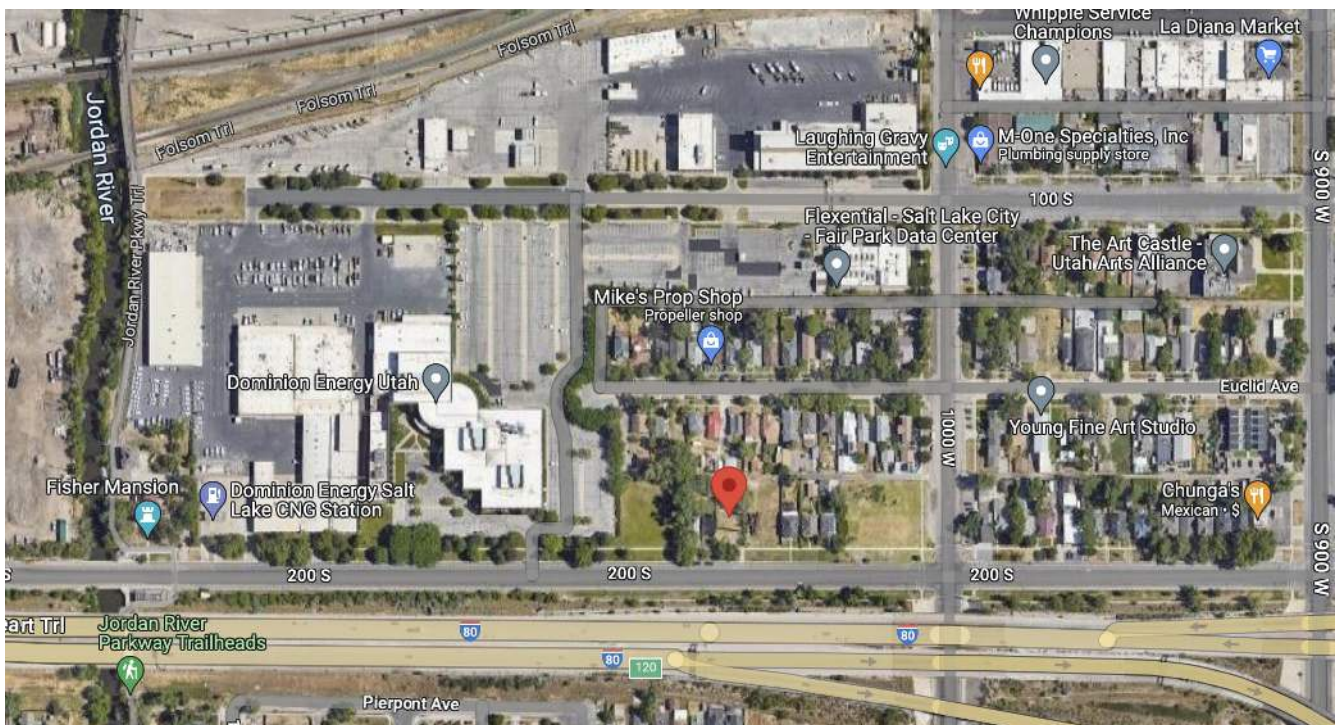


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Meeting Date and Time: Saturday, Dec 30, 1989, 9:00 AM

Location: 1044 west 200 south, Salt Lake City, UT 84104 (2nd South Church)



Meeting Notes

Opening Prayer: Unknown

Paul Kingston (9):

If we choose not to be one with the Lord we choose not to be the Lord's people. A lot of these things I am going to talk about there are very few of our people here today that had the privilege of attending our meeting in 1940. Brother Elden told us our success in the law was of our ability to meet everything the way the master desires, when' he told us about living the law and reaching the goal our father in heaven has for us. As we talk about the higher principles, those principles rest on a foundation of material. In no case can those higher laws be lived without those foundation blocks that are underneath them. Those blocks rest on

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the lower blocks that are underneath them. Each one of these blocks can be compared with the Lord's principles, honesty virtue and chastity and etc.

