

they will feel the responsibility of attending to the work so essentially necessary to be done on behalf of those who have lived and passed away without having had the privilege of receiving the blessings of the Gospel; and as their time and attention will be occupied in this direction will they perceive the importance as well as the magnitude of the work. There are many today who stand in need of this assistance, and as I have often said, so say I again to this body of Latter-day Saints, that this labor devolves upon us, and God requires it at our hands. The Proph-

et Joseph may turn the keys in the spirit world, and he and those engaged with him may preach to the spirits in prison, but they cannot baptize them nor confirm them, nor administer offices of the endowment. Some person or persons dwelling in the flesh must attend to this part of the work for them; for it takes just as much to save a dead man who never received the Gospel as a living man. And all those who have passed away without the Gospel have the right to expect somebody in the flesh to perform this work for them, Amen.



NO MAN CAN DIRECT THE KINGDOM OF GOD—THE GOSPEL  
DID NOT ORIGINATE WITH JOSEPH SMITH OR BRIGHAM  
YOUNG—THE SAINTS OPERATING WITH GOD AND THE  
ANGELS—THE GRAND ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH—  
OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF ZION

DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR, DELIVERED AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE,  
SALT LAKE CITY, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 8, 1878

Reported by Geo.F. Gibbs

I shall feel very much obliged, while I attempt to address you; if you will keep as quiet as possible; because it is quite a labor to speak to so large a congregation, and unless quiet and order is preserved, it is impossible for all the people to hear.

I have been very much interested and edified in listening to the remarks made by the brethren since we have assembled together in this Confer-

ence. And I have been very much pleased in witnessing the union and general feeling of interest manifested among the people to attend these meetings. It is evidence to me that the people feel interested in these great and eternal principles developed through our holy religion, and that they have a desire to yield obedience to the law of God and to keep his commandments. And in that alone is our safety, our happiness, our