sins of the world? A descendant of Abra-
ham according to the flesh. Who were
the Twelve Apostles, commissioned to
preach the Gospel to all nations? De-
sendants of Abraham. And who were
the Twelve Apostles that lived upon this
continent? Descendants of Abraham.
Who was Joseph Smith, to whom the
Gospel was revealed in these last days?
A descendant of Abraham. And it had
been predicted of him that his name
should be Joseph, and that his father’s
name should also be Joseph, and that he
should be a descendant of that Joseph
who was sold into Egypt. And who are
the present Twelve? Just the same kind
of people. And who are we gathering to
Zion? A remnant of that seed, with a con-
siderable mixture of grizzly, grey, and all
kinds. But Jesus said, My sheep hear my
voice, and they know me, and a stranger
they will not follow, because they know
not the voice of a stranger. And why do
not the millions of the inhabitants of the
earth embrace the Gospel? Because they
are not sheep; that is all. And if the
goats kick up and cut a few antics, you
need not be astonished. It is the nature
of goats, is it not? (Laughter.)

This Gospel is introduced that we
may be taught and instructed in the
ways of God, and that the Priesthood
may be organized according to the holy
order of God. What for? That this Priest-
hood may associate with the Priest-
hood behind the veil, who are operat-
ing with God and for God in the in-
terests of humanity. That is the rea-
son of it. And hence we find that these
men who hold the Priesthood, the ev-
erlasting Priesthood, that ministers in
time and in eternity, coming one after
another to Joseph Smith, and conferr-
ing upon him the Priesthood which they
held. They conferred on him first the
Priesthood of Aaron, a descendant of
Aaron, John the Baptist, who held the
keys of that Priesthood in his day, came
to Joseph Smith and to Oliver Cowdery,
and laid his hands upon their heads
and said, "Upon you my fellow servants,
in the name of the Messiah I confer
the Priesthood of Aaron, which holds
the keys of the ministering of angels,
and of the gospel of repentance, and of
baptism by immersion for the remission
of sins; and this shall never be taken
again from the earth, until the sons
of Levi do offer again an offering unto
the Lord in righteousness." Then came
Peter, James and John, who conferred
the same Priesthood and keys that they
held. And then came other powers, prin-
ciples and revelations in succession, one
after another. After the Aaronic and
Melchizedek Priesthoods had been con-
ferred in general terms, then some of
the most specific things in regard to the
introduction of this Gospel were accom-
plished. When Joseph Smith and Oliver
Cowdery were together in the Kirtland
Temple, we find that Moses appeared
to them. He committed unto them the
keys of the gathering of Israel from the
four parts of the earth, and the leading
of the ten tribes from the land of the
north. And did they have this power
conferred upon them? Yes. And is
that power continued? I think it is or
I do not think you would be here to-
day. What brought you here? Why did
you not stop where you came from? Be-
cause you believed the Gospel. When you
heard it and obeyed it, the Elder who
laid his hands upon your head, conferred
upon you that principle which brought
you here, and you hardly know why
you came, but you could not rest easily