

# Funeral Services For Elder Sylvester Q. Cannon

**Editor's Note:** Two members of the Council of the Twelve Apostles have died within the past few weeks. To preserve the record of tributes paid them by their associates and the story of their life accomplishments, the full report of the funeral services for each are to be published in *The Church News*. This week we present the full services for Elder Sylvester Q. Cannon, which were held Wednesday, June 2, 1943 in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square. The full services for President Rudger Clawson, who died June 21, 1943, will be printed at a later date.

## Introduction

PRESIDENT J. Reuben Clark Jr. conducted the services, and made the following opening remarks:

My brothers and sisters: We are gathered together today, the family, the friends, the relatives of this good man, to try to say something that will bring comfort and consolation to the family and to invoke the blessings of the Lord upon their heads; and likewise to pay a tribute of honor and respect to the faith and the faithfulness of this servant of the Lord who has had a lifelong and distinguished career in the Church: as a missionary, a Mission President, in the Presidency of a Stake, a Stake President, the Presiding Bishop of the Church, associate Apostle, and then one of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a career which few men can equal.

The services will go forward as follows:

The Organ Prelude was by Elder Frank W. Asper.

The Opening Prayer will be offered by Elder George Albert Smith, after which Sister Emma Lucy Gates Bowen will sing "God Moves in a Mysterious Way."

After her song Elder Charles A. Callis will be the first speaker, and he will be followed by Mr. William Hardiman who will play a violin solo "Meditation," from Thais.

Elder Stephen L. Richards will follow Mr. Hardiman as the next speaker, and he will be followed by Richard Condie, who will sing "In the Time of Roses."

The closing speaker will be President David O. McKay, and he will be followed by a song by Sister Annette Richardson Dinwoodey, "The Lord's Prayer," by Cecil Gates.

The benediction will be offered by Elder Albert E. Bowen.

The postlude will be played by Elder Frank W. Asper.

Interment will be at the City Cemetery, and the graveside prayer will be offered by President Edwin Q. Cannon of Ensign Stake.

On behalf of the family I tender at this time their thanks and gratitude for the many acts of kindness that have come to them during this long and trying illness of their husband and father. I wish, in anticipation, to thank the speakers for what they will say and the singers for their songs. I should like also to offer in

behalf of the family the thanks which they have in their hearts for these splendid floral offerings.

We shall now begin by having Elder George Albert Smith offer the opening prayer.

## Opening Prayer By Elder George Albert Smith

OUR Father who art in heaven, we present ourselves before Thee upon this solemn occasion to pay our respects to one of Thy faithful sons who has been called home. We appreciate, our Father, the devotion and righteous life of this good man. We thank Thee for the work that he has accomplished, for the example that he has set among the people, for his willingness to serve wherever called, and for the energy and power that he has devoted to the work wherever he has labored. We are grateful that he has added honor to the name that was given to him by his illustrious forebears; and he has bequeathed to his posterity a name that we pray, O Father, Thou wilt help them to maintain in honor, in faith, and in righteousness; not only for his satisfaction, but for their blessing and the blessing of humanity.

We crave a special blessing at this time for his dear wife who has devoted herself all these years, and particularly during the long illness when she has sought to give him every care and blessing. Let Thy peace rest upon her and renew unto her her physical strength that she may stand at the head of her family and carry on and be the means in Thy hands of keeping them in such harmony that when the time shall come for her to go they will feel towards her as they do now, and as they have, towards their father, that they desire the family to be reunited; and grant that not one of these who are so dear to them may fail to measure up.

We ask, Father, that Thou wilt bless all those who are bereft. We appreciate the fact that this family has made a name for itself, not only in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but has added fame to the name throughout the nation and in other nations. Grant, O Father, that this may continue, that those choice leaders of an early day may look down with satisfaction and content upon the attitude of those who have their blood in their veins, realizing that in Thine own due time there shall be not only an assembly of a few, but that this great family may come together under the influence of the Gospel of our Lord, united in all good things here, and when the time comes when the roll of names of those who have earned a place in Thy Celestial Kingdom shall be presented, that every one of these may find his or her name inscribed there, not one missing.

We thank Thee for the kind heart and generous disposition and for the stalwart faith of our departed brother under all circumstances.

