

Compiling the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures 132-17-13-40

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Today is a beautiful Sunday, isn't it?

Today I'd like to talk again about "Compiling the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures" from *True Mother's Anthology, Book 1*.

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So, True Mother is preparing to make a textbook that anyone can easily understand by combining the Cheon Seong Gyeong, Chambumo Gyeong, and Pyeong Hwa Gyeong into one just like the Bible.

Let's study the contents of True Father's eight major textbooks once again.

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We cannot go through our life times digesting the almost 1000 volumes of True Father's words. That's why True Mother seriously considers this issue and is still working hard to create textbooks that all humankind can study easily. That is really Mother's focal point.

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True Parents emphasize once again: the Divine Principle and his words are not just teachings that come from the mind of one person; they are textbooks and teaching materials that teach the heavenly way that God has granted to His suffering children for their salvation.

However, the eight major textbooks are vast, with more than 1,000 volumes. That is why True Mother is trying to organize it. The reason True Mother is trying to organize Father's words is to provide them as basic, eternal textbooks that anyone can easily understand. Anyone who wants to study the words of True Parents in more depth can study by reading the eight major textbooks proclaimed by True Father.

What we need to know is that the words of True Father and True Mother remain forever. Since the original texts spoken by True Parents remain as they are, they will be a source of eternal education for all mankind and future descendants.

Some (people) ask why True Mother is reorganizing Father's words, and this and that. The original texts are still there. (We are) thoroughly (preserving) those. We are not missing even one word from True Parents. But Mother is selecting the main points (so that) all humankind can understand and digest them very quickly. That is the fastest way to spread God's word everywhere. We need to understand True Mother's motivation very clearly.

LIVING DIVINE PRINCIPLE : Principle of Creation 23 - Individual Perfection is the Perfection of Filial Piety

Let's study again the main content of the Divine Principle.

God's First Blessing: Individual Perfection

- *The key to God's first blessing is the perfection of individual character.*

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- *When a person abides in the state of individual perfection, he lives as the substantial object partner to his mind. Because the center of his mind is God, he also lives as the substantial object partner to God.*

- *Both the mind and God feel joy as they experience their internal nature and external form through the stimulation which their object partners give them.*

- *Accordingly, when a person realizes God's first blessing, he becomes God's good object partner to inspire Him with joy. Sharing all the feelings of God as his own, he would never commit any sinful acts that would cause God grief. This means he would never fall.*

Based on this content, today let's study Father's words.

A True Filial Son and Filial Daughter are Those Who Know and Comfort God's Heart and Circumstances

We can become perfect beings, (achieve) individual perfection, through filial heart, filial piety. Father speaks about the filial son and filial daughter.

<9-206> *When Jesus stands in a position of being driven and betrayed by the people, do you know what kind of prayer he offered in the quiet mountain valleys? He did not pray saying "Father, please give me blessings and allow me to live a comfortable life." Whenever he was driven and chased away, Jesus prayed "Father, I am grieved. How many times did You have to go on such a path in the course of history?" He prayed exclaiming, "The tears I shed are indeed tears shed on behalf of the Father!"*

A filial son and a filial daughter are people who know their parents' circumstances and heart better than anyone else and want to comfort their parents.

Jesus did not shed tears for himself in the place where he was driven, betrayed, and chased before the people.

Rather, it was Jesus, the filial son, who comforted God by becoming more aware of the unfair circumstances and heart that God had suffered.

A true shepherd, a true son and daughter, may be wearing shabby clothes and have wounds on his body. Yet, he is a person who would forget about his appearance and wounds, and instead think about the Father who went on an even more miserable path, bond himself to the Father's heart and shed tears. Only such a person can enter the heavenly nation.

Who enters heaven? He is a filial son who sheds tears of consolation for God, who has walked the path of sacrifice and misery while suffering countless wounds for the restoration of mankind in the past.

Whether a person is a filial child or an unfilial child is decided in proportion to the degree and amount of tears shed for the pitiful God.

How many tears have you shed for God? How much have you comforted the sorrowful God?

