

I should like to speak of our Sunday Schools and other institutions, but time will not permit. I have

talked long enough. God bless you, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**TEMPLES IN ANCIENT AMERICA—THE GOD OF MANKIND
AN IMPOSSIBLE GOD—THE TRUTH IN REGARD TO
HIM—MAN IN HIS IMAGE—PRE-EXISTENCE—WHY
INFANTS DIE—THE REDEMPTION BY JESUS—PLURALITY
OF GODS—THE WORD OF THE LORD IS TRUTH.**

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Never having had the opportunity of speaking to so large a congregation as the present, or at least in so large a house as the one which we are now assembled, I do not know whether I shall be able to adapt my voice so as to make the congregation hear me. I know the object of coming to meeting and preaching is to hear and to be edified and instructed more perfectly in the things pertaining to God and to godliness, and in our duties before the Lord. When I look upon this large tabernacle, which has been erected here in these high regions of our globe, I am forcibly reminded of the sayings of two of the ancient prophets, Isaiah and Micah, both of whom have spoken of an event that was to take place in the latter days. I will quote their sayings, for the language of both is almost identical. "It shall come to pass in the latter days, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the tops of the

mountains." I have often wondered when I have read this portion of Scripture, what was meant by the mountain of the house of the Lord being erected, or established, in the tops of the mountains. The mountain of the house of the Lord is something, it seems, that God himself would establish in the mountains. When I entered this Territory in August last, on my return from my last mission, I beheld from the mouth of Parley's Canyon the top of this building very prominent. It seemed to rear itself up above the surrounding buildings, and it was easily to be seen. It looked very much like an artificial mountain erected here, or like some of those mounds that we see down on the Missouri River, that were made by the ancient inhabitants of our country, only it is much larger and higher than some of them. Whether this is really what the prophet in ancient days meant, it is not for me to say,