And now, Father, inasmuch as we art about to commit his mortal remains to mother earth, we pray that the peace that has characterized his life may pervade the atmosphere that shall be around his rest-

ing-place. We pray for Zion and for all of her interests, that which he labored for all his life, and with all his might. Grant that Thy work may continue to go forward, that the faith that inspired this Thy son to eternal diligence may continue with those who remain. Help us that we may be worthy of the trust reposed in us.

O Father, grant that each of us who are here today and those we may be able to influence may so live that when the time comes for us to go hence, we may receive at Thy hands the welcome that we believe that Thy son who has

workers with whom he was associated."

Elder Cannon as you all know was an adviser to the general board of the Primary Association. His sagacity, integrity, and the safe advice that he gave to the workers in this great organization will always be remembered with grateful appreciation.

Of the faithful Barnabas these words were spoken: "For he was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost, and of faith, and much people was added unto the Lord."

What a wonderful biography! All that is said here may be fitly applied to Elder Sylvester Q. Cannon. He lived his faith.



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departed has received. Will Thou forgive our sins, help us to be righteous at all times, and particularly bless this great family that they may continue in their leadership among the children of men because of the dignity and faith and devotion of their lives and that when the time comes for us to go hence there shall be no disappointment, but that our inheritance shall be in Thy Celestial Kingdom, in the companionship of the great and good ones who have lived upon the earth and we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Remarks by Elder Charles A. Callis (first speaker)

THE General Board of the Primary Association wishes to express their deep appreciation for years of faithful service given by Elder Cannon to this organization. His many kindnesses, his courtesies, and his example of Latter-day Saint ideals were all inspirational factors in the lives of the many Primary

The great missionary work that he has performed has added much people unto the Lord.

## TRUE REPRESENTATIVE

Brother Cannon was a true representative of the character of the holy Priesthood which he honored. There is dignity in intellectual and professional work, as there is dignity in manual work. There is dignity attached to the office of the spiritual teacher, and in Brother Cannon, in his person and in his life, were these two dignities beautifully blended. He was a great engineer and he established and promoted projects that added comfort to the human family, his neighbors, his fellow citizens and friends, and by the great gift that he possessed he was enabled to enrich this valley, to make life more easy, health more abundant. In addition to that he was a great spiritual teacher and he bore the Church offices which he has so nobly filled with a dignity that I think is sublime. His name will ever be remembered by the lives that he has touched. He did not live for himself,

but he lived for others too.

As we grow older immortality becomes more easily understood. Mr. Edison, the great inventor, was inclined to be skeptical, but at "evening time there shall come light," and as he was dying he said: "What a beautiful land there is over there!"

## PRECIOUS GIFT OF GOD

Immortality, that precious gift from God! If it were not for immortality, brethren and sisters, what would this life be? It would be dark and cold and gloomy. Brother Cannon died in the firm belief of a glorious resurrection. To him immortality was certain. I do not think that the great gifts that God endowed this man with will perish with his passing away. I do not believe that the teacher's work is ever done; it continues in another world, and Elder Cannon who so gracefully and unselfishly did his Church work here will have the ability and the full fruition of his powers to continue in a higher sphere the work he did here. We must not, my friends and brethren and sisters, forget in this gloom that there is grandeur in the grave. There is glory in gloom, for a merciful God in His wisdom has provided that death should be the door to the gate of life, to the glorious resurrection, and soon this gloom shall be dispelled by the sunrise of the glorious resurrection as it rises over the hills of eternity. There is surcease from pain and sorrow which God alone can give and earth, as the good old hymn says, "has no sorrow that God cannot heal."

## DEVOTION OF FAMILY

We love the affection, the loyalty, the devotion of Sister Cannon to her noble husband. He was uncomplaining in his sickness, and he bore it with a fortitude and a resignation that I am sure appealed to his Heavenly Father. But against this dark background of gloom, temporary though it may be, and though it is there, shines like a glorious constellation the affection, the devotion and the love of Sister Cannon. She filled a glorious mission in waiting upon her husband. Every act of mercy, everything we do for our loved ones who are in distress is known by the Almighty, and He will reward the doers of these good deeds with His love, His blessing, and His reward.

