

While in distant lands I have had joy in gazing upon the stars and stripes as they have floated on the breeze from the mast heads of American vessels, or wherever my eye has happened to see the flag of our country. I have honored and revered my parents who, in harmony with their convictions, taught me to obey the laws of the land; and I trust ever to be found true to my country, and true to my religion and my God. The laws of Heaven, as revealed through the Prophet Joseph Smith, are grounded in my heart, and I can acknowledge the power of no man, however great, to stand between me and my God.

Referring for one moment to the question of plural marriage, I will here say that it is my candid opinion, freely expressed, that if fifty million of the people of the United States believed in patriarchal marriage and only twenty in monogamic marriage, that the judges placed in power by the majority would decide in favor of the plural form of marriage, being religion. That prejudice and political influence affect to a great extent the judgment of men in deciding such questions, no person can deny. Amen.

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**THE WAY TO FIND OUT GOD—TESTIMONY OF THE  
ELDERS—"WHOSO RECEIVETH YOU RECEIVETH  
ME"—THE MISSIONARY LEARNS TO KNOW GOD IS HIS  
FRIEND—WE MUST SUFFER PERSECUTION—FRUITS OF  
THE SPIRIT—"MORMON" SOCIETY—TROUBLE FOR THE  
WICKED IN THE FUTURE—SAINTS TO MAINTAIN  
FREEDOM AND TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION.**

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON, DELIVERED IN THE TABERNACLE, SALT  
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There are a few moments remaining, which it is desired I should occupy.

It is very interesting to hear the testimony of the Elders who have been on missions and who have re-

turned therefrom as our brethren who have spoken this afternoon, and to me particularly so in the case of young men like Brother Leo Clawson, whose voice we have heard and whose testimony has been given