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## Letter from Jedediah Smith to his Parents, December 24, 1829

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Wind River, East side of the Rocky Mountains, Dec. 24, 1829

Dear Father & Mother

Your unworthy Son once more undertakes to address  
his Much Beloved Parents —

I have several times written, but have received no  
Answer from any of you, since I left home, with the  
Exception, of Austin & Peter, they state that our Parents, now  
reside in Erie County, Pennsylvania, & a few other particulars  
with regard to the Family, but it would give me great satisfaction  
to hear more fully — It is a long time since I left home  
& many times I have been ready, to bring my business to a close  
& endeavor, to come home; ~~several times~~ but have been hindered  
hitherto — as our business is at present, it would be the height  
of impolicy to set a time to come home, however I will endeavor  
by the assistance of Divine Providence, to come home  
as soon as possible, it would be the greatest pleasure I could  
enjoy, would be to accompany, or be in company, with my friends,  
but whether I shall ever be allowed the privilege, God  
only knows, I feel the need of the watch & care of a Christian  
Church — you may well suppose that our Society is of the  
strangest kind, Men of good morals, seldom enter into business  
of this kind. — I hope you will remember me before a  
Throne of grace — perhaps you may think it strange  
that I do not give you some particulars with regard to who  
is praying in this country, but for this, it is, perhaps, better  
that we wait a meeting —

I wish I could hear from my Parents, if  
they please to write, let them write soon & direct their Letters  
to the care of Mr. L. Lubette, St. Louis Missouri; Mr. Lubette  
is a Pastor of mine, he will be the bearer of this to St. Louis &  
after remaining there ~~two~~ ~~months~~ he will return to  
join our other Pastor David, B. Jackson, & my self, in  
the Mountains, so I wish no time to be lost in writing

My God of his infinite mercy allow me soon to  
rejoin my Parents, is the Prayer of your undivided  
Son

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