I pay my tribute to Elder Cannon as a friend and a colleague. He was conscientious in his duties, both for the work of God, and the respect and honor he paid to the Church officials who presided over him was marked. I shall never forget it, always respectful, always desirous of doing the will of the Lord. "He was a good man, full of good works, full of the Holy Ghost," and much people was added unto the Lord through his earnest and able ministry. What a biography, what a history! He was a good man, and every good man reflects the beauty and the grandeur and the glory of the light of Christ.

## EXTENDS SYMPATHY

To Sister Cannon and the family I extend my deep sympathy but I would urge them not to forget the glorious heritage President Cannon has left—a good name. He fought a

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good fight, he was faithful, true, and loyal. His life was a blessing to mankind. What more could be said of a man?

God bless his memory! God bless his dear wife! Upon her an added responsibility has been placed. And may his family who come from a noble lineage resolve in their hearts that they will follow in the footsteps of their father, and never suffer the shadow of a stain to rest upon that honored name; and the Lord will bless Brother Cannon's family. He loves you and he has given your father, your husband, a glorious reward, and in that world of glory he is going on, praying for you, for death does not congeal the lips of those who pass to the other side.

God bless you and comfort you and may He put a feeling in your heart that will be stamped indelibly upon your minds, that your father is not far from you, your husband knows what you are doing, and as the Prophet Joseph Smith said, he is praying for you. You will delight him and make him joyous and filled with gladness if you all will be faithful to the holy Gospel and trust in God forevermore.

This is my humble prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Remarks by Elder Stephen L Richards (Second Speaker)

"God is a Father,  
"Man is a brother,  
"Life is a mission  
"And not a career."

THESE few words I believe pretty well epitomize the life philosophy of our brother, our colleague and our friend whom this day we mourn and honor. His faith in God as the Father and Creator of the race was full and complete. His concept of the brotherhood of man determined the high purposes of his life, and his acceptance of the duties and responsibilities which this fraternal relationship imposes brought a devotion to principle and humanity which was a stimulating example to all who knew him.

I count it a great and good fortune to have enjoyed his friendship for a good many years. When I first made his acquaintance he was counselor to President McLachlan of the Pioneer Stake in this City. He and Sister Cannon maintained a modest but beautiful home in the western part of the city near to the site of his birth, on the estate of his honored father, President George Q. Cannon. The members of his family were then young; they needed much care and attention; but there were many times when his good wife had to be both father and mother because of the demands that ecclesiastical service put upon him, and his unfailing response to many assignments.

### PRESIDENT OF STAKE

Later he became the Presi-

dent of Pioneer Stake, serving in that capacity with great distinction and efficiency. He won the love and the devotion of the people over whom he presided, and he built up an organization of people, both men and women, who have contributed to the successful administration of that Stake ever since his day.

He was called then to the Presiding Bishopric of the Church, to be Presiding Bishop, and his selection was acclaimed by all who knew him, because of the record he had made and the complete confidence which everyone reposed in him. I recall vividly the time when President Grant suggested his name and nominated him to that high position. There was universal accord among all his brethren, all of them being aware of his faithfulness and his ability.

### AN OPEN BOOK

Since that day of course his public service has been an open book and all of our people have known and appreciated his fine contribution, not only to the Church, but to the community in which he lived. With his high office as Presiding Bishop there came many other responsibilities. These he likewise discharged with fidelity and with that great industry which characterized his work. He had a remarkable capacity for work. He placed duty above everything else and his well-directed efforts brought results.

I have not the time and you would not need to have me detail the public service that he has rendered. He was not only a director of many of the important business institutions in our community, but his participation in the civic life brought comfort and succor to those in need. As Presiding Bishop, during his time of office he distributed thousands and thousands of dollars to those in distress, to the poor and the needy, with an impartiality and an effectiveness which I know has been greatly appreciated.

### AS A FRIEND

I would like to speak of him for a moment as a friend. I had the good fortune to be associated with him and his dear wife and other friends in a group that dates back now for a good many years. I have had the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of Brother and Sister Cannon, of being in their home and knowing their family. They were true friends, they were the kind of hosts who make you happy when you visit them, and their company has been enjoyed by this group of whom I speak during all these years. A good many of this group have passed away, so that Sister Cannon is among a rather large number of friends who have parted with their companions. I know what a close association existed between him and these friends who have gone, and I can well envision the glad reception that they will accord him as he goes into their presence again. Sister Cannon and her family have the sympathy and the love of these dear friends. I am sure that each one of them has expressed that sympathy to her personally, I

do so for all of them as I stand before you.

