

“The Third Israel where the hope of history lies” April 21, 2017

Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment. Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? He gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow. He pursued them, and passed safely; even by the way that he had not gone with his feet. (Isaiah 41:1-3)

Good morning, everyone. Today I would like to speak about the Third Israel where the hope of history lies. During World War II, the Israelites suffered a situation where six million Jews were killed. After the war they were able to rise again. Korea also has been through a very tragic course, somewhat similar to the Israelites. Although we have not completely denied heaven, we have not had the consciousness that we were the chosen people.

Sometimes I have thought, “How much better it would have been if there had been someone who could lead the Korean people to stand before Heaven, before God, as the chosen people!” I have also sometimes wondered, “What do the Korean people need to do in order for God to remember us?” I have concluded that the Korean people need to have a concept of being the chosen people that is even stronger than that of the Jews. Unfortunately, the Korean people have not had such a concept.

But I have often thought that it would have been much better if they had something that was even greater than the concept of being the chosen people. **I have often pondered, “Would it not be wonderful if all the tears shed by the Korean people throughout history could somehow contribute to the situation of all humanity!”**

It’s been our hope, the hope of the Korean people, to somehow acquire the strength that could help us rise above all the great powers that surround our nation in order to truly create a shining fatherland. It is a fact that this kind of desire was deeply embedded in the hearts of our ancestors. Someday this historical root needs to sprout, grow a trunk, branches, and trees, and produce blossoms so it can become a reality.

I am very grateful that I was born as a descendant of such ancestors who could help bring about the Third Israel today, and I am very grateful to God that I am in the position now where I can learn through experience the sadness and sorrow of my ancestors.

I think that the path of the Korean people can only be travelled if we inherit and carry on the spirit of our ancestors who prayed to God and embraced Him. No matter how difficult the course that Korea may have to pass through, we have to overcome and continue to accomplish our mission as the Third Israel.

Many Koreans may oppose us out of ignorance, but we should not hate them. Instead we should work even harder to offer the sincerity and dedication that can overcome all that in order to accomplish the goal.

I remember how Father worked so hard for the unity of all the religions: how much dedication he invested in that effort. Father exerted himself to dig into Buddhism down to its very basic level and also into Confucianism and Christianity. In all religions, Father strove to communicate with every religion for the sake of unity.

I remember how Father was willing to sacrifice anything if it could help him to bring victory to the Korean people, and allow them to fulfill their responsibility. As Father labored to establish the Unification Movement, as he led the “Victory over Communism” movement and other efforts, he would always say that it could be a new beginning.

Father always lived for the world and not just for his own people and he educated us to do the same. We may think that our situation is difficult and that we cannot see the way forward, but the problem is always with our own attitude.

Korea is a small country and it may seem that there is nothing there, but Father said, **“Because I am living for the world and not just for this small country, the world will eventually have to come to us!”** If we live that way, then God’s spiritual work will be accomplished and the way will be opened up before us.

Living with the conviction, “I am living for the sake of the world,” can be a condition for this to happen; having the same attitude as Father will be a condition for the world. If we maintain the idea that we are living for the salvation of the world, for the realization of peace in the world, if we live with that kind of sacrificial heart, then it will all be realized. When the people of Korea live this way, it will not be a country that is led by the world; instead it will be a country that is able to lead the world.

Let us not lose hope! Instead, let’s maintain this kind of spirit! Let’s build bridges with the idea that we are living for the sake of the world! When we do that, a spiritual antenna will rise up high above us. With this high antenna we will communicate directly with God, and understand where we need to go. All the resentment that Korea has experienced in its tragic history will be resolved and we will be able to build a paradise in this world.

Not only that, but as the Third Israel we will plant the flag of victory for God throughout the world, and the entire world will be returned to Him. Therefore, we need to sacrifice ourselves today in order for our country to stand in that position before the world.

Let us move forward with the confidence that, when we do this, a new culture of unified Christianity will cover the entire world. Let us move forward so we can completely wipe out all the forces of this world that say, “There is no God!” As we attend the Second King and move forward with him, we need to have the conviction that God’s miracle will be created in this world centering on him. **As we move forward with this certitude, Korea will be able to accomplish the responsibility that comes with its blessing of having been anointed as the**

Third Israel. Then we will succeed in accomplishing God's Will on this earth, so that we will not be ashamed before God, before Father, or before the spirit world.

Thank you very much.

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