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The Incident of the Garden of Eden

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Bible reading: John 8:44 (KJV)

44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Good morning everyone,

Today I want to speak to you about the incident that took place in the Garden of Eden. Koreans have such a mind that when they are weak or have difficulty they rely on heaven. Even the first verse of the Korean national anthem refers to this. I think that the tradition of the Korean people to rely on God is one that all should respect. So the Republic of Korea is a country with the potential to become a central nation in the world. There is a certain foundation for that.

A mistake was made at the beginning of human history, and as a result not only in Korea but nowhere in the world can you find a country where people live in happiness; from political or economical viewpoint we see that all countries are in trouble.

Confucius once referred to Korea as the polite country of the East and Koreans have long been proud of that, but really we can no longer say that about Korea. Korea today has become infested by immorality to pretty much the same level as the United States and Europe. The divorce rate in Korea has grown to an extent that we could not have imagined.

To get to my conclusion: this is first because the blood lineage is wrong. The fall of our common ancestors, Adam and Eve is the cause of sexual problems. The Bible says in Genesis 2:17 *But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

Many established Christians believe that this fruit mentioned in Genesis 2 is an actually, literal fruit, and many people also take the Bible literally, but I can tell you that it is certainly not a literal fruit. A literal fruit would be something material; if you eat a bad fruit you may get a stomach ache but the result of that eating will not be passed on from generation to generation.

The fact that the world today is in such darkness is the result of the sin of our original ancestors and that is a sexual sin. If someone took a fruit from a forbidden tree and ate it, being called on it they would hide their mouths; but with Adam and Eve hid their lower parts. So even from this observation, it cannot be denied that the sin of the original ancestors was a sexual sin.

If Adam and Eve had grown to maturity and had been married to each other by God, they could have become the ancestors of goodness for the whole of humanity. But instead they married each other without the permission of their Parents, and their motivation was evil. Their motivation was disloyalty and they became the ancestors of evil.

Humanity today is their descendants who have inherited the blood lineage of Satan. We were not born of True Parents; instead we were born of false parents. So we have to seek out the True Parents and we have to become true husbands and wives because we are false husbands and wives. Because true children were lost in the Garden we need to establish true children as well.

From studying the Bible we have to conclude that the incident in the Garden of Eden was the sexual fall and it came from illicit love. So our father is the Devil. As Jesus said we do *the lusts of our father!* In today's world we can see that not only young people are committing immorality, but also adults who have a husband and who have a wife, and these people have sexual relations with someone other than their own spouse. The same things that happened in the Garden of Eden are happening across the world today.

Our lustful thoughts erase the thoughts of goodness within us. The fruit of lust is arrogance, and it also causes us to gossip about people. Even ashes are still lustful; we cannot even burn it away. Lust is something easy for people to get involved in but extremely difficult to cut away from. This is where many spiritual people who go through spiritual training fall. They cannot get rid of their lustful thoughts. It is extremely difficult for us to get rid of lust and return to our original self.

Because our ears are fallen we like to hear of lustful things, our eyes are fallen so we like to see lustful things like pornography, our mouths like to speak about lustful things. It is difficult to stop this kind of lust. The reason why people are embarrassed or ashamed of lust is because illicit love is what caused the fall in the beginning. We can see in history but we can also see around us that illicit love destroys people, destroys individuals, destroys nations and destroys generations.

We see in Chinese history that many emperors who were thought to be great were however led astray and brought down by their lust for women. The Roman emperor Anthony was destroyed by his lust for Cleopatra of Egypt. Solomon who was said to be Israel's king of wisdom brought heathen women and their idols into the Temple and this led to the division of the country. Samson was destroyed by Delilah.

In Korean history as well, a famous king from the Shilla dynasty was ruined and failed as a result of lust. In the Kingdom of Paekche, in the more recent Lee dynasty, generals or leaders who started out great were brought down because of their lust for women. Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by illicit love, and so was Babylon.

Rome too, which was thought to be an invincible empire was destroyed by lust. It was thought to be an empire that would last for thousands of years, but when the spirit of immorality spread around and infested people it eventually collapsed. In the cities that were infested by immorality people competed to see who could do the most terrible immoral things and finally Rome was conquered. They did not even bother to cover themselves or act immorally in secret; they did not even try to cover themselves.

In Greece, prostitution and immorality was rampant even in the temples. Homosexuality came from Greek culture. Men would not only use men but also women, one after another, and this infested the entire empire. Also we see today that what happened in the Garden of Eden is infesting the entire world.

There has to be a way to resolve this! Only when we can find a solution for this immorality, can we have a way for individuals and even for nations and for the world to live. If no one appears who can settle this issue, there is no future for the world.

In which country will this person appear? Everyone today is proclaiming that we are in the Last Days. They are making a big fuss about that! Various religions are announcing that in the Last Days someone will resolve these issues. Christianity believes that the returning Jesus will come. Buddhism expects the Maitreya Buddha to come; Confucianism says that the True Man will come to do this.

These different religions are not referring to different people; they are all referring to the same person. This person has to come, and he has to give us the solution to the problem that I explained about. Now this world in crisis needs a solution to these problems.

Of course Father came to resolve these issues! Now he has passed on, but he has appointed his successor, representative body and heir, the 2nd King of CIG. I greatly prayed about this, and I am sure now that these issues must be resolved through the 2nd King. I feel certain that Father in the spirit world has a strong desire to see God's Kingdom established in this world. This will be a Kingdom without discrimination where people will be able to live as they should.

God has a plan that He is executing and I can see that in the Bible, but I don't want to talk about it today. I'll talk about it at the next opportunity. Today I just want to convey that God has established the Sanctuary Church to begin the building of his Kingdom on this earth. This is something that Father in the spirit world truly and earnestly desires and he is conducting his work of the spirit to bring it to pass today.

This cannot be accomplished by human effort. It takes the entire and united effort of True Father, Jesus and the 2nd King and also of all the good spirits in the spirit world. How this is done is something that I will address in my next talk on another occasion,

Thank you very much.

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