### HIS FAMILY

There will never be a greater monument erected to this good man than his family. These men and women, children when I first knew them, have grown up to be the kind of men and women of whom any father and mother must be justly proud. They are a tribute to the home life that he and Sister Cannon have maintained. They maintained the kind of home that they did because they had a high concept of what a home is. A home to them was the supreme opportunity for doing the work of their lives. They knew that they would ultimately find their greatest happiness in it. They believed in the eternity of the marriage relationship, they believed that our heaven is little more than home projected into eternity. They looked forward to a reunion in the life to come, and there is a place reserved for every member of this wonderful household in the eternal family circle. How fortunate it is at this time that Sister Cannon has the realization that every one of her children and his will be there and that there will be no vacant places, but that all may gather hereafter to continue that loving and affectionate relationship which they maintained so well in this life.

They were devoted to the Gospel. They believed it. They knew that it had been restored, and they were the beneficiaries of the highest and most exalted blessings which can be secured by men and women in mortality. They appreciated these blessings and their concept of them is such that they know that they are effective not only for this life but for the life to come. In these blessings they take their greatest comfort and their fondest hope.

### LESSONS OF LIFE

I believe that the lesson of Brother Cannon's life is one of almost unparalleled devotion to a great and noble cause, and by that devotion he taught men how to live. He achieved greatness by subordinating personal ambition to the advancement of the Church and the welfare of his people. He lived his life with an eye single to the glory of God, and in return God rewarded him, blessed him with power and faith, and the eternal riches of His kingdom. He loved the Lord and His people. They reciprocated his love. He honored and lived the truth, and the truth filled his soul with peace and contentment.

He has passed to a glorious reward. The Church he served so well will miss him. We, his colleagues, friends and associates, will be deprived of his companionship. He will be away from his loving family, but they and all of us will never forget him. We will always remember the noble example he has set for our lives and the lasting contribution he has made to God's holy work. God bless his memory. May the Lord shed His comfort on his dear wife and children, his brothers and sisters, and his loving kindred. Oh God, keep them safe until the happy day of reuniting, I humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Remarks by Pres. David O. McKay (Concluding Speaker)

### BRETHREN and Sisters:

When the Savior was about to pass through the gate of physical death, he found comfort in the fact that John His beloved disciple stood by the side of the sorrowing mother. Your presence here today indicates your desire to stand by the side of Sister Cannon and these sons and daughters and other loved ones. I am sure that you give them comfort by your presence this noon hour.

When John the Revelator was on the Isle of Patmos, he saw in a vision "the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." (Rev. 20:12)

I have quoted that passage because: first, it contains the immortal truth that men live after physical death; and, secondly, that I should like to say a few words about the Book of Life as written by my esteemed friend and fellow worker, Sylvester Q. Cannon.

### EARTHLY CHAPTER

The earthly chapter in Elder Cannon's Book of Life closed Saturday, May 29th, 1943, at 1:25 in the afternoon. The first chapter of his life's journey ended at his birth, in Salt Lake City, June 10th, 1877. "Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting." So was his birth, and his pre-existent state ended as he came to Salt Lake City that day in 1877. The mortal span of his life, therefore, covered sixty-six years, lacking twelve days. For several months prior to that departure Brother Cannon had sensed the approach of the chilling hand of death, but his face did not blanch, nor did his hand tremble at that approach, nor did his heart falter; for:

"What is death

To him who meets it with an upright heart?

A quiet haven, where his shattered bark

Harbours secure, till the rough storm is past,

Perhaps a passage overhung with clouds

But at its entrance a few leagues beyond

Opening to kinder skies and milder suns

And seas pacific as the soul that seeks them."

Elder Cannon died as he had lived uncomplainingly, modestly, peacefully.

Now, as yours and mine will some day be, his Book of Life is open before the judgment of Christ. In that Book of Life will be two great summaries: first, a summary of what he was intrinsically, and, second, what he accomplished.

### TRIBUTE OF WIFE

Pertaining to the first I am going to quote what Sister Cannon said on the day of her husband's passing. Her remark gives a glimpse into Bishop Cannon's inner life, a clear and intimate picture of his soul. Said she: "I have lived with him thirty-nine years, and I have been unable to pick a flaw."

