by such a statement, and at the same
time were rejoicing over the prospect of
the Latter-day Saints being killed and
the system being broken up by violence.

How shall we feel respecting these
matters? I have said that the people,
so far as my observation has extended
throughout this Territory, were rejoic-
ing and feeling contented. How shall
we feel? Shall we be disturbed? The
man or woman who entered into this
Church who was old enough to under-
stand these matters, and expected any-
thing different to this, was not properly
informed. When I became old enough
to understand the character of this work
I made up my mind that it might cost
me everything before I got through. I
did not know what might be involved in
it, what consequences; but I knew that
others who had started out for salva-
tion had been slain, and that Saints of
God in every age have had to lay down
their lives for the truth and that my
Lord and Master Jesus Christ, had been
crucified, and if I expected to live and
reign with Him, that I must also be pre-
pared to endure all things. The salva-
tion that God has promised unto us is
worthy of all this, or it is worth noth-
ing. If we cannot sacrifice everything
there is upon the face of the earth, that
men hold dear to them, then we are un-
worthy of that great salvation that God
has promised unto the faithful. The
man that cannot bring every appetite
into subjection to the mind and will of
God, that cannot forego everything of
this kind, and that is not willing to sac-
ifice houses and lands, and father and
mother, wives and children and every-
thing that men hold dear to them, is un-
worthy that great salvation that God has
in store for His faithful children. When I
hear people say that they are Latter-
day Saints, and will drink with the
drunken; when I hear men talk about be-
ing Latter-day Saints who will not con-
grue their appetites, and will not bring
them in subjection to the mind and will
of God, I think very little of their profes-
sions. If we value this salvation as we
should, there is nothing that will stand
between us and it. We may love our
wives as we love our own lives; we may
love our children as we do ourselves; we
may be willing to step between death
and our wives and children and say, "If
any be killed, let us be killed; if there is
to be any hardship, let us endure it;" we
may have this feeling, but at the same
time we must love the Gospel of the Lord
Jesus Christ, and the cause that He es-
\(\text{tablished, better than we do our wives}
our children, better than we do our
own lives. There is nothing upon the face
of the earth that we should love as we
do the Gospel. God requires this of us.
Therefore, if we are Latter-day Saints,
what difference does it make what is
brought against us? Suppose armies
should be launched against us; suppose
the measures urged by some so-called
divines, should be carried out; will it
make any difference in regard to us and
our future? Shall we be disturbed be-
cause of these threats being fulminated
against us? Not in the least; for the rea-
son that God is our Father—He stands at
the head, and not one hair of our heads
shall fall to the ground without His no-
tice. Nothing can occur that He does not
take cognizance of. He watches over us
as well as the rest of the human fam-
ily, and He will overrule everything for
our good. We should, therefore, be the
happiest people—as I fully believe we
are—on the face of the earth. We may