When we think about living consecration and these higher laws those laws cannot be lived without those foundation blocks. If the Lord would and we had not included those things in our life it would not do any good. If we are not living in such a way so we can be one of His servants we would not be in a position to push His work forward. The higher principles of the gospel have to rest on these other principles. If you were to pull one of those blocks out of the middle it would not be strong and be able to stand. As we strive to become servants of the Lord if we miss one of those blocks there is a weakness there.

The thing we need to remember the Lord's work takes men and women who can live the gospel and consecrate and live the store house plan of the Lord. It can take as long as three generations before the Lord can develop a people who can live the gospel to perfection and build the Lord's principles. The gospel is not something you come to church and live that way for a few hours. The gospel is something they have when they first come to o this life. For a people that would be able to do that the Lord had to start with just a few people and it has taken fifty-five years to get where we are today and we again want to remember it isn't something we can put off until tomorrow. We have to live it today.

We want to make sure it is time now and we have to make those things part of our life each and every day. We have to govern our life according to those laws.

During the next year or so there will be additional responsibilities placed on our people. In addition to that there is going to be an additional responsibility placed on our numbered men and our numbered men will be an example for all of our people to follow.

Our success in the law if because we are able to meet everything the way the master desires. How does that fit at this time in our own individual lives? When we get up in the morning do we ask the Lord what he wants us to do? Do we keep our mind and attitude in a condition so we can be tuned in to the spirit of the Lord? Do we contact our brothers and sisters in a way so we make their lives better because we are there? We can ask ourselves each day are we at the place the Lord wants us to be and meeting the things he wants us to meet in the way He wants us to do.

When we take that step we promise him we are not doing anything that will not be in harmony with what He wants us to do. These things we are talking about this morning will give us the tools we need to bind Satan. Have we bound Satan? Have we progressed to a point we can go through our lives and not have Satan affect us? If we are not able to move towards those goals there would be a condition of decay and destruction come.

We want to push forward and see that we are striving each day and be more capable and able to meet everything the way the master

desires.

Our failure in the law is due to our individualistic peculiarities.

I think most of us have seen how they polish rocks into precious stones. They will break those rocks to the size they want to have the stone. Before that stone first started, before it went through that polishing process it would be rough and have sharp corners on it. In the process of polishing that rock it is put in a barrel with other rocks and they will take polishing agents and they will put all those rocks and that material together. First it will be turned with material to polish the roughness off of those rocks and then it will be put into a more fine polishing material. Then it will be put in material that will make them shiny and make them into those bright and shiny stones. At first there is rough edges on those rocks. That is the way it is with us. It is our job to see to it we polish those rough edges on those rocks.

That is the way it is with us. It is our job to see to it we polish those rough edged off so we line things up so we can fit into the place the Lord has for us. A lot of times when we are talking about these things it is similar to steps that have to be taken. The things we are talking about have to fit with so many other things to make the picture complete. It is up to each one of us to go to the Lord and ask what is the next step. How can I line things up in a way so I will be able to see the next step? It is like the song we sing we can't see the things with our brothers and sisters because of the problems we have in our own life.

We have an unrealistic picture of the way things really are. The thing we want to work to is be in a condition where we can fit in and work with Brother Elden and Brother Ortell and the Lord. Some of the ways we can do that by helping our brothers and sisters and if we will ask the Lord for that help there will be a lot of chances to help them and not pass those things up. We want to be sure we do not hold on to those peculiarities that it doesn't destroy us and make sure we are in a condition the Lord can polish us and use us.. Let us make sure it does help as a polishing agent so we are not broken up and used as a polishing agent to other stones.

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When it talks about the Kingdom of God coming forth in the last days it says the people would go forth among the people as lions among a flock of sheep. The people it is going to take will be outstanding people and they are going to have attributes that will set them apart and above the average person. As the Kingdom of God was talked about they would shine as a light on a hill. As people saw them they would see things they did not see in other people. Brother Elden said people would look at them not with scorn but with a longing in their heart they could be like them. The Lord is going to send these special people and he is going to bless them with special opportunities.

