

Their truth is everlasting, and Their love is infinite. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

NOTES

1. James E. Faust, *Stories from My Life* (2001), 2–3.
 2. Walter Williams, “Laws Are a Poor Substitute for Common Decency, Moral Values,” *Deseret News*, Apr. 29, 2009, A15.
 3. Speaking some years ago to members of the legal profession, President James E. Faust cautioned: “There is a great risk in justifying what we do individually and professionally on the basis of what is ‘legal’ rather than what is ‘right.’ In so doing, we put our very souls at risk. The philosophy that what is legal is also right will rob us of what is highest and best in our nature. What conduct is actually legal is, in many instances, way below the standards of a civilized society and light years below the teachings of the Christ. If you accept what is legal as your standard of personal or professional conduct, you will deny yourself of that which is truly noble in your personal dignity and worth” (“Be Healers,” *Clark Memorandum*, spring 2003, 3).
 4. “Bishop Fulton John Sheen Makes a Wartime Plea,” in William Safire, sel., *Lend Me Your Ears: Great Speeches in History*, rev. ed. (1997), 478.
 5. Editorial writers at the *Wall Street Journal* once observed:
- “Sin isn’t something that many people, including most churches, have spent much time talking about or worrying about through the years of the [sexual] revolution. But we will say this for sin: it at least offered a frame of reference for personal behavior. When the frame was dismantled, guilt wasn’t the only thing that fell away; we also lost the guidewire of personal responsibility. . . .
6. Henry B. Eyring, in Shaun D. Stahle, “Inspiring Students to Stand Strong amid Torrent of Temptation,” *Church News*, Aug. 18, 2001, 5.
 7. Sarah E. Hinlicky, “Subversive Virginity,” *First Things*, Oct. 1998, 14.

President Uchtdorf

As we conclude the conference, we express appreciation and love to the Tabernacle Choir, the combined ward choir from stakes in Bountiful and Farmington, Utah, and the Aaronic Priesthood choir from stakes in West Jordan, Utah, and their conductors and organists for the beautiful and inspiring music. We also extend thanks to all who have participated in any way in these proceedings.

Brothers and sisters, our concluding speaker at this session and this conference will be our beloved prophet, President Thomas S. Monson. Following his remarks, the choir will sing “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing.” After the music, the benediction will be offered by Elder W. Douglas Shumway, who was released yesterday as a member of the Seventy. This conference will then be adjourned.

President Thomas S. Monson

Expressions of gratitude

My heart is full as we come to the close of this conference. We have been richly

taught and spiritually edified as we have listened to the messages which have been presented and the testimonies which have been borne. We express thanks to each

one who has participated, including those brethren offering prayers.

Once again the music has been wonderful. I express my personal gratitude for those willing to share with us their talents, touching and inspiring us in the process. The beautiful music they produce enhances and enriches each session of conference.

We remind you that the messages we have heard during this conference will be printed in the November issues of the *Ensign* and *Liahona* magazines. As we read and study them, we will be additionally taught and inspired. May we incorporate into our daily lives the truths found therein.

We express to those brethren who have been released during this conference our deep appreciation. They have served well and have made significant contributions to the work of the Lord. Their dedication has been complete. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

The Lord is mindful of us

We live at a time when many in the world have slipped from the moorings of safety found in compliance with the commandments. It is a time of permissiveness, with society in general routinely disregarding and breaking the laws of God. We often find ourselves swimming against the current, and sometimes it seems as though the current could carry us away.

I am reminded of the words of the Lord found in the book of Ether in the Book of Mormon. Said the Lord, “Ye cannot cross this great deep save I prepare you against the waves of the sea, and the winds which have gone forth, and the floods which shall come.”¹ My brothers and sisters, He has prepared us. If we heed His words and live the commandments, we will survive this time of permissiveness and wickedness—a time which can be compared with the waves and the winds and the floods that can destroy. He is ever mindful of

us. He loves us and will bless us as we do what is right.

How grateful we are that the heavens are indeed open, that the gospel of Jesus Christ has been restored, and that the Church is founded on the rock of revelation. We are a blessed people, with apostles and prophets upon the earth today.

We all have a part to play

Now, as we leave this conference, I invoke the blessings of heaven upon each of you. May all of you return safely to your homes. As you ponder the things you have heard during this conference, may you say, with the people of King Benjamin who all cried with one voice, “We believe all the words which thou hast spoken unto us; and also, we know of their surety and truth, because of the Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent, which has wrought a mighty change in us . . . that we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually.”² May every man and woman, boy and girl leave this conference a better person than he or she was when it began two days ago.

I love you, my brothers and sisters. I pray for you. I would ask once again that you would remember me and all the General Authorities in your prayers. We are one with you in moving forward this marvelous work. I testify to you that we are all in this together and that every man, woman, and child has a part to play. May God give us the strength and the ability and the determination to play our part well.

I bear my testimony to you that this work is true, that our Savior lives, and that He guides and directs His Church here upon the earth. I leave with you my witness and my testimony that God our Eternal Father lives and loves us. He is indeed our Father, and He is personal and real.

May God bless you. May His promised peace be with you now and always.

I bid you farewell until we meet again in six months’ time, and do so in the name

of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer and our Advocate with the Father, amen.

NOTES

1. Ether 2:25.
2. Mosiah 5:2.

The choir sang “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing.”

Elder W. Douglas Shumway offered the benediction.

SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE MUSIC

The Tabernacle Choir provided the music for the Saturday morning, Sunday morning, and Sunday afternoon sessions. Mack Wilberg and Ryan Murphy directed the choir. Clay Christiansen, Richard Elliott, Andrew Unsworth, Bonnie Goodliffe, and Linda Margetts were the organists.

A combined ward choir from stakes in Bountiful and Farmington, Utah, provided music for the Saturday afternoon session. Michael Huff directed the choir, and Linda Margetts was the organist.

An Aaronic Priesthood choir from stakes in West Jordan, Utah, provided the music for the priesthood session. Neil Hendriksen directed the choir, and Andrew Unsworth was the organist.

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

Brook P. Hales
Clerk of the Conference