The Blessing and Eternal Life Dr. Chung Sik Yong, February 22, 2023

Key Points

- Man and woman were created to be God's child and unchanging, irreplaceable true love partners with absolute, unique, infinite and eternal value.
- We need to treat others as more precious than the cosmos.
- If we possess God, we can possess everything that God has.
- As God's child we strive to become the best and to become one with God. Then we become the owner of the universe.
- Filial piety is continually taking the parents' standpoint, knowing oneself as coming from the parents, and always asking, reporting to, and discussing with them.
- In order for fallen people to take God's standpoint, we have to practice self-denial thoroughly.
- To become one with him we must have the absolute conviction that God is our Parent and we are His sons and daughters.
- To avoid leaving our proper position, becoming arrogant, humanistic and dissatisfied, feeling envy, jealousy, and disappointment, and ultimately falling horizontally, we must put God's thoughts before our own thoughts by taking the standpoint of our central figure.
- Faith is treating ourself as God's.
- The first step of faith is denying ourself, that is, treating ourself not as our own but as God's. Our mind, thoughts, habits, desires, language, actions and possessions all belong to God.
- God chose our marriage partner and blessed us for his purpose and ideals, not ours.
- We should not allow finances, circumstances or our desires to determine how many children we have, but only God's will.
- When we are persecuted, God is persecuted, not us.
- Our body is God's, so we cannot tarnish it.
- If we entrust everything to Heaven and have a heart of obedience, God will take care of everything and send great blessings.

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It is a beautiful Wednesday, right?

Today I'd like to talk about "The Blessing and Eternal Life" from *True Mother's Anthology, Book 2*.

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relationship with God, as His partner in true love. What kind of person in the world is the person who has become the most true? The one who is the most true is the one who has become one with God and can receive God's love from the position of His child. The life that this kind of person lives together with God is a true life.

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If there is something that God loves the most, is that thing made to be with God for one day, for ten years or a hundred years, or is it made to be with God for all eternity? It is made to be with God for all eternity. It is the same with people. After a person is born, when they die, is it better if they are gone, or better if they live on eternally? People live eternally because they are the object partners that are most precious to the absolute God.

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I really love this point.

We need to know the amazing truth that God created man and woman with (such) noble value that even the entire universe cannot replace the value of one person in the eyes of God.

If we know our own value, we really appreciate God and our brothers and sisters.

There is one thing I reflect on every moment. It is whether I really consider each person as having a noble value that cannot be changed even if I give the universe.

Dr. Yoshi and a Filipino girl, Yen, live with me and Mr. Seo assists me. Can I treat them as if they are better than the cosmos? More valuable than the cosmos? The closest person? If I did not treat them as (having a) value of more than (that of) the universe, then how can I deal with other brothers and sisters and leaders? I always reflect on this point. How much do I treat each person as so valuable? More than the cosmos? If we treat each person as God's sons and daughters, (with a greater) value than (that of) the universe, then I am telling you, everyone is so precious. I really feel that each of them is a son or daughter of God.

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How can we own the entire universe? Who owns the universe? It is God Therefore, if we possess God, we can possess everything that God has. People don't know the secret. Therefore, we must love God the most.

> LIVING DIVINE PRINCIPLE: The Human Fall 24: The Primary Characteristics of the Fallen Nature



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Let's talk about failing to take God's standpoint.

1. Failing to Take God's Standpoint

In order to take God's standpoint, you need practice filial piety. Filial piety has no self-centeredness. Those who practice filial piety abide by the standard of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience. People of filial piety discuss his every activity with their parents. Filial piety is the vertical love toward their subjects. Lucifer couldn't love Adam and Eve with the same heart and perspective as God; instead he felt jealous of Adam and tempted Eve. It was the totally self-centered action. Therefore, in order to take God's standpoint, you have to practice the training of self-denial thoroughly. No matter how difficult the situation you are facing is, you have to overcome it with absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience. Many people couldn't overcome it and passed away.

We call the child taking the parent's standpoint "filial piety." As long as we have filial heart and filial piety, we can never leave the parent's standpoint for even a moment.

That is why filial heart, filial piety is key. Filial heart or filial piety means we put our parents first, we put God as the top priority.

