

HYRUM SMITH'S TESTIMONY RESPECTING PLURAL MARRIAGE

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At a meeting of the High Council in Nauvoo, September 23, 1843, Br. Hyrum Smith read the revelation relating to the plurality of wives, he said he did not believe it at first, it was so contrary to his feelings, but he said he knew Joseph was a prophet of God, so he made a covenant that he would not eat, drink, or sleep until he knew for himself, that he had got a testimony that it was true, that he had even heard the voice of God concerning it.

This is what James Alfred related on the night of the 15th of October, 1854.

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INTRODUCTION OF PLURAL MARRIAGE.

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Elder John Pack . . . spoke on celestial marriage. Said he knew that Joseph Smith had many wives sealed to him. Hyrum Smith taught my wife, my mother, and myself, the law of celestial marriage. Hyrum said my wife and I were not one; to become one, we would have to be sealed up to eternal life; my wife was then sealed to me. And I acted in behalf of my father, who was dead, and was sealed to my mother. The law of celestial marriage was taught me before the death of Joseph; and I practiced it before he died. He compared the glory that a man would have with only one wife and asked could he expect to receive the reward that a man would have, who had fulfilled all the law? Certainly not. Certain promises are given to those who obey the law; and unless they fulfil it, they will not receive the reward.

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Summit Stake Historical Record, 1877-1890,  
pp. 158-159. Ch. Hist. Lib.