A servant never sheds tears for his master. Only filial sons can shed tears for their parents.

We should know that whenever we shed tears for the sorrowful God and True Parents, our sins are atoned for, our souls are purified, and our inner person grows the fastest.

As much as we shed tears, our sins are atoned for, our souls are purified, and our inner person grows the fastest. Therefore, through filial heart, filial piety

towards our parents, our heart is finally completed.

If I do not experience frequent tears for Heavenly Parents, True Parents, and mankind, it proves that my soul is still in the stage of a servant or adopted (child). The step of the servant never sheds tears for the parents. His heart is always dry.

What kind of standard do you have? Are you in the position of the servant, adopted son, step son? Or are you really a filial son or daughter of God?

How can you know that you are a filial son or daughter? How many tears do you shed for God, for the sake of True Parents, for the sake of all humankind. What quality of tears do I shed? Are my tears only for myself? Or for my family? What quality of tears do I shed?

The quality of tears of filial sons and daughters are always shed for parents because our Heavenly Parent is in an uncomfortable situation. Our True Parents are still suffering... That is why I always reflect about myself. Am I still a servant of servants? Am I still an adopted child? I really envy Father's tears. He always sheds tears for God and for the sake of all humankind. Our True Mother often cries for all humankind. They are model figures: how to live for God and for all humankind.

The level of the adopted son and of the servant seldom has tears. That is how I know what quality of love I have; what quality of filial heart I have. It is not easy for fallen man to grow up and become God's filial sons and daughters. What is the best and fastest way to attain individual perfection? Through filial heart. That is why we need to really nurture our heart all the time. How can we nurture our heart all the time? We need to study God's word all the time. We need to read God's heart and mind through the Divine Principle and hoondokhae. We need to listen often, receive often and read often. There is no other way to cultivate our heart. Do you have another way to cultivate your heart? You need to practice through saving people, to practice love. This is the only way to cultivate our heart and finally become God's filial sons and daughters.

If you are a person of faith, you should know how to cry while gazing at the mountaintop without saying a word. Why? It is because your heart would surely be bursting when you think about God gazing at that mountain as He reminisces about the time He created the universe. You should be aware that there is not a single created entity that does not have traces of the tears God shed. Whenever you see a wonderful landscape, you should be able to shed tears while calling for the Father. Why? It is because the Father had cried

many times during the long period of time covering six-thousand years during which He was driven away by His own children. I am not saying this out of my imagination. It is a fact.

It is reality.

You should know that since the fall of man, traces of God's tears have been left on every single item of creation.

In addition, traces of God's tears remain for countless ancestors who have come to this day, and for each human being who is currently living on the earth.

And you should know that God is still weeping for them.

In a word, the fall of Adam and Eve came from the absence of filial piety, filial heart. If Adam and Eve had Hyo-Jeong (filial heart) for God, they would never have fallen.

Therefore, even in our life of faith, we must know that faith without filial piety can always derail and betray heaven.

That is why we always need to remind ourselves what filial heart is: vertical alignment, vertical heart. We need to connect to God and True Parents vertically. Otherwise, if we do not have a filial heart, we can be derailed and betray heaven. This is the reality of fallen man.

TODAY'S YOUTH MINISTRY: Christ-Centered Righteousness

This content is very internal. We can know what the essence of Christianity is.

When I study this content again and again, I can understand Jesus' greatness.

First of all, let's look at a few verses of the Bible.

Matthew 23:25-28: 25 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

26 Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

27 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.

28 In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

Based on this content, let's study Christ-centered righteousness.

1. *If you look at what Jesus said about the Jews, he severely criticized them as hypocrites who did not follow*

the law properly. In following the law, they did not keep it with all their heart, but obeyed only outwardly. Even when offering sacrifices, they did not put all their heart into their love and reverence for God. It was good to sacrifice sheep, but it was a waste to offer a fat sheep. Tithing and keeping the Sabbath were not done with joy. They kept the Sabbath day as a formality with an unwilling heart. As they practiced this hypocritical faith, Jesus came as the Messiah, but their true hearts were clouded and they did not recognize Jesus.

