

“If we think of our inadequacies, victory will come absolutely”

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But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips. Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him. And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven. (Job 2:10-12)

Good morning, everyone. Today I'd like to speak to you on the topic: if we think of our inadequacies in every point, then victory will come absolutely. Sometimes we have large difficulties and sometimes small difficulties; sometimes our difficulties come from people, and sometimes from material things. **But whatever our difficulties are, they all come to us from God. The saints and sages of history understood this and that is why no matter what came upon them they always were grateful to God, and so they endured.**

It's difficult to endure something when we think of it as being unjust or without reason but the Bible tells us that we all have sin. When we think of it that way, it is much easier for us to endure these difficulties. **We are the descendants of the fall, and we sin before God whether in our thoughts, in our words, or in our actions.** When we think of our sins that way, certainly we can endure any difficulties that come to us. **When we face difficulties, it is important to look back on the sins that we have committed, and understand that there is a purpose to our difficulties.**

Once a man criticized another person and the person who was criticized heard about this. He said, “Actually I have much greater sins. But he only criticized the small part of my sins that he heard about.” He said, “If this man had known all of my sins and had spoken of all of them, how would I be able to raise my head in public?” **And he said, “When I am criticized, if I am not able to forgive the person who criticizes me, and to understand my own faults, then it will be difficult for me to survive in this world, to protect myself in this world.”**

When we read the Book of Job, we see that he suffered many difficulties. He lost his ten sons and daughters very quickly. If he were a normal person, surely he would have cursed God. He also had a lot of property. He had herds of sheep, and cattle, but his servants came one day and said, “All the animals have died.”

He also came down with a severe illness and there was nothing that he could do about it. His friends criticized him, his children ignored him, but he continued to maintain his peaceful demeanor and he never cursed anyone. **In fact, Job said, “God giveth and God taketh away. Jehovah giveth and he taketh away. I came into this world naked, and I will leave it naked.” He did not in any case curse God.**

When his wife complained to him, he said to her the words that we read already in verse 10, “Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God and shall we not receive evil?” He comforted his wife in this way. Everybody likes to receive good things and benefits and blessings from God, but not to receive bad things from God.

Over time, Job lost all of his children, all of his property, all of his property, his health, but he did not even once curse God or the people around him. **He said that God had a purpose for what He was doing. He said that God was giving him a chance to repent so that he could gain even more merit before God.**

When we look at the Apostle Paul, in the beginning, as Saul, he persecuted Christians and participated in their crucifixion. **He was present when Stephen, the disciple, was stoned to death. But then on his way to Damascus, Saul heard a voice calling to him. He asked, “Who are you?” and the voice answered, “I am Jesus who you have been persecuting.” That was the opportunity for Saul to repent and do great things as an apostle of Jesus.**

At one time he said, “I am the greatest among the apostles” but as he came to understand more deeply, he came to realize that he was the smallest among the apostles. He confessed that at the beginning he thought he was the greatest among the apostles but then realized that he was the smallest. He thought that he was still the greatest among the saints, but later acknowledged that he was the smallest among them. Then he realized that he was not only a sinner, but the greatest of sinners. **When he reached that state that is when God could come to him, be involved with him, act with him, and cooperate with him. That is how it became possible for him to write thirteen books of the Bible.**

We need to understand in what kind of situation God can come in and be with us. **We have to understand our own faults and deficiencies and be in that humble position for God to come and be with us. It is only when Paul realized that he was the greatest of sinners that God could come and be with him and work with him.**

This also applies to us in our life of faith; it is only when we ourselves realize, “I am the chief among sinners” that God can come be with us and work with us. **When Paul realized that he was the greatest of sinners, a sinner among sinners, God came to him, grabbed hold of him, and began to use him.**

Job is memorable because he was able to endure all those difficulties and calamities without cursing God or anyone around him. Let’s become like Job; let’s have the kind of shimjung he had when facing difficulties so that God can claim us as his own sons and daughters. Let’s understand our faults, our deficiencies, so as to open a way for God to come to us and be with us. Whenever we understand our difficulties and faults, that is the time when we can establish the kingdom of heaven. When we are arrogant, when we say, “I have no sin, I am not at fault,” God is not able to be with us.

Father would often say that God goes to those that are humble; God goes to those who know and understand that they are sinners. God is able to go to those people and to work with them. We need to become like Paul, with the fire of the Holy Spirit wherever we go. To do that, we need to be like Job no matter what happens to us. Whatever difficulties we may face, we do not blame anyone, we do not curse anyone, and we do not curse God. Then we can be the kind of humble person who can receive God and act as His apostle.

Today, Sanctuary Church members are receiving a lot of persecution; they are being cursed and mocked. If we are able to take it and experience it with humility, if we are able to focus our hearts and our minds on working with the Second King, supporting the Three Generation Kingships, then I know that great works of the Spirit will be accomplished through us.

Whenever we are ready to put our lives on the line and work at the risk of our lives, I know that True Father and the spiritual world will come and be with us and will accomplish tremendous works of the Spirit through us.

Father prayed over the Second King, blessed him, and said that he was the only one he could trust. Not only did he bless him, but he bequeathed everything to him.

When we realize that our Father passed down everything to the Second King, we understand that we need to work with him to absolutely accomplish God's Will at this time. We are only asked to do a small part; it is only 5%. Let's devote our entire heart, our entire mind, our entire will, our entire spirit into this 5%. God has blessed him; God has bequeathed everything to him, and everything can be accomplished through him.

When I meet members of Sanctuary Church I am amazed at the depth of their faith; I am truly humbled by their faith. I am praying to God, "Thank you, Heavenly Father, thank you, God, for these wonderful people; please accomplish Your Will through these people."

We need to pray also to God that He will work through us in order to accomplish His Will. God established, True Father established, his teshinja, his representative body. He could not put just anyone in that position, but he placed the Second King there. Now we need to work so as to shorten the time that it takes to accomplish God's Will; this has to be our prayer every day.

God is waiting for the day that His Will is accomplished. True Father in the spirit world is waiting for that day. Let's devote our entire mind, spirit, and our will for the accomplishment of His Will.

Thank you very much.

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