

## Real Nature of the Kingdom

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*Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Matt 6:9-10*

*God is the absolute Father, absolute True Parent, and the unique, unchanging and eternal True Father... Justification through attendance signifies the age of realizing the KINGDOM of Heaven in daily life. This is why we are talking about justification through attendance.*

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Greetings!

In Sunday's sermon on "Thy Kingdom Come" Hyung Jin Nim discussed how Father did not come to build a new religion, he came to build God's Kingdom, which has a governance structure, hence the efforts to create the Abel UN and the Washington Times, etc.

While it is true that salvation was achieved through Jesus' offering on the cross, this was clearly NOT his original purpose. Jesus asked his followers to pray *every day*, "Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." We will lose its true meaning if we mindlessly recite this like a mindless mantra.



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Jesus wanted us to understand that God's Kingdom must be built on earth. A kingdom has actual territory and sovereignty. It has a king. It has a culture that reflects the character of its king.



Jesus had the most trouble with religious leaders who focused on outward signs and rituals, but did not have a real relationship with God. He chastised these people more than sinners, because he perceived that they were the worst sinners, setting up barriers to prevent people from coming to God.

The English monarchy had colonies in Canada, Australia and New Zealand which are now part of the Commonwealth. Wherever the King lives becomes the headquarters of the Kingdom.

Jesus taught that God's Kingdom would rule the earth. Its inhabitants are citizens with rights. A religion has members who try to appease God. They have no rights.

The Principle teaches that God must obey His own laws because not to do so would violate His nature. In the same way the laws of a kingdom reflect the King's nature. Past kingdoms have been totalitarian, reflecting the nature of their kings, but in the Kingdom of God, Jesus and Father were willing to risk *their* lives to save their citizens.



Martha Tashiro's Praise Painting based on Judges 7:7

Religious people suppose that the laws of nature and economics will be abolished when the Kingdom comes, but this is a misunderstanding. Those laws are an extension of God's orderly nature including mathematics, cause and effect, etc.

People came to America to seek religious and political freedom in the 17th and 18th century. They created a nation which has a constitution, from which laws are

Holy Blessing Ceremony created which should protect the rights of citizens so that they can pursue prosperity through self-reliance and hard work. On that basis, America could become the most prosperous nation in the world.



As explained in Matthew 7:21, it is not just about believing or talking about the Kingdom, but *doing* the will of God to create the Kingdom. The three blessings given to Adam include the blessing of dominion, which means to rule and govern. We should understand the politics and economics of the Kingdom of God.

Socrates spoke about how the degeneration of a kingdom often takes place within 3 generations. The first works hard to make a foundation. The second has access to more education and do better than their parents, but the third often has an attitude of entitlement and becomes decadent. They expect and demand free things without earning those.

That is why in the Constitution of Cheon Il Guk, a federal government has strong limitations on its power and ability to make war, tax and spend. The needs of people are dealt with at the most local level possible. Local families and communities are responsible to educate and train their children to be hard-working and virtuous.

Hyung Jin Nim showed a fascinating video about "Heaven and Earth" from the Bible Project, which explains that Heaven and Earth were originally meant to be overlapping. *The goal of human history is to re-establish the congruence of these two "spaces."*



The Kingdom of God is not a "Disneyland" place of enjoyments with no responsibility. It's a place of real freedom, choices, and responsibility, where you take care of your neighbors based on real relationships and the challenges those inevitably bring.



*Yeonah Nim hugging Rev. Lumbus after Blessing Ceremony*

At the time of the second coming, God divides the sheep and the goats, those who follow totalitarian fascism/collectivism versus those who practice freedom and responsibility centered on God. Many churches teach a "Communist" Jesus who uses government power to force people to be "good," but then he would little different from the despots of the past. God's Kingdom is based on citizens' rights and responsibilities to honor God, take care of our families and to serve and help others in a real world.

The service concluded with a very moving Holy Blessing ceremony of Rev. Dr. Thelma Lumbus of 172 Clergy and Dr. David Kiladi Mutala, who is coordinator for the Unification Sanctuary in Congo.

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### **Miho's Testimony 2016-3-18**

The cold, hard winter is almost gone. Signs of spring are finally budding out of the ground.

Hyung Jin Nim is making a lot of Jeong Seong conditions. He is giving powerful services. I feel God, True Father and Jesus are surrounding him. I always try to sit in the front because I want to receive his message 100%. When he speaks I often feel my whole body being healed.

Several weeks ago, Kook Jin Nim showed a youtube video about a man who was suffering from cancer, but during his prayer he felt God's spirit enveloping his body. The following week during his checkup his doctor was so surprised. He could not find any cancer cells or cancer DNA anywhere in his body.

I felt the same way last Sunday. God wants us to grow inside and take off our fallen natures. I feel Hyung Jin Nim is walking a similar path to Jesus and Father. Who sent them to the cross? The same kind of people who want to send Hyung Jin Nim to the cross.

Hyung Jin Nim and Yeonah Nim want to keep Father's lineage and tradition. They are standing each week on Ground Zero. Last spring he spoke to each of his children and gave his blessing to each one. He said, "even if I die, keep faith as God's children together with your mother." He said to Shin-joon, "even if they put you on the cross upside-down, at that time your Mother will help you." All of them had tears in their eyes. I felt we shouldn't put this family on the cross.

True Father did not die. Even a new Hollywood movie says "God is not dead!" Hyung Jin Nim is calling brothers and sisters all over the world, whoever loves Father the most, to stand up and say, "Father is not dead, he lives together with me."

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### **Letter to my son**

Deep down, a father knows regrets. A father sees what he has made of his life,

and he reflects:

He sees each twist and turn, and thinks: This, for my son.

He sees each attempt and failure, and thinks: This, for my son.

He sees each limitation, each mistake, and thinks: This, for my son.

For my son, for my son, for my son.

To the degree that I love him, I feel my own failures. To the degree that I treasure him, I feel my own inadequacies. To the degree that God shines a light on him,

I feel ecstatic joy.

Love embraces sorrow, sorrow releases the soul, the soul catches flight, and flight takes one on a journey. Each step, each pass, each ford, each destination:

This, for my son.

Treasure of my heart, more than I can ever express. Meaning of my life, to live, and to give, and to be better: This, for my son.

All paths run dry, except the path of love, true love.

This, for my son.

Lord, let me rise up. Let me grow. Let me be stronger. This, this for my son.

Father, let me see more clearly. Father, let me be more honest. Father, let me be something he can rely on, as you, for me. Like a rock. This, for my son.

I turn away. I feel the dry rustle of leaves underfoot, the twigs breaking, the scent of the bark and the whisper of the tree tops. Somewhere, high above, birds are playing and flittering here and there, in the shadows and the speckled light of the sun. Playing in their arboreal circus, doing what birds do best.

Sunlight filters down, casting patterns on the grass and the mottled forest floor.

This moment, steeped in pain, steeped in longing, steeped in realization, stepped in gratitude: this, for my son.

Each moment of my life, I will be forever there.

All my hopes and dreams, all my efforts, and all my limitations: this, for my son.

Deep down, a father knows regrets, but he also knows joy.

And he knows love: this, for my son.

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May God bless you and your families!

Sincerely,

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