

**BURIAL SERVICES, AN ANCIENT PRACTICE—GOD, THE
GOD OF THE LIVING—KEYS COMMITTED TO JOSEPH
SMITH—THE LAST DISPENSATION—JESUS THE GREAT
REDEEMER—AN EVERLASTING PRIESTHOOD—THE
POWERS OF THE RESURRECTION—SCRIPTURAL,
PHILOSOPHICAL, AND CERTAIN—SEALING POWERS
ETERNAL.**

A FUNERAL SERMON, PREACHED BY ELDER JOHN TAYLOR, DELIVERED AT THE 7TH
WARD MEETINGHOUSE, SALT LAKE CITY, ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 31, 1876, OVER
THE REMAINS OF ANN TENORA, THE WIFE OF ISAAC WADDELL; AND ALSO OVER THE
REMAINS OF GEORGE W., SON OF EDWARD CALLISTER.

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After the reading of the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians, commencing at the 20th verse, by Elder David McKenzie, Elder Taylor said:

It is a sad thing to meet together as we have done on the present occasion, and to find here two of our friends from different families who have been smitten by the hand of the destroyer, thus having to attend to a double funeral ceremony. It seems to be my lot today to be mixed up with these matters, for I have just come from attending to one funeral in the 14th Ward; and now I meet again with you to join in paying our last sad respects to the departed dead. There is something about these things that touches the most sympathetic feelings of human nature. God having planted these things in our bosoms, I presume it is right and proper that they should be exercised and cherished.

In reading the history of some of the ancient men of God, such, for

instance, as Jacob, Joseph, Abraham and others, there was great reverence and respect evinced towards them, not only by their friends and relatives, but by strangers. On the death of Jacob there was a very large concourse of people assembled from the land of Egypt, including "The servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house. And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company, and they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation." The Egyptians joined with the relatives in mourning his death. The same feeling was manifested when Joseph and others died. Then were feelings of sympathy manifested towards the bereaved and also towards the dead. These feelings exist more or less among us. We, like them, have ideas pertaining to the future, that