

True Mother Kang Hyun Shil

The Way Father prayed in the City of Taegu in the Early Days

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Bible reading: Jeremiah 29: 13 (KJV)

¹³ And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Good morning everyone,

Today I'd like to speak to you about the way Father prayed in the city of Taegu back in the time of a lot of difficulties in that city. I think this was in 1954. There is a neighborhood in Taegu called Suseong-dong. This era of Taegu was a place where a lot of poor people lived. And even in that neighborhood, Mrs. Ok and I - Father also- were living in a room that was among the poorest in that poor era.

Father would rise at 3 o'clock every morning and pray. As I think back on how Father prayed back then, I remember that he prayed in a very desperate and urgent way, and he was actually weeping, shedding tears throughout his prayers.

He would say in his prayer, "God, my Father, I remember that I made a promise to You and I remember that moment when I made this promise." Father would say, "God I promised You that I would accomplish your will by a certain time, but it is taking longer than I had anticipated. The time is coming pass and I have not yet been able to accomplish your will, and I am deeply sorry for that." He would pray and he would weep as he prayed this way.

This was a neighborhood where people who lived there were poorer than the rest of the city. Even in that neighborhood we had only one room and we were all living in that single room. So our situation was difficult beyond description. Father had only one blanket or piece of bedding. There was no mattress, so he would use half of the blanket as a mattress and the other half as a cover so it would sort of fold over him. We were in such difficulty, and God understood our difficulty so He was forced to take pity and to help us.

The situation was so desperate that really the only One that we could depend on and rely on was God. I remember Father's voice and the way he prayed, and really I remember that Father was seeking after God with such sincerity, such desperation that truly God would have to help us in accomplishing his will. At that time I also wept as I listened to Father's prayers. It was a very tearful time as we prayed then. Father was praying for the spirit of people who were spiritually dead to be resurrected, to be given life again so that God's will could be done.

I remembered Father's prayers as I was praying for the Japanese members later on and I also wept a great deal for the Japanese members. I asked Father once, "You know Father, when I

pray for the Korean members I really do not cry so much; tears don't come. But when I pray for the Japanese members I shed a lot of tears. Why do you think that is?"

Father said, "This is because when the Japanese live their life of faith, they have no self; they are living for the Will, and only for the Will, and they do not think of themselves." Sometimes the Japanese families would not have anything to eat for the next meal, but even in such times of difficulty they would always come through with their donations.

When I was in Japan, I saw how Japanese would sacrifice their own meals, and would wear old clothing so they could devote more of their funds to the providence. When I saw this I really thought that Japan's future would be a bright one. I saw how the Japanese would donate not only the funds that they had but even if they did not have any funds, they would still borrow money in order to make their donations.

I remember at that time that Korean members would laugh at the Japanese members, "What are they doing borrowing money in order to make donations? Who does that?" I realized then that this was something that the Koreans were not capable of, this idea of borrowing money in order to make donations. It was something that only the Japanese were capable of doing. I saw that the faith of the Japanese members was not ordinary faith. It was faith that welled up from the marrow of their bones and from the flesh of their bodies. I saw that directly when I was in Japan.

Back in Taegu, when Father was praying during those difficult times, I remember him telling God, "God I was not able to accomplish your will by the time I promised but I will certainly accomplish it even it takes a little longer; so please be assured!" And he would shed many tears; he would really weep and cry as he was praying this way. As I was listening to him I thought to myself, "Even if I cannot reach Father's standard still as one who is following him, I can just pretend to try, pretend to at least do the same thing that Father is doing in order to help him to accomplish."

I was in Japan seven years. I lived and worked with the Japanese members during that time and it taught me many things. I saw then that God is truly alive, that He is active in the world. I could see that, and also experience it many times during those seven years in Japan.

