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### HYRUM SMITH PRESENTS PLURAL MARRIAGE TO HIGH COUNCIL AND STAKE PRESIDENCY Lynn C. & H. J. Layton

On August 12, 1843, the revelation about the eternity and plurality of marriage was read before the High Council, and Stake Presidency by Brother Hyrum, who then promised his brethren that they who accepted it should be blessed and sustained in the Church by the Spirit of God and the confidence of the Saints, and they who rejected it should fall away in their faith and power, and it was even so.

This proved to be a severe trial to many and the cause of apostasy to some, for the teaching of this revelation has been a test of personal holiness. There is not one word in it or was there one word in the Prophet's teachings other than purity and self-sacrifice. The men who have seen in this commandment a holy and exalted duty and who obeyed it in meekness and purity, have lived by their faith and have come off triumphant; while those who have sought through it to minister to evil passions have sunk and been cast out.

Life of Christopher Layton, pp. 10-11.

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