The Lord gave us those special gifts and where much is given much is expected. If those special things are not used for this work we are going to find we have failed and missed the mark. If we see those talents are used for the Kingdom of God it will be like the servant that brought those talents back and the Lord will say well done thou good and faithful servant enter into my rest. You can't live the gospel all alone; you have to

have brothers and sisters that will help you gain your salvation. When we talk about if you are not one, you are not mine we will need to think about how that effects our life and opportunities. If we haven't reached the point where we have bound Satan, if we meet our brothers and sisters and we detract from our brothers and sisters because if we are not one with the Lord and Satan is in the back of our mind; as we deal with our brothers and sisters they are subject to that same influence. For this year we need to ask ourselves how are we doing. Have we bound Satan?

Can we treat our husbands or wives with the spirit of the Lord? For our parents we need to ask ourselves am I teaching my children. Am I worthy to raise the children of the Kingdom of God? Those are things we want to think about and those are things that are required for us to progress on into the future and reach the goals the Lord has for us. The thing we want to include here if you of one heart and one mind. We want to realize we can't do that without our brothers and sisters and you can't do that unless we are able to bind Satan. This year is going to be a year of stream lining our stewardships. We are going to put forth more effort this year to stream line our stewardships so they can be a success.

Carl Kingston (16):

When I was fourteen or fifteen years old I was talking with another young boy about certain things in the order. He mentioned to me about this young girl was doing things that were not up to the order standard. He was upset and quite discussed. He said I don't see why a person could do those things. He said I know that I will never leave the order. He had that testimony at that time. By the time he was twenty one or twenty two years old he had left the order. There was a young man that joined the order. He went out in the field and thinned the beets and he had a testimony of the order. He wanted to do what was right. He was out thinning beets one day.

He stood in the middle of that beet field and said what in the world am I doing here. Regardless of the testimony he had he was in the right place but he stood up and said what in the world am I doing here. He left the order. We have to have a testimony and understand why this work is right. The reason you have to know, there are times in your life when things are going to get tough. There are going to be times when you wonder why we have these problems and why our people are imperfect and things are so hard or tough. If we look back I don't know of any place it tells us the people are going to be perfect. When the Lord would teach His people in parables and the reason was some would understand and others would not understand because they were not worthy of it.

One particular parable I want to bring out was the parable of the wedding feast. As the Savior was teaching it to His followers he got the best of everything for a wedding feast. After this was ready he sent his servants to call those who had been bidden to come and partake of the feast. These words are significant. That means those who had been previously been invited; that had already received the invitation. These people who had been bidden, that that had other things to do. The servants went back to the king and said the people were not interested and they had other things to do. The king was very angry and said go out on the highways and there was good and bad. When Luke relates this he said they went and got the lame and the halt and the blind and invited them to this wedding feast.

When the King came into the Wedding Feast he found a man that had not put on the wedding garment. The king had his servants bind this man and throw him out to utter darkness. He said many are called but few are chosen.

At the time of 1830 to 1920 the church continued to send the missionaries out but they were instructed to tell the people they converted to stay there and not come to Zion and they would build temples in their land and they were to stay there. There was to be a day of calling and a day of choosing. In the times before they were gathering the people that would be a nucleus of the work in the last days. After the order started there were some of the men of the order went out and attended certain meeting where those people were. They went to some of the homes of some of these people known as fundamentalists. In 1886 the Savior appeared to and set seven men apart to keep certain principles alive in the earth. John Taylor was told to keep these principles alive.

They continued to do that for about fifty years. These Fundamentalists people were the ones that table was set for and the feast was prepared for. They had to be told what was going on. There was not one of those Fundamentalist people who were bitten came to that feast. Those that did come in the beginning were the good and the bad. They had all kinds of imperfections and weaknesses. They had to put the wedding garment on and if they did not they were asked to leave. It has been with the exception of Brother Kimball they left of their own free will. I believe those who came in were gathered from the church. What is that wedding garment? It is something you wear.