I saw for example that when the Japanese members received a donation, they would pray over that donation. But sometimes they were too busy to do that; they would receive the donation and were too busy to pray, and in such situation sometimes the person who gave that donation would come back and request for it back. I saw then that if we don't offer sincerity and dedication with full sincerity, everything that we do, the blessings that we receive eventually turn to nothing.

In Taegu when Father spoke, he would also shed many tears and the people listening to him were also moved to tears. Father would say, "Although you are going a difficult path, still there is a path that you can see before you. But when I began this path, I was walking a path that did not exist. I had to pioneer everything and only God knows how I was able to find this path."

He would say, "I have taught you, therefore you know about True Father, you know about God, you know about heaven, you know about hell, you know about the future. But I am walking a path that does not exist before me. I have to develop this path and cut it out. So I am in a much more difficult position than you." He would say this in tears.

In my notes I wrote what Father spoke in 1961. He said, "Even though it is 1961 I am still in this kind of position. But this path has been opened up for you. So you must follow this path and you must become victorious people." He would tell us, "You must become people who must take responsibility for this age. People who don't know this path cannot go on it, but I have shown you this path, and I have taught you this path, so it is your position to take responsibility for his age and be victorious."

He said that we had to be the standard bearers; he said that we could see the path that he had opened for us, and that we had to go that path. He maintained that we had received God's blessing and in order to inherit that blessing we had to have revolutionary spirit, to be spiritual revolutionaries.

He told us Abraham, Moses, Jesus were all fighters who fought through the positions that they found themselves in, and that we also must be fighters in such way in order to accomplish God's will. Father would later state how the Japanese members were also fighters. Even he gave them tasks that would seem impossible to accomplish, still they would march forward and fight as hard as they could in order to accomplish those tasks.

Father would later say that the reason why the Japanese members were able to do this was that he as their leader first went that path of difficulty, and they were following that path. I often felt that surely God had no choice but to help Father, because Father was so desperate and so sincere in his efforts to accomplish God's will. I could really see that this was happening in the world around me.

I feel today that in this era too, we need to be the standard bearers that Father called for; we need to be those pioneers that Father called for, so we can be victorious on the path that Father has laid before us.

Father would pray, "Please God help me! I cannot do this without your help. I can only do it if You are standing behind me and You are helping me. With my own power, my own strength I cannot even move one step forward." Throughout his life, even until the time that he passed

from this earthly world, Father continued to rely on God and to work with God's power, not his own power.

When Father wrote with his own hand the Wollli Wonbon, the original text of the Principle, he began on May 11, 1951, and he finished it on May 10, 1952. Father later told me that when he was writing it with his own hand Mr. Won Pil Kim was with him by his side. I don't know who else might have been with him, but Father said that he wrote that book so quickly that the members sitting beside him were very busy sharpening the pencils for him to use.

As Father was writing he shed many tears. Sometimes he would sing songs of praises, sometimes he would pray, and he wrote the Wollli Wonbon in five volumes, a total of 690 pages. Father later said that the Wollli Wonbon was a crystallization of the truth. It was written in a poetic form in many places. He explained that it was the only way that he could express the truth in that context.

Mr. Eu Hyo Won, who was the first president of the Unification Church expressed that when he first read the Wollli Wonbon, he was deeply moved to the point of being intoxicated by it, even though before that he had already studied the Scriptures of many other religions, and he recalled that he tried to copy the Wollli Wonbon, but it took him days just to copy one page because he would shed so many tears as he was copying.

Father said that Mr. Eu offered very much sincerity and dedication, as he was in contact with the Wollli Wonbon. Father added that the child who offers this kind of sincerity and dedication will certainly never die far away from home and that because of this kind of sincerity and dedication that child will always be rewarded.

Father had a certain determination. He declared that no matter how difficult the situation, no matter how pitiful the circumstances he would always rise above that, he would always transcend those circumstances.

And I remember Father saying, "I wonder how many women are capable of going to the front line, how many women are prepared to do that for the sake of God's will."

Thank you very much,

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