Because fallen human beings do not move with their original nature, but out of outer appearances, Jesus pointed them out and condemned them as hypocrites.

So how do you become a person of original nature? While keeping the law and the traditions and rituals of the church, you must put your heart and soul into it. If there is no content about sincerity and heart, we are all hypocrites.

No matter what kind of work you do, if you do not invest your heart, your original nature will not come out voluntarily. Anything that you do not put your sincerity and heart into will flow into becoming a hypocrite.

Therefore, whatever you do, if you do not put your faithfulness, sincerity, and heart into it, you will inevitably get tired and stop along the way.

That is why fallen men do not know how to use our heart, to relate to our heart. This is the key. If we do not relate to our heart with sincerity, everything becomes hypocritical. That is why Jesus really coached(?) them and scolded them. Even though externally it looks as if they have great faith (and they are) faithful people, but actually they are not; they are hypocrites. How can we avoid hypocrisy? You need to invest your heart, your utmost sincerity. This is the only way I can become a righteous man.

2. Just as a person cannot be said to be sincere just because they practiced their faith and tradition for a long time, in relationships with people, you cannot say that you have a heart of respect for someone just because you had a long relationship with them. A person who is always sincere and honest always has respect for people even if they (have) met for the first time. This is because they have mutual respect. Since our sincere hearts are always oriented towards the original mind, if anyone is sincere, they can immediately tell what kind of person the other person is. But the Jews all doubted Jesus, and when they saw Jesus, they accused him of blasphemy. Even under such circumstances, Jesus forgave them even when he was finally crucified and became the sacrifice for sin in their place. In a word,

this love of Jesus on the cross is truly a remarkable event that we should pay attention to.

The most precious thing in the life of faith is a faithful heart with utmost sincerity rather than formality.

In the end, everything that is not true and is not sincere will flow. All human relationships are lost because of material, power, or status. Only the bond of heart based on sincerity will remain forever.

But fallen human beings have become accustomed to hypocrisy. As I focus on trying to look good to someone and wanting someone to recognize me, I don't put in my heart centered on my own nature.

The great thing about Jesus is that he loved sinners even in the midst of many persecutions, opposition and doubts. Jesus always treated them with his original mind and with love and heart.

Even at the final crucifixion, Jesus forgave them and became the atoning sacrifice on their behalf.

People who are called righteous in the world usually have died for a greater public purpose, for righteousness, for their neighbor and for the country. However, Jesus died for sinners. He embraced sinners to the end, forgave even his enemies, and died as a reconciliation sacrifice.

There may be some who could die for righteousness and for others. But have you seen the righteous dying for sinners?

In that sense, the death of Jesus is truly great. He died while loving and forgiving even the enemies who killed him, and praying for them.

That is why I am talking about Christ-centered righteousness. Jesus was the friend of the sick, crippled and sinners. So Jesus said, in Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

"I will be responsible for your cross and your burden and your problems. I will be responsible."

Jesus came as the son of God, but he became a friend with sinners.

Who is Jesus? He was the king. He was the only begotten Son of God. He was the Lord. However, he became the sinner's friend. He died for sinners. He died for his enemies.

What is Crucifixion thought? You don't die for the righteous. To die for sinners. To forgive the enemy who hates me and to die for him. This is Crucifixion thought. So he became the sacrifice of reconciliation between God and fallen man.

In such a place, God was so moved, so touched, and (then) raised Jesus from the dead. Even Satan cried.

Jesus comes back to life and goes back to the disciples who betrayed him and awakens them.

The quality of Jesus' love was truly, truly true love.

I really admire Jesus' life. What kind of quality of love does Jesus have? It is really amazing. That is why he called (to) the Jewish people, "Don't be hypocrites. Truly love everyone, including sinners. Invest your heart and sincerity to become the friend of sinners, cripples, whomever. Each of them is a child of God. Jesus even forgave his enemies, those who tried to kill him. What kind of quality was Jesus' true love?"

