

ple, where he saw an angel⁵⁸ and—greatest privilege of all—was permitted to see the Savior himself.⁵⁹ He lost his position of leadership and eventually even his membership in the Church. But whatever his personal weaknesses, he had the strength of character to maintain his loyalty to the Prophet and return humbly to the Church, when it would have been so easy to have disintegrated in bitterness.

⁵⁸*DHC*, Vol. II, 427. Joseph Smith records:

"President Frederick G. Williams arose and testified that while President Rigdon was making his first prayer, an angel entered the window and took his seat between Father Smith and himself, and remained there during the prayer."

⁵⁹"On the first day of the dedication, President Frederick G. Williams, one of the counselors of the Prophet, and who occupied the upper pulpit, bore testimony that the Savior, dressed in His vesture without seam, came into the stand and accepted of the dedication of the house; that he saw Him, and he gave a description of His clothing and all things pertaining to it." George A. Smith, *Journal of Discourses*, Vol. XI, p. 10.

Fire

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The texture of the fabric
And its inner strength
Tell whether
Fire destroys

Or

Illuminates and blesses—
Even transfigures
With sure knowledge
Him whose avid breath
Excites its pure flame.

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