

a particle. Just as soon receive the Gospel from Joseph Smith as from Peter, who lived in the days of Jesus. Receive it from one man as soon as another. If God has called an individual and sent him to preach the Gospel that is enough for me to know; it is no matter who it is, all I want is to know the truth. This should be the feelings and the heartbeatings of every individual that lives on the earth. If we are endowed with intelligence we can know and understand things for ourselves.

You have received the truth, Latter-day Saints; live it. You know it perfectly well. When a Latter-day Saint

says, I have sinned, will you forgive me? Did you sin knowingly? Tell the truth and say "Yes," you sinned, with your eyes wide open. When you commit a wrong, after having been enlightened, you violate your own judgment, and the convictions of the spirit that is within you. Why not live as we should? We should be the best people on the earth; we have more knowledge of the things of God and of his purposes than the rest of the inhabitants of the earth that we have any knowledge of. Then what manner of persons should we be? I do pray you to live your religion, and pray God to bless you. Amen.

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I will read a portion of the word of God contained in the 85th Psalm:

"Lord, thou hast been favorable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

"Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

"Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of thine anger.

"Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger towards us to cease.

"Wilt thou be angry with us for-

ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

"Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

"I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

"Surely his salvation *is* nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

"Mercy and truth are met together;