stop the Lord, will you? No matter about
the theories, ideas and notions of men. God has committed to us certain prin-
ciples, and by the help of God we mean
to carry them out. In doing this it de-
volves upon us to send the Gospel to ev-
every creature under heaven, and for this
we have a First Presidency; for this we
have the Twelve Apostles; for this we
have some seventy times seventy of Sev-
eties; for this we have several thou-
sand High Priests; for this we have some
eight or ten thousand Elders, and God
has called us to do his work, and by
the help of Israel's God we will do it in
the name of the Lord, and let all Israel
say, "Amen." (The vast congregation re-
sponded, "Amen.") These are our feelings
on that subject. And let the Twelve, let
the Seventies, let the High Priests, and
let the Elders work up to the dignity
and importance of their calling, and feel
that they are under command, as the ser-
vants of God, to do his will in spreading
the Gospel of life and salvation to the na-
tions of the earth. The world will hate
you. No matter—they hated your master
before you. They persecuted Him before
they persecuted you. He endured it; we
will try to.

What then? We will go on building
our Temples, and when we have built
them we will administer in them ac-
cording to the word of God. And who
else knows this order but us? Let the
Latter-day Saints build these Temples
and hand them over to the divines of the
world, and what would they do? Why, all
they would do would be to quarrel about
theology. What do they know about
the ordinances of the Gospel? Noth-
ing. What do they know about salva-
tion for the living and the dead? Noth-
ing. They would not know how to ad-
minister in a Temple if they had one,
and further, we should not know if God
had not shown us how. We are depen-
dent upon the Lord; but we have our
friends, as I have said, behind the veil.
They have the same Priesthood which we
have, and they are operating in our in-
terests and it is that which frequently
operates among men now, silently work-
ing when they know nothing about it.
They rage in many instances, and foam
and get up resolutions; generally very re-
ligious people. Well, it was that class
of people that persecuted Jesus and his
disciples; they thought they were un-
fit to live. What of it? Do you hate
them? No. Would I injure any of them?
No, they are injuring themselves, God
knows, ten thousand times more than I
could do. Any man who departs from the
principles of right; any man who tram-
ples upon human rights and human lib-
erty; men who cannot allow other men to
worship God according to the dictates of
their own conscience, are in a deplorable
condition; they are fast going back to
barbarism; and it is necessary that God
should introduce principles to lift man
above these groveling ideas. We can look
upon all mankind as our brothers, and
can try to benefit and elevate the human
race. This is the mission which God has
given us to attend to—first, in regard to
religious matters, and afterwards to po-
litical matters, that all men may enjoy
perfect freedom in every respect, not in
name, not in theory only, but in reality.

I find that time is passing. We
scarcely have time in our assem-
blages to attend to things and talk
about principles that we would like
to. There are ten thousand things
present themselves before my mind,
which I would like to lay before this