

will help us and direct us. But because some of these men do wrong, and act iniquitously, shall we condemn the whole? By no means. There are thousands and hundreds of thousands of honorable, upright men and women in this and other nations, who outside of religion, would scorn to be associated with such infamies. Treat all men aright; but be careful of that loose system of morals that exists in the world; be careful how you associate with such people or permit them in your habitations. Look well to yourselves and to your families, to your sons

and to your daughters; and let us seek to do right and cultivate the principles of truth and God will sustain us, and Zion will go onward, and our enemies will be confounded, from time to time, and salvation will flow to Israel if Israel will be true to himself, and we will try and carry out the things that God has ordained, and accomplish the work that He has given us to do. For if ever the will of God is done on earth as it is done in heaven, it ought to commence in the land of Zion. May God help us to do it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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**GREATNESS OF THE WORK INAUGURATED AND  
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LIFE—REFUTATION OF THE FALSE CHARGES MADE  
AGAINST HIM AND THE LATTER-DAY  
SAINTS—CHARACTER OF OUR TRADUCERS—DIVINE  
NATURE AND VALUE OF THE BOOK OF MORMON.**

DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH, DELIVERED IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL, SALT  
LAKE CITY, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 29, 1882.

REPORTED BY JOHN IRVINE.

Brother Woodruff in the course of his remarks made the assertion that Joseph Smith was the greatest Prophet that has ever lived of whom we have any knowledge, save and except Jesus Christ Himself. The world would say that he was an impostor; and the Lord said that his name should be had for good and for evil among all the nations of the

earth, and this much, at least, so far as his name has become known, has been fulfilled. This prediction was made through the Prophet Joseph Smith himself when he was an obscure youth, and there was but little prospect of his name ever becoming known beyond the village where he lived. It was at an early period of his life and at the begin-