

hope and confidence. We will seek to live our religion, and to pray to the God of Daniel, the God of Moses, to the God of our forefathers, to the God of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young, to the God of the universe, the Father of all; that He will direct and guide us in this great contest—I mean the contest that is being waged between pure Christianity and the errors of the world, until this earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God as the waters cover the mighty deep. This is my prayer, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE MIGHTY MISSION OF THE SAINTS—GOD'S DEALINGS WITH THE WORLD IN ANCIENT AND MODERN TIMES—GOD'S AUTHORSHIP OF CREATION AND RIGHT TO RULE—MAN'S AGENCY, THE GOSPEL AND THE GATHERING—ITS ATTEMPTED SUPPRESSION, CONTRASTED STATESMANSHIP—THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND HER DAUGHTERS—THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN UTAH—THE RIGHTS OF MAN, THE SUPPORTERS AND SUBVERTERS OF LAW AND ORDER—RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE AND POLITICAL INJUSTICE—THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS THE FUTURE SAVIORS OF AMERICA—THE EDMUNDS ACT AND ITS UNJUST OPERATION—REVEREND FALSIFIERS AND THEIR DUPES—EXHORTATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND THE PEOPLE.

DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR, DELIVERED IN THE TABERNACLE, SALT LAKE CITY, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 8, 1882.

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We have had a very interesting Conference, and a great many thoughts, ideas and reflections have been presented to the people in a clear and pointed manner, and I have been pleased to see the unanimity and harmony that have existed in our midst. And while I attempt to speak to you I shall ask an interest in your prayers that I may be strengthened to perform the labor. It is difficult for a people to understand and to retain everything that may be said in a Conference like this, where there are so many subjects dwelt upon and so many principles enunciated; but it is a great blessing for us that we are situated as we are, and that we possess the intelligence which has been communicated from time to time. Many great and precious principles having been revealed unto us, it becomes necessary for us to try to compre-