According to the parable it is more than that. The important thing is we understand what that wedding garment is. If we haven't put it on we will have to put it on or we will not be able to stay.

Ivan Nielsen (19):

Brother Elden saw the Savior.

He said, "I have been visited by at least seven people from the other side."

He wanted people to come on their own testimony. It is good to hear the speeches we have heard of what happened in the first days of the order. It was really formed and organized by one of the Lord's servants. I got a testimony of the order when I was twenty years old. I came with my father and mother and the three children. Everything was taken care of by the 6th day of December 1935. Brother Brown had a 1934 truck and moved us to Bountiful. These are fond memories.

It was 1935 when I came to the Co-op. The first year I spent thinning beets. The second year we went up to Garland. We had a cook to get our meals for us. Brother Elden put me in charge of the beet crew. I had the responsibility of measuring up the beet patches and then I would go collect the money. This first year we earned \$2000.00 with the beet crew. The first year we spent two months thinning beets. I remember when the New & Everlasting Covenant of 1940 was given to us. Brother Elden came to each one and said he

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wasn't going to let anyone in the meeting unless they would take the responsibility of hearing about that covenant.

By making this promise I was able to have that desire and determination of how these things were to be done. I remember the year Brother Elden died I was in charge of the mine under Brother Charles. Brother Elden said I have come to help you for three days. We had our mine crew. We were doing an outside building. I told him if he would like to he could put the roof on the coal bin. He worked there for three days and got it on that coal bin. These are things that are good to remember about Brother Elden. He was ready for any stewardship to give proper help and whatever was needed. I came in from the mine in 1948 and I knew he was sick. I came into the house. Sister Ethel took me up to see him. He said would you like to see my sore. He said I have it bound up every morning. This morning I told them to not bind it up because I felt there was someone would want to see it.

He took the bandage off and let me look at it. I don't see how he could survive in that situation. When I saw him in the coffin it looked like he was in extreme pain. It looked like he was enduring more pain than he could take. He asked them not to close the casket for three days to see what would happen. After three days they took him and he was taken care of that way. He had a lot of faith. Brother Ortell was appointed in his place at Brother Elden's request. It took Brother Ortell about a month to get things in place. He got things worked out and everything worked as it should.

After I first came to the order Brother Elden came to me and wanted me to go on a mission with Brother Clyde to Salt Lake. I never had any prior knowledge of the Co-op. Brother Clyde and I went into Salt Lake. We went to see Rhea Kunz. I did not do any talking. Brother knew all the ropes. Those are some fond memories. I should write those things down. At the first of the order we were urged to keep a diary. I am thankful I found out about this work when I did and got a testimony of it and be able to participate in the job I was able to do. I ask the blessings of the Lord to be with us all and all of you younger people that do not have a testimony to keep us away from a lot of mistakes that we will always carry the desire to love the order and try and keep up with it in our responsibilities, I ask for these blessings and all the Lord sees we need. I do this in His name Amen.

Raymond Brown (21):

The first five men turned in everything they had and drew back what they needed. They would go where the Lord wanted them to go and do what the Lord wanted them to do. And

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Elden Kingston (22):

There has been a lot of things happened the last year. I want to commend the men at the mine for the things they have done. At the beginning of 1989 I wrote down the things I had to get done. One of the things I had on that list, I was going to read the Book of Mormon from the first page to the last page. I put that down as one of my goals for 1989. I did not make it.

I looked back and I thought if I had worked a little harder on it I could have done that. When we set our goals and when the dead line comes we have come up short. This last week I went over some of the minutes from some of our older meetings. He read from August 1948 after Brother Elden died.

Hyrum Kingston (25):

There is not one of us that is going to succeed without help from someone else. One of the very important blocks in those pyramids is loyalty. You have to have something to be loyal to; so when you set your goals under the direction of the Lord see that you will always be loyal and loyal to the Lord's servant.

Jerry Johnson (31):

There is lots of ways to do what is right. If we are going to be a part of this one train we have to be on one track. We have to fit in line and decide just what we are going to do. I hope we can line our businesses up where we can work together and accomplish the things we are here to do. The things we do right now are going to affect us over the next stage of this order. I hope we can see the goals that are in front of us and decide if we are going to reach them or go along and wait for another time to start.

