

THE HATRED OF THE WORLD TOWARDS THE PEOPLE OF GOD—THEIR ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS—THE TRUTHFULNESS OF THE ACCUSATIONS REFUTED—THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS WILL COMPARE FAVORABLY WITH ANY OTHER PEOPLE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH—WHY, THEN, ARE THEY PROSCRIBED?—BECAUSE THE WORLD HATE THEM—PERSECUTION THE LOT OF THE SAINTS—PAST PERSECUTIONS AND THEIR RESULT—THE "MORMON PROBLEM" STILL UNSOLVED, AND MORE DIFFICULT OF SOLUTION THAN EVER—LET THE SAINTS LIVE THEIR RELIGION AND THE LORD WILL BRING THEM OFF TRIUMPHANT.

DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH, DELIVERED IN PARIS, IDAHO, SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19, 1883.

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I have been extremely interested this morning in listening to the very excellent remarks of Brother Cannon. I feel that in answer to the desires and prayers of the congregation the Lord has blessed Brother Cannon in his remarks, and that through him He has made plain many very important truths and principles, upon which it will be well for the congregation to reflect and to treasure up in their hearts.

My mind was led to reflect, while Brother Cannon was speaking, upon the inconsistency, harshness and unreasonableness of the world in their attitude towards us as a people, and upon the manner in which they have sought to deal with what they term "the Mormon Question." The words of the Savior in relation to the hatred of the world towards the people of God flashed through my mind: "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have

chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." Jesus and His disciples were everywhere spoken against. Everybody, almost, reviled them. When Jesus cast out devils, it was said to have been done by the power of Beelzebub, the prince of devils; that He healed the sick by the same power; that He restored the sight of the blind by the same power; and all the works of mercy and charity which He performed were attributed to the power of Satan. It is very much the same in this dispensation. No matter how good you may be—you who profess to be Latter-day Saints—no matter how virtuous you may be, you are set down by the world as adulterers. No matter how honest you may be, you are called dishonest. No matter how innocent you may be of all the crimes that are known, the sectarian world declare you are unfit to live because of your corruptions and