Since filial piety knows oneself as coming from the parents, it can never assert oneself. To confirm the standpoint of the parent, we always need to live a life of asking our parents, reporting to them, and discussing with them.

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who are selfish people, come to cause dissatisfaction and discontent in a social organization. As a result, it can cause the division of the organization. For that reason, people of faith should be humble all the time.

To avoid leaving our proper position and feeling envy, jealousy and disappointment, we need to take the standpoint of our central figure and keep God's thoughts before our own.

If our own thoughts come before God's thoughts, we will surely leave our proper position, and when we leave our proper position, we feel envy, jealousy, and disappointment.

The case of leaving one's proper position is when one's thoughts are stronger than God's thoughts. Therefore, we have to always take the standpoint of our central figure.

If we leave our proper position, we fall horizontally. When we fall horizontally, we always become a humanistic person. When we become a humanistic person, we easily become arrogant and easily have dissatisfaction and discontent.

TODAY'S YOUTH MINISTRY: Faith Is Treating Myself As the Father's

1. Faith is treating myself as belonging to God. If that is so, who is doing my breathing? It is not me but it is God who is breathing. Eating is also not me who is eating but my spirit self that is eating. Also, man and woman marrying is not me having a wedding ceremony but God who is having a wedding ceremony. It is not my own wedding ceremony but God's wedding ceremony. Those without faith think of themselves as their own. That is why they think of living as "I am living," and marrying as "I am marrying," and breathing as "I am breathing." When eating, they also think, "I am eating." But faith is not like that. Is it about treating myself as belonging to God from beginning to end. The life I received is a life received from God. Eating food is not for the sake of my physical body but for the sake of my spirit self.

I had a life-changing experience that helped me to understand what the real meaning faith is. Father repeats this again and again. My spiritual father, Rev. Yo Han Lee, took Father's word very seriously and taught it to students all the time. Faith is treating ourself as God's.

The first step of faith is denying myself. Denying myself means treating myself not as my own but as God's. Therefore, I must deny everything I thought that was centered on Satan to this day, such as my concept of possession, my thoughts, my habits, my language, and so on.

And I have to think of myself as completely belonging to God. I have to treat my own thoughts as God's thoughts, think of my mind as God's mind, and think of my concept of possession as God's possessions. I even have to think of my breathing not as me breathing but God breathing.

It is thinking that even (when) eating (it) is not I who is eating but God who is eating. Also, it is thinking that marrying is not I (who is) marrying but God who is marrying. Even if I am persecuted and opposed, it is thinking that is it not I but God who is persecuted and opposed.

If I treat my body as God's, since I consider parts of my body as God's, I cannot help but value my own existence. Therefore, I will not recklessly tarnish my own body. I will never fall if I think of myself as God's.

If Adam and Eve had treated their body as God's body, their thinking as God's thinking, their belongings as God belongings, they would have never fallen. How can we go back to God's bosom? Treat ourself as God's belonging, treat ourself as our spouse's belonging.

Even though I have read the Bible and often listened to sermons by Christian ministers, they do not clearly teach this point. But Father taught very clearly what faith means: treat ourself as God's belonging. If we are very sure of this and remind ourself of this all the time, our life of faith will be very clear. Wherever we go, whatever we do, we should treat ourself as God's belonging. That is attendance. That is filial piety. What is filial piety? Treat ourself as God's belonging. Our body becomes very holy. Our mind becomes very holy. Why? Because we treat ourself as God's belonging.

What is the Fall? It is disregarding our relationship with God and treating everything as our own. That is the fall. When we think of ourself as our own, we become a being who no longer has a relationship with God.

Those without faith think of themselves as their own. That is why they think of living as "I am living," and marrying as "I am marrying," and breathing as "I am breathing."

This is the fall.

True Father teaches us clearly what faith means. If we realize this point, we can have a life-changing experience. Then wherever we go, we will receive guidance from God because we treat ourself as God's belonging. We won't need any teacher, nor will we need Abel if we really treat ourself as God's belonging. This is amazing guidance.

