

“Father’s determination” March 2, 2017

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. (Matthew 5:12)

Today I would like to speak to you about the determination that I saw in Father a long time ago. He said, “Even if prison is waiting for me, I must go this path; even if all manner of persecution is awaiting me, I must go this path.” He travelled his course with complete loyalty to God and pledged that, even if everyone else fell away from this path, he would continue.

Father was always determined to build something that he could show to the children of his enemies. He knew that the best strategy to get his enemies to submit voluntarily was for him to embrace the second generation, the children of these enemies in love, and to teach them. When the ministers and the lay leaders of the established churches opposed Father, their children often followed him.

Whether he was asleep or awake, Father was always focused on the goal of his life, and whenever things were difficult, he always thought of God who was working in the background. He would then pray to God, “I have to accomplish this responsibility in order to liberate You and to liberate all humanity.” He would pray, “If necessary, please use my body; please use me as a fertilizer for a world of peace to come into this world.”

I felt very much that Father’s tearful prayers were even more serious than the three prayers of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Because Father was praying on behalf of the hopes of all humanity, God heard those prayers and answered them. The reason that so many martyrs in Christian history died feeling joy was because they knew this principle. Father was saying prayers that God could hear and answer.

Some people state that, if there is a God, He needs to respond to persecution against his saints. They ask, “Why was God silent for four hundred years while Christianity was being persecuted under Rome?” But persecution has to continue until the standard is established where that religion can be spread throughout the world. We see that, thanks to the persecution that Christianity endured for four hundred years, it could become a worldwide religion.

It was after the Second World War that Father appeared in the world on the foundation of Christianity. At that time Christianity needed to listen to, hear, and obey the words of the Messiah. The future of Christianity, the life or death of Christianity depended on whether or not they listened to the words of the Messiah. But who could believe that? In order to believe that people would have to deny themselves; only after denying themselves, their families, and their faith, could they stand in the position of being recognized. The Messiah does not bring the type of faith that the saints have believed until now. Most Christians believed that the Messiah was coming to fulfill their own personal desires and hopes, because they were wearing glasses tinted by their own individual desires.

The Messiah comes for the sake of the cosmos. Human beings cannot understand him based on their own standard because he is so much larger than that. When he speaks, it is of things that will come about in thirty or forty years, or even throughout eternity. That is why, when he comes, the Messiah is persecuted and opposed. That is why Father had to go through the course of life or death dozens of times, and he had to go through great difficulties in order to accomplish his responsibility.

He was put in Heungnam prison camp which was really the heart of the evil Communist empire but even there he spread the Word of God. In another occasion, Father was kept in Sodaemun prison in Seoul because of the ignorance of Christians; even there he worked to spread God's words. When Father was sent to Danbury prison, then too he said that being in prison could not interrupt the Providence. He worked to establish the Washington Times, Sun Moon University in Korea, and Bridgeport University. The interview room in Danbury prison actually became Father's office from where he conducted the providence.

He considered the six prison terms to be a kind of medal or award given to him by Heaven. Father knew that he was the only one who could be responsible to carry out what had to be accomplished, so he always had this determination in mind.

I have spoken to you today about Father's mindset, his determination in putting his life on the line and sacrificing himself in order to accomplish the will of God. We also need to have that same resolve. Today I spoke to you about the determination that Father began his work with, and that he maintained every moment of his life here on earth.

Thank you very much.

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