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Father & the Revelation of the Precious Truth

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Reading: Paul's letter to the Romans Ch. 3 10-12

¹⁰ As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

¹¹ There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

¹² They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Good morning everyone,

Today I'd like to speak to you about the reality of the world after the fall.

First of all let's think of the extent of the fall of Adam and Eve, and how far down they fell. As Paul said, "In the world after the fall, no one was righteous; not one." After the fall no one could understand the existence of God; everyone was committing sin; everyone was unrighteous; everyone was doing evil even though they did not want to do evil; they also did not realize that they were doing evil.

In the Old Testament, Jeremiah says that human beings fell to the point even below the creation, creation meaning all things. No part of creation except for human beings fell, but because of the fall of human beings all things became part of the fallen world. So Paul says that no one is righteous, no, not one.

Human beings fell to the point that even though we were committing evil, we did not realize that what we were doing was wrong because we did not know the Law, we did

not know about God or his standard. After the fall, of course people did not even know that there was a God; they could not imagine and they could not experience Him.

After the fall there was no one who understood, no one who would seek after God; there was no goodness, no righteousness in the world.

If we go on to the next verse, verse 13, Paul says:

13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:

Here Paul continues to describe the state of human beings following the fall. When Paul says that poison asps are on their lips he says that every word that people spoke was poisonous; every word that they spoke was criticizing others, attacking others, so it was poisonous.

And then he goes on in 14 and 15:

14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:

15 Their feet are swift to shed blood:

In the next two verses, 16 and 17 Paul describes the type of lifestyle or life brought about by that this kind of situation.

16 Destruction and misery are in their ways:

17 And the way of peace have they not known:

People led a life of destruction and misery; all they could see was the blood that was shed by their feet *Their feet are swift to shed blood*, and there was no peace in people's lives.

In 18 he says:

18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

What a terrible thing that would be!

Here Paul is describing for us the extent to which human beings fell as the result of the sexual fall in the Garden of Eden. You can imagine how much God lamented, how much creation lamented seeing the way that human beings had become.

When God looked at this and when Father came as Messiah and looked at this, he saw the terrible situation of human beings and he had to think of how these human beings could be restored back to the lofty position in which God had created them. Father prayed, studied the situation and sought God's guidance each step of the way to find the way that human beings could be restored.

Once I had the opportunity to look at Father's personal Bible; I was surprised to see that he had underlined almost all the verses in the 66 Books of Bible with a red pen. I could see how Father studied the Bible over and over again.

Father threw away everything of personal concern and devoted himself completely to fulfilling the words of the Principle. He studied the Bible and found the secrets that many theological scholars had not been able to resolve. He discovered that the fall of humanity had not come out as the result of eating a literal fruit but it had occurred as the result of a sexual problem.

When Father announced this, on the one hand he was very excited that he was able to give to humanity this news that the fall was a sexual fall; on the other hand he was criticized by many theologians and philosophers who said, "No, that can't be right!"

But Father insisted, "This is the answer that I got from God; this is the answer that God gave me," and he continued to preach this.

Father once told me that when he discovered this, it came as a flash like a light bulb lighting up. Of course it made sense; it had to be that way! Of course it could not be the situation where human beings used their hands to pick up a fruit from a tree and eat it with their mouth.

It could not be possible if this sin was passed down from generation to generation. If human beings fell to the extent that Paul described here it had to be a sexual sin.

Father explained to me one time how excited he was when he discovered this. He said that he was excited because this was the truth that would lead to human salvation for all people; this was the truth that would eventually bring about a world where all people could live in happiness.

In today's world there are many good speakers who give all sorts of sermons and preach, but no one is teaching the fact that the fall came about as the result of a sexual sin.

Because Father knew that this was true- this was the answer that God had given him- he could speak with confidence, and he was able to pour his entire energy into his words when he spoke. There was no doubt in Father's mind. There was not a situation in which he thought, "Well maybe it's this or maybe it's that; I am not really sure!"

No! He was very clear that this was the answer, that this was a sexual sin; that this was the reason why human history had gone through darkness, confusion, and suffering all these years, and this fact was the key to open the way for Father to bring salvation. So he devoted himself to bringing this news to the world.

Humanity was in darkness; humanity was trapped in a dark cave of sin, and it was this truth that Father brought that could bring light to that darkness, bring light to that cave and show the way out of that cave. Father made the determination to lead humanity out of the darkness and into the light.

Father revealed the secrets of history, and it was not only a matter of the chapter on the fall of man; he revealed the entire Divine Principle, and when people heard this content they were amazed by it.

