Father's Teachings and the Early Church

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"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Matt 7:15-21

When we consider the phrase, "The Kingdom of God starts from myself," if the word "myself" were omitted, it would create a serious situation. The Bible says, "Love the Lord your God with all your mind, will and heart." However the word "Lord" does not have a simple meaning. The fundamental meaning of the word "Lord" can be recognized

substantially only at the place that has absolute contents, which can never be forgotten. The Kingdom of God does not come by believing in the Lord God, but by loving Him. God's Will is fulfilled not by believing in God, but by loving Him.

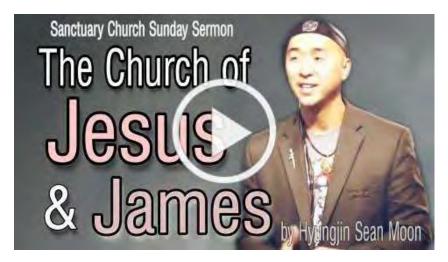
In this sense, you should recognize how immature your faith is and how far away it is from the Principle. Even though some of you are attending this meeting for the first time, someone will receive consolation and feel joy centered on himself. However, though the Kingdom of God may exist in your own mind and God feels joy from you, it does not mean that the Kingdom of God has been establishe

on earth. It may be an individual Kingdom of God, but it's not the whole Kingdom of God. From this viewpoint, what God desires is not the individual Kingdom of God. God does not feel joy seeing that. Can we say that because a man feels joy, the nation is established? God tried to fulfill the whole Kingdom of God by unifying all the nations horizontally. Consequently, God sent the Messiah, Jesus, to this world and could not but have him sacrificed. (46-74) Earthly Life And Spirit World II: Understanding the Kingdom of God (Part 2)

Dear

At the Sunday Service, Hyung Jin Nim spoke about how the last 2 weeks have been so busy, with the NRA show in Indianapolis, the Harrisburg GOA rally, and the Philadelphia Right to Life rally in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic where tens of thousands have been killed. In the following days Georgia has criminalized abortion after a fetal heartbeat can be detected, about 6 weeks.

The early church emphasized <u>the importance of Christ's lineage</u>, with James, Jesus' brother, wearing a crown as a "King." James's life was ended when he refused to renounce his faith in Jesus. Next Jesus' cousin, Simeon, wore the crown and served as the bishop of Jerusalem. He was tortured and crucified at the age of 120 years old in A.D. 106. A few decades later, the Roman Emperor Trajan was still worried, so he sent in soldiers to end the bloodline by killing two grand-nephews of Jesus.



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He spoke about the importance of making conditions, works as a product of faith. We are not saved through works, but producing good fruit is part of the Christian life. True Father's teachings produce self-reliant, public-minded citizens.

Paul taught that good works are also important. Peter and Paul both submitted to James, as the reigning "King" of the church. Our actions matter. We want True Father to smile in heaven. Not boasting which makes you a Pharisee. Jesus taught "let your left hand not know what your right hand is doing."

What level of faith do we have? The example of Abraham sacrificing Isaac on the altar shows that it is not faith only, not actions only. Rahab the harlot, who helped the invading Israelites, was justified by works also. The Han mother did many of the things that True Father asked, but she lost her faith in him and says she learned nothing from him.

In Colossians, Paul emphasized faith, but also warned believers to be moral. They were teaching the Divine Principle view about our 5% portion of responsibility. Hard training and exercizing sovereignty are important. Family Fed members left True Father, but think they are always saved because of having received the Blessing, but that is a self-centered way of thinking. We are serious about our faith and also having good fruits. A bird needs both wings, not just one, to fly.

Why GOD is a HE

Is God a man, a woman, or a genderless force that cannot be identified by masculine or feminine traits? Society offers a range of ideas, but what do religious texts have to say about this immutable characteristic of God? In the following video, Dennis Prager offers some thought-provoking answers.



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(Rest of Alex Gaigg's "I Have a Kingdom to Rule")

May God bless you and your families!

Sincerely,

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If anything, Rev. Moon's words expand the Bible, not reinterpret differently. Such a claim is heresy in itself. Third, claiming the Messiah's words to be just an interpretation of another text places us in a false angelic position which wishes to take God's throne. You cannot claim your own Messiah to be a heretic! Did you strive through Hell to save the lost children of God? and if so, how many countless times have you done it?

We are not more special than the Messiah. The Messiah came so we can have equal partnership in God's love and will, but in no way can we forgive other people's sins who have not sinned against us. You can even try and fail! That is why the Messiah differs from us, apart from already having attained perfect unity of mind, heart, and spirit with God. **Its in His saving grace from reading His Word and trusting Him that we can be saved.** It's his mercy that can save others whom are not able to be saved by us. He is our Redeemer and other's as well.

Redemption is the Messiah's purpose. Salvation is His goal. And resurrection is His plan for you. If you do not believe in God's Will then you must believe you are special in some way. How else would you seek value not from the Source of your creation but yourself? The only other option is to find value in idols, which are anything else other than God. But since you could not have created yourself, then you must find value from the source Who has created you. We find it in God's Words. God's Words consists of the 8 Great Textbooks. You may also find expression of some of His love in other spiritual texts, but to place True Father's words under interpretation is an adulteration of the truth. God is not mocked in any way. He may have reached you through other spiritual texts and teachings other than through Christ Jesus and True Father, but God's Divine Truth can never be labeled as just another interpretation. In no effort in one's life could someone ever receive that standard of truth which can literally save your soul and the souls of others around you at the same time. It could save the world and the cosmos. Christ is because He saves those whom you cannot save. Dare not to label His Words as just another interpretation. You are not special.

Oneness of Christ is found in God. **Salvation is attained by not sacrificing one's self, but by sacrificing one's ego.** Offer that and you will find God has a better answer for you than you did for yourself. Hermeneutics is a serious religious discipline and not to be toyed around with to set your own agenda. God doesn't need your interpretation. He needs your understanding - an understanding of His Heart.

Knowledge can save but love is why we live. We may find being intellectual or developing a mind like Christ is amazing, but having the heart to love your enemy is found only by seeing how God loves that person. When that is done, you can only repent for forgiveness of yourself. You do that because you know your "enemy" has already been forgiven by God through the Holy Spirit. **It is because the Holy Spirit sees each Child of God truly and not through any interpretive lens of specialness.** He sees how God sees you, as being loved. If that is true in His Mind, it must be tenfold or even a hundredfold true in His Heart. God's love for you and mankind is endless. Grasp on to it by believing in His Son's Words.

Your Kingdom is bereft if you believe God could be mocked by your false interpretation of Him and His Son. Specialness comes from the belief that the truth must be different for you. If that were true, then True Father is not united with Jesus and His Word would be just another interpretation of the Bible. Would someone go through Hell for you just to prove their words were fake? Reconsider what you value and see that God has not left you from His Mind or Heart. You left Him. Come back. **You are His child. That will never change.**

He has kept your kingdom for you.