

Thank God for the persecutions we are called upon to endure. As the Savior said, let us rejoice and be exceedingly glad because the wicked array themselves against us in this manner. It is a testimony to us that we are not in harmony with the wicked; that we are not taking the course that Belial would like us to take; that we are pursuing the path that God has marked out for us. We can do this with perfect safety, and with the perfect assurance that it will all come out right. As I have said, there is no power that

can separate a virtuous man and woman who have been united by the power of the Holy Priesthood; no power can do it; they must do it themselves if done at all. These ties that bind us together will endure through time and eternity. Let us so live that we shall never forfeit our claim upon the promises of our God, and that we may ever be faithful from this time forward, until we receive the fulfillment of all those promises in the presence of God and the Lamb, I ask in the name of Jesus, Amen.

**PROSPEROUS CONDITION OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS
IN THE VALLEYS OF THE MOUNTAINS—THE KINGDOM OF
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OPPRESSION—EXHORTATIONS TO FAITHFULNESS—WE
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THEIR ENEMIES—IF NECESSARY, WE SHOULD BE
WILLING TO GIVE OUR LIVES FOR THE CAUSE OF
TRUTH—THE BLESSINGS OF GOD INVOKED UPON THE
SAINTS.**

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The Latter-day Saints have very great reason to rejoice and to be exceedingly glad before our Father who is in heaven and before the people here on the earth. If we take a look at our condition, and

consider the same carefully—whether it be in temporal matters or in spiritual concerns—we are better and more comfortably situated to-day than any other people of the same number anywhere on God's