EXCERPTS FROM
REMARKS GIVEN BY PRESIDENT JOHN Y. BARLOW, JUNE 20, 1943
AT THE HOME OF CARL OTTO HOLM, IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO

..... I love to look in the eyes of Saints. I can see their souls, and know that they believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Brother Joseph eulogized me a good deal, I thought, but I want to say this much--I don't know what I would do without him. He has a legal mind and was blessed to write, and was told that that was his calling. Not only that, he has good language and can talk.

I know that the work we are doing is right. I know that the Gospel is true, and I know we can't leave one particle of the blessings of God out and receive the blessings we expect to. He said if we believe in all the laws and are guilty of one, we are guilty of the whole. God gave a plan whereby we might be saved in His Kingdom. If man could change the plan then He wouldn't be God; we would have nothing to tie to; nothing to depend on. Men who come up and say, "Follow the leaders"--how far would we follow the leaders? I want no one to follow me unless I am following the laws of God. We want you to get the principles of God at heart, never mind the men. There are so many of us, brothers and sisters, that look at the man. If we are wrapped up in the laws of God, if that man goes wrong, we will try to help him out.

Brother Joseph spoke here of the Priesthood, of the Sanhedrin. Do you know what the Sanhedrin means? The power of God on earth. We had gone so far when Uncle Lorin was here, could not find enough men to fill it. When the Sanhedrin is full there are 70 men and one great High Priest. But the Priesthood on the other side went from Canada to Mexico and they couldn't find them.

There is a great many of us think today: "Oh, if I could just get into that law I would be all right." Brethren and sisters, it isn't so hard to get into it, but abiding in the covenant, it is hard work when you have three wives and each have different dispositions. If ever there was a law that will test you from top to bottom in every way, it is that law. Brother Brigham Young said, "Many men will come to say a word in private." When they would come he would say, "I know what you want; you want to increase your family." No man is entitled to even one wife until he has kept that covenant. You will lose your wives and children if you treat them in a cruel manner. When you once lose your blessing you will never get it back, no never. Now,

we have been called expressly to keep this law alive, brethren, we are working under the spirit of Elijah. The spirit of Elijah gives you power to perform every ordinance in the Melchisedek Priesthood and the Kingdom of God here upon the earth. First we have the spirit of Elias. The spirit of Elijah goes ahead and builds up until the capstone. Then the Savior comes. If we are true and faithful, we expect the capstone laid on us. There isn't a man in this house if he remains true and faithful that in time couldn't receive every ordinance and blessing, etc. that every other man has had.

Christ says, if we keep His commandments we will be joint heirs with Him; we would share with Him all the blessings and glory of the Father.

Now, there is another thing that we must all remember: Every blessing is predicated on a law. Whenever we receive a blessing it is by obedience to the law upon which it is predicated. There must be a law; blessings are predicated upon this law; and when we receive that blessing it is by obedience to the law.

The young men here, some of you are expecting to go into the war. I want you to remember this--whenever we commit a sin or when a sin is committed, just because they are doing good doesn't atone for that sin, but it is by our keeping the commandments and doing them. It will have to be atoned for in blood. Abraham had to atone for his sin. Christ atoned and this whole structure is based upon that. Clear back in the days of Enoch he heard the earth groaning. Enoch prayed to the Lord to ..... The Lord said ..... The hour of God's judgment is come. Today the blood of the nations is running like water. Some will say, 'What about our boys?' ..... What would our boys go for? As a testimony and a witness. God may require some to go as a witness. If the boys are called and go, which we pray they won't because we have not raised our boys to fight, but wherever the wicked rule the people mourn. Wherever the wicked is brought to judgment there is always righteous people among them.

Some of them have wondered why we have started this Short Creek movement again. It started a good number of years ago and never quit; we renewed it. Some of the brethren wanted to live the fullness of the Gospel. I consider Brother Cooke and some of these others wonderfully blessed to go down

there and be tested. I know how Brother Cooke has been tried. I have been watching him. He has been tried sometimes till he could hardly stand it. So have the other brethren. I have seen Brother Marion so tried he didn't know what to do but go before God and get at the source and get the Spirit of God with him.

One time I was down there and the Spirit of the Lord talked to me. It said, "Tell the people to get the Spirit of God and keep it. They are going to be tested and tried and they will need it." He explained what it meant by it. You remember when Job and the sons of God were together and Satan was there, too. ..... The Spirit of God was around Job and Satan couldn't get near him. Daniel couldn't be touched by the lions because of the Spirit of the Lord being around him; the same with the three Hebrews.

If our boys go with the Spirit of God around them, nothing can hurt them.

It is not going to be for long before the One Mighty and Strong comes. In fact, he has already started setting things in order. Who came to John Taylor? Who came and set five men apart, and then seven more apart? Wasn't it Joseph Smith? You will find that it isn't going to be long before he comes here in person. You brethren may know it. Those that aren't keeping the commandments of God may not know anything about it. Will the world know anything about it? No, they wouldn't believe it. Do they believe today that Joseph Smith is resurrected? No. But there are those who know he is for they have seen him.

God has said there would be a people come out from among the Latter-day Saints who would be zealous in keeping the commandments of God. Are we that people? I can't think of any other class of people that have come ..... How did they come? I believe the Lord said to the Prophet Joseph that the keys of the Kingdom shall be given to you and they will never be taken from you worlds without end.

Some say that the Savior came to them, etc. But none say that Joseph Smith has done it. When Uncle Lorin set us apart and we couldn't see that in ourselves, I couldn't see it in me. I am telling you very plain that we went and asked Father for ourselves. I know that these other men that have been

called, everyone of them, has been called by revelation from God. Take heed what they are saying to us. Whenever a man is called of God as was Aaron, it is much different than if a man talks and hasn't received revelations; very much different.

I say, God bless you, and in the authority of the Holy Priesthood which I hold, and tell you to study these things and find out for yourselves. Because that is what is going to help you and the only thing. God bless you, amen.

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