

My time is exhausted. I thank God for the privilege, of seeing you. When on the Mount of Olives, with our faces bowed toward Jerusalem, we lifted our prayers to God that he would preserve you and confound your enemies. We felt in our hearts that Zion was onward and upward, and that no power could stay her progress; that the day was not far distant when Israel would gather, and those lands would begin to teem with a people who would worship God

and keep his commandments; that plenty and the blessings of eternity would be poured out bounteously upon that desert land, and that all the prophecies concerning the restoration of the house of Israel would be fulfilled. God has commenced his work by revealing the everlasting Gospel to the Latter-day Saints, and may we all be faithful and fulfill our part in my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**OBEDIENCE—BY REASON OF THEIR DISOBEDIENCE,
ANCIENT ISRAEL AND THE LAND OF PALESTINE WERE
VISITED WITH AND STILL REMAIN UNDER THE CURSE OF
GOD—TITHING A HEAVENLY REQUIREMENT.**

DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT GEORGE A. SMITH, DELIVERED IN THE BOWERY, LOGAN CITY,
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Good morning, brethren and sisters! I am very happy to meet with you. We have the privilege of coming here occasionally and seeing you. We would like to give every one of you a hearty shake of the hand, but we desire to do it in a wholesale way, and we wish you to consider yourselves heartily shaken hands with (and suiting the action to the word); God bless you all forever. We have come here to bear testimony of the things of the kingdom of God, and to stir you

up to diligence in performing your duties, and to perform the duties of our callings as ministers of the Gospel of Peace. We feel a little annoyed, necessarily, at the slow progress which is being made, yet we have a great many things to be thankful for, and a great many reasons to rejoice. We have very little reason to fear our enemies, provided that we, as Latter-day Saints, do our duty, but if we fail to obey the commandments of God, and the revelations which he has given for