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be a good plan for both the Priests and the people, for the members of your quorum to hold meetings with the Saints in their homes. The bishop, however, should lead out and show the way he desires such meetings to be held.

LESSON FOURTEEN.

SUBJECT: The Creation of Man.

- I. Man has descended from God; in fact, he is of the same race as the Gods. His descent has not been from a lower form of life, but from the Highest Form of Life; in other words, man is, in the most literal sense, a child of God. This is not only true of the spirit of man, but of his body also. There never was a time, probably, in all the eternities of the past, when there was not men or children of God. This world is only one of many worlds which have been created by the Father through His Only Begotten. Adam, then, was probably not the first mortal man in the universe, but he was likely the first for this earth. Note 1.
- II. When we speak of man in this sense, we mean mankind, which includes woman.
- III. Man is made in the likeness of his Maker; as much so as children are in the likeness or image of their parents. Man was created in the likeness and image of God, both male and female. Note 2.

Note 1.—"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."—Gen. 1: 26, 27.

"And the Gods took counsel among themselves and said: Let us go down and form man in our image, after our likeness; and we will give them dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

"So the Gods went down to organize man in their own image, in the image of the Gods to form they him, male and female to form they them."—Book of Abraham 4: 26, 27.

Note 2.—"And it came to pass that when the brother of Jared had said these words, behold, the Lord stretched forth his hand and