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Zion’s foundations: They are in the love of God and love of man. When these two commandments prevail on the earth in a modern city, heaven and earth shall come together; those who have from the realm of light visited this benighted world shall be reunited with their children on earth. The day of preparation will be complete. The hearts of the children will be turned to the fathers and the fathers to the children and the city will be “set upon a hill”, no more to be hid.

Let the members and ministry of the Church in these the last days practice these two commandments; and they shall find themselves “**Living Stones,**” built up to God, on the foundation of the prophets and the apostles, a habitation of God through the Spirit. **Then let there come disaster, war, famine, whirlwind, depression, and what not--- such things shall not move Zion but simply increase the love and pity that her inhabitants have for all men and cement her firmer on the foundation of Christ.”**



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