

The Value of Spiritual Children - From a Question and Answer Session

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Why is Father asking that we bring spiritual children? The first point to understand is that it is not for Father's sake but for the sake of husband and wife that Father ask that they have spiritual children before starting their physical family.

The fundamental reason is the restoration course of the fallen marriage of Adam and Eve, and the restoration of the fallen descendants born of Adam and Eve. Before being qualified to start your own family and having physical children, fallen children must be restored. In other words, you must have children first before being qualified to start married life. This is the Principled view of why we must have spiritual children before we are qualified to begin married life.

Why is the number of six spiritual children significant? The reason why we have three or six spiritual children is understood through the family of Adam and Eve. They had three sons: Cain, Abel, and Seth. Also these three sons were to marry, so including their wives the original number would have been six. Because of this, it is required that husband and wife have three spiritual children on each side or six children between the couple.

This was Father's standard as well. Before Father's holy matrimony, he engaged three of his main disciples, Won Pil Kim, former President Eu, and President Young Whi Kim. After his own Blessing he then blessed them, restoring the three families before starting his own physical family. Through the Blessing our physical children inherit Father's standard, so we must follow Father's standard.

As we are working to fulfill this condition it is important to remember that our purpose for witnessing is not to bring members so that we can start our family. We witness to save the lives of brothers and sisters. This should be our motivation for witnessing. Even when we bring six spiritual children we do not stop witnessing. We should always have the heart to witness.

Cain Protects Abel

Our physical children are our Abel-type children and our spiritual children represent the Cain-type. Which should come first -- Abel or Cain? Of course, Cain should come first, otherwise Abel cannot come. If Abel comes first without Cain, it means Abel will not have the protection of Cain.

Jesus did not have the protection of three angels. When the three wise men left Jesus, then Satan tried to kill Jesus. Actually, this was not the original plan of God. Jesus was to be supported by many followers and encircled by spiritual children. All his members were to be waiting for his Holy Matrimony and the arrival of his children.

Therefore, before Abel children were even born, Cain and Abel would be united. Cain would serve Abel.

Upon that foundation, Jesus was to stand as True Parent. Once Jesus lost the protection of Cain, Satan aimed at Jesus. In Father's case, he was successful at establishing the foundation of True Parents. Likewise, we are to become True Parents. Without the protection of Cain-type children, our children will be exposed to Satan's attack. When you have many spiritual children, your own children will be surrounded by your spiritual children and it is like they are surrounded by many good angels. If you love your children, then you will want your children to be protected and welcomed. It is a wonderful thing. Also, this is the Principle of Restoration itself. Without accomplishing this, you cannot restore True Parenthood in your own tribe and you cannot inherit Father's standard.



Pattern to Subjugate Satan

Another important point to understand is the relationship between spiritual parent and spiritual child. We must love Cain before we love Abel. In order to be qualified to love our own physical children, we must love our Cain children first. This is Father's tradition. Without having Cain children, how is it possible to love Cain? Unless you set the standard to love Cain first, you cannot qualify to love Abel. This is the reason that, until Father could restore his Cain foundation he could not love his first children.

Especially in the case of Song Jin Nim, son of Father's first wife, Father could not show love for him even though he was very sad. Father loved his disciples. Even when Song Jin Nim was crying, Father had to put him aside and love his disciples first. This is the pattern to subjugate Satan. We must sacrifice those who we love most to save those who are more distant. If we love Cain who is distant, then Cain's heart will be melted. When you melt the heart of Cain, then Cain will love whoever you love. Then Cain will take care of Abel. At that time, you will be qualified to love Abel. This is Father's tradition. Father takes care of his disciples and it is the 36 Blessed couples' and Blessed couples' responsibility to take care of the True children.

The reason for this is that originally the archangel was to take care of Adam and Eve. When God created Adam and Eve, He could not take care of them directly, but they were taken care of by the archangel. To save us, Father sacrificed his own family so it is the responsibility of the Blessed families to love and care for Father's children. This is the most fundamental tradition of our True Parents - to sacrifice those they love most to save us. There is sacrifice of the Abel side to save Cain, as God sacrificed Jesus, His own son, to save sinners.

Therefore, when you melt the heart of Cain, you can be qualified to have your Abel child. This is Father's tradition. This is how to subjugate Satan. Without subjugating Satan, how can we be free from Satan? Without being free from Satan, how can we enter the Kingdom of Heaven? This is the reason having spiritual children is the basic or very starting point to build the Kingdom of Heaven. We can never think that Father is just taking advantage of this opportunity to gain members. Father is giving us this chance for our own sake so that we can become our own tribal messiah. Without doing this, how can we begin our family? Because Father loves us, Father is asking us to do this.