

“No condition for Satan to accuse Jesus” February 20, 2017

*When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.
(Matthew 27:1-2)*

Today I would like to speak to you about what Jesus experienced 2,000 years ago. He went through a great deal of mental and physical suffering as he faced the cross to bring salvation to all humanity.

Jesus believed that God was the Living God and that God was his Father. His view of God was that even when he was wearing the crown of thorns, God was wearing the crown of thorns together with him. Jesus felt that when the spear pierced his side, God was feeling that pain even more than he was; the spear was piercing God even more than it was piercing him. He felt that God was continuing to worry about him and was concerned for his welfare.

Jesus thought that this kind of pain was something that he should expect because he knew that God was suffering the pain of the crown of thorns and the pain of being pierced by that spear. Even in the midst of such pain Jesus did not feel resentment against humanity but felt that he needed to overcome that pain and gain victory.

He was in a position where it would have been natural for any other person to feel great anger, resentment, and hatred towards those who were putting him on the cross, but Jesus did not. He felt how God was enduring, how God was withholding his anger, so he also did not feel anger. He felt gratitude for everything because that was his character. He also needed to overcome his own death and pain. It is because of this that he could be the savior of humanity.

Humanity had lost its life, had been cut away from God, but even when Jesus was in the position of death, he did not feel desire for himself but only desire for God. It is because of this that Jesus could stand in the position of God and give life to all humanity. Because he did not feel hatred, he did not feel resentment towards those who were killing him; Jesus could be the one who could give life. Because of this, Satan could not accuse him. Satan is an existence that puts forward all the resentment of history; it is an existence that puts forward the circumstances and makes us feel that we cannot do something. But Satan was not able to accuse Jesus in that way. **Jesus did not have any of that resentment and did not even have the resentment of Heaven, so there was no condition by which Satan could accuse him.**

Satan was forced to submit to God, to raise both hands and to submit himself. Jesus, the Only Begotten Son of God, prayed for the people who were killing him. If Jesus, as he was dying, had felt animosity towards the people who were killing him, the Providence would have gone a very different way.

But Jesus had a heart of love even in the face of death. Satan did not know how to deal with this so he was forced to submit. Jesus had the qualification to be the Son of God for eternity. **The secret for anyone to become the child of God is to have victory over Satan.**

The reason Jacob was given the name “Israel” was that he forced Satan to submit to him. At the Ford of Jabbok, when Jacob wrestled with the angel that represented Satan, he refused to let go of that angel, and continued to fight, to wrestle with him. **If Jacob had lost, there would not have been the phrase, “The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”**

Because Jacob continued to fight even in the face of death and was able to bring victory over Satan, he became the ancestor of the Israelites. Jacob did not realize how serious his situation was. If he had lost in the wrestling match, then all the pain that he had suffered for twenty-one years would have been for nothing and he would not have been able to accomplish his desire.

I remember how, when Father would give sermons, he would shed incredible tears because he was so serious. He felt how God had been treated unjustly throughout history and because he felt the urgency of bringing salvation to all of humanity, he would cry aloud as he gave sermons.

The first ten volumes of Father’s collected speeches are sermons where he expresses the heart of God and the heart of Jesus. When he would give a sermon—this was around 1953—even in the dead of winter he sweated so much that his jacket would become soaked. Father was fighting and struggling with Satan even as he was speaking, and those of us who were there listening to him speak could feel that this was the struggle that was going on in front of us.

Father told us that if we are to become sons and daughters of God, we need to receive a certificate, not from God but from Satan, saying that we had overcome: that we had defeated Satan. He encouraged us to struggle, even to put our lives at risk and struggle in order to defeat Satan. Father would tell us that it is not God that gives us the ticket to go to heaven, it is Satan. We need to fight Satan and get that ticket from him.

He told us that we needed to exercise self-control by fighting and overcoming our own selves and that we needed to prevail over the world around us; that way we could defeat Satan and receive the ticket to Heaven. He encouraged us very strongly to do this. He said that as soldiers of Heaven we needed to fight Satan and to gain victory. He would emphasize that very strongly.

At one point, Father had a collection of his sermons published; the first publication was three hundred and twenty volumes of his sermons. Most ministers today are lucky if they can publish a single volume of their sermons during their lifetime. Today there are more than a thousand volumes of Father’s sermons.

We need to consider that in these thousand volumes of sermons, no two sermons are the same. They are all on different subjects; they all have different titles. This shows us how much Father

prayed and how serious he was to bring the truth to humanity. It is because Father fought this way with Satan that Satan is not able to accuse us today.

He explained that because he as the Father had gone that way, his children also needed to go that way to gain victory over Satan so as not to receive his accusation. It is also how we can be in a position to not be accused by our descendants. He said that we needed to be in a position where Satan could not accuse us and that if we were in a position where we could receive accusation then we should be concerned about what would happen to our descendants.

Because Father went this way of tears, sweat, and blood, we have the task of going that same path. Father would share that he was praying for us. He would start, "When I pray for you," and hot tears would fall from his eyes because he knew that he was making us go a very difficult and painful way.

This morning let us remember that Father wants us to go this way and wishes for us to obtain victory over Satan. During his time on earth he shed desperate tears for us. Even now as he is in the spirit world, he desperately wants us to take up that spirit of Bomnekol in Pusan and to go this way to gain victory over Satan.

Thank you very much.

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