2. If faith is treating myself as belonging to God, my wedding is not my wedding but God's wedding. In that sense, Adam and Eve's marriage was not their own, but it was God's marriage. It is easy to mistakenly think of the Blessing we receive today as receiving the blessing for our own sake. Because we thought of this Blessing as our own, we said that we liked or disliked the partners True Parents chose for us, depending on our mood. Some people say, "I won't go this time but next time." These days, some couples decide not to have children because their financial situation is not good. How would God feel when He hears such things? When many people have children, they mistakenly think that they raise children because they created a financial foundation. Everyone says that they will have a baby when they have good financial conditions. Even when they reproduce children, they do not know that they are giving birth through Heaven.

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This is not great.

What is faith? Treating ourself as God's belonging.

I emphasize once again: marriage is not done for our sake but for God's sake. Our marriage should be God's marriage. It is not for our sake but for the sake of realizing His ideals.

That is why when we choose our Blessing partner, we cannot thoughtlessly decide depending on our mood or interests.

"I love this beautiful girl." "I love someone who is singing very well." (Or because she is) tall, or white, or black. This is centering on our own interest. If everything is centered on our own self, our own benefit, our own interest, then it does not relate to God at all.

We need to think, "Heavenly Father, you are asking me to receive the blessing. I really completely surrender. I want to deny (myself). What kind of spouse should I get?" Then we need to pray and deny ourself. Then God will guide us correctly. But if we chose someone as a blessing candidate with our own thought and interest, it will surely create a problem on the way because the motivation begins from me. Faith means to treat ourself as God's belonging. Then our motivation mus be with God in order to know if this person is really the object partner of the Blessing. First we need to receive God's permission through prayer. We should not choose our spouse for our own sake. "Is it ok or not." The problem is if our life of faith is really good, then most of the second generation within one or two weeks can have a dream. God will teach us very clearly.

When our three children received the Blessing, my wife and I prayed – of course, we pray for them all the time – immediately God answered. Also, each of our children received a dream. That is why we need to get permission: "We want to chose this guy as my son's or daughter's partner. Is it OK?" We need to get God's permission. We need to ask God all the time.

Most of the second generation and their parents do not know how to receive God's permission, how to get an answer from Heavenly Father.

Then what should we do? The next level. If we cannot receive an answer, we should think of our Abel whom we respect the most. As God's representative trust him completely.

We need to have that kind of faith. "I cannot choose my spouse. I cannot get an answer through my prayer because the level of my prayer is very shallow. I don't have much experience." Then we need to trust our Abel or our father and mother as God's representatives completely. Then based on that absolute faith, God will help you.

But if we do not have that level of absolute faith, do not receive God's permission and choose by ourself, then who can guarantee our life of faith and our matching and Blessing? We should not choose out of our own interest: "I like this type. I don't like that type. She is beautiful. He is tall. He has money. He is very poor." ...

Most of our senior blessed couples were matched by Father or by photo, right? We needed to have absolute faith because we believed True Parents belonged to God. "Whenever True Parents suggest (someone, then) this is God's choice for me." Of course, we have our own portion of responsibility as well.

In regard to the question about attending the Blessing ceremony, some people think centered on themselves and say, "I won't go this time but next time." "Father and mother, there is no need to mention the Blessing any more!" This kind of attitude: "Do I need to go or not?" Ask God. We need to pray about it. We need to think, "What is God's standpoint?"

These days, some couples decide not to have children because their financial situation is not good. "We don't have time to take care of three or four children." Are these thoughts of not having children their own thoughts or God's thoughts? Is this our thinking or God's thinking? "I want to only have three children." Is this God's thinking or our thinking? This motivation comes from where? We decide centering on whom? That is why our life of faith always has a problem, because everything is centered on our own thinking.

If we decide to have two babies, is that God's idea? Are we thinking of ourself? In the end, all fallen human beings think and make decisions centering on themselves. Therefore, God can never be with such individuals, couples, and families.

If we entrust everything to Heaven and go with a heart of obedience, God will take care of everything and send great blessings. It is the same with the issue of reproducing children. How many children do we want to have? Do not think that it is we who will have a number of children but leave it up to God's will.

Faith is treating myself as God's. If we realize this point and practice it, everybody can have incredible life-changing experiences.

Today I talked about "Faith Is Treating Myself As the Father's."

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