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On Prayer

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Bible reading: Psalm 50: 15 (KJV)

And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Good morning everyone,

Today I'd like to speak to you about prayer. We need to know, we need to believe, we need to practice, and be aware of the fact that the power of prayer is greater than the power of an army of a million people or even an army of ten millions. Prophets, saints and sages in the past did not do the work of God by their own abilities, but rather they did it because they prayed sincerely to God; they offered sincere prayers and that is how they were able to do what they did.

When Moses prayed he was able to achieve something so amazing, as parting the waters of the Red Sea. As he was doing that, God said to him, "You just stand by and watch; I will do the work! Go a little bit closer to the shore of the Red Sea!" God instructed him to fold his staff with one hand, and to put it into the sea with the other. He told Moses to push the sea to the side and it parted; it stood up like a wall on both sides and the people of Israel were able to pass through.

Pharaoh's armies that were chasing after the Israelites observed how they passed through the Red Sea as if they were walking on land; therefore they did not hesitate to follow them into that passage. But when they were about half way across the walls of water, both sides suddenly collapsed and the water came down together.

The people of Israel crossed safely but the armies, the chariots, and the cavalry of the pharaoh were all drowned in the sea when it collapsed on them, and not a single one survived. This is one example of how, time and time again, God showed the people of Israel how He was a Living God, how He was conducting the providence and how He was on their side, but in the end the people of Israel were not able to believe this.

Moses did not just part the Sea on his own; it is because he prayed, because he relied on the power of prayer that this was able to come about. And he did not only part the Red Sea! During their time in the wilderness the Israelites fought many wars and they won those wars. They won those wars thanks to the power of prayer.

From this we can see that God is a Living God, and that He conducts his providence and his works of the spirit. Those who believe will be able to accomplish to the extent that they believe. Those who know will be able to accomplish to the extent that they know. But the people of

Israel were not able to understand this; they could not recognize that God was with them, and fighting with them, that He was on their side.

For us too, when we pray with the sincerity and conviction of Moses, with prayer power strong enough to even divide the Red Sea, then we can succeed in what we need to accomplish.

In the Old Testament age, God wanted everyone- not just the Israelites- He also wanted the people of other nations to know that He was on the side of Israel, and that He was fighting with them, but there were very few who actually believed that. Many major miracles were performed; the Israelites even defeated the very strong military of the Amalekites.

Here is how they won: Moses held up his hands and as long as he did, the Israelites were able to win but when he put down his hands they started to lose. Since Moses was not able to keep his arms and hands up for such a long time, they had Moses sit on a stone and Aaron and Hur came and helped him. They kept his arms up for him the whole day and as long as they did, they continued to win in the battle against the Amalekites.

God was alive then, He is still alive today, and capable of doing such great miracles. Those who have conviction will be able to harness the power of God through prayer.

Elijah is another example. It was not just Moses who able to rely on the power of prayer! Elijah prophesied to Ahab that it would not rain for three years, and a famine would ensue. Ahab did not believe him but sure enough Elijah's prophesy came true. Ahab persecuted Elijah a great deal but Elijah managed to go to the East Bank of the Jordan River where birds brought him food. Through Elijah, and the example of the ravens feeding him, God showed the people that He was alive

Elijah challenged the priests of Baal and declared, "Let's see whose God is actually powerful, whose God is actually alive!" He instructed them: "Put sacrifices on the altar but don't burn them. Baal has to burn the sacrifices. Through your prayers you have to get Baal to burn the sacrifices!" They prayed all morning but nothing happened! Elijah then prayed. The sacrifice caught fire, it burned completely and everyone was amazed. It had not rained for three and a half years but when Elijah offered his prayers on Mt. Carmel it began to rain.

There are many instances; this is another one where God showed that He is alive and He is conducting his works of the spirit.

Daniel is another example: he was a man of great faith. He was a prisoner in Babylon who would pray in the direction of Jerusalem, several times a day. Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon at that time, wanted everyone to swear that they would only serve him and those who did not follow his orders would be put into the den of lions.

When Daniel was at home, thinking that no one would know, he kept praying three times a day in the direction of Jerusalem. Some people who saw and knew about this reported it to the king,

who then put Daniel into the den of lions. But God sent angels to block the mouths of the lions so they could not attack Daniel. The king saw that Daniel was not harmed by the lions, and was glad that he was not injured. Then the king had Daniel's accusers and their families put into the lions' den; the lions killed those people and ate them, even to the bones. So, all of Daniel's accusers were killed.

When Daniel was in the lions' den, God sent angels and thanks to them he was not injured. God wanted to show the people that He was the Living God, and that He was helping Daniel. He wanted people to recognize this.

For us too, as we live our life of faith, we must know that we can accomplish to the extent that we believe, to the extent that we have conviction in our success. Those who believe 100% will receive the fruits 100%. Those who believe only 50% will not be able to receive more than 50%. So this morning I hope you will understand that when we have absolute faith, everything that we believe, everything that we have conviction for, will be realized.

It was not only in the Old Testament that amazing things happened! We read in the New Testament that at the time of the Pentecost one hundred and twenty people were gathered in the Upper Room. The Holy Spirit came down upon them and people were able to experience that God was alive and that He was working through them.

So let's not even have an iota of doubt! When we believe completely we will be able to accomplish completely. Father told us that once he decided to take on the task of bringing about God's Will in the world, he neither doubted nor questioned even for one minute or even for one second or even for one split second that this might be difficult, that this was impossible or that this was not going to be accomplished.

When we rely on our strength and abilities, then it is difficult, but when we rely on the power of prayer, when we rely on the power of the Living God, then Jesus and all the good spirits in the spirit world will help us, and anything that we want to accomplish will be possible.