A man that merits such a character first of all must possess kindness, gentleness, con-

sideration of others' feelings. He must be a man of self-control. He must be a man who strives to realize the higher virtues,—justice, love, truth, liberty, moral power in his daily activities whatever they may be. He must be a man who is willing to give of himself in order to make others happier and better. These are some of the dominant traits in the character of our friend and associate, Elder Sylvester Q. Cannon.

He lived virtuously, he met his end patiently, he was a partaker of God's holiness.

### PERSONAL INFLUENCE

It has been truly said that there is one responsibility in this life which no man can evade, and that is personal influence. "Man's unconscious influence, the silent, subtle radiation of his personality, the effect of his words and acts, these are tremendous. Every moment of life he is changing to a degree the life of the whole world. Every man has an atmosphere which is affecting every other. Into the hands of every individual is given a marvelous power for good or for evil, the silent, unconscious, unseen influence of his life. This is simply the constant radiation of what a man really is, not what he pretends to be. Every man by his mere living is radiating sympathy, or sorrow, or morbidity, or cynicism, or happiness, or hope, or any of a hundred other qualities. Life is a state of constant radiation and absorption; to exist is to radiate; to exist is to be the recipient of radiation. Man cannot escape this responsibility for one moment." The radiation of this good man in his home and in society has been such as to bring forth from one who knows him best that beautiful tribute of a devoted life. The hardest battles of life are fought within the chambers of the soul. A victory on the inside of a man's heart is of far more worth in character building than a dozen conquests in the every-day battle of business, political and social life. Brother Cannon was master of himself because he fought victoriously those inner battles. He was temperate in his habits, he was willing to do God's will.

When I say he was temperate I should make one qualification. He was not temperate when he was working for the Church. He actually lived what Van Dyke has put into words:

"Let me but do my work from day to day,

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Let me but find it in my heart to say,

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"This is my work; my blessing, not my doom.

Of all who live, I am the one by whom

This work can best be done in the right way."

Then shall I see it not too great nor small,

To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;

Then shall I cheerful greet the laboring hours,

And cheerful turn when the long shadows fall

At eventide, to play and love and rest,

Because I know for me my work is best."

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what Brother Cannon is, if we would know what God will find when He opens the Book of Life, we must add to the virtues I have named, two other qualities—diligence and energy.

Now what has he accomplished? When Sylvester Q. Cannon's father, President George Q. Cannon, was baptized as a boy of thirteen years of age in Liverpool, and a year or so later met the Prophet Joseph Smith in Nauvoo, Brother George Q. Cannon little realized that out of a great posterity, two of his sons would be chosen and ordained Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ. One of those sons was Sylvester Q. Cannon; the other was Abraham H. That in itself is an achievement not only for George Q. Cannon but for those two sons who were chosen to represent the Lord Jesus Christ.

A glimpse of what Brother Cannon has accomplished in addition to his rise in the Church may be obtained by just naming positions he has held in Church, civic, educational and business fields of endeavor. I have them here listed. May I just name them, having in mind an accomplishment of one life and passing over his young boyhood service:

## LISTS ACTIVITIES

In 1899 he accepted a mission to Holland, and while he was on this mission he was chosen to preside over the Holland-Belgian Mission.

Returning, he was chosen, as Brother Richards has told us, in the presidency of the Pioneer Stake.

Later, he was chosen as President of that stake.

He was sent back to Holland to preside over the Mission.

While on his first mission he was chosen to accompany President Lyman to the Holy Land through Egypt and Syria.

In 1925 he was Presiding Bishop of the Church.

In 1938 he was ordained an Apostle in the Church.

In civic affairs, in 1930 and 1931, he was chairman of the Governor's State Flood Committee.

In 1931 and 1932 he was chairman of the State Advisory Council for Unemployment.

In 1935 he supervised in Salt Lake City all engineering projects.

He was president of the Board of Trustees of the L. D. S. College, President of the McCune School of Music and Art, a member of the Board of Control of the Deseret Gymnasium.

In business, as we have heard today, he was director in Zion's Securities Corporation, Z. C. M. I., Utah Hotel, Amalgamated Sugar Company, United States Fuel Company.

In educational circles he succeeded; he attended the L. D. S. College, the University of Utah, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a de-

gree of bachelor of science in mining, engineering, and metallurgy.

