

The Kingdom Within

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Good Morning Brothers and Sisters.

The Title of my sermon today is: The Kingdom Within.

True Father taught us that we are supposed to build God's Kingdom. Is God's Kingdom imaginary? Where is it? If it doesn't exist yet, then how do we build it? How can we build God's Kingdom when we don't even know what it is supposed to look like? Is there a blueprint of God's Kingdom anywhere? If so, where is it?

It is recorded in the King James Version of the Bible that Jesus said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you" (Luke 17:21). This means that we have the blueprint of God's Kingdom within us. In other words, each one of us is supposed to be the manifestation of God's Kingdom. How many of us feel the existence of God's Kingdom within us

The reason why we may not feel God's Kingdom within us is because we rely on and promote the wrong predisposition. For us to feel the Kingdom that is within us, we have to inherit and rely on Jesus' predisposition. For us to build God's Kingdom, we have to inherit and rely on the True Parents' predisposition. I know that everybody here is aware of what predisposition means. But, still, let's define it anyway. Predisposition can be defined as the way of being. We can also define it as the disposition of somebody's heart or spirit. It is the core of our internal character. Do you agree with this definition?

Hell started as the result of Adam and Eve having inherited and promoted Lucifer's predisposition. It, Hell, multiplied to what it is today because all the descendants of Adam and Eve have inherited and promoted the same evil predisposition. For us to build God's Kingdom, we have to inherit, rely on, and promote the messianic predisposition. The messianic predisposition has the blueprint of God's Kingdom in it. So, how much of Jesus' predisposition have we inherited? How much of the True Parents' predisposition have we inherited?

Even though God's Kingdom does not exist yet in this world, it will manifest for real. Where will it be established? Will God create another world where His Kingdom will be established? God's Kingdom will be established in the very same world that we live in. Think about this country, the United States of America, for instance. When the Pilgrims left Europe, they were looking for a place where they could freely worship God. Their journey took them to this land, a land that was already inhabited by Native Americans. However, the Pilgrims had a certain goal. They were looking for a place where they could worship God freely. They were looking for a place where they all could be equal. That was their predisposition. This predisposition was inherited by the Forefathers who later constituted the United States of America. Though the land the Pilgrims arrived to was inhabited by people who had their own predisposition and customs, the Pilgrims made it a new land—a land of God and Jesus Christ.

Building God's Kingdom will be similar. It will not begin with an external territory. It will begin with an internal territory—inside each one of us. Just like the nation such as the United States of America began inside each Pilgrim and Forefather before manifesting physically. What is it that we need in order to build God's Kingdom?

The key to us building God's Kingdom is our predisposition, which is the disposition of our heart. By the disposition of our heart I mean the type of heart that we have. Is it a heart that resembles God's heart? Do we love only those who love us? The disposition of our heart (our predisposition) influences our attitude. How then can we define attitude?

I know that everybody here knows what attitude is, but I would still like to define it so that we are on the same page. We can define attitude as the way we feel about someone or something. Attitude influences the way we think about, act, or react to someone or something. Do you agree with this definition? This means that our attitude is instrumental when forming an opinion or when making a decision. Furthermore, attitude influences perception and reception. For instance, right now, how you feel about me, i.e. your attitude toward me, is influencing how you receive and understand this sermon.

So, two things are very important when it comes to building the Kingdom within. The first one is our predisposition and the second is our attitude. We can inherit the heart of God only when we have the right predisposition and attitude.

When we look at the life of Jesus, as recorded in the Bible, we see without a doubt that Jesus lived his life putting God in the subject partner position and himself in that of object partner. He lived his life for God and for the fulfillment of God's will. That was his predisposition. And that predisposition influenced his attitude toward people, circumstances, and things around him.

The True Parents have done the same as well. Their predisposition has been that God is their subject partner and they are His object partners. Also, another element of the True Parents' predisposition is that fulfilling God's ideal is their priority. Their predisposition has also influenced their attitude toward people, circumstances, and things around them.

I would like us to take a moment to find out what our predisposition is. Is it putting God and the fulfillment of His will first? Is it being judgmental? Is it being grateful? Is it blaming others? Is it helping others? Is it being quick to anger? (...)

When we look at the teachings of Jesus and the True Parents, we can see that their purpose is to guide us and inspire us to inherit and develop the predisposition that will allow us to build the Kingdom within. Take any of their teachings, whether it is Jesus asking us to turn the other cheek or True Father asking us to live for the sake of others.

Is your predisposition similar to Jesus' or the True Parents'? Do we live our lives in glorification of God? Can God be happy with our attitude? Can God dwell in our hearts? God definitely dwelt in Jesus' and True Father's heart. He definitely dwells in True Mother's heart. Now, these are the individuals who have the Kingdom within them. Do we have the Kingdom within us? How can we build the Kingdom within us? By making sure that our attitude glorifies God. By making sure that our predisposition is that of placing ourselves in the position of God's object partners and God in the position of our absolute and ultimate subject partner. Can we do that? Can we have an attitude of gratitude that will allow the True

Parents and heaven to claim victory in 2020 and thereafter? Can we maintain a predisposition worthy of heaven regardless of what is happening around us?

The good news is that whatever our predisposition and attitude are today, we can change them if they are not inline with heaven. So, with the blueprint of the Kingdom that we have received from Jesus and the True Parents, let's go through today, the new week, and the rest of our earthly lives making the effort to have the predisposition, attitude, and the heart that will help us build God's Kingdom within us.

I really hope that you were able to receive from this sermon what heaven wants you learn today.

May God bless you all.

Join me in prayer.