That is why we admire Jesus. Christians have lost the crucifixion thought of Jesus. Many people say they need (to be ready to) die for their neighbor, their family, their tribe, their nation, the world and God. But who was Jesus? He died for sinners, for the sick. He is the one who truly understood the situation of sinners and appealed to God. He became the lamb of sacrifice, reconciliation between God and fallen man. He became the mediator.

That is why God was so surprised. "You are truly my son. You embrace your enemy and die for your enemy. You are truly my son." This is the condition (that allowed) God to raise him and revive and resurrect him. Even Satan could not accuse him because he really embraced and forgave his enemy and died for sinners. What kind of quality of true love does he have? This is really amazing! We call this crucifixion thought. If we inherit Jesus' crucifixion thought, we can become the friend of anyone, not just sinners and cripples. Jesus truly loved each human being. Because of that quality of love, it did not matter (to him whether) he lived or died. Even God was so surprised. Even Satan was surprised and could not accuse Jesus any more. That is why God let him revive again.

After he resurrected, what was his behavior? He went to his disciples who betrayed him, who ran away from him. He still loved them, embraced them and appealed to them. Because of that quality of Jesus' love, all his disciples completely surrendered: "You are really the son of God. You are really my lord!" This is crucifixion thought. How many of us, how many Christians have really inherited that crucifixion thought?

3. *When Jesus came to the land of Judea, he wanted them to keep the law faithfully and become one with him and establish a right relationship with him. Jesus came to act as a mediator between man and God, so that God and man could have a parent-child relationship. Even after Jesus died on the cross, the providence of salvation has come out so far, so that fallen humans can*

immediately know His words and be born again as the Holy Ghost and fully inherit the heart of Christ. However, most of those who believe in Christ believe in their dreams and ideals of entering the Kingdom of Heaven after death. That is why they have believed that it is more important to believe in the words of Jesus and go to heaven after death rather than forming good relationships horizontally on earth.

The problem with Christianity today is that the purpose of believing in Jesus is to go to heaven. As a result, Christians focus more on the world after death than on relationships.

As a result, Christianity does not set the goal of becoming a true person. However, the Unification Principle focuses on becoming true people, true couples, and true parents on this earth.

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If you focus on going to heaven like the Christian faith, it is easy to think that life on earth is just passing by. It is easy to be hypocritical in human relationships.

How can we become men of the kingdom of heaven? Not only (those who seek to) enter the kingdom of heaven?

In order to enter the kingdom of heaven first of all, we have to become people of the kingdom of heaven through filial piety, through becoming true couples, true siblings, and true parents. Otherwise how can we enter the kingdom of heaven?

4. *When our eyes of truth are opened and we have the eyes of the Holy Spirit, we can distinguish those who are loved by Heaven more than ourselves. In order to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth, Jesus redeemed countless spirits and testified to this with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit. However, the majority of believers claim to follow Jesus, but they cannot overcome relationships and are easily dominated by the environment. I cannot overcome the faith category of "If others are good to me, I am also good, if others disregard me, I also disregard others." On the other hand, Jesus loved even his enemies and treated his enemies as close friends. The hardest thing for us is to love and sincerely serve someone who dislikes, hates and opposes me.*

The greatest love of love is love that loves even your enemies like Jesus.

If I do not love my enemies, there is no way to get rid of my fallen nature. Think of God giving enemies to me as God's great love for me and a gift.

God's giving me enemies is training that allows me to get rid of my fallen nature and become a true person by loving my enemies.

5. Most believers love Jesus and love the words of Jesus, but it is difficult to love those who clash with them just as Jesus did. There is a saying in the Bible: very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, or maybe there is, but no one died for sinners. In this respect, Jesus is the righteous person who became the sacrifice of reconciliation as a mediator in order to restore the relationship between God and fallen man. It can be said that the idea of the cross was that Jesus tried to establish a standard of righteousness that could subjugate even his enemies. The Old Testament age was the age when we went before God by righteously keeping the law.

