of Adam, and also forward, to the latest
generation of time, to the last man who
shall be born upon earth. The ancient
Patriarchs and Prophets, men of God
who basked in the light of revelation,
and comprehended the mind of Jehovah,
and who held the everlasting Priesthood,
and enjoyed the Gospel as we enjoy it;
all these together with God our heav-
enly Father and all the angelic hosts,
are interested in the work that the Fa-
ther has commenced in these last days;
and hence a revelation was made unto
Joseph Smith. Holy angels of God ap-
peared to him and communicated to him
the mind and will of Jehovah, as a cho-
sen messenger to introduce the dispen-
sation of the fullness of times, wherein
all heaven and all that have ever dwelt
on the earth are concerned and inter-
ested. He did not reveal himself, par-
ticularly, because of Joseph Smith, indi-
vidually, nor because of any other indi-
vidual man, nor for the peculiar interest,
emolument or aggrandizement of any set
of men; but for the purpose of introduc-
ing certain principles that it was neces-

dary that the world of mankind should be
made acquainted with; in fact, it was for
the purpose of introducing what we call
the Church and kingdom of God on the
earth, in which all who have ever lived
or who ever will live upon this globe are
interested.

The Gospel that we talk of, although
it may be a personal thing, yet at the
same time is as high as the heavens,
wide as the universe and deep as hell.
It permeates through all time, and ex-
tends to all people, both living and dead.
We talk sometimes about the Church of
God, and why? We talk about the king-
dom of God, and why? Because, be-
fore there could be a kingdom of God,
there must be a Church of God, and
hence the first principles of the Gospel
were needed to be preached to all na-
tions, as they were formerly when the
Lord Jesus Christ and others made their
appearance on the earth. And why so?
Because of the impossibility of introduc-
ing the law of God among a people who
would not be subject to and be guided
by the spirit of revelation. Hence the
world have generally made great mis-
takes upon these points. They have
started various projects to try to unite
and cement the people together without
God; but they could not do it. Fouri-
erism, Communism—another branch of
the same thing—and many other prin-
ciples of the same kind have been intro-
duced to try and cement the human fam-
ily together. And then we have had peace
societies, based upon the same prin-
ciples; but all these things have failed,
and they will fail, because, however phil-
anthropic, humanitarian, benevolent, or
cosmopolitan our ideas, it is impossible
to produce a true and correct union with-
out the Spirit of the living God, and that
Spirit can only be imparted through the
ordinances of the Gospel; and hence Je-
sus told his disciples to go and preach the
Gospel to every creature, baptizing them
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost, and said he—"Lo, I am with you
always, even to the end." It was by this
cementing, uniting spirit, that true sym-
pathetic, fraternal relations could be in-
roduced and enjoyed.

When John was on the Isle of Pat-
mos he had a remarkable vision per-
taining to many things, and said he—"I
saw a mighty angel flying in the midst
of heaven, having the everlasting gospel
to preach to those who dwell on the
earth, to every nation, and kindred, and
people, and tongue, Crying with a loud
voice, Fear God, and give glory to him;