been due to faith and prayer. I have re-
membered this always; I have endeav-
ored to exercise faith in God, through
prayer, which has been heard by the
Almighty. Men have met in secret in
holy places, and have besought God in
the appointed way, according to the holy
order revealed, and deliverance has been
wrought out for Zion, when it seemed
that everything was dark before them
and without one ray of light. At such
times, when everything has been hedged
up, the servants of God have met in
secret places and have plead with God
according to the holy order, and the
heavens have been moved, and diffi-
culties have vanished away, and our
path has been made plain before us, and
we have escaped the hands of our ene-
mies.

My brethren and sisters, my young
brethren and sisters present, remem-
ber this lesson. Cultivate the Spirit of
God; keep it with you. Remember al-
ways, there is power in prayer greater
than anything man can do. There is no
power in monarchs, there is no power in
armies, there is no power in legisla-
tion, nor in anybody nor anything else upon
the earth that equals the power of God
in prayer.

That we may always remember it,
and keep it constantly in our minds
throughout our lives, is my prayer in the
name of Jesus. Amen.

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DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR, DELIVERED AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE,
IN THE TABERNACLE, SALT LAKE CITY, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 9, 1881.

REPORTED BY JOHN IRVINE.

We have now been in session for
some time. We have listened to a
great many interesting things associated
with the Church and kingdom of God.
We have had also, during the Confer-
ence, matters to reflect upon, pertain-
ing to the departure of some of our
brethren, whom we loved and esteemed.
They have been taken away from us,
and have gone into another state of
existence, which is all perfectly right. We
have nothing to say particularly in rela-
tion to these matters.

The Lord has revealed unto us
his holy will. He has by his own
voice, by the ministering of holy an-
gels, restored to us the everlasting
Gospel, that plan which was ordained
by Jehovah, before the world rolled
into existence, or the morning stars