their handling, but to become rich in the
imperishable things of eternity, which we can obtain here in the way appointed
of God, and about which the world know

nothing.

People wonder why it is that the lead-
ers of this people are still upheld by the
unanimous voice and vote of the Latter-
day Saints, and why it is that we have
faith in them and cling to them, in spite
of all that is said against them. They
do not understand the secret spring that
moves this work. The power that unites
and guides us does not rest in any man
or any set of men, neither in this won-
derful organization, but in this eternal,
unerring Spirit which God has shed forth
in our hearts through obedience to the
Gospel, by which we can approach Him
and learn of Him for ourselves.

We have gathered to these mountains
that we may aid in this great work of
restitution. We are building these Tem-

tles that the Lord may come and restore
further powers and keys and knowledge
pertaining to the holy priesthood, which
has been held in reserve, for we have
as yet only received the droppings of the
shower to come; we have but received a
few things compared with what remains
to be revealed. There is not a principle
nor a blessing referred to in these
Scriptures, which has been enjoyed by
the Saints of any former time, but what
the Lord our God will restore and be-
stow upon his people of the latter times,
the times of the restitution of all things.
This doctrine of celestial marriage that
creates such a stir in the world, is only
one of the doctrines believed in and prac-
ticed by the ancients, and that, too, un-
der the immediate sanction and direc-
tion of the Almighty, that God has com-
menced to restore in the latter days.
The Lord has restored that in connection
with other principles, and it is a truth
which this people can testify to, whether
others believe it or not. God is the au-
 thor of it, and if men choose to fight
against the Lord, let them fight; it is God
and them for it. I bear my testimony
that God Almighty has revealed this doc-
trine of celestial marriage, or marriage
for eternity, including the doctrine of plu-
rality of wives. He made this manifest
to the Prophet Joseph Smith, and has
revealed it to thousands by the gift and
power of the Holy Ghost. But these are
only the beginnings of things. We have
come here to learn of God’s ways and to
walk in his paths. “Our fathers have in-
herited lies, vanity, and things wherein
there is no profit.” They have been fed
upon husks, while the kernel was not
with them. They have been taught by
the traditions of men; they have been
led by theologians who knew not God,
who could not describe him or explain
his laws to the people, for they knew not
of Him themselves, and how could they,
when according to their own admissions
the voice of prophecy had ceased, and
God would no more speak to the children
of men.

We have come out from the traditions
and false theories of our fathers, and
gathered here that we may learn of God.
And God has organized his Church, and
we are receiving line upon line and pre-
cept upon precept, here a little and there
a little, for our profit, to prepare us for
the things to be manifested in the fu-
ture. And if we would only live up to the
things that He has revealed to us; if we
would be as pure and virtuous, and hon-
est and upright, and conscientious and