When Father discovered the Principle and he revealed it, he had a heart of excitement, "This is fantastic news! This is the news that will bring salvation," but when we study the Divine Principle, we just sort of read over casually. We need to have that same sense of excitement and gratitude that Father had when he first revealed the Principle.

When Father came down from North Korea, he held in his heart the sense of responsibility that he had to preach this Word. When I saw how much he had underlined in his Bible and he had also written many notes in the margins of the Bible, then I could see how much he must have really studied the Bible trying to figure out how to convey this truth to all of humanity.

I remember Father telling me with confidence that if a person listened to the Principle – part 1 and part 2- even just one week, they would understand that this was the truth. He began his mission for the providence of restoration with that degree of confidence.

These words that Father revealed were not just any kind of speech that another minister could have written. These were the words of truth that he received from God.

Father prayed in tears many times; he prayed, “Thank you God for revealing to me all the secrets of history through the Principle. Now I will act as your representative in the world to spread these words of truth to all of humanity.”

When Father stood in the North Korean court being sentenced to prison, there was one word in the verdict that he asked the judge to delete and that was the word, “Falsehood.” The verdict said that he had spread falsehood but he wanted that word to be deleted, because he said, “This is not falsehood, this is true, “and the judge agreed to do that.

We who are in the Unification Church, when we understand that we have been given this truth, when we understand that we have secrets that have been revealed to us by True Father, when we have that confidence, and when we live with that confidence, we can accomplish things that no other person has been able to accomplish.

When Father spoke he would do so with confidence and conviction; he did not speak like other ministers in other denominations, because he knew that the words that he was speaking were the words of God, the words of truth that had been revealed to him by God.

And many people testify to Father, not only in Korea, but people in other countries as well testify to Father because it was revealed to them who Father was.

We need to realize this morning how much God thought that Father was such a precious son that He would reveal to him all these secrets that no one else had been able to find out. We need to realize as well how grateful Father was, how excited Father was to receive these precious Words from Heaven, and how excited he was then to begin his journey on his path of restoration.

When Father came to South Korea to begin again, there was no place for him to start, so he found a piece of land that was owned by the state and built a small hut, and it was from there that he began this great providence.

When I visited him for the first time he spoke to me in that small room; it was just about 6 feet by 6 ft or so. I was the only other person in the room but he spoke to me as if he was standing before thousands. In that small room Father was shouting and I was thinking, "Why is that young man shouting at me? It's not like I am an old woman; I am a young person and I am not hard at hearing. Am I going to be attacked or is something going to happen to me? Am I going to get home this evening?" That's how I felt when Father was speaking to me that day.

But Father was not only speaking to me; he wanted the entire world to be able to hear these words, and not just the people in the physical world but the people in the spiritual world as well. That's why he shouted that way as if he were a crazy man.

That hut was small and so miserable that you could not imagine anyone would actually be living there; still even in that environment Father was serious and he was completely committed to bringing salvation to the entire world.

It was such a miserable hut that actually there was a piece of raincoat that had been laid down on the floor; there was no wall paper, not even newspaper was pasted to the walls. Father's clothing that day was a mixture of Korean and western style clothing; he was wearing a western style jacket and a Korean style trousers. So it was just a mixture of clothes that he had picked up somewhere along the way.

But Father spoke with tremendous confidence; he shouted as if he were speaking to the entire world. Because he was absolutely committed, he wanted every person in the world to hear these words during his lifetime. And he not only wanted that for all the people in the physical world but for all the people who had lived on earth and gone to the spiritual world as well. He wanted to speak to everyone while he was on earth.

When Father would speak, I remember he sometimes would weep, and sometimes he would laugh; sometimes he would speak in a calm and serious voice. He would express that no matter how many difficulties he himself had gone through, the difficulties that God had experienced were far greater than his.

Father was this way because he understood the value of these words, the value of God's words, and the value of the truth. We can never appreciate the value of these words as much as Father did.

But at least we need to understand them to the level of having confidence that we have the truth and that we need to act on Father's behalf to spread the truth to all the people of the world so that God's providence of salvation can be completed.

We need to repent that we have treated the words of the Principle too lightly, much too lightly, that we have not even begun to appreciate their value. We have not treated these words with the value that they deserve.

We need to appreciate these words and feel that same sense of urgency that Father did to let the entire world know these words of the Principle. If we don't do that, some day in the far future, or maybe not so far in the future when we have to go to the spirit world when we have to stand in front of True Father, we will have to be accountable for what we have not done.

I remember when Father would say, "These are words of truth that I received from God; these words are true." Father had full confidence and full conviction of the truth of these words.

So let's also inherit that confidence and that conviction that Father had. And let's go out and spread these words with the same sense of urgency because these are the words that will bring salvation; these are the words that will bring God's world to this earth.

Thank you very much,

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