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**Abstract:** This article gives a speculative description of the city of Enoch and its inhabitants.

## THE CITY OF ENOCH.

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President Brigham Young said, in a sermon delivered June 3, 1860, "Enoch was the only man that could build a city to God; and as soon as he had it completed, he and his city, with all its walls, houses, lands, rivers, and everything pertaining to it, were taken away."

The scriptures inform us that Enoch walked and talked with God three hundred and sixty-five years. We have no biblical data upon which to form a correct idea of the population inhabiting that truly wonderful city, but the inference would justify the belief that the population must have been of an exceeding great number. Doubtless they were, to a great extent, an agricultural people, embracing the cultivation of cereals, grasses and fruits. The manufacture of various fabrics of clothing and the handiwork created by skilled labor, incidental to various trades, were among the necessities required for the community. That there were poets, philosophers, historians, artists, inventors and men and women possessing genius of various grades, the writer does not doubt.

We may believe they were a self-sustaining community, since history, either sacred or profane, does not treat of interchange of their products with other nationalities. Therefore, strictly speaking, a marked exclusiveness was maintained among them. They were bound together in the indissoluble bonds of love and fraternity, in the most exalted sense of those terms. Speculation in values, the desire to hoard up wealth for self-aggrandizement, which fosters the spirit of pride, had no place among them. Their

lives and environments presented a picture of millennial bliss, and in a certain degree, it may be called the first millennium on earth, because the powers of darkness held no dominion over them, so great was their union. So universal was the spirit of love enjoyed by Enoch's people that it would seem that the animal creation and the birds of the air must have partaken of the divine influence prevailing, while marked results were witnessed in the increase of the earth's products of grains and fruits.

What was the primal cause which brought about this happy condition of society, socially, religiously and industrially? It was due to the people having consecrated their time, talents, and all their earthly possessions, to one common end—the good of the whole community. The words of the Master will find application here, "Except ye are one, ye are not mine." The people of Enoch were a unit in keeping the law of consecration, hence the blessings which followed. We are told that when conditions become favorable, in a future day, the glorious principle of consecration will again be introduced as a preparatory event preceding the coming of the Lord. Who will abide this great law of exaltation? Those whose eyes are single to the glory of God and to the upbuilding of his great latter-day work, for the glory of Zion, "and the perfecting of the Saints."

The principle of consecration was alluded to, in a limited sense, when the Savior said to the rich young man, "Go and sell that thou hast, and give it to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me." We are told that we shall be tried in all things. Some persons have apostatized from the church because of poverty, others from having gained great wealth; so, we see that these two extremes have wrecked the salvation of certain individuals. It is said that the optic nerve is one of the most sensitive in the human being. Some persons who possess a very strong feeling of holding on to property, are like the rich young man whom the Savior conversed with, and these will doubtless refuse to accept the law of consecration. Hence, the need of these words of admonition: If prosperity floweth unto thee like a river, be humble, keep the faith. Should poverty assail you, in its most threatening form, be humble, keep the faith. Let the spiritual have precedence, hold the temporal in abeyance. When

this order of procedure is reversed, a person is trespassing on dangerous ground.

Referring to the extract from President Young's sermon, what a wonderful exhibition of the power of the Almighty was witnessed when Enoch's city was translated! Hail to the day of its return to earth, when the earth is prepared for its reception!

Salt Lake City.

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LOVE AND WORK.

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“‘I love you, mother,’ said little John;  
Then forgetting work his cap went on,  
And he was off to the garden swing,  
Leaving his mother the wood to bring.

“‘I love you, mother,’ said rosy Nell,  
‘I love you better than tongue can tell.’  
Then she teased and pouted full half the day  
Till her mother rejoiced when she went to play.

“‘I love you, mother,’ said little Fan,  
‘Today I’ll help you all I can.  
How glad I am that school doesn’t keep.’  
So she rocked the baby till it fell asleep.

“Then stepping softly she took the broom  
And swept the floor and dusted the room.  
Busy and happy all day was she,  
Cheerful and helpful as child could be.

“‘I love you, mother,’ again they said,  
Three little children going to bed.  
Now how do you think that mother guessed  
Which of them really loved her best?”

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