

Discover Father

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How many of you are constantly trying to see Father in a different way each time he comes? This is very important because when Father comes so many times, we begin to look only at his physical expression, his warm smile and strong nature. Sometimes he is soft and hopeful like spring; sometimes passionate like summer; sometimes deep and sad like autumn; and sometimes very strict and cold like winter. You can experience all kinds of things through him.

But the moment we meet Father is the moment we must expect the resurrection of our spirit body.

Sometimes, because we see Father so many times, we have a certain concept about Father. We have the same attitude and the same feeling. You feel you know Father. Basically, he talks about the same things: perseverance, unconditional love, dedication. But if you think in this way, you won't receive any inspiration or feel resurrected because of your preconception. This is very dangerous for your growth. So until Father comes the next time, I recommend that you build your prayer life and try to improve your relationship with brothers and sisters. Pray: "Heavenly Father, I want to see Your son in different ways. I want to find something that I never found before even if he speaks exactly the same thing. Also, Father, I want to represent all ancestors of 6,000 years. I am the only generation to attend the living Messiah. So I can't miss this moment."

Sometimes while Father is speaking brothers and sisters are talking or drawing pictures, but hardly listening. Then I feel that people are ignorant. If you think about your position, you are not just representing yourself. So many people in your ancestry wanted to come but couldn't and died. You are representing them and by attending the Messiah and resurrecting your spirit, by deepening your understanding of Father and coming close to him, you can lift so many of your ancestors. And whatever you gain, you can pass on to the next generation.

If you think in this way, you will never think about Father lightly. No matter how much you are with Father, find something you never found before. Sometimes I'm afraid you don't treat Father seriously enough. Of course, when Father smiles and is so desperate to see you smile, you should smile. Father wants you to enjoy his talk. But when Father is serious, he also wants you to feel serious. If Father is sad, he wants you to feel sad. If he starts dancing, he wants you to dance. He wants to be with you and go with you. He knows that he can't just go by himself. So he has to come down and get you and take you together with him.

Whenever I see Father, I try to remember who I am. Am I just Tacco Hose? Who is this man? What is this relationship and what can it bring? What kind of value is there? Am I really feeling new depths in Father or am I filled with preconceptions about him?

Whatever he says, whatever he does, Father is so desperate to make you feel close to God, to make you know God's love and God's will. Through Father, you can be lifted up and become more dedicated, loyal children to God and to mankind. If you understand that desire, be attentive. Meet with Father; seek him. If you are impressed with just one word he speaks, your whole life will change. Each one of us has the time to meet with the Messiah.

For 6,000 years, day after day, year after year, age after age, people have been waiting for this generation. We are such privileged people. That's why, if you meet the Messiah, make sure your shallow attitude doesn't devalue him. I'm afraid you are going to stay at the same place. I want you to open your eyes wider every time and challenge yourself. If I can't find something new and something deeper about Father, I can't stand it. If my behavior and my spirit is the same, even though I'm meeting Father, I'm not resurrecting.

Why do we need Father? Father said that Divine Principle taught you how to meet God and how to meet the Messiah, but Divine Principle doesn't precisely explain how to live with Father and live with God. Divine Principle explains up to the point where the Messiah comes. After that, what happens? You have to be instructed on how to live with him. By living and attending him, not just physically but spiritually, your spirit body, your character, your conscience, your mind are nourished and can advance and grow.

By attending Father you can grow closer to God. What is the purpose? Perfection of character doesn't come unless we are conscious about our growth. Being in the Unification Church doesn't mean we are always growing unless we ourselves always discipline ourselves and say: "Whatever I know is very small. Heavenly Father, I'm a miserable person. So when I'm listening to Father's speech, let this be the moment of resurrection to a higher dimension." With that stimulation you can do more to grow yourself. And you can help other people grow by stimulating them with your standard. This kind of attitude is very necessary.

What Father encourages us to do is to find him in everyday life. What does that mean? For instance, when you are talking to people, do you think: "If I were Father, what would I do?" When you read the newspaper and see tragedy and evil things happening, do you think: "If I'm Father, what do I think?" Try to find Father in your thinking and in dealing with people. Then when Father does come you will feel so close to him, because you are not just meeting him. And even when you are not with Father, you are living and thinking of him.

For faithful people the first condition is to be humble. How flexible are you? Are you ready to change according to the truth? Some people are very strong externally in blaming, criticizing and attacking others. Not so many of us are really good at checking ourselves and finding out what's wrong with us. This is very difficult because we have pride, which doesn't necessarily come from God but is pulling from the fallen world. So we have a very self-centered idea about ourselves. If we try to think we are better than others, it discourages us from repenting.

Between our Father and ourselves there is a very big gap. Sometimes I just catch the end of what he says and then he is someplace else. Then I feel him saying, "Where are you?" and feel I don't know him and have to start over because I have missed something.

Father said that even if we study 50 years we may not understand him. Then I wondered if I had hope. He said he is a very difficult man to understand. But he doesn't say this because he doesn't want you to approach him. He's saying, "Be confident in seeking me, in finding me. Don't ever think you've found me already. I am there at a much higher, much deeper place." But because he gives himself to us, he's reachable. When he smiles at you, he even looks like a servant, ready to do something for you. But his height, his comprehension, his dedication, his strength are far away from us.

That's why it's fine if you think you understand Father, but never be satisfied with your own limited understanding. Try to always find him in a different way.

I make the condition to Heavenly Father before Father comes. "Father, I promise that I will find something new in him." That's why I'm so excited to see Father. What will I find today? Am I listening to him and just enjoying what he is saying or do I understand why he is like this? What's his motivation? Try to understand something about Father this way of thinking, his way of faith, his way of dedication, his self-discipline and his way of dealing with people. You can find many things by reading Father's speeches. Try to add all those things. Then when you listen to Father all those things you read come flashing into your mind. You can see that this man has done all those things. He is speaking what he has done. He is a real man.

Sisters have to love Father more than their old boyfriend or own father. Your spirit will automatically be lifted up when Father comes. If you prepare yourself, you'll be resurrected and refreshed every time Father comes.

For 6,000 years Heavenly Father has been looking for one man. In a sense, the purpose of 6,000 years of history is consummated in Father. This one man is now with us. This man is coming and giving us all things, all wisdom, all love. How much do you know him? Can you relax without making an effort to know him? Can you be satisfied with the things Father can give all the time or do you have to add something or earn something? Make an effort to find him, to understand him.