



A Call to Build Zion - by Fred M. Smith

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Although this was given in 1920 we see the vision and the understanding given to Fred M, as the prophet of the church, concerning those things that would yet come to pass. He was given a deep concern for the saints of the church to be prepared and this concern is expressed in the following remarks taken from his sermon:

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I wonder how long it will be until we have Zion. My concern has been intensified of late. Forces are at work which threaten our government, and the men at Washington know this well. Discord and chaos are liable to break out overnight and the institutions upon which we lean for our safe-guard may crumble, and our protection be weakened.

I wish I could tell you some of the things I feel and know. The great concern that has stirred me at times is, "When that time of chaos comes will this people be prepared to furnish the place of safety God has intended that we should? **If we are going to prepare this place, we must be up and doing. The time may be nearer than you think. Whether it be five years or fifty, it makes no difference to us in regard to our determination to do everything in our power to establish the things God has told us we should establish ... Let us get together and build Zion; let us start now; let us do something every day that will make us feel we are working toward the establishment of Zion!**"

We need not only implore God every night as we go to our secret closets for prayer, but we need also to rise from our knees and say that the morning light that shall come following our night of rest shall find us active in carrying out the thing that shall contribute to the bringing about of the conditions that we prayed for. **Let us help God establish Zion!**