

America is God's Hope

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Michael Jenkins:

Thank you Bay area family clergy and Bay area Family Church and to our national leadership; and, I would like to introduce Bishop Stallings by first by reading an excerpt from Father Moon's Autobiography Page 49:

"It was the night before Easter and the year I turned 16. I was on Mt. Yodu praying all night and begging God in tears for answers. Why had he created a world so filled with despair.

That morning I saw clearly the sorrowful face of Jesus. Jesus spoke clearly about the work I would have to do. His words were extraordinary, having to do with saving humanity from its suffering and bringing joy back to God.

My encounter with Jesus changed my life completely. From that day on I immersed myself completely in the Word of God. I embraced new words of truth that Jesus was giving me directly. I had many things to think about; and, I gradually became a man of few words. "

Amen !



That was Father Moon's meeting with Jesus. From that commission from God, He began the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity. The mission was to unite the body of Christ. In that calling He felt called by God to come to America because the epicenter of Christian power and spirit was in America.

God had blessed America through the Pilgrim Fathers and mothers coming here; and, they prayed and the first house that they built, the first building they built was a public meeting place, which was their church, and then they built their homes.

In Jamestown another wave of Christians came, but also Black Christians came at that time in chains. But those chains would eventually be broken; and, history would prove that America has a special role. Father Moon came to America with that spirit, with that spirit to unify the body of Christ and touch the heart of

Christianity and create a revival that the elder son nation of America would rise and lead the whole world into the kingdom of God upon the Second Coming of Christ. Amen!

So, Father Moon did these 50 holy grounds and prayed every place; and then, He worked to build the body of Christ in unity. Inspired by the revival that Bishop Kim initiated in Chicago with the true family values. After he saw the response of the clergy, Father Moon called for a second 50-state tour; and, in 2001 He launched the 50-state tour of America. And on that basis, all of the 50 states were touched. And then, special clergy came at that time. One of the clergy that immersed at that time was Archbishop George Augustus Stallings Jr.

After the 50-state tour, Father Moon said 'Let's Bless those clergy.' And we had a Blessing for 60 couples; and, Archbishop Malinger, a Roman Catholic Archbishop from the Vatican came and received a Blessed wife from Korea. It shook the world.

Archbishop Stallings, Bishop and Mrs. Edwards, so many clergy came at that time and gave the ACLC a momentum that has never stopped. And now the third 50-state tour is beginning of the holy grounds. Therefore, as we welcome Archbishop Stallings, keep in mind, he is the fruit of Father Moon's calling from Jesus. He is the fruit of the sacrifices and suffering that Father and Mother Moon went through to find Christians that could understand God's Will, that we are moving from the New Testament Era to the Completed Testament Era, to the Cheon Il Guk Kingdom of Heaven Era. He who has an eye to see, let them see. He who has an ear to hear, let them hear.

Archbishop Stallings received the call of God and received the Blessing which changed the lineage. Jesus gave us grace as individuals, and therefore, we are forgiven and we go to heaven as individuals. Father Moon was commissioned by Jesus to give us grace for a man and woman together as a family; and therefore, we no longer go to heaven as individuals with the lineage of God, we go now as a family, as couples.

Please stand and welcome with me at this time the Co-Chairman of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, Archbishop George Augustus Stallings Jr. (applause)

George Augustus Stallings, Jr.:



Thank you. Please be seated. Good morning to you, my beloved family. And it's great to be back here in the Bay area, in the Oakland, San Francisco region of the country, in the great Pacific northwest and northeast and southeast and whatever you wanna call this side of the country, it is good to be here. It is good for us to be here; and, we are to be here with True Parents' direct lineage representative, the Intercontinental Director of North America and the Caribbean, Bishop Ki Hoon Kim. We are honored to be here in his presence today, along with the North American President, Dr. Michael Balcomb and his beloved wife, Fumiko san. We are honored by the gathering here today, all of these great luminaries, these great men and women of God and True Parents.

I'm not going to be long, but I'm going to be strong. And I am going to employ the three 'Bs' as in Blessed, (as in Blessed Central Families), I am going to be brief, be blunt, and be gone.

We are preparing to launch an historic 55 holy ground tour; and, whenever I hear the word holy ground,

especially as our great leader of in-my-Father's-House rock band, Rev. Joshua Cotter, said 'Lord, plant my feet on holy ground, I cannot but be lead, great men and women of God, preachers, to the Biblical account of the holy ground, found in the Book of Exodus. In Exodus Chapter 3 ... Preachers, you might want to preach this tomorrow ... to prepare your congregations to join us in this holy ground ...

In the Book of Exodus , in the second Book of the Bible in Chapter 3, we read these words : Now, Moses kept the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law , the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the back side of the desert and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb, and the angel of the Lord appears unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush and he looked and, behold, the bush burned with fire and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt." And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see God calling unto him out from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" and he said "Here am I." and He said "Draw not nigh hither. Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." For the place where thou now standest is holy ground.

Thank you for the reading of God's Word. May God be glorified. May the church be edified; and, may the devil be horrified.

"Holy ground."

