

**IGNORANCE OF THE WORLD REGARDING THE
LATTER-DAY SAINTS—OUR DOCTRINES ARE CHRISTIAN
AND ARE SUBSTANTIATED BY THE
SCRIPTURES—NECESSITY OF PRESENT
REVELATION—FIRST PRINCIPLES OF THE
GOSPEL—FAITH, REPENTANCE, BAPTISM FOR THE
REMISSION OF SINS AND LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR THE
GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST—ORGANIZATION OF THE
CHURCH OF CHRIST—"MORMONISM" IS A RESTORATION
OF ANCIENT CHRISTIANITY—JOSEPH SMITH A TRUE
PROPHET—PLURAL MARRIAGE PRACTICED BY MEN OF
GOD IN MISS-CALLED DARK AGES—CONCLUSION.**

DISCOURSE BY ELDER HENRY W. NAISBITT, DELIVERED IN THE TABERNACLE, SALT
LAKE CITY, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 7, 1885.

REPORTED BY JOHN IRVINE.

My brethren and sisters and friends: I arise to speak with a little embarrassment, but I look to the Saints, asking for their faith so that I may overcome.

There is nothing that interests the Latter-day Saints so much as the enunciation of the principles which they profess and literally accept; but it would seem as if there was in the outside world, less comprehension and understanding in regard to the principles that the Saints believe in, than there is in regard to any other subject which has acquired the same prominence.

The Church of Jesus Christ for a great many years has kept a large number of missionaries in the field; they have traversed the whole of Christendom, in a greater or less degree, visited also the heathen nations and lands that are afar off; but yet a traveler would find that but little impression has been made among the masses of mankind. Even among those which are most ad-

vanced, and whose citizens are presumed to be intelligent, and to comprehend the questions which agitate the public mind, there is an amount of ignorance which is, to say the least, discreditable. It has been my lot individually, to come in contact with many who have visited this Territory and city, and to hear their expressions of surprise in regard to the religious faith of the Latter-day Saints. To tell a stranger that the people of Utah believe in the Bible, appears to be something altogether unlooked for. The assertion of their faith in God and in His Son Jesus Christ, appears to be received with more or less incredulity, and there are others who believe that the marriage customs of the Latter-day Saints are the beginning and the end, and all there was and is or will be, to give them distinction and peculiarity among the people of this nation. And yet if you were to sweep your eye over this congregation—which is pro-