

Father just went to prison - This Sunday we must have a true heart of repentance

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This is the first Sunday since Father went to prison; we cannot welcome this Sunday without a heart of true repentance. God is almighty, God is omnipresent and God is working everywhere all the time. I want you to have that commitment and belief, and that attitude of awareness towards Father and Mother -- and towards Father especially, because you know Father is in Danbury.

Belvedere is indeed God's holy place which represents His effort through history and throughout the entire world. Now more than ever, you cannot be discouraged. You must be spurred on with greater commitment and greater courage.

Everything in God's providence should be moving forward instead of backwards. Three days ago, the incredible situation finally occurred, the situation which nobody could have imagined. Nobody thought that True Father would really go to prison. But it did happen. Nobody could say, "This is the only way the will of God could be accomplished."

Father's Unchanging Commitment

The Farewell Message Father gave us at East Garden must be our guide until we win the ultimate and final victory. That message must be read, must be followed, and we must be absolutely committed to it.

This morning I was late coming here, simply because Father called me after pledge service at East Garden, and our conversation delayed me. Wherever Father goes, whether he is in prison or not, it doesn't make any difference in his commitment to God. Father still does everything that he would usually do on Sunday morning, such as the pledge service. Father's message given out of prison is very important, and it contains several major points.

Preparing for Christ

This is the content of the prayer that Father gave after his own pledge service in the prison. As you know, the dispensational will of God is to restore the entire world. We understand that very well. Two thousand years ago, God gave Judaism to the chosen people, and He wanted to fulfill His will through them at that time. The promise of Judaism must be delivered through the coming of Jesus Christ as the messiah.

However, we know that the chosen people crucified Jesus on the cross. So although Christianity has been serving as the mainstream religion ever since, it has been crippled by the crucifixion. Jesus' crucifixion and mission founded Christianity, which laid the foundation on earth for God to prepare for another Stage.

Through that spiritual foundation, God has been preparing on this earth so that another momentous day of fulfillment could come, the day of the Lord of the Second Advent. That Christian preparation is represented by America. God prepared this one nation as the foundation for the coming of the Second Advent. God's will is to fulfill the ideal of the bride and the bridegroom: the messiah comes as the bridegroom, and all mankind as the bride receives the messiah. After World War II, God gave the United States of America the opportunity to be totally successful in embracing the entire world and bringing Christianity on a world-wide basis.

That particular mission, however, has never been fulfilled. This nation has failed the mission. Father came to America upon his victorious foundation in Asia to restore America's mission as the Christian nation upon which the will of God ultimately prevails.



Spiritual Help

What do we see here? What kind of phenomenon is occurring? We all know about the sacrifice of Heung Jin Nim. As you know, Heung Jin Nim has ascended into Heaven from the foundation of the True Parents. This is a new foundation. For that reason, Heung Jin Nim ascended into heaven and united with Jesus Christ as an elder brother to Jesus. Now Heung Jin Nim is working incredibly, extraordinarily here on earth. Today is very important because it is the third day of Father's imprisonment, and it has been two years since the sentence was given by the District Court. I urge you forward today. Every one of you, today is very special, so let us prayerful day. This is my request.

Repentance and Unity

We can clearly see that, for the first time, the Unification Church has the opportunity to be united with the entire Christian world. We are looking at this opportunity, but the outcome depends on you. Last night, the major leaders of our movement met and really united together at East Garden. They had an extraordinary meeting in repentance and unity.

That was last night's rally, in a way. I ask you to join with the elder leaders of our Church. What they are doing in repentance and unity, you must do. This is my desire. Repentance and prayer are both important. But I think that the most important thing is unity: between upper levels and lower levels, between followers and leaders, including blessed couples.

Our Mandate

God will bestow upon us great blessing, so that incredible miracles will happen before us as we go along this principled way. Within forty days we must let the world eye-witness the Living God above us, working through us. Surely, we can bring forth a miracle. This is our mandate. I feel that this can be done in the next forty days, if we are deeply committed and determined to move on with the Principle. We will eye-witness a great miracle, and the entire world can see the Living God in action through us.

Especially those who have a leadership role in our movement must have a more repentful heart. The greater your repentful heart is, the greater your accomplishment will be, as God will be working through you in a much greater way.



Honor for the Japanese

I would like to say one more thing to you. In Jesus' time, Jesus was crucified alone, all by himself on the cross. As you know, we have the Principle, and through the Principle teaching, we are the first group of people to really understand Jesus' heart. By knowing his heart we have become repentful people.

I would like to speak of the mission of Japan in this specific period of time. Japanese members must realize that their movement is critically important, particularly during Father's absence. Japan is burdened to bear the worldwide financial mission. Our desire and our will is to create the fulfillment of Father's slogan: the Creation of Our Fatherland. So the Japanese members are in a position to be grateful for the mission, and to commit themselves to march forward toward the fulfillment of that goal.

At this time, one of our dear Japanese brothers, Mr. Kamiyama, is suffering and serving together with Father in prison. This is significant in a providential way, and a great honor for the Japanese. In addition to your prayers for Father, I would like you to support and pray for Mr. Kamiyama as well.

Let us Create Miracles

In conclusion, my message to you is this: at this time the unification members all over the world must rise up, unite and create miracles to show the world. We can show all the world that the Living God is working through us. We must demonstrate that this can happen in the next forty days. Also wherever Father goes, the miracles are happening there too. Today you listened to my message. As you become totally united in heart, you will see remarkable things happening around Father.

Do your best. Thank you.