The Bible also says, Dr. Kim, that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, that God is not only the God of the Heavens, but God is the Lord of the earth. Which leads me to believe, Dr. Balcomb, that we live in a dual world, in a world in which there is both the presence of God in Heaven and the presence of the earth, that God never leaves God's habitat, that God never leaves Heaven. I believe that pastors; because God cannot leave Heaven, because we also believe that God is everywhere. So, if God is everywhere, then God can never leave anywhere, that God is an ever present God, and that God is present here on the earth, that God the Kingdom of Heaven is here on the earth, that the Kingdom of God , a/k/a the Kingdom of Heaven is not in some extraterrestrial, beyond this world experience; but yes, we believe that the Kingdom of God is synonymous with the Kingdom of Heaven.

So therefore, Jesus said that the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven in Luke Chapter 18 verse 20 "It cannot be observed." You cannot say 'Look. There it is, or look around the corner, or look up there. No. The Kingdom of God a/k/a The Kingdom of Heaven is among you. It is within you. This is what True Father, The Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon knew when God spoke to Him on that mountain in North Korea, in 1934, in North Korea on that mountain top, He knew that the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven is among us, but we cannot see it, because we are not walking by faith, we are walking by sight. The reason why we cannot discover the existence of the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth is because we have failed to walk in the true identity as the children of God. That is the reality of the situation my beloved brothers and sisters. That is real.

That sin, that reality of the Fall, of the human Fall, from the plateau where God created Adam and Eve, that sin, that Fall has created a world in which we cannot see clearly with the spiritual eyes to recognize that the kingdom of God, that the kingdom of Heaven is here among us. It is an ever-present reality. It is real. It is true; and, what God did with True Father and True Mother was to bring the eternal gift to humankind, not only as the King and Queen of Heaven and earth but all of humankind that we might come to discover the presence of the kingdom of Heaven among us, and that we might realize that kingdom in our own days.

And I believe, I believe that God chose you. You did not choose God. I know that God chose me, sinful and unworthy, undetermined that I am. I know that God had to call me; because, if I had chosen this, I would have left a long, long time ago. I know it is God's Plan; and, I believe that God has called each one of us in this place, and before the foundations of the earth were ever laid, before there was a sun and a moon, before there was stars, before there was the galaxy and the constellations, that God chose you and called you by name for such a time as this. I believe that we are the most privileged people in all of humanity that we could have breathed the same breath as the True Parents of Heaven, earth and humankind, that we could work side by side with Them as Their disciples to bring about the realization of the kingdom of Heaven here on earth and you, as Unificationists, are the most Blessed people in all of humanity because you had the spiritual sense and the spiritual foresight to join forces with True Parents. I believe that. I believe that.

Through the sacrifice, through all of the blood, the sweat, the tears, through the misunderstandings, you have found the ones whom God has prepared to return America back to its original graces, to bring us back to the understanding that the kingdom of Heaven is here on earth. That is why True Parents talk about Cheon Il Guk. Can you say that 'Cheon Il Guk', one more time ... It sounds so good 'Cheon Il Guk'... Heaven and earth becoming one ! That is the whole concept. True Parents have said that Heaven and earth can become one, that it is possible in our day and age to bring about the coming of the kingdom of God and His Christ. I surely believe that this is God's Providential moment for us !

This is the time, but not like kronos, the Greek word 'khronos' means chronological time...This is not a time of khronos, this is a time of kairos (k a i r o s) and the Greek, Bishop Jackson, you know kairos means 'God' ! God's appointed time. This is God's time for plucking you and me out of the midst of evil, out of a world of despair and raising us up so that we can lead this great army under the banner of True Parents to restore, not only the kingdom of God, the kingdom of Heaven in our midst, but that men and women can see it and realize it and be a part of it !

It is a great calling ! This is a great anointing ! This is a great time for all of humanity ! This is America's call. This is America's opportunity !

Back in 1973, True Father gave a speech there in the auditorium, in Washington D.C. in our native land in October of 1973 entitled 'God's Hope for America', 'God's Hope for America'...and then three years later at Yankee Stadium on June the 1st in 1976, Father gave a similar message 'America is God's Hope.' 'God's Hope for America' 'America is God's Hope'

You know, Dr. Balcomb, I love prepositions and the first speech was God's Hope 'for' America and the next speech was America 'is' God's Hope ... I like that 'to be' very 'is', 'is,' 'is,' Maybe I would want to change that and say 'God's Hope is America' and 'America is God's Hope.' because reality is that God is calling you and me by name giving us this assignment.

Understand, my beloved family that this calling through True Parents is for 'you' and 'you' and 'you' and 'you' and 'me' that God has selectively chosen every one of us here in the sound of my voice to this age in this mission of restoration and salvation for America because we are God's Hope for America, America is God's Hope and America is the chosen nation, as the elder son, America as the elder son position, Christianity in the position of the Second Israel, that God has chosen us for such a time as this. And if we fail God, if we fail True Parents in this hour, we will have failed America, and we will have failed ourselves. We would have failed America because America, in this present moment, is like a ship being tossed, driven and blown on an angry sea without a rudder

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