them; and the few that accept the literal
meaning of God's word, and confess him
and acknowledge him in all things, do it
at the risk of their reputation, and some
of them, even of their rights as American
citizens. What the result of all this will
be is already written; and it will come to
pass as sure as the Lord hath spoken it.

I rejoice in the Gospel of the Son
of God as he has revealed it in this
our day; I rejoice in the organization
of the church and kingdom of
God, and in the revelations of heav-

ven. I read them with a great deal of
interest, for I know they are true; and,
therefore, I look forward with assurance
to their fulfillment in the earth. We have
but a little time to spend on earth even
though we live to be a hundred years of
age, and we have no time to waste. We
should live in such a manner that the
Spirit and blessing of God may attend us;
and then when we cease our labors here
we shall pass hence to continue them in
the same cause of salvation and redemp-
tion, and all will be well with us. Amen.

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