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The LORD is my Shepherd

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Reading: Psalm 23 (KJV)

23 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Today I would like to speak to you about something that happened a very long time ago. I will talk to you about something that happened sixty three years ago in Taegu when Father and eight people went to pray on a mountain there; as they were coming down the mountain this incident occurred.

As the group was coming down the mountain, we came upon a woman who was a lay leader in a Korean denomination that is usually called Holiness Church; she was a spiritually open person.

She said that she had asked a number of questions to her minister, but no matter what she asked, the minister's answer was always the same, "Well what you are talking about now is not in the Bible; if you talk about that, people will accuse you of being a heretic. So you should not talk about such things." Eventually she was expelled from her Holiness Church and she was not attending any church when I happened to meet her.

About that time Father instructed me to travel around the country to meet various spiritual masters, Christian saints who were very faithful, and people who were

spiritually open. So I had gone around the country, had spoken, listened to them and had tried to convey God's words to them; eventually I returned to where Father was.

I was going to go to Daejeon to meet a spiritual master there, but I could not get a ticket to Daejeon, so I ended up going to I-Ri in North Jeolla Province. Normally I would just go quietly but this particular time some of the leaders in our Church saw me off at the station as I was leaving.

When I got off the train at I-Ri my destination, a person dressed in white came up to me and said, "Excuse me can I speak with you?" She said that she had been praying in her church that morning and she had seen a vision of me during her prayers. I had the same appearance as the person she had seen in her prayers so she wanted to speak with me.

She invited me to her home so we went there. She told me that whenever she prayed certain things came to her, but if she were to express them in her church she would be accused of being a heretic. So she was struggling and she wanted to talk to me about that. She had said she had many questions, many doubts and she wanted me to help her resolve those questions and doubts.

She said, "We know that Jesus is coming but I am curious to know when he is coming, how he is coming and to what country he is going to come when he does."

I asked her to tell me more about her doubt, so first she wanted to know how Jesus was going to come. I told her, "Rather than answering you directly let me ask you some questions and see what kind of answers you are receiving from the spiritual world about them."

So I asked her, "How is the Lord going to come when he comes?" The spiritual world answered through her, "Well Jesus is not going to come on the clouds, with loud trumpets and big commotion, but instead as it is written in Malachi Ch. 4, Jesus will come as a human being, the way John the Baptist came as Elijah."

Then I enquired, "When Jesus comes he has to land some place, to what country is he going to come?" The spiritual world responded, "He will come as a Korean person," and added, "And he may have already arrived."

I asked her, "Are you sure that the spiritual world said he is coming as a human being?" She explained that she had been praying very seriously and that the spirit world had shown her a vision of the returning Lord coming with a dozen spoons,

showing her clearly that when the Lord comes he will actually be eating as a human being. That is how she knew that he would come as a man.

This woman added, "It is very strange to me but I am sure it is true; if the returning Lord is going to come as a human being who eats meals like that with a spoon, then we have to prepare for him. He will be coming just as Jesus did 2,000 years ago."

This person had never read the Divine Principle, had never heard Father speak but God had taught her this content through her prayers. When she took it to her minister in Holiness Church, he said, "There is nothing like that in the Bible, so this is heretical." That is why she was struggling.

I told her, "You don't have to worry; I brought the answers to your questions and I will explain those to you in a minute."

I questioned her, "When Jesus came 2,000 years ago, did he really come to die on the cross, or do you think that he might have come with a different mission?" She replied, "Jesus did not come to die on the cross, but the churches today believe and teach that this was his purpose for coming. However this is different than what God has been teaching and this is also causing me to struggle." She wept a lot as she spoke these words.

I asked her, "What about the human fall? What did God tell you about the human fall? Did human beings really fall because Adam and Eve ate some kind of fruit, an actual literal fruit?" She said, "No!" God had told her that the fall was a sexual fall.

I was very happy to hear her speak this way because I had read the Divine Principle and still I had some doubts as to whether it was true; but here was a person who was saying the same thing as the Principle even though she had never heard it. So it made me happy to hear her.

She recounted that she had gone to her minister and told him, "The fall did not occur because of eating an apple, a peach, a pear or anything like that, but it was because of a sexual sin." Because she affirmed that to her minister she was expelled from the church.

So I checked with her about the resurrection, "What did God tell you about that?" She answered, "God told me that when the resurrection occurred it was not people jumping out of the graves, popping out of the ground like that, but it means that our spirits rise and become closer to God. "

What bothered her most was that she had been informed that the Messiah may have already come, that the Lord may have already returned. She affirmed, "If that is true I need to go and meet him."

Every day she was praying deeply, offering sincerity and dedication, and God would answer her prayers; she would ask questions and God would answer and teach her. But when she went to her minister or lay leaders in her church, they would criticize her. "No! No! You can't say such things. You just cause embarrassment to our church. You can't come to our church anymore."

To hear her speak gave me confidence that God had prepared many people, had spoken to them directly in a spiritual way through their prayers; that gave me confidence to go around the country to find these people and I did.

During my conversation with her the postman arrived and delivered a letter to her. She said it was a letter that True Parents had sent to me, so I was surprised. I looked at it and it turned out that it was not a letter from True Parents to me, but it was just a letter from one of her relatives giving her greetings. Because she had such desperate and urgent desire to meet True Parents, she mistakenly thought- maybe she was spiritually guided to think- that this was a letter from True Parents addressed to me.

After I finished my tour of the country, I went to Father and reported about this incident; I told him about the letter and how she had mistakenly thought that it had come from True Parents - she had used the phrase 'True Parents' at that time. I asked Father about that.

Father affirmed, "There are people who are already using the term 'True Parents', not only in Korea but around the world; this is because the time has come for True Parents to appear."

I revealed to Father, "This was really an opportunity for me to resolve many of my doubts." He confirmed, "There are many people in the world right now who will be speaking similar things even without knowing what they are saying."

Today I chose Psalm 23, because this is a psalm that I have read many times even memorized. There are many people who live their life of faith in the way it is described here, in the *quietness of still waters*.

When we follow the Lord as our shepherd, he really does provide us with what we need and we do not want for anything; he leads us through our spiritual senses. There are many people who even if they are *walking through the valley of the shadow of death*, can still have hope; they can still have joy and happiness because of their connection with God. I know that there are people who live their life in such a way.

Today as we lead our life let's remember that we have the words of the Divine Principle that are not yet known to a great deal of the world. Even though we may be having dark days, we may be in *the valley of the shadow of death*, since we know the Divine Principle we can have hope, we can have happiness.

Others may believe in the dead Jesus but we believe in the Living Christ. They may still be waiting for the Christ to return, but we know that Christ has already returned and we have been able to attend him directly.

The time of Moses is passed; the time of Jesus is passed. Father has come and he has gone to the spiritual world. Although he still lives, he has established his successor, heir and inheritor, the 2nd King of CIG. So we need to understand that we are now living in the era when we can attend Father's successor and heir; we must make that the focus of our life and our faith.

The world is in darkness but we have seen a small light that we can follow. True Father has given us his inheritor, his successor and his representative, so we need to follow and focus our faith there. If we go another way, then we will not go the way of truth.

It is required of us to walk the path given by God so that we can have hope, we can have joy and we can establish God's will on this earth.

Thank you,

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