

Having Hostility to Evil

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In the Divine Principle, it says that one reason God hardened Pharaoh's heart was to unite the hearts of the Israelites with God by showing God's sovereignty and power to them: It was a good opportunity for them to meet the living God. Another purpose was to subjugate Pharaoh. When leaving bad sovereignty, we should have hostility and maintain it until we reach the goal. However, the Israelites forgot their hostility and complained. Thinking about severe persecution under bad sovereignty, they should have been thankful for their situation even when they felt hungry or encountered difficulties. If they had a strong hostility towards evil, they would not have complained.

When Korea was under Japanese government control, thousands of Korean soldiers froze to death in the snow in Manchuria in the war against Japan for the independence of Korea. They felt determined not to return to their home country unless the nation became independent. No matter how cold they felt, they fought for their nation at the cost of their lives with strong patriotic hearts and hostility toward the enemy. They were genuine patriots. Therefore, the span of life as a faithful person depends on how strongly we have hostility against the enemy. We can compare that hostility to the power of a battery, which indicates how far a person can continue on the path as a faithful person.

Therefore, having hostility becomes the most important thing for us. However hard our sufferings are, we must not lose that hostility. If we lose that, we will suffer much from our surroundings. Many people

dropped away from the track of the faithful because they placed priority on their own situation (their hunger, thirstiness, etc.) rather than on faith. Those people did not know how bitter spiritual hardships were. The Israel people with the status of slaves suffered persecution and experienced deeply the bitterness of spiritual hardships. God tried to form this in the hearts of the Israelites by showing them the ten plagues.



Yohan Lee and his wife, Shim-hui Won, on the occasion of Rev. Lee's one hundredth birthday (as Koreans reckon age) on September 27, 2014

Revenge against Satan

We also suffered seriously from the contradiction of life, before meeting the family. I guess that many young people who joined the Unification Church had tried to commit suicide. In Korea, many people experienced resurrection through the Divine Principle; they found God more pitiful than they were and determined to liberate God from resentment. You also took the same way, didn't you? I think some of you here had the experience of an attempted suicide. You once tried to commit suicide, however, you found out the only way to reverse history was by the Divine Principle. This made you thirst for revenge against Satan and gave you energy to reach the goal. If this were not true, you could never accept the Principle. Let's use Peter as an example. Because he didn't have strong hostility, he pleased himself observing the miracles. He expected to become a high official or foreign minister by following his master, Jesus. He was concerned only with his own benefit. This type of person cannot take the way of faith -- absolutely not. We should get angry toward the circumstances of the fallen world.

After gaining faith, your parents and relatives and especially Satan, who will take any chance to invade you, pay careful attention to you. They may say, He brags about the Unification Church. Let's see what happens in the future...

Going through these struggles, how can we think about our own benefit? Unless we win over all the races and nations and the whole world completely, we must not feel relaxed. Never! Therefore, hostility for us is a source of energy to attain the goal. If the Israelites had had hostility, they would not have longed for the life of Egypt, even facing starvation. When they became hungry, they yearned for the comfortable life in Egypt, remembering, Today is the birthday of my friend. Though we were slaves, we used to bake bread or eat something nice on a birthday.