What he has accomplished! Some men die in youth, though they live to be fourscore and ten. Others die young who live to a good old age, because of their accomplishments.

But as has already been said today, the crowning glory of achievement in this life I claim is Brother Cannon's lovely family. In this success, as in all others, there was by his side his loving wife and helpful companion. We first knew of her helpfulness and devotedness when Elder Cannon was carrying the responsibility of Presiding Bishop. Often at closing hours I would meet her there with the automobile ready to take him home knowing he would be weary after a heavy day's work. Almost invariably Sister Cannon would find the office closed, but Bishop Cannon worked on. She felt that her waiting there and his knowing she was waiting might impel him to cut his work short, for she knew as a dutiful wife that he was overworking himself day after day, year after year. She stood by his side during the time he carried the responsibility of that great office.

Sister Cannon was equally considerate and loyal when she had to say goodbye to him when he traveled from one part of this Church to the other—I should say as he continued to travel from one part of this Church to the other, for in addition to his work as Presiding Bishop he also filled appointments to the various stakes and wards. When I think of her devotion in that respect and in other ways, I apply to her the tribute to a good wife expressed as follows:

**"A good wife is Heaven's best gift to man,  
His gem of many virtues,  
His casket of jewels;  
Her voice his sweet music,  
Her smiles his brightest day,  
Her kiss the guardian of his innocence,  
Her arms the pale of his safety,  
Her industry his surest wealth,  
Her economy his safest steward,  
Her love the solace and comfort of his life."**

And in that accomplishment, the greatest, his family, we can today, as friends, name with pride his choice sons and daughters. I do not know the grandchildren, but I will include them because I know the blood that flows in their veins. It is said that "he only half dies who leaves an image of himself in his sons." Death can silence a man's physical heartbeats, but he cannot touch the echoes of the love and kindly deeds that reverberate in the lives of men; neither can he touch the virtues that the father transmits to his sons and his daughters. He lives again in his children. You handsome sons, you beautiful daughters, grandsons, and granddaughters, are the rich heritage Sylvester Q. Cannon has left to mankind. Each of you can truly say:

**"I follow a noble father, his honor is mine to wear,  
He gave me a name that was free from shame,**

**A name he was proud to bear.**

**He lived in the morning sunlight and marched in the ranks of right,  
He was always true to the best he knew, and  
The shield that he wore was bright."**

Living in the memory of friends, or having virtues perpetuated for generations in the lives of children cannot be counted as immortality. Immortality is to be found in the persistence of personality after death; in the virtues and characteristics that make up the individual spirit of man; it is in the existence of the spirit that moves in the eternal realm while the body sleeps in the earth; it is in the reuniting of that spirit and resurrected body that will constitute the soul of man. Its entity will then be beyond the power of death, and progress will be eternal in the realm of celestial beings. When the ten Apostles told Thomas that their beloved Lord and Master so lived, Thomas, as many do today, doubted it, and said: "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." So difficult is it for the human mind to comprehend the reality of life in that spiritual world.

Well, you know what happened eight days later when the ten were again gathered on the first day of the week—note, commemorating the resurrection of their Lord. Jesus stood in their midst and addressed Thomas and said, "Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing."

Thomas did not need those physical demonstrations, for he bowed his head and said: "My Lord and my God!"

No husband can kneel at the side of a departed wife, no wife at the side of a beloved husband, no child can part with a loving parent without being filled with an ardent desire to meet that loved one again somewhere in a better world where the pangs of parting are unknown. I am speaking to every heart that is listening, and I ask you in the words, I think, of Dryden:

**"Else whence this pleasing hope, this fond desire,  
This longing for immortality?  
Or whence this secret dread,  
and inward horror,  
Of falling into naught? Why  
shrinks the soul  
Back on herself, and startles  
at destruction?  
'Tis the divinity that stirs  
within us;  
'Tis heaven itself, that points  
out an Hereafter,  
And intimates eternity to  
man."**

**"The stars may fade away,  
The sun himself grow dim  
with age,  
And nature sink in years,  
Man shall flourish in immortal youth,  
Unheard in the midst of war  
of elements,  
The wreck of matter, and the  
crash of worlds."**

