murder and every manner of abomina-

tion that the human heart can conceive of.

This, then, is the foundation that all
men have to lay in their hearts and
lives before they begin to receive the
principles of eternal life as they are re-
vealed. You my brethren and sisters that
are from Scandinavia, from the northern
countries, from the Cape of Good Hope,
New Zealand, Australia, and from the is-
lands of the sea, including the frozen re-
gions of Iceland—every one of you were
taught and embraced those first princi-
ples in the primitive part of your faith
and belief in the Gospel. It was the
beginning; it was the step which ev-
ery son and daughter of Adam has had
to take, from the days of Adam un-
til now, in order to cleanse themselves
before God, so as to receive the bless-
ings of eternal life. It was by carrying
out these principles and preaching that
Adam was saved. It was by an obedi-
ence to the same principles that Enoch
succeeded in gathering out the honest
in heart unto the city of Zion. He was
365 years in building up that Zion and
in gathering into it a people on the same
principles that have been revealed to us
in these latter days. We are preach-
ing the same Gospel that was given to
those ancient worthies. You can trace
the Priesthood by referring to the Book
of Doctrine and Covenants—the holy,
high Priesthood that has come down
from Adam to Noah, and down through
Enoch, Methuselah and the different
men of God who lived in ancient times—
you can trace it clear back to Adam
who was ordained under the hands of
God, who told him that that Priesthood
should abide in his generations and that
it should be on the earth at the end of
time. What is the Priesthood that you
grey-headed fathers are bearing before
us today in the midst of Israel? It is
the holy, high Priesthood of Melchizedek,
which is after the order of the Son of
God, and which is after the power of an
endless life. Then, brethren and sisters,
understand it. It is not a new Gospel
revealed now for the first time—these
first principles are not new, because they
have been revealed from the beginning.
They are the same principles that Christ
commenced to preach when He was upon
the earth. They were the first principles
that John the Baptist taught when he
came to prepare the way for the coming
of the Son of Man; they were the very
first principles that Joseph and Oliver
taught in this dispensation when they
began to preach the Gospel. They were
ordained to the Aaronic Priesthood. This
is the beginning of the work of righteous-
ness.

There are revelations and doctrines
given unto us in our day, however, which
were not given in former ages, because
the people were not prepared and were
not in a suitable condition to receive
such. Do not let us think that we have
got all the revelation there is. In the last
great revelation which the Lord gave to
Joseph, He told him that He had not re-
vealed all to him, but that there were
many laws pertaining to His Priesthood
which He would reveal hereafter. Do you
remember it? But if the world is going to
get scared and terrified and ready to lay
waste and destroy the Latter-day Saints
before we have got so far advanced in
the civilization of heaven as to under-
stand the marriage laws and some of the
marital relations of the sexes—if they go
crazy over this what will happen to them
when something more comes along?