

### Do not hold back these revelations

Brothers and sisters, we dare not hold back the restored gospel's declaratives! We dare not hold back the reassuring revelations and truth-telling translations about "things as they really are, and . . . things as they really will be" (Jacob 4:13). These are so needed by those whose weary hands hang down because they suffer from doctrinal anemia, which can best be treated by the red blood cells of the Restoration. To hold back would be to restrain repentance and to obscure the beckoning spiritual alternative, which will become "fair as the sun, and clear as the moon" (D&C 105:31).

Meanwhile, let us expect that many will regard us indifferently. Others will see us as quaint or misled. Let us bear the pointing fingers which, ironically, belong to those finally who, being bored, find the "great and spacious building" to be a stale and cramped third-class hotel (see 1 Nephi 8:31–33). Let us revile not the revilers and heed them not (see D&C 31:9). Instead, let us use our energy to hold up the shield of faith to quench the incoming fiery darts—aided perhaps by a touch of spiritual Teflon (see 1 Nephi 15:24).

Brothers and sisters, given all of the foregoing, "what can I say more" except "Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah!" (Jacob 6:12; "Praise to the Man," *Hymns*, no. 27). In the name of Jesus Christ, amen!

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### President Faust

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Before President Hinckley addresses us, we express appreciation to the Tabernacle Choir, the single adult choir from the Utah South Area, and the priesthood choir from the Provo Missionary Training Center and their conductors and organists for the beautiful and inspiring music.

We thank our city officials for the cooperation given, the doctors, the Church health unit nurses, and ambulance services which have been on hand to render assistance, the ushers and interpreters, and those who are responsible for the beautiful flowers on Temple Square and in the Conference Center.

We also express appreciation to the local and national media representatives for their coverage of the conference and to the owners and operators of the many radio and television stations, satellite and cable systems, and the Internet service providers who have given time and made facilities available to carry sessions of this conference in many countries.

As you travel home from this conference, we ask you to obey traffic rules, use caution, and be courteous in driving.

We shall now be pleased to hear from President Gordon B. Hinckley, our beloved prophet. Following President Hinckley's remarks, the choir will sing "Come, Let Us Anew." The benediction will then be offered by Elder Douglas L. Callister of the Seventy, and this conference will then be adjourned until April 2004.

## President Gordon B. Hinckley

### Let us live the gospel more fully

What a glorious time we have had together, my beloved brethren and sisters.

It is truly a wonderful thing to step out of the world, as it were, and set aside two days to reflect on things divine.

We are all so busy with our mundane pursuits which pull us this way and that. We all need, the whole world needs, the opportunity to meditate and reflect on the things of God and to listen to words that inspire and help.

Our testimonies have been strengthened, and it is good, for as President Harold B. Lee once said, our testimonies need renewing every day.<sup>1</sup>

I am satisfied that the Latter-day Saints have within their hearts a desire to do the right thing, to live after the manner which the Lord has outlined for us. We have been reminded of many of these things during this conference.

I hope that when we return to our homes, before retiring for the night, we each will get on our knees and express our appreciation and ask for the strength to live the gospel more fully as a result of this conference.

I am so grateful for the beautiful music of the choir; they have sung so wonderfully. This is such a great and dedicated organization, and we thank all who give so generously of their time and talents to this great effort. I am grateful for the music yesterday of the singles choir; they were an inspiration. And the great singing last night of the young men in the Missionary Training Center, who came and sang to us with great power, thank you so very much for what you have given us.

### **“Come unto Christ, and be perfected”**

Now I would like to read in conclusion just a few words from Moroni:

“And awake, and arise from the dust, O Jerusalem; yea, and put on thy beautiful garments, O daughter of Zion; and strengthen thy stakes and enlarge thy borders forever, that thou mayest no more be confounded, that the covenants of the Eternal Father which he hath made unto thee, O house of Israel, may be fulfilled.

“Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness; and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is his grace sufficient for you, that by his grace ye may be perfect in Christ; and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in nowise deny the power of [Christ]” (Moroni 10:31–32).

### **Each a better person**

As a result of this great conference, each of us should be a better man or a better woman, a better boy or a better girl. Thank you so much, my brothers and sisters, for your great service in moving this work forward. What a tremendous work you are doing, you faithful Latter-day Saints all across the world, who carry in your hearts a firm and unswerving testimony of the reality of the living God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Redeemer, and of Their appearance in this dispensation to begin anew a great era in the history of the world in preparation for that time when the Son of God shall come to reign as Lord of lords and King of kings.

May the blessings of heaven rest upon you, my dear friends. I pray that what you have heard and seen may make a difference in your lives. I pray that each of us will be a little more kind, a little more thoughtful, a little more courteous. I pray that we will keep our tongues in check and not let anger prompt words which we would later regret. I pray that we may have the strength and the will to turn the other cheek, to walk the extra mile in lifting up the feeble knees of those in distress.

This gospel is an intimate thing. It is not some distant concept. It is applicable in our lives. It can change our very natures.

May God bless you, my wonderful, faithful associates, in this great work. May

His peace and His love be upon you and enshrine your lives with an essence of godliness.

As we return to our homes, I pray that in our hearts there will be a resolution to live together more fully as we should do as Latter-day Saints. I leave my love and my blessing with you in the sacred name of the Lord Jesus Christ. God be with you till we meet again. Thank you, and amen.

#### NOTE

1. See Gordon B. Hinckley, *Faith: The Essence of True Religion* (1989), 93.

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## SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE MUSIC

The Tabernacle Choir provided the music for the Saturday morning, Sunday morning, and Sunday afternoon sessions. Craig Jessop and Mack Wilberg directed the choir. John Longhurst, Richard Elliott, Linda Margetts, and Bonnie Goodliffe were the organists.

Music for the Saturday afternoon session was provided by a single adult choir from the Utah South Area. The choir was directed by James C. Kasen, and Linda Margetts was the organist.

Music for the priesthood session was provided by a priesthood choir from the

Provo Missionary Training Center. Douglas Brenchley directed the choir, and Clay Christiansen was the organist.

Throughout the conference sessions, prelude, postlude, and interlude music and accompaniments on the organ were played by John Longhurst, Clay Christiansen, Richard Elliott, Linda Margetts, and Bonnie Goodliffe.

#### **F. Michael Watson**

Clerk of the Conference