

made, do not think that I shall act any more as I have done—you need not expect any mercy, but extermination, for I am determined the Governor's order shall be executed. As for your leaders, do not once think—do not imagine for a moment—do not let it enter your mind, that they will be delivered, or that you will see their faces again, for their *fate is fixed*—THEIR DIE IS CAST—THEIR DOOM IS SEALED.

I am sorry, gentlemen, to see so great a number of apparently intelligent men found in the situation that you are; and oh? that I could invoke that *Great Spirit*, THE UNKNOWN GOD, to rest upon you, and make you sufficiently intelligent to break that chain of superstition, and liberate you from those fetters of fanaticism, with which you are bound—that you no longer worship a man.

I would advise you to scatter abroad, and never again organize yourselves with Bishops, Presidents, &c., lest you excite the jealousies of the people, and subject yourselves to the same calamities that have now come upon you.

You have always been the aggressors—you have brought upon yourselves these difficulties by being disaffected and not being subject to rule—and my advise is, that you become as other citizens, lest by a recurrence of these events you bring upon yourselves irretrievable ruin.

After making the above speech on the public square, Gen. Clark came into the hotel and said to us, that we were charged with "treason, murder, burglary, arson, robbery and larceny, and that tomorrow you will be taken to Richmond to be tried for the above crimes." They then took us to a vacant store room that was to serve for our quarters during the night. They then permitted us to go to our homes under guard, to bid our families farewell, and to procure blankets for our bedding, and also have our families furnish our supper and breakfast, as no provision had been made for us by the officers of the army.

The soldier who accompanied the writer to his home, was a very humane man, as he would not enter to witness the parting scene. We soon returned to the store room where they detained us until near noon the next day, our families bringing us our supper and breakfast, but we made no further provision for food, expecting to be supplied from the Quarter-Master's stores of the army, but in this we were disappointed.

Tuesday Nov. 6, we started for Richmond, under a strong guard mounted; we, the prisoners, walked about thirteen miles, when they camped for the night. Having had no dinner, we felt the want of food. The officers of the army having made no preparation for us, our only resort was to get ears of corn, which had been provided for the horses, and roast them in the fire, and eat, which the writer and others did, and we confess it proved a sweet and delicious repast.

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DAVID WHITMER'S BLESSING.

We received a few days since, in a letter from Elder W. C. Kinyon, a copy of a "blessing of David Whitmer," in the hand writing of J. L. Traugher, jr., of Forsyth, Mo., as herein given, together with Mr. Traugher's statement with regard to it.

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BLESSING OF DAVID WHITMER, DELIVERED BY JOSEPH SMITH, JR., IN *Kirtland, Ohio, 1836. Oliver Cowdery being scribe.*

Blessed of the Lord is brother David, for he is truly a faithful friend to mankind; and he should be beloved by all because of the integrity of his heart. All his words are steadfast as the pillars of heaven, because truth is his only meditation, and he delights in it, and shall rejoice in it forever. The Lord God of Abraham, of Isaac and Jacob shall be on his right hand and his left, and shall go before his face, and shall be his rearward, and his enemies shall become an easy prey unto him; for, behold, he it is whom the Lord hath appointed to be the cap-

tain of his host, under the guidance and direction of him who is appointed to say unto the strength of the Lord's house, Go forth, and build up the waste places. A mighty shaft shall he be in the quiver of the Almighty in bringing about the redemption of Zion, and in avenging the wrongs of the innocent. He shall yet stand upon the land of Zion, from which he has been driven, and shall find an inheritance therein, and shall be a ruler in Zion until he is well stricken in years, and shall enjoy an abundance of the precious things of the lasting mountains, and shall have part with his brethren in all the good things of the earth, and shall never want a friend. He shall bring down his adversaries under his feet, and shall walk upon their ashes when their names are blotted out. His name shall be a blessing among all nations, and his testimony shall shine as fair as the sun, and as a diamond, shall it remain untarnished. There shall not be spot upon his character while he liveth, neither his seed after him to the last posterity. He shall not be forsaken, nor his seed be found begging bread. Amen.

On the other side of the sheet containing the above blessing is the following statement:

A FEW ITEMS CONCERNING THE BLESSING OF DAVID WHITMER.

I would state that I have twice seen and read the original of which a copy is found on the other side of this sheet. The first time was Thursday, May 30th, 1878, when David at his house in Richmond, Mo., showed me the manuscript of the Book of Mormon, a printed copy of the Book of Commandments of 1833, and the first edition of Doctrine and Covenants, (1835.) The next time I saw the blessing was Sept. 2nd, 1879. As nearly as I can now remember, David related the circumstances of the delivery of the blessing about as follows:

He was out attending to some bus-

iness for the church, buying provisions I think, and while he was away, some persons had Joseph to inquire for them. After they had received something, Oliver Cowdery asked, "Is there not something for brother David?" With tears running down his cheeks, Joseph answered, "Yes, there is," and proceeded to dictate the blessing found on the other side, which was written by Oliver Cowdery, and by him presented to David when he returned home to Kirtland.

The language of the blessing attests the truth of this statement, as it speaks of David but is not addressed to him as though he were present.

I have no doubt the blessing was delivered and written just as it stands; but till time proves the issue, we have no means of telling how far it is true or false as it relates to the work of David Whitmer.—Sept. 19, 1886. J. L. TRAUGHER, Jr.

The above blessing is being literally fulfilled, where it says: "His name shall be a blessing among *all nations*, and his *testimony* shall shine as fair as the sun, and as a diamond shall remain untarnished." One gentleman in California has already received over thirty copies of Elder Whitmer's pamphlets, some of which he purposed sending to crowned heads in Europe, as he informed us in one of his letters. Thus his testimony is going forth to the nations, and will continue to go, until our heavenly Father has accomplished all his purposes in it.

The Lord sent him to Richmond and commanded him to *remain* there, which he did for fifty years, (lacking only a few months,) where he established a character for truth and veracity far above reproach, which he could not have done if he had been moving about from place to place. When his heavenly Father moved upon him by his Holy Spirit to speak, he spoke, and his words are now going to the nations. It would have been useless for him to have spoken sooner. "God's ways are not as man's ways."—EDITOR.