My dear brothers and sisters, what is the idea of the cross, crucifixion thought? It is to love even the enemy who is trying to kill you, and to give your life for that enemy.

In other words, willingness to bear the cross for sinners is the idea of the cross, crucifixion thought. It is to love a sinner without giving up until the end, a sinner like me, who does not give up until the end, asks God for forgiveness on my behalf, and takes up the cross to take responsibility for me?

Jesus is really our savior, our lord, our father. That is why Father really describes how great Jesus was. True Father and True Mother inherited that heart from Jesus. They are the ones who really have practiced that kind of love toward human beings.

There is no time to share how Father went through that kind of life. Maybe next time.

6. The age of the New Testament after Jesus came is the age when people tried to establish a righteous relationship with Jesus by keeping the gospel of Jesus well. That is why there are those who say that righteousness is obtained through Christ and that through the law one gains life, but not righteousness. Christ offered his body as the price of ransom and performed the righteousness of God by becoming the sacrifice of reconciliation. He also did not look down on his enemies, but sacrificed tears and compassion for them. There are people we hate and conflict with, but we should know this as our cross, pray for that person, forgive and try to embrace that person.

Like Jesus, we too must live a life of being the sacrifice of reconciliation. That is the practice of God's righteousness.

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7. No matter how difficult, if we truly love and care for our enemies, after a certain period, those enemies will repent and we will be able to reconcile with each other and experience the great thought of the cross of Jesus. Unless you experience reconciliation with enemies and people who are conflicted with, you will not be able to have the conviction of love of Jesus Christ, who became the sacrifice of reconciliation.

Many people died for their neighbors, country, and world, but in history, only Jesus has been sacrificed and became an offering for sinners and enemies.

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Wow! Do you love Jesus? I did not come from a Christian background, but I came to understand who Jesus is through True Father's guidance. Then I read the bible again and again. I cannot, I don't know how to describe his quality of love. It is really amazing; It is really true love. True love means one can digest and embrace even one's enemies.◆

