

NEAR COMING OF CHRIST—WORK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED—TEMPLES ALREADY BUILT, AND MANY MORE YET TO BE BUILT—REDEMPTION OF THE DEAD—EZEKIEL'S VISION—HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO WARN THE WORLD?—WILL THE LORD DELAY HIS COMING UNTIL ALL THIS WORK IS ACCOMPLISHED?—JOSEPH SMITH'S MISSION ON EARTH AND BEHIND THE VEIL—ANOTHER MISSION TO BE UNDERTAKEN—THE RESURRECTION OF JOSEPH SMITH NEAR—THE MEANING OF THE EXPRESSION, "THE MORNING OF THE FIRST RESURRECTION."

DISCOURSE BY APOSTLE ERASTUS SNOW, DELIVERED IN THE TABERNACLE, LOGAN,
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I am asked to speak, but I feel in attempting to do so that my speech will be barren unless the Lord is pleased to inspire my mind by the Holy Spirit. I know there is faith in the hearts of the people and the Lord is able to give words of edification and comfort. I am not, however, impressed with anything in particular, in the way of doctrine, to speak to my brethren and sisters; I have only a feeling to exhort in general terms.

The Latter-day Saints realize as I do that every year brings us nearer to the coming of our Lord; that every month and week and day that passes over our heads, brings us nearer to the great and important events that must transpire, and that it does not become us to give way to a feeling of apathy and indifference, and to say in our hearts, "The Lord delayeth his coming," and that tomorrow will be as this day and much more abundant, and that the next generation will be like the present, and as the world has continued

to roll on, as generations have come and generations have gone, so will it be with us and our children. I say it does not become us to give way to these sentiments and feelings which are common with unbelievers, with the world, or with the unenlightened, who have not a knowledge of God, who have not been favored with the light of revelation, who have not discerned the signs of the times; for we are not the children of darkness, but the children of light. Light has come unto us. We have been called out of darkness unto light. We have been translated from the kingdom of darkness unto the kingdom of God's dear Son, and therefore it may and ought to be said of us as Saint Paul said concerning the Saints: "Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." It is written and we expect it to be fulfilled upon the heads of the unbelieving and the wicked, that the Lord will overtake them as a thief in the night. "In such an hour,"