## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS—INCREASED FAITH IN GOD—THE IDEAS ADVANCED BY JOSEPH SMITH—LAPSE OF EIGHTEEN CENTURIES AND NO VOICE FROM THE HEAVENLY WORLDS!—JOSEPH SMITH'S TESTIMONY IN **REGARD TO THE FATHER AND THE SON AND HOLY** ANGELS—THE EFFECT OF HIS REVELATIONS UPON THE MINDS OF MEN—SPIRITUALISM—THE ONE POWER THROUGH WHICH GODLINESS, THE POWER OF GOD, AND THE GIFTS OF GOD CAN BE MADE MANIFEST WITH SAFETY, I.E., THE PRIESTHOOD—JOSEPH SMITH DID NOT ATTEMPT TO PREACH THE GOSPEL UNTIL HE WAS DULY COMMISSIONED OF GOD—JOHN THE BAPTIST—THE HIGHER PRIESTHOOD—THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST **OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS STANDS ALONE—THE RESULTS** FOLLOWING THE RESTORATION OF THE GOSPEL—WONDERFUL FAITH OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS CONSIDERING THEIR TRADITIONS—PROGRESS **OF THE CHURCH—THE GENERATION GROWING UP IN** THESE MOUNTAINS—CONCLUSION.

DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON, DELIVERED IN THE TABERNACLE, SALT LAKE CITY, SUNDAY MORNING (SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE), OCTOBER 7, 1833.

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President Cannon commenced by reading a portion of the 84th section of the Book of Doctrine and Covenants:

"Which Abraham received the priesthood from Melchizedek, who received it through the lineage of his fathers, even till Noah; And from Noah till Enoch, through the lineage of their fathers; And from Enoch to Abel, who was slain by the conspiracy of his brother, who received the priesthood by the commandments of God, by the hand of his father Adam, who was the first man—Which priesthood continueth in the church of God in all generations, and is without beginning of days or end of years. And the Lord confirmed a priesthood also upon Aaron and his seed, throughout

all their generations, which priesthood also continueth and abideth forever with the priesthood which is after the holiest order of God. And this greater priesthood administereth the gospel and holdeth the key of the mysteries of the kingdom, even the key of the knowledge of God. Therefore, in the ordinances thereof, the power of godliness is manifest. And without the ordinances thereof, and the authority of the priesthood, the power of godliness is not manifest unto men in the flesh; For without this no man can see the face of God, even the Father, and live.

"Now this Moses plainly taught to the children of Israel in the wilderness, and sought diligently to sanctify his people that they might