

in and suggested that [in view of threats made by the radical and blood-thirsty mob] they would be safer in the cells. Joseph told him that they would go in after supper. Turning to Elder Richards the Prophet said: 'If we go into the cell will you go with us?'"

Elder Richards answered, "Brother Joseph, you did not ask me to cross the river with you [referring to the time when they crossed the Mississippi, en route for the Rocky Mountains]—you did not ask me to come to Carthage—you did not ask me to come to jail with you—and do you think I would forsake you now? But I will tell you what I will do; if you are condemned to be hung for 'treason,' I will be hung in your stead, and you shall go free."

With considerable emotion and feeling Joseph replied, "But you cannot," to which Brother Richards firmly replied, "I will." (B. H. Roberts, *A Comprehensive History of the Church*, vol. 2, p. 283.)

In these words Brother Richards displayed his concern for Joseph, who was his beloved brother and neighbor. The Savior taught: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13.)

Brotherhood of man

As Latter-day Saints, we firmly believe that we are brothers and sisters, spiritual offspring of heavenly parents, members of a royal family who once dwelt and associated to-

gether. There is a beautiful song that our children sing called "I Am a Child of God," which teaches that our Heavenly Father has sent us here and has given us a home on earth with kind and dear parents. The song contains the prayer that our Father in heaven will direct us, inspire us, and teach us what we must do to again live with him some day.

With the dawning of each new day, there will be opportunities for all of us to help our neighbors, who are our brothers, in their hour of need.

How will we respond? Will we be like the priest and like the Levite described by the Savior, and turn our heads, walk across the road, and proceed in an unconcerned and selfish way?

Or will we follow the example of the Good Samaritan and thoughtfully and sympathetically assist our neighbors and brothers in their time of trial, and thus receive approbation and the blessings of our Heavenly Father?

The choice is ours to make. May the Lord bless us that our decisions will be correct and righteous ones, for which I humbly pray, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. □

President N. Eldon Tanner

Elder Henry D. Taylor, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, has just addressed us.

We shall now hear from Elder S. Dilworth Young of the First Council of Seventy.

Elder S. Dilworth Young

Of the First Council of the Seventy

In my mind's eye I see Russell Nelson, Jr., newly arrived from his home in heaven and staring up into the eyes of his father as though to say to him (as

Joseph Smith said to Newel K. Whitney), "You prayed me here; now what do you want of me?"