

**OBJECT OF MEETING TOGETHER—OUR DEPENDENCE UPON THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD—CERTAIN RIGHTS WHICH BELONG TO ALL MANKIND—UNPOPULARITY OF GOD'S SERVANTS IN ALL AGES OF THE WORLD—A MAN MUST BE BORN AGAIN BEFORE HE CAN UNDERSTAND THE THINGS OF GOD—THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS—THE GOSPEL THE SAME IN ALL DISPENSATIONS—HOW THE GOSPEL WAS RESTORED—THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST—UTAH BUILT UP BY THE POWER OF GOD—JOSEPH SMITH RECEIVED ALL THE KEYS OF THE PRIESTHOOD BY THE ADMINISTRATION OF ANGELS—FULFILLMENT OF REVELATION—THE PRIESTHOOD—PLURAL MARRIAGE.**

DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF, DELIVERED AT THE TABERNACLE, SALT LAKE CITY, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 20, 1883.

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We meet here upon the Sabbath day for the purpose of partaking of the sacrament, the emblems of the Lord's body and blood which were broken and shed for us, and also to give and receive instruction as we may be led by the Spirit of God.

It is well known to the Latter-day Saints—though perhaps not to strangers—that no Elder or member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who enters into this Tabernacle knows who is going to be called upon to speak to the people. Hence no man spends a week, a day, an hour, or a moment to prepare a discourse to deliver unto the people. We are all of us dependent upon the Spirit of the Lord, upon revelation, upon inspiration, upon the Holy Ghost, in order to be qualified to teach the people before whom we are called to speak, and if the Lord does not give me the Holy Spirit

this afternoon, I promise you all you will not get much out of Brother Woodruff, whether they be Saints or strangers. I have never seen a day since I have been a member of this Church, that I have felt that any man was qualified to teach saint or sinner, Jew or Gentile, the inhabitants of the earth abroad or at home, only as he was moved upon by the power of God. I have never believed any man was qualified from the days of Father Adam to our day to go forth among the inhabitants of the earth with the declaration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in a way and manner to convince them or teach them the Gospel in its truth and purity, and in the power of God, only by inspiration. I have never believed that any man was qualified in any age of the world to build up the kingdom of God, or do the will of God only upon that principle. And I have