

stewardship, and it will be well for all of us if we can say with Paul—"I have fought the good fight of faith, I have finished my course, and henceforth there is laid up for me a crown, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day: and not to me only, but to all who love the appearing of our Lord and Savior

Jesus Christ."

May God help us to be faithful, live our religion and keep his commandments, that we may, by and by, obtain an inheritance that is incorruptible, undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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## UNBELIEF OF THE PRESENT AGE—THE SAINTS CALLED TO BUILD UP GOD'S KINGDOM—THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT DANIEL H. WELLS, DELIVERED AT THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL  
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I am gratified with another opportunity of meeting in the capacity of a General Conference. We have listened to a very stirring discourse here this morning in regard to the great work in which we are all engaged, or at least the Latter-day Saints should be all engaged in it; for they ought to feel interested in the work they have espoused, as it is designed to bring about the accomplishment of the purposes of the Lord upon the earth. In the day and age in which we live, the Lord has given to his children here below the great privilege of being coworkers with him in establishing his kingdom, and the reign of truth, peace and righteousness upon the earth.

Is there any necessity for the Lord to commence such a work? If we are to believe our surroundings, and what we see, hear and learn every day, there is great necessity, for there can be little doubt in the minds of any reflecting person that we live in a very wicked, unbelieving, and perverse generation. I do not think this proposition would be denied by anyone, it is so manifest to everybody that they cannot deny it. Well, the time has come when it seems as if the cup of their iniquity is about filled, and when the Lord thinks it is enough, and he has seen fit to commence his great latter-day work with a proclamation of the everlasting Gospel among the children of men,