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DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR, DELIVERED IN THE TABERNACLE, SALT LAKE
CITY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY (SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE), OCTOBER 6 AND 7, 1884.

REPORTED BY JOHN IRVINE.

If the congregation will endeavor to
preserve as much order as possible, and
prevent the crying and disturbance of
children, I will try and address you for a
short time. Last evening I made quite a
lengthy address in this hall; but we had
very good order. There was no whisper-
ing, no talking, nor disturbance of any
kind. It requires, in a large congregation
like this, quite an exertion to speak so as
to make the people hear. I am told that
the people could not hear half of what
was said by several of the brethren yes-
terday. It is wrong for us to have disor-
der in the house of God, a place where we
meet for instruction.

Last evening I talked of some matters
of considerable importance to the Priest-
hood, of which there was an immense
number present; they nearly filled this
hall. I wish to continue some of these re-
marks; for it is necessary that all of us
should be instructed in the great prin-
ciples which God has revealed for the
guidance, salvation and exaltation of the
Saints of God, and also for the bene-
fit of the world wherein we live. There
were very many promises made to emi-
nent men in generations long since past;
but these generally had reference more
particularly to the benefit of the world of
mankind than to individuals.

There were certain great principles
involved in the organization of this
earth, and one was that there might
be a place provided whereon the chil-
dren of our Heavenly Father could live
and propagate their species, and have
bodies formed for the spirits to inhabit
who were the children of God; for we
are told that He is the God and Fa-
ther of the spirits of all flesh. It
was requisite, therefore, that an earth
should be organized; it was requisite
that man should be placed upon it; it