behold the face of God; But they hard-
eened their hearts and could not endure
his presence; therefore, the Lord in his
wrath, for his anger was kindled against
them, swore that they should not en-
ter into his rest while in the wilderness,
which rest is the fulness of his glory.
Therefore, he took Moses out of their
midst, and the Holy Priesthood also; And
the lesser priesthood continued, which
priesthood holdeth the keys of the min-
istering of angels and the preparatory
gospel; Which gospel is the gospel of re-
pentance and of baptism, and the remis-
sion of sins, and the law of carnal com-
mandments, which the Lord in his wrath
causeth to continue with the house of
Aaron among the children of Israel until
John, whom God raised up, being filled
with the Holy Ghost from his mother's
womb."

After which he said:

In arising to address this vast congre-
gation this morning, I trust I may have
the assistance of the Spirit of God, that
I may be able to speak in plainness and
with a distinct voice, so that all can hear
those things that are appropriate to us
on the present occasion. Naturally one
shrinks from the task of addressing so
large an audience. It requires a great
physical effort to do so; besides it is a se-
rious labor to attempt to teach and to in-
struct the people in the things of God. I
would not attempt it if I did not hope to
have His aid. But the people have come
together this morning to be fed, to have
the bread of life administered to them.
This is our privilege. We believe in this,
and I rejoice that I am identified with a
people who have this faith.

When I think of the great change
that has been wrought in the earth
within the last half century in

regard to faith in God and in the mani-
festations of God's power, I feel exceed-
ingly thankful, and more especially be-
cause I and my family are identified with
the people who have this faith.

Fifty-three years ago the religious
world stood aghast at the ideas advanced
by the Prophet Joseph Smith, and those
associated with him.

Eighteen centuries had elapsed from
the days of the Savior and His Apostles,
and during the greater portion of this
time no voice from the heavenly worlds
had been heard by man—at least this
was the statement made by the religious
people of that time. A deep silence pre-
vailed. There had been no voice of God.
There had been no manifestations from
the Son of God. There had been no an-
gelic visitation. The silence was deep,
profound and uninterrupted, as much so
as though every possible means of com-
munication between God, Jesus, the an-
gelic hosts and man on the earth had
been entirely cut off.

Joseph Smith, inspired of God, came
forth and declared that God lived. Ages
had passed and no one had beheld Him.
The fact that he existed was like a
dim tradition in the minds of the peo-
ple. The fact that Jesus lived was only
supposed to be the case because eigh-
hundred years before men had seen
him. The fact that angels had an ex-
istence was based upon the knowledge
that men had recorded it eighteen hun-
dred years previously. The character
of God—whether He was a personal be-
ing, whether His center was nowhere,
and His circumference everywhere, were
matters of speculation. No one had seen
him. No one had seen anyone who
had seen Him. No one had seen an
angel. No one had seen anyone who
had seen an angel, and all that was