

governed by the Priesthood God has given us on the earth? We cannot do it; we must be governed by the laws and principles he has revealed to our guidance, and for our salva-

tion. And that God may help us to do his will and perform the work given us to do, is my prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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**PRAYER THE MEDIUM FOR BLESSING—PRACTICAL  
MORALITY ESTABLISHES CONFIDENCE—THE PROPHET  
JOSEPH MANIFEST IN BRIGHAM—AGE PREVENTS  
EFFORT, BUT WHEN BEHIND THE VEIL, FREEDOM FROM  
OBSTRUCTION IS OUR OPPORTUNITY.**

DISCOURSE BY ELDER ORSON HYDE, DELIVERED IN THE TEMPLE, ST. GEORGE, APRIL 5,  
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I have not language, my brethren and sisters, to express the feelings and emotions of my heart on coming into this Temple yesterday morning; I could not describe them if I were to undertake to do so, and consequently I will sum up in short by saying, that the sentiments of my heart were, Thank God for such a place in which to worship and to reverence his high and holy name.

We have been listening this morning to some very interesting and truthful remarks, and I have felt edified, instructed, and comforted in my feelings. And I think, if we all remember our prayers in the season thereof, in sincerity and truth, that our light would shine before us according to our needs and wants. It is too often the case that this important duty is neglected. I look at the rivers of water,

I trace them to their source, and I find that many times the places where they originate are small and oftentimes hidden from the popular gaze. But, notwithstanding, they flow down and the waters increase, until by tributaries the main channel becomes a mighty river. So our prayers in private and family circle are secret and retired from the public, but they keep the fire burning upon the altar of our hearts. And it is not often that persons who faithfully attend to this duty walk in darkness, it is seldom that they apostatize and turn away from the faith, especially when we couple our solemn prayers with a short sermon or lecture of comfort and of peace to our wives and children, sanctifying our prayers by words of consolation, and then we have a little heaven on earth. And I have