We need to be clear about where our affiliation lies. We need to understand that we are affiliated with God, we are connected with God, we are connected with True Father, with Jesus, and we are connected with all the good spirits in the spirit world. When we are clear on that, when we rely on that fact and pray from that perspective, then what we believe can come to pass. We cannot give God 50% or 10 % or 20 % of our heart. We need to direct 100% of our heart and energies towards God. Unless we do that, He will not be able to help us.

We read in 2nd Chronicles 16: 9 *"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars."* God is going to work with those whose heart is perfect towards Him. It is important for us to know.

One time I was in Seoul and Father called me. I went to him and he told me, "From today on whatever you believe can be accomplished to the extent that you believe. What you say will be accomplished, what you think will be accomplished, what you put into action will be accomplished." Another person there heard this, and said to me, "Wow! You really received a tremendous blessing from Father! What you believe will be accomplished, what you say will be accomplished!"

When I look back on that, I see clearly that when I believed fully it was accomplished, but only to the extent that I believed; when I had a thought it was realized only when it was God's or True Father's thought; and it was only when I was acting on behalf of True Father, that what I attempted was successful.

Another time Father spoke to me about John 3:16. *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

Father pointed out that you have to believe. If you believe you will not perish but have everlasting life. But if people do not believe they will perish. So whether a person perishes or has everlasting life depends on whether that person believes or not. When we pray if we just pray half-heartedly not really sure if it is going to be answered, then it is not going to be, but when we believe that it has already been realized, that it is already coming, then God will bring it about for us.

One time I was in Japan visiting the churches in Kyushu. I was speaking to the congregation there and pointing out to them, "What you believe will be accomplished to the extent that you believe; if you only believe 50% then God will only take responsibility up to 50%."

I could see on the face of one of the ladies listening to me that she was very worried about something. Later I learned that she was the wife of the pastor of that church. This wife invited me to a hot spring nearby and revealed to me that she was concerned with the fact that they had been blessed for eight years but did not yet have a child. She said, "For eight years I have not been able to have a child, but today you told me that if I believe absolutely it will happen, so today I am going to have the faith that I will have a child."

I answered her, "In the Bible we see that Abraham was one hundred years old when Isaac was born. God is able to do anything. The only reason He cannot do things for us is that we don't report to Him, but if you report to God and tell Him about your situation, He will be able to solve it. So believe absolutely and report to God about this."

This woman had actually given up; after eight years she had decided that she was never going to be able to have a child. A little while later, I received a letter from her; she had never thought that she could have a baby, but she had gone to the hospital and found out that she was in fact pregnant. She was very happy! I also gave a name for that child. Not so long ago I met that child in Cheong Pyeong, now all grown up and old enough to receive the Blessing.

So this morning please have confidence that if you report to God and if you sincerely believe in your prayers anything you believe will be accomplished. What we believe will be accomplished, what we say will be accomplished, what we do will be accomplished!

The family of Mr. Ken Sato was here recently. His daughter has been blessed for four years but she and her husband could not have a child yet; they very much wanted a child. I told them, "God is a powerful God. He can do anything. He can make things that exist not exist and He can make things exist that don't exist. So pray sincerely and believe in God's power!" Even as I was uttering those words, in my own mind I was wondering, "Wow! Maybe I am going too far there! "

Later the Sato family came again, but this time the daughter was not with them, so I asked, "Why didn't your daughter come?" They answered, "Well, she is pregnant; she is not feeling well as she is in the early stage of pregnancy." The husband added he heard me speak about the power of prayer, and eight days later they were able to conceive a child.

That made me realize again the power of God, and that whatever we believe can be accomplished.

Right now we are being cursed by many people, - and I myself, if I was to go to Seoul today so many people would curse me that I would not be able to hold my head up - but we need to understand that the Living God is on our side. It is important that we believe this.

Again, if we believe 100% we accomplish 100%, if we believe absolutely we will be able to accomplish to the extent that we believe. I am convinced now that if I give people the Living Word then I will be able to receive the fruits of that word. So please believe that as we are being cursed, God takes pity on us, so He helps us, He cooperates with us, and He is behind us.

I attended the Blessing ceremony yesterday and I was disappointed to see only one couple there. We need to try harder to bring more couples to the Blessing. I am more than ninety years old, and I feel that the only thing I can do is pray. If we are affiliated with God then He will be with us, and He will work through us to accomplish His will. I feel very strongly that if we believe in God and in the power of prayer we will be able to accomplish amazing things.

Please believe that we can accomplish anything through prayer; that God will be with us, True Father will be with us, Jesus will be with us, and all the good spirit persons in the spirit world will be with us and anything we attempt will be accomplished. But we cannot succeed by our own effort. It is only when we rely on God and His power that we can be victorious. We can never do it with our own effort. When we believe this, it can be accomplished.

I will now give my conclusion: After Jesus was crucified and resurrected he appeared to his disciples and gave them the power to perform miracles. In fact even if the disciples passed by someone who was sick and their shadow came over that person, then he or she would be cured. That kind of amazing miracle happened!

Mark 16:15-18(KJV)

¹⁵ And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

¹⁷ And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

¹⁸ They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover

The final words of Jesus after his resurrection were that they should go and spread the Word throughout the world and that those who believed would be saved, and would receive many signs from him. Jesus affirmed that whoever believed and called on his name, would be successful in whatever they attempted. He stated that even bitten by a viper, such person would not be harmed. That is what he said to the Disciples before he ascended!

Mark 16:19 (KJV)

So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

Today I have testified that the power of prayer is far greater than even the power of an army of ten millions. If we believe this then the Sanctuary Church will grow day by day, month by month, year by year.

Thank you very much.

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