as being as important as that of any
people that ever lived in any age of the
world. I have often expressed my views
with regard to this. As Elders of Is-
rael, very few of us fully comprehend our
position, our calling, or relationship to
God, our responsibility, or work the Lord
requires at our hands. The Lord has
given unto us the Priesthood. This is
conferred upon us that we may admin-
ister in the ordinances of life and salva-
tion. But to enable us to perform our
duties acceptably, there is one thing we
need, one and all of us, and that is the
Holy Spirit. While in Winter Quarters,
President Young had a dream in which
the Prophet Joseph Smith appeared to
him and said: "Brother Young, you ex-
hort this people to obtain the Holy Spirit;
with it they can do anything that is
necessary; without it they cannot build
up the kingdom of God." In one of my
dreams while in Arizona, I had the same
admonition from President Young. I
thought he was attending one of our con-
ferences. I said to him: "Can you speak
to us?" "No," he replied, "I have done
bearing my testimony in the flesh; I have
merely come to see the people, to see
you, to see what you are doing. But I
want you to teach the Latter-day Saints
to labor to obtain the Holy Spirit. It is
one of the most important gifts that the
Saints of the living God can possess. You
all need this," he said, "in order to build
up Zion. If you have not this Spirit—
the Spirit of the Holy Ghost, the testi-
mony of Jesus, the testimony of the Fa-
ther and Son—you cannot get along. But
if you are in possession of this Spirit,
your minds will be open to comprehend
the things of God." This is true. There is
not a man in this Church and kingdom
today, who, if he is in possession of this
spirit, will set his heart upon the things
of this world. Any man that loves the
world, the love of the Father is not in
him. We have received something better
than the love of gold, silver, houses and
lands; we have received the promise of
eternal life. We have had conferred upon
us the eternal Priesthood by which our
heavenly Father has created all worlds
and redeemed all worlds and has per-
formed all his works from eternity to
eternity.

Then, we should labor to obtain this
Spirit while we are upon the earth that
we may overcome every evil. We have a
mighty warfare on hand. We have to con-
tend against the world, the flesh and the
devil. There are temptations that sur-
round every man and woman, that is, if
they attempt to keep the commandments
of God, and no man or woman can inherit
eternal life without passing through this
warfare in the flesh. Other generations
have had their turn. As a people it is
our turn today. The old patriarchs and
prophets have gone, their missions are
ended, so far as their testimony in the
flesh is concerned; but they were valiant
in the testimony of Jesus Christ; they
kept the law, and they will inherit a ce-
lestrial glory.

I often reflect upon the promises
made concerning the Priesthood. The
Lord, in a revelation upon this subject,
says, Doctrine and Covenants, 33rd to
40th verses: "Whosoever is faithful unto
obtaining these two priesthoods of which
I have spoken, and the magnifying their
calling, are sanctified by the Spirit unto
the renewing of their bodies. * * * All
that my Father hath shall be given unto
him. Therefore, all those who receive
the priesthood, receive this oath and