I really appreciate my membership here and I know this is the place I would always like to be and hope I can succeed in raising my children in a way they will be able to work with everyone here wherever they are to go.

Ellery Kingston (32):

I really have enjoyed the things that have been brought out. I always heard about Janoscheck and these men leaving. I don't know whether some of the younger ones realize what a wonderful opportunity we have here. I wonder if we appreciate what we have. I thought just what is appreciation. Ten or fifteen years ago I was listening to a tape of Brother Ortell's talk. I thought why did I not appreciate that meeting at the time it was given. Appreciation has to be earned. Do our children appreciate their job enough to go to work on time? How many appreciate food? After you have been on a long fast then you appreciate that food.

It is the same thing with this order. I appreciate being a part of it, but do they really appreciate it? Have they earned it? He mentioned we should pray we can take the next step. I wonder how many does it come into their minds what that next step is going to be and if it is going to be a problem that is a lot harder than it was before. It is going to be a test. That is what we are praying for so we can be worthy of taking the next step. Each time we progress and pass one of those steps that means we have earned a little more appreciation. Wayne Jenkins sold a lot of coats overseas that had to be ready to ship by a deadline. We all had to work together and accomplish that task.

We had a lot of head strong people. On my part I realized it was going to be a loss to the dress factory. It was quite a situation where we did not have the best of feelings. We accomplished the job and got it done and shipped them before the deadline and each of us went our own ways. After we had finished that job Brother Ortell got up in meeting and said we have accomplished that job on time. If we were to grade the ones who did it we would give them a passing grade, but if they were put in the same position again and

they did the same as they did the last time the Lord would give them a failing grade because they did not accomplish it like the Lord would have wanted it done.

It was an opportunity for everyone to work on that project and do it the way the Lord wanted us to do it and we did not meet the expectations, but if we had to do it in the future we would have to do it a lot better. When we appreciate life, do you remember when Sister Carol got up after her accident? She did appreciate life at that time that she could help progress and accomplish something in this work. She really appreciated being alive. I guess we almost have to lose something to know how precious and valuable it is. To just be part of a meeting like this is a wonderful opportunity.

David Kingston (33):

I would like to bear my testimony this is the Kingdom of God and Brother Paul is a true prophet of God. One thing that displeased Brother Ortell the most was the lack of our ability to get along. There are two great blessings the Lord has blessed us with. The second is to be placed in a position where you can help build the Kingdom of God. The Lord knows what is to be written in the History Book of 1990. We can find out what He has for us to do, so we can make the year of 1990 successful. We can just follow the spirit of the Lord and include the things which he has for us to do.

Wendell Owen (34):

If we can get the goal of being one with our brothers and sisters success will just be a by product. The goal of being one is pretty close to the top. My father said Brother Elden was the one mighty and strong. Brother Elden is the one mighty in humility. When we built the monument in Kaysville one time Brother Pencovic would partly claim he was the Christ. I went home one night and prayed about it a long time to know what was going on. The next morning when I woke up there was a very wonderful spirit there. That spirit did not say anything about Pencovic but that spirit had plenty to say about Brother Elden.

Earl W. Stoddard (46):

I hope in being in this position I can be a support to Brother Paul and to the order and be able to help carry the load a lot better. I hope I can do my part and learn how to be a better order member and carry a bigger load than I have in the past. This has been one of the best meeting I have been to in my life. When Brother Paul was talking about the things Brother Elden taught he brought up three things "Our success in the law is because we are able to do everything the way the master desires". I wonder if we have really thought about that. All want to gain eternal life.

This young man in the Book of Mormon told how he went out and prayed all day long and into the night. The Savior came to him and said your sins are forgiven you. "Our failure in the law is because of our individualistic peculiarities our thoughts, our complaints, our jealousies, our lack of devotion, our weaknesses cause us to fail the law.

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Meeting adjourned