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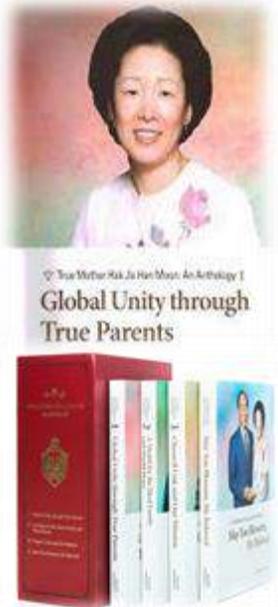
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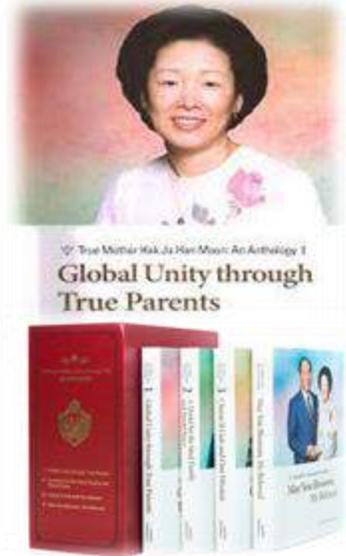
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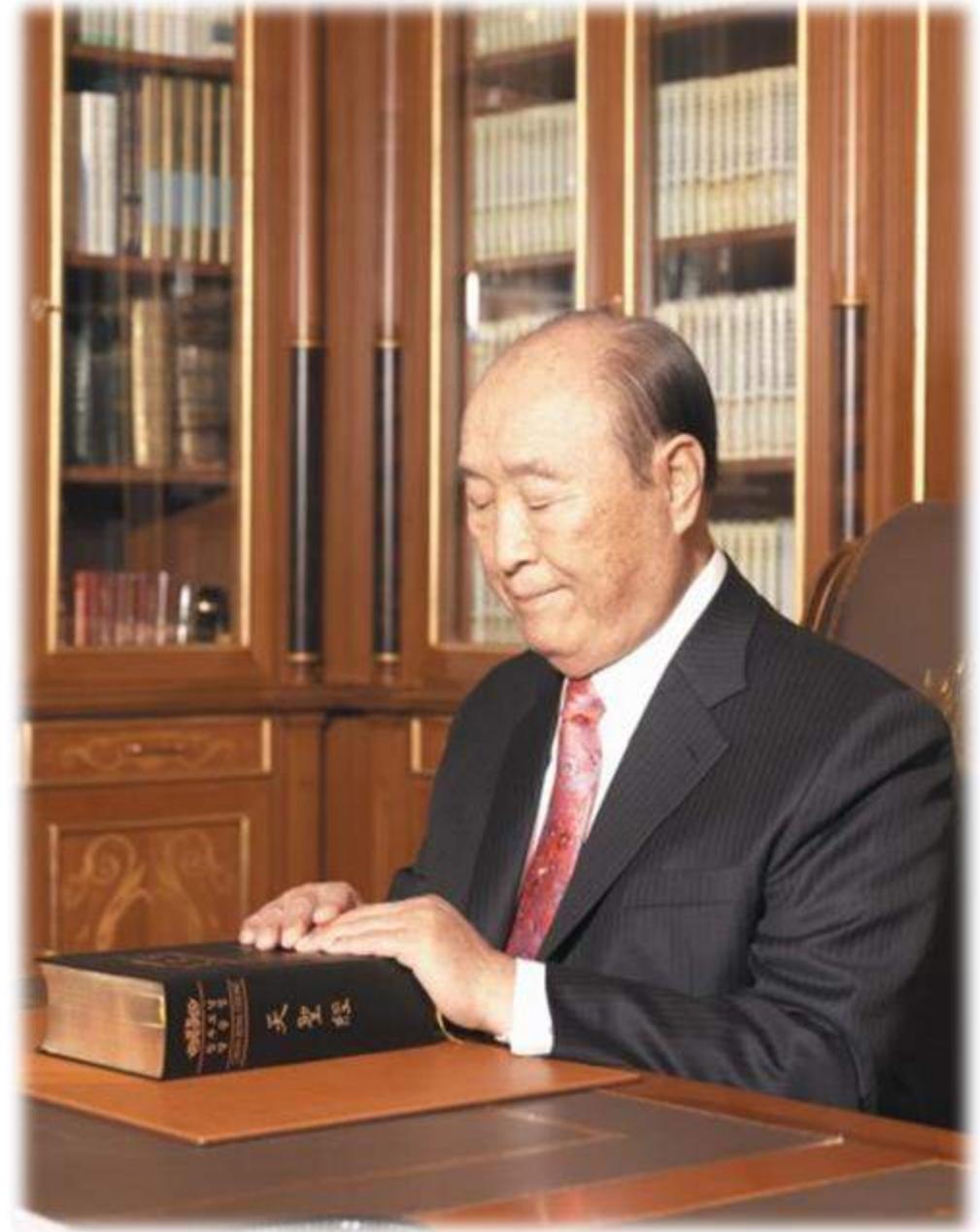


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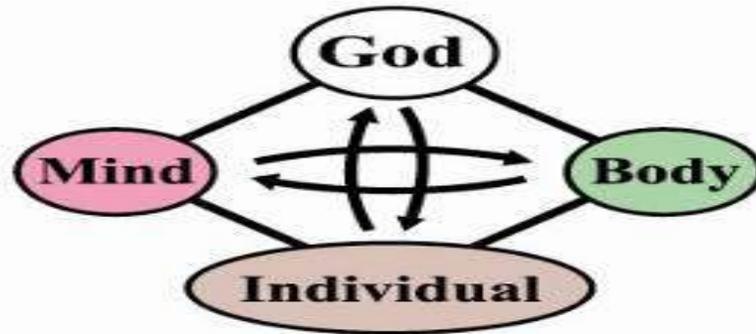


