

with uplifted hearts and hands present and consecrate and dedicate entirely as a sacred offering unto thee, for thy divine acceptance. May it stand as a monument of purity and holiness as long as the earth shall remain, commemorative of thy great goodness towards us thy people, and

thy name shall have the honor, the praise and glory, for we ask all in Jesus' name. And unto thee and our blessed Lord and Savior and to the Holy Spirit be all power, might and dominion, worlds without end. Amen.

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**NECESSITY FOR EFFORT—REGULATION OF TEMPORAL  
AFFAIRS—CONSECRATION AND  
STEWARDSHIP—PREPARATION FOR BUILDING IN  
JACKSON COUNTY—RESPONSIBILITY OF  
PRESIDENTS—HOW CONFIDENCE IS CREATED—THE  
UNITED ORDER—DESIRES FOR THE FUTURE.**

DISCOURSE BY ELDER LORENZO SNOW, DELIVERED AT A TWO DAYS' MEETING HELD BY  
THE ST. GEORGE STAKE OF ZION, IN THE TEMPLE, AT ST. GEORGE, THURSDAY  
MORNING, APRIL 5, 1877.

REPORTED BY GEO. F. GIBBS.

In occupying the time this morning, I wish in the first place to call your attention to the fact that we are Latter-day Saints, or at least ought to be, and that as such we are dependent upon the Lord for our instruction; this is in accordance with our faith that we have to look to him for assistance under all circumstances, in all places, in all our affairs of life, and in all matters pertaining to furthering us on in the principles of godliness.

Assembled together as we are this morning, it is very necessary that we ask the Lord for his spirit, the spirit of inspiration, to rest upon us as speakers and as hearers, that we may be enabled to comprehend

things that may be spoken, and that they may be adapted to our individual needs.

It is impossible to advance in the principles of truth, to increase in heavenly knowledge, except we exercise our reasoning faculties and exert ourselves in a proper manner. We have an instance recorded in the Doctrine and Covenants of a misunderstanding on the part of Oliver Cowdery, touching this principle. The Lord promised him the gift to translate ancient records. Like many of us today, he had misconceptions in regard to the exercise of the gift. He thought all that was necessary for him to do, inasmuch as this gift had been pro-