what the opinions and ideas, the feelings
and theories of men are. God has laid
on us a mission, and in the name of Is-
rael's God we will fulfil it, and let all
Israel say Amen. [The congregation re-
sponded aloud, Amen]. We will try and
carry out what God has given us to do,
no matter what men's theories, opinions
or ideas may be. We are here, then,
for that purpose. And we feel that God
is our heavenly Father; we feel that we
are his children; we feel that we are do-
ing his work by his assistance, we feel,
too, that he is engaged just as much
as we are, and a thousand times more,
in carrying on this work, and therefore
we feel easy and satisfied in our minds
and know that all is well. God our
heavenly Father, Jesus the Mediator of
the new covenant, the ancient patriarachs
and prophets and men of God who have
lived upon the earth years and years
ago, Adam the Father of mankind, and
Noah, another great father, and Abra-
ham the father of the faithful, and all
the Prophets, Apostles and men of God
who have lived upon the earth are in-
terested as we are in the welfare of hu-
manity and in seeking to introduce and
carry out the word and will of God which
he designed before the world rolled into
existence or the morning stars sang to-
gether for joy. God will accomplish his
work and we will try and help him do
it. It needs the cooperation of all these
men who have held this Priesthood, who
administer in time and in eternity—it
needs the cooperation of all those and of
the Gods in the eternal worlds to assist
us in the labors in which we are engaged.
Therefore, God has introduced the sys-
tem of things that we have been speak-
ing of for the purpose of gathering to-
gether a people who would listen to his
voice and they are the only people on the
earth today who will listen thereto, and
then it is as much as the bargain for
many of us to do it. God expects to have
a people who will be men of clean hands
and pure hearts, who withhold their
hands from the receiving of bribes, who
will swear to their own hurt and change
not, who will be men of truth and in-
tegrity, of honor and virtue, and who will
pursue a course that will be approved by
the Gods in the eternal worlds, and by all
honorable and upright men that ever did
live, or that now live, and having taken
upon us the profession of sainthood, he
expects us to be Saints, not in name, not
in theory, but in reality. And then he ex-
pects us to do just what we are doing,
that is, to build Temples, and to preach
the Gospel to an unthankful world. Have
we done it? Yes, we have. I have done
it. I have, traveled thousands of miles
to preach this Gospel without purse or
scrip, trusting in God. Did I ever lack
anything? No. Here is Brother Woodruff,
and many other men who have done just
the same thing. High Priests, Seventies,
Elders, and others have gone forth to the
world, bearing the precious principles of
eternal life, and have returned again, as
the Scripture say, bringing their sheaves
with them. What are we doing besides?
Building our Temples. What for? That
we may have places to enter into that are
dedicated to the God of the whole earth.

The world have forgotten that God
is the fountain of all truth, the source
of all intelligence, of everything that is
calculated to elevate and exalt mankind;
but we will give to God all the glory.
We are seeking to build up the Zion
of our God. And shall we accomplish
it? With the help of the Lord we will.