation and eternal life. But
God has an order in these matters, as
he revealed unto Joseph Smith. He said
unto Joseph—"I will prove you whether
you will abide in my covenant; if you
are not willing to abide in my covenant
even unto death, you are not worthy of
me." And it is so with the Saints. If they
are not willing to abide in the covenants
they have made with God, even unto
death if necessary, they are not worthy
of him. Jesus laid down his life to re-
deem the world, and passed through suf-
ferring and affliction all his life in order
that he might fulfill the mission which
was given him. So it is with us. The
Lord says—"I am going to prove the chil-
dren of men." There are a few individ-
uals in this dispensation who will in-
herit celestial glory, and a few in other
dispensations; but before they receive
their exaltation they will have to pass
through and submit to whatever dispen-
sation God may decree. But for all this
they will receive their reward—they
will become Gods, they will inherit
thrones, kingdoms, principalities and
powers through the endless ages of eter-
nity, and to their increase there will be
no end, and the heart of man has never
conceived of the glory that is in store for
the sons and daughters of God who keep
the celestial glory. And yet God has a veil
over all in regard to these things. The
whole world will be judged according to
the deeds done in the body, and they will
inherit kingdoms according to the laws
which they have kept, every man being
preserved by the law which he has ob-
served, and all will be saved in some
glory, except the sons of perdition.

Now, brethren and sisters, the Gospel
of Christ is before us. We are all pass-
ing along, and it will only be a little time
before a good many of us will be on the
other side of the veil. Our friends are
passing off every day, and we look in vain
for many with whom we have been fa-
miliar in years that are past. If I go
into a congregation of ten thousand and
enquire for the Saints I knew in Kirt-
land, and request them to lift up their
hands, it will be like a standard bearer
on the mountains, there is only here and
there one. You ask a congregation how
many of them knew Joseph Smith, and
it is only here and there one, they are
passing away to the other side of the
veil. It is so with us all, we are hast-
ening to the end of life's journey, and
a good many of us are on the downward
grade. I ask that what little time I live, I
may keep the faith and have the fellow-
ship of the Holy Spirit and of the Saints
of God, that when I get through I may
be satisfied with life, satisfied with my
acts, that I may receive a welcome into
the Kingdom of God. That is all I ask
and all I labor for. As for riches and