

in the providences of God in that circumstance, as fully as in any other in my mortal existence; I do not know that one of my former suitors have received the Gospel, which shows that I was singularly preserved from the bondage of a marriage tie which would, in all probability, have prevented my receiving, or from the free exercise of the religion which has been, and now is dearer to me than my life.

In Nauvoo I first understood that the practice of plurality was to be introduced into the church. The subject was very repugnant to my feelings - so directly was it in opposition to my educated propensities, that it seemed as though all the prejudices of my ancestors for generations past congregated around me. But when I reflected that I was living in the Dispensation of the fulness of times, embracing all other Dispensations, surely Plural Marriage must necessarily be included, and I consoled myself with the idea that it was far in the distance, and beyond the period of my mortal existence. It was not long however, after I received the first intimation, before the announcement reached me that the "set time" had come - that God had commanded His servants to establish the order, by taking additional wives - I knew that God, who had kept silence for centuries, was speaking - I had covenanted in the waters of baptism to live by every word He should communicate, and my heart was firmly set to do His bidding. As I increased in knowledge concerning the principle and design of Plural Marriage, I grew in love with it, and to-day esteem it a precious, sacred principle - necessary in the elevation and salvation of the human family - in redeeming woman from the curse, and the world from corruptions.

I was sealed to the Prophet, Joseph Smith, for time and eternity, in accordance with the Celestial Law of Marriage which God has revealed - the ceremony being performed by a servant of the Most High - authorized to officiate in sacred ordinances. This, one of the most important circumstances of my life, I never have had cause to regret.

From personal knowledge I bear my testimony that Plural Celestial marriage is a pure and holy principle, not only tending to individual purity and