

He said in the Book of Mormon it was an abomination in the eyes of the Lord, and they were to adhere to these things except the Lord speak. I am the first being that the revelation was given to him for and I was one thousand miles away in Missouri for we went up to Jackson County in '41. I was there in all the tribulations and trials. I have been in the houses that have been stoned. The rocks have been thrown criss-cross in every direction. I have seen the Brethren shot and ruined for life. I saw the first martyr dead and a more heavenly corpse I never saw or expect to see on the face of the earth. His face was so happy. I have seen our Bishop tarred and feathered, in the streets of Missouri. They took off his shirt and covered him with tar and then took a pillow and turned the feathers over him. I looked at him and thought if ever man was counted worthy to be a martyr he was. His life proved it for he lived an upright and honorable life and was beloved by the prophet while he lived and after he died the Prophet honored him. Two of his sisters were Joseph's wives. Emma took them by the hand and gave them to Joseph. I asked him if Emma knew about me, and he said, "Emma thinks the world of you." I was not sealed to him until I had a witness. I had been dreaming for a number of years I was his wife. I thought I was a great sinner. I prayed to God to take it from me for I felt it was a sin; but when Joseph sent for me he told me all of these things. "Well" said I, "don't you think it was an angel of the Devil that told you these things?" Said he, "No. It was an angel of God. God Almighty showed me the difference between an angel of Light and Satan's angels." The angel came to me three times between the years of '34 and '42 and said I was to obey that principle, he would slay me." "But", said he "they called me a false and fallen prophet but I am more in favor with my God this day than I ever was in all my life before. I know that I shall be saved in the Kingdom of God. I have the oath of God upon it and God cannot lie, all that He gives me I shall take with me for I have that authority and that power conferred upon me. Well, I talked with him for a long time and finally I told him I would never be sealed to him until I had a witness. Said he "you shall have a witness." Said I, "If God told you that why does he not tell me?" He asked me if I was going to be a traitor. "I ~~was~~ have never told a mortal and shall never tell a mortal I had such a talk from a married man." said I.

'Well', said he, 'pray earnestly for the angel said to me you should have a witness'. Well Brigham Young was with me. He said if I had a witness he wanted to know it. 'Why should I tell you?' said I. 'Well' said he, 'I want to know for myself.' Said he 'do you know what Joseph said? Since we left the office the angel appeared to him and told him he was well pleased with him and that you should have a witness. 'I made it a subject of prayer and I worried about it because I did not dare to speak to a living being except Brigham Young. I went out and got between three hay-stacks where no one could see me. As I knelt down I thought why not pray as Moses did? He prayed with his hands raised. When his hands were raised Israel was victorious but when they were not raised the Philistines were victorious. I lifted my hands and I have heard Joseph say the angels covered their faces. I knelt down and if ever a poor mortal prayed I did. A few nights after that an angel of the Lord came to me and if ever a thrill went through a mortal it went through me. I gazed upon the clothes and figure but the eyes were like lightening. They pierced me from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet. I was frightened almost to death for a moment. I tried to waken my aunt but I could not. The angel leaned over me and the light was very great although it was night. When my aunt woke up she said she had seen a figure in white robes pass from our bed to my mother's bed and pass out of the window. Joseph came up the next Sabbath. He said, 'have you had a witness yet?' 'No'. 'Well', said he, 'the angel expressly told me you should have.' Said I 'I have not had a witness, but I have seen something I have never seen before. I saw an angel and I was frightened almost to death. I did not speak.' He studied awhile and put his elbows on his knees and his face in his hands. He looked up and said, 'How could you have been such a coward?' Said I, 'I was weak.' "Did you think to say, 'Father help me?'" 'No.' 'Well if you had just said that your mouth would have been opened for that was an angel of the living God. He came to you with more knowledge, intelligence, and light than I have ever dared to reveal. I said, 'If that was an angel of light why did he not speak to me?' 'You covered your face and for this reason the angel was insulted. 'Said I 'Will it ever come again?' He