



WE ARE ALL ENLISTED

This is an inspiring sight indeed – the greatest body of men which could be assembled anywhere on the earth, and for the greatest reason. I am always awed by looking out at this audience as I think of all you priesthood holders gathered together in 1,547 buildings throughout the world.

What a great army of the priesthood with the power of God delegated to you to act in his name! I feel a tremendous responsibility as I contemplate the purpose of this gathering.

It seems fitting to recall the words of a song entitled "We Are All Enlisted." Since these words fit into the theme of my message tonight, I should like to repeat some of them as they apply to us as priesthood holders:

We are all enlisted till the conflict is o'er. ...

Soldiers in the army, there's a bright crown in store;

We shall win and wear it by and by.

Haste to the battle, quick to the field,

Truth is our helmet, buckler, and shield.

Stand by our colors – proudly they wave. ...

Hark! 'tis our Captain calls you today;



Lose not a moment, make no delay!

Fight for our Savior, come, come away! ...

Fighting for a kingdom, and the world is our foe. ...

Glad to join the army, we will sing as we go;

We shall gain the victory by and by.

Dangers may gather – why should we fear?

Jesus, our Leader, ever is near.

He will protect us, comfort and cheer.

THE ARMOR

The text of my address is from Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians:

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day. ...

"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about