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True Father & the Family Pledge

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Bible reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (KJV)

¹⁶ Rejoice evermore.

¹⁷ Pray without ceasing.

¹⁸ In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Good morning everyone,

Today I would like to talk to you about something that Father often enjoyed speaking about while he was on earth. He would often speak about the Family Pledge and he asserted that this was the absolute standard and the constitution for establishing CIG.

Did you ever hear the expression 'Family Pledge' in the secular world? This term has appeared for the first time in history. In the beginning God created man and woman but man and woman committed the fall, so the family that God intended to establish did not come about. God has given us the Family Pledge and has declared that it was for the purpose of creating that family. This pledge exists for human beings to establish the original and ideal family of God, and to return joy to Him.

But before we can really recite the Family Pledge our mind and body should be one and in the family we should be of one heart, one body, one harmony and one mind. This means that we have to have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, that our conscience should be the master of our body, that our body should be 100% following the dictates of our conscience.

In order to recite the Family Pledge, husband and wife must be one, parents must be one, parents and children must be one and the siblings must be one. From that sense the Family Pledge is the absolute standard and Constitution which can, not only take us through the Completed Testament Age, but which can also establish the Kingdom for World Peace and Unification.

In the future it will not be individuals who will succeed but families. A family must be a model family in order to be in a leadership position in the world. In that sense families are the greatest and most wonderful blessings from Heaven but also a very fearful existence. They are also the

building blocks for the CIG. Establishing this type of family will be the shortcut towards obtaining citizenship in CIG.

Beloved blessed families! The most wonderful prayer of all is the Family Pledge! It is a record of the victories of True Parents. It is the Law of the Completed Testament Age which is the era of attendance. The Family Pledge is like a boulder, a rock that connects the blessed families to God. It is a nuclear weapon that connects us to God. The Family Pledge can bring the energy and the wisdom that will produce the spherical give and take in the four position foundation on the vertical and horizontal level, front and back and north and south.

The Family Pledge is the key that can open the gate to the Kingdom of Heaven. That gate cannot be opened with a key of gold or silver. It is a gate that can only be opened by a family that is centered on true love. This is why each of the eight verses of the Family Pledge begins by the phrase, "Our family the owner of Cheon IL Guk."

This is the era of attending God. In the Bible it says that the first commandment is to love God. So in the era after the Coming of Heaven God manifests Himself to humanity in the form of True Father. That is why our Church now appears in the world with the authority of Heaven. This authority cannot be compared to any strength or power of the secular world.

For the first time since the fall of human beings True Father is now here who can govern history and who can manifest God's ideal in the world. He has set up the center to subjugate Satan and to accomplish God's ideal. So let us give thanks and gratitude for the blessing we have been given to be able to live with True Father and to attend him directly.

It is only when we become one with Father that our country can exist, that our tribe can exist, that our family can exist, that we can exist as individuals. True Father is the standard of the universe. He has higher value than all the human beings that lived during the 4,000 years of the Old Testament era, and he is more precious than all the human beings who lived on this earth and eventually died during the 2,000 years of the Christian era. He is bigger and higher than the seven billion people who are alive on the earth today and even more than all of those who will live in the future.

You can achieve to the extent that you believe this, but if you do not believe nothing that you attempt will be accomplished. When you understand Father's value you will know that he cannot be exchanged for anything in this world. Father's value is such that you cannot receive him even if you were to exchange your life for him.

The Messiah did not begin the providence of salvation in order to stand or sit in a good position. The mission of the Messiah is not to save one or two people, nor is it to save one or

two nations. The Messiah is the person who, after having saved everyone from the individual to the world level, if people ask him, "Please Mr. Messiah come our country!" he cannot go there because he is concerned that, "Maybe there is still someone left in hell. I have to go down there and check!"

The person who comes as the Messiah has a very fearful responsibility; even after he has served everyone from the individual to the world, still he must go to the bottom of hell to check and see if anyone still remains there.

The Messiah liberates God who is his master; also he establishes the Kingdom of God on earth and the Kingdom of God in Heaven. Only when God can recognize that the providence of salvation is no longer necessary, will the Messiah finally rise to the highest position and sit next to God. This is the Messiah!

"Our Father in Heaven who has created the universe and the entire world, You are not just the God of our True Father, You are the God of each of us individually!"

The Bible that we read this morning: *"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks!"*

Truly we need to give thanks for everything. We cannot just give thanks when we have things to be thankful for, but we also need to give thanks when bad things happen, when our business fails or when our family is not united. Whatever happens we should be thankful! We should not only give thanks to Father in words but also through life practices, always giving thanks, always praying, so we can have a strong faith, a faith that will give joy to our True Father.

We often recite the words, *'Absolute faith, absolute love, absolute obedience'* but we need to check ourselves to see if we are simply mouthing these words and giving lip-service to them or whether this is something that is coming from the marrow of our bones, from our flesh and from our heart.

When we give thanks, when we ourselves shout that we are grateful, the hearts of the people that we are dealing with start to also go in the direction of giving gratitude. When we look back on our own lives we realize that the issue is always with ourselves not with the other. When we accept that the problem is within ourselves, and not with the others, then we can live a life of always praying to God and offering gratitude.

'Thank you' is just a short phrase, just two syllables in English, five syllables in Korean but when we say these few syllables, they create an atmosphere around us where gratitude spreads

to others as well. When we keep telling ourselves that we are happy then that happiness grows within ourselves.

I'd like to give an example: one time Father called me to him when he was in Seoul, so I went and he instructed me on four points:

Things will be accomplished to the extent that you believe,
to the extent that you declare or say,
to the extent that you have faith and
to the extent that you do.

This is what he told me!

Father said that once he comprehended the will of God, he did not even for one second think, "Oh, this is not going to work! Oh, I am not sure that this is going to work! I wonder if this might fail!" He always thought, "This is going to work! This has been done. I did this and I am grateful!"

Father always practiced the words of 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (KJV) *"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks!"*

Father was always happy, having fun, and giving thanks to God.

Father would say, "Don't go around looking lonely or don't go around looking sad, or that nothing is going well. But instead leave it all up to Heaven and always be grateful, and always rejoice and always be praying!"

This is how Father always lived his life and this is how he encouraged us to live our lives as well. So let us strive to create this kind of atmosphere too!

Thank you very much.

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