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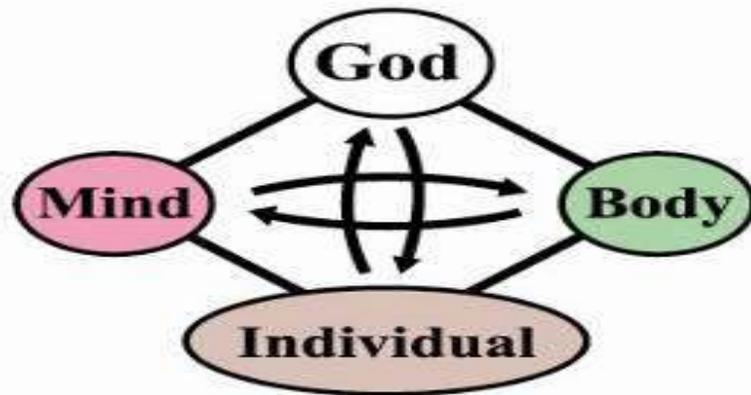
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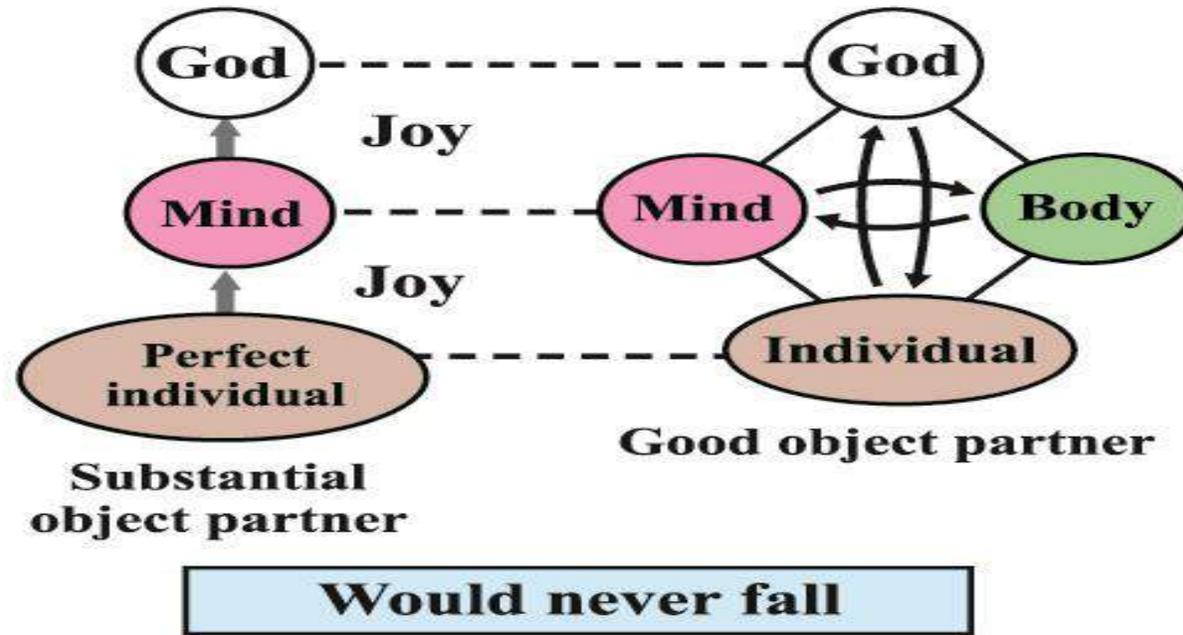


