

Modern Israel has turned its eyes from spiritual things to the fleshpots of Egypt, and the spiritual things have been taken away from them. We are today laboring against obstacles countless in number. We are in a field of forest and hardly know where the sunshine is coming from. The world is pressing its borders of warfare upon each side. We say, "Where is our safety, Oh Lord! Why are you not delivering us?" That deliverance lies in our own hands, but our minds are fixed upon the same things that the world has fixed upon as its goal. Our goals are all pleasure bent. We are spending our dollars, our energies, our vital resources not in the things of the kingdom-- but follow after paths that are foolish in the eyes of God, and wise in the eyes of the world. That is why we haven't the social problems of our people solved today. That is why the windows of Heaven are not opened up and prophecies and tongues given, and visions and dreams do not visit you in your homes as you ought to have them. It is because you have singled out the ambitions of the world to follow instead of the things which God has singled out for you to work for. You have feasted together, not on the things of God, but in the way of the world instead of assembling together in fasting and prayer.

Satan's forces are organizing in a better way than you would expect. You are looking at the outward forces, but secretly, in his dens and lairs of vice and corruption, there are men seeking the overthrow of your freedoms, your institutions, your spiritual freedom to worship God, your opportunities to exercise the liberties your country has delegated to you.

If this people shall continue in unrighteousness, not many of your ideals shall be reached. You will feel the hand of the Almighty God upon you to drive you to be about the work God has said for you to do. We are living in the latter days in the last dispensation. The time is very short. There is little of it remaining for you to accomplish the work assigned to you. Responsibility is not easily shaken from your shoulders. It depends on you.

Look at your ambitions, the things you work for. Do they follow after the plan of God, or wholly after the plans of the world? God is a jealous God. You can't hold with one hand to the world and hold to God's hand with the other. He says, "I want both of your hands in mine to lead you all the way."

He will move upon your leaders shortly to begin the organization of this people which was attempted in 1908 but which, because of lack of faith in the leading men and officers and in their followers, was frustrated. It can be accomplished by this people if they will set their heads to it.

Study my law instead of the literature of the world. You idle your time away reading magazines, stories, fiction, which study leads you nowhere. But in those things I have given you as the God of Heaven, saith the Lord to you today, I have planted the words of life, and truth--vital forces which will make alive in you the Spirit of God; as you know it not. You may dig into the best of the books of the world but only a little here and a little there will be good. I have given the plain way by which you may demonstrate the great things I have given to my people Israel. But you have chosen to waste your time upon those things which I have not given you, and men whom I have entrusted with the sacred responsibility of leading my people, of times have had their powers sidetracked into things not of my choosing. Have followed Will-of-the-Wisps, and because of it I have withheld my direction, and both they and the people have stumbled time and again, and today my work is almost at a standstill so far as progress is concerned.

But I will wait no longer. I will come out of my hiding place. I will shake the things that have no foundation and they shall stumble and fall. I will choose men and women strong and faithful, and who will study, and though few in number they shall know that I am God and able to succor. I will lead them by my unfailing hand for the accomplishment of my purpose, saith the Lord, for my arm is outstretched over you. I am seeking to lift you up, to strengthen you, and make you my own, for I am waiting the day when I may send my son to you and in the Temple to be erected in this generation will he visit his servants. (over)

Then great things will take place. The world will be warned for the last time, then the Sons of Levi will I send forth with mighty power to bind up the law, seal up the testimony for the last time. Those entrusted with this responsibility will be girded with instruments of my power, and will return with many sheaves.