

**DEPENDENCE UPON THE HOLY SPIRIT—THE GATHERING
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BODY AND SPIRIT—"MORE BLESSED ARE THEY THAT
BELIEVE AND HAVE NOT SEEN"—THE SPIRIT OF
TRUTHFUL INTUITION THE SAFEST
GUIDE—EXHORTATION, COUNSEL AND INSTRUCTION.**

DISCOURSE BY ELDER JOSEPH E. TAYLOR, DELIVERED IN THE TABERNACLE, SALT LAKE
CITY, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 1882.

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It is a matter of surprise to people not of our faith when they are made acquainted with the fact that Elders of this Church are called promiscuously, as it were accidentally, to address the congregations that are assembled from time to time in this and other places in the midst of this people; that they appear before the congregation without any text, without any sermon, without giving any thought whatever to preparing the subject or subjects upon which they may speak. And these Elders have, by experience, learned the lesson that it is very necessary and essential for them to depend upon the Holy Ghost for their inspiration, for its assistance, for its influence, to enable them to speak and instruct the people as the Lord desires they should be instructed. What do I know about this audience this afternoon? Here is a sea of faces before me beaming with intelligence. I feel the influence of the various spirits of the people composing this congregation. They are all centered upon myself, or if my Brother was

speaking, they would be centered upon him or whoever the speaker might be.

Some have come to worship God with honesty of purpose, to partake of His holy sacrament with clean hands and pure hearts, and are worthy of partaking of these sacred emblems of the death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They also come to listen to words of instruction, and many of them have a yearning desire, perhaps, to receive comfort to their souls, information, perchance, upon some particular point of doctrine connected with their holy religion. And then again, there are those in this congregation who have come here simply out of curiosity, having no particular interest in anything pertaining to the worship of this people, or the sacrament of which they are partaking; having no particular fondness for the doctrines taught by the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, nor any of the principles incorporated in the faith of this people, but sim-