every day we live, and it should be a con-
stant subject of thought with us when we rise in the morning and lie down at night: Wherein have we come short
of obeying the principles of the Gospel?
Have I done any injury to my fellow
man? Have I grieved the Spirit of the
Lord? Have I neglected some duty? Have
I said that which I ought not to have
said? Have I done that which I ought
to have done? Have I been just,
have I been merciful, have I been up-
right? Have I allowed any thought, any
feeling to enter my heart concerning my
neighbor, concerning some of my asso-
ciates that I should not entertain? If I
have, then it is my duty, if I believe the
Gospel and desire to practice its princi-
pies, to repent of that, to confess it.

There was a time when God required
of his people the sacrifice of animals. They brought their animals and they were offered up as sacrifices, and they obtained the remission of sins by that method. This was required under the
law of Moses; it was required until the
coming of the Son of God, until he made
his great sacrifice for man. But what
does God require of us? Is it that we
shall bring animals and offer burnt of-
ferings unto him? No, he does not make
that requirement of us today, but this is the sacrifice required of us: he asks us that we shall come to him with bro-
ken hearts and with contrite spirits. If
we do he will accept of us, our offerings
will be like the offerings of Abel, ac-
ceptable in his sight; but if we go to him as Cain did, our offerings will not be accept-
able to him, and he will reject them. But
if you and I and all who profess to be
the followers of the Lord Jesus will bow
down before him with humble hearts,
each of us with a broken heart and
contrite spirit, what will be the effect?
Why, we will confess our faults to him,
because they will be plain in our sight,
we will see ourselves in the light of the
Spirit of God, and the spirit of repen-
tance will rest down upon us. Suppose
we bow down before him because it is
the custom to do so, in a formal man-
ner, worshiping him with our lips while
our hearts are far from him, repeating by
rote certain sentences we have learned,
and to the use of which we have be-
come accustomed, will such an offering
be acceptable in the sight of God? Cer-
tainly not. He desires that those who
worship him shall worship him in spirit
and in truth, and that they shall confess
their sins not only to him, but, where
they have wronged each other, to one an-
other. It is my duty, if I have wronged
my brother, to go to my brother and con-
fess and ask his forgiveness. If I wrong
my sister, it is my duty to do the same.
If I do wrong to my God, it is my duty
to bow down before him in humility and
confess in contrition of spirit the wrong I
have done and beseech him in the name
of Jesus to forgive my sins. And this is
a duty that rests upon us as Latter-day
Saints.

These are some of the practical parts
of our religion, and, as I have said, not
to be practiced today alone, today, the
first day of the week, the Sabbath, but
to be practiced tomorrow, and to be car-
rried out in our lives, in our daily in-
tercourse one with another; to be meek
and lowly in heart, seeking the Spirit
of Jesus, willing to suffer wrong rather
than do wrong; not to be rude, not to be
harsh, not to be unfeeling, or un-
kind in our intercourse with our families,
but to carry with us the spirit of meek-
ness and of love, that when we enter our