When Jesus was about to say goodbye to His Apostles, and He knew that the parting was nearer than they, He said: "These words I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall find tribulation, but be

of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Sister Cannon, you brothers and sisters and loved ones here, you boys and girls, your husband and father and brother has overcome the world, he has peace, and here with our hearts as one we pray God that peace will be in your hearts, the peace that comes from the assurance that death was not victorious when he silenced the heart beats of your loved one, our friend and associate. He lives as surely as the Savior, whose disciple he is, lived after they placed His body in the tomb. God bless you with this assurance, and be with you when you go back home, that peace may be in your home and in your hearts, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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## Message From Pres. Heber J. Grant

NOW, brethren and sisters, at the conclusion of these services, it is my honor to bring to you a message from President Heber J. Grant. He asked yesterday that I do so. Following the April Conference he over-exerted himself and to use his own words, has, as many of you know, a "temporary setback." As a result he has not been able to move about so actively as he would wish. Before that time, after having spent several hours in his office attending to his duties, he could ride three or four hours in the open air, and derive benefit therefrom. Now his activities are restricted, and his daily drive is limited to one hour, or at most one hour and a half. If he were standing before you he would say to you, among other things, that he has always been an admirer of Sylvester Q. Cannon's great energy and of his faithful devotion to duty. When Brother Sylvester, heading the Presiding Bishopric, appeared before the First Presidency when he was first chosen, then consisting of Presidents Grant, Nibley, and Ivins, President Grant not infrequently remarked: "How concisely Bishop Cannon presents various matters before us, he never wastes a minute." Then he added further: "I consider it was a great compliment when President Francis M. Lyman took Brother Cannon to the Holy Land, Egypt, and Syria."

## A LETTER

Notwithstanding the doctor's warning against his over-exerting himself President Grant wrote a consoling letter to Sister Cannon and the family, an excerpt from which I wish to read on this occasion:

"Dear Sister Cannon and Family: My heart goes out to you in the deepest sympathy because of the death of your beloved husband and father. I earnestly pray that the comforting influence that comes from our Heavenly Father may be with you in this hour of deep sorrow.

"Brother Cannon has had my love and confidence since he was a young man. His service in the Church as a missionary, as a Stake and Mission President, as the Presiding Bishop, and as one of the Twelve has been that of a true Latter-day Saint.

"The Gospel of Jesus Christ is always a comfort to me, but never more so than when death

enters the family circle and takes therefrom a beloved member. It is in the Gospel alone that we have hope of the resurrection and of a happy reunion with our loved ones who have passed to the Great Beyond. I do not think of my mother and other members of my family who have died as being in the grave, but I have joy in contemplating their great happiness in having gained salvation and in mingling with their loved ones who have gone on before. The devotion shown by Brother Cannon entitles him to all the blessings promised by the Lord to those who serve Him in righteousness and truth unto the end.

"I sincerely pray that the Spirit of the Lord may be and abide with you through the entire journey of life and that you may look forward to an eternity of joy in the life to come with your beloved husband and father and other loved ones who have passed on."

God bless you. Amen.

## Closing Prayer By Elder Albert E. Bowen

OUR Father in heaven, we are grateful unto Thee that in times of sorrow and separation we are able to turn to Thee and to Thy promises for the consolation which Thou alone canst give. We are grateful, too, that in the life of loyalty, devotion and steadfastness which our friend and brother lived we have learned to know the innate goodness of mortal man and his possibility of development in virtue and divine attributes till eventually he may win his way back into Thy presence.

We pray that the consoling influence of Thy Spirit may rest upon those who mourn this day. Wilt Thou whisper peace to their troubled hearts. Wilt Thou give them assurance of Thy divine care, mercy and goodness, and wilt Thou sustain them in all the days of loneliness and trial which may follow. Grant that time, the great healer, may work His wonders with them so that joy and zest for living and pleasure in life may again be their portion.

To this end we dedicate all that has been said here today, and invoke Thy choicest blessings upon those who so sorely stand in need of them, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Priesthood Outline

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5. Preparing the way for the rule of the Lord
  - a. "In time ye shall have no king nor ruler, for I will be your king and watch over you" (D. & C. 38:21-22)

## DISCUSS:

1. Show that liberty flourishes in times of righteousness, and declines rapidly in times of wickedness.
2. "This government," says Orson Pratt, "was organized to suit the people and the circumstances in which they were placed, until they were prepared to receive a more perfect one." Why did not the Lord at that time introduce a perfect form of government?