

*3 Nephi 12:48*

**Brigham Young, *Deseret News Weekly*, 31 August 1854, 1.**

We all occupy diversified stations in the world, and in the kingdom of God. Those who do right, and seek the glory of the Father in heaven, whether their knowledge be little or much, or whether they can do little, or much, if they do the very best they know how, they are perfect.... 'Be ye as perfect as ye can,' for that is all we can do, tho' it is written, 'Be ye perfect as your Father who is in heaven is perfect.' To be as perfect as we possibly can according to our knowledge, is to be just as perfect as our Father in heaven is. He cannot be any more perfect than he knows how, any more than we. When we are doing as well as we know how in the sphere, and station which we occupy here, we are justified.... We are as justified as the angels who are before the throne of God. The sin that will cleave to all the posterity of Adam and Eve is, that they have not done as well as they know how.

(*Cf.* Moroni 10:32-33; D&C 67:13; 82:3)

*Moroni 10:8-18*

**George Q. Cannon, *Millennial Star*, April 1894, 260-61.**

How many of you ask the Father, in the name of Jesus, to manifest Himself to you through these powers and these gifts? ... If any of us are imperfect, it is our duty to pray for the gift that will make us perfect. Have I imperfections? I am full of them. What is my duty? To pray to God to give me the gifts that will correct these imperfections.... God has promised to give strength to correct these things, and to give gifts that will eradicate them.

(*Cf.* Alma 22:15; D&C 46:8-9, 26)