

unto you and union fill your hearts: Christ. Amen.
I ask this in the name of Jesus

**THE LORD'S WORK—WARFARE NOT REQUIRED OF THE
SAINTS—AN OVERRULING PROVIDENCE—CORRUPTION
AND PERJURY IN HIGH PLACES—VIOLATION OF THE
CONSTITUTION—FALSE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE
SAINTS—WORDS OF COMFORT AND EXHORTATION.**

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The greatly increased numbers of Israel, and the greatly diversified and multifarious necessities which are occurring, and which increase like the branches upon a great tree, call upon us each and all, to seek continually for the mind of the Lord, that in all our varied ministrations, labors and duties, we may perform the same acceptably to him and profitably to all of his children; not only to the Saints but to the inhabitants of all the earth, inasmuch as they will hearken to his word.

We have a vast number of witnesses and evidences of the mercy, the favor and blessing of God unto us, as a people, as well as to ourselves individually and as families, it being the privilege of all who live faithfully in Christ Jesus to see and acknowledge the hand of God in all things throughout their checkered lives.

This morning I am reminded of some choice, precious promises which the Lord has made to us in the dispensation in which we live, having a peculiar application unto us, though like blessings may have been promised to people in former generations, those now referred to were given especially to the Saints of the last days. There is one very significant saying in the revelations, you will find it in the Doctrine and Covenants, section 103, beginning at the 19th verse. It is as follows:

"Therefore, let not your hearts faint, for I say not unto you as I said unto your fathers: Mine angel shall go up before you, but not my presence. But I say unto you: Mine angels shall go before you, and also my presence, and in time ye shall possess the goodly land."

Here is a very definite and positive assurance that this work is His, that