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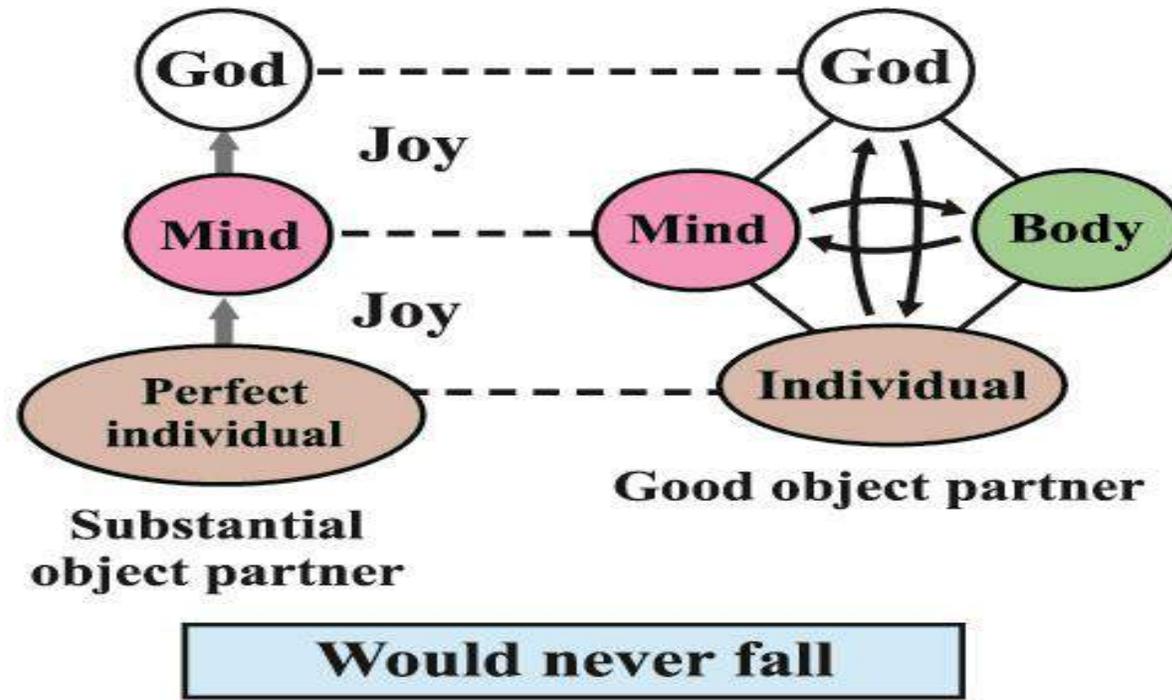
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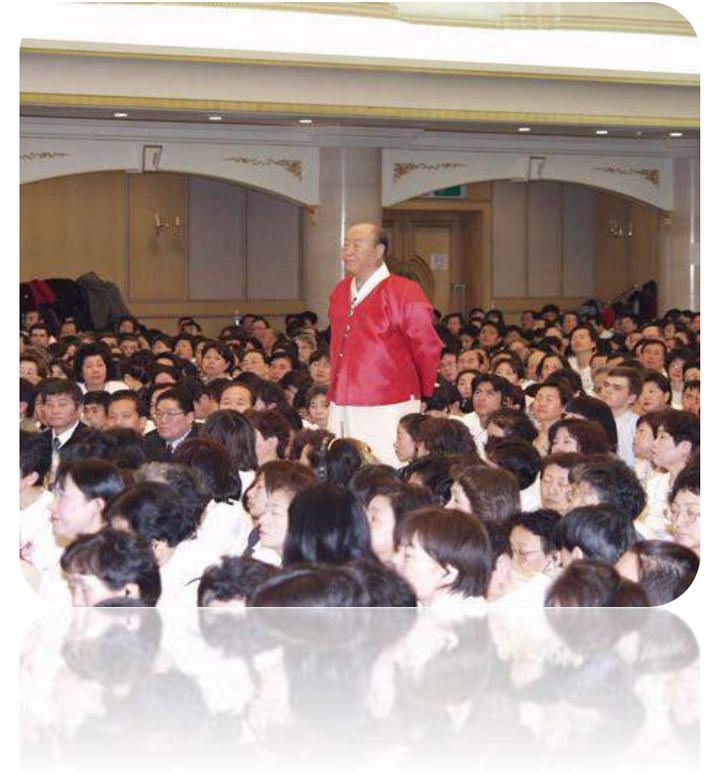
- When a person abides in the state of individual perfection, he lives as the substantial object partner to his mind. Because the center of his mind is God, he also lives as the substantial object partner to God.
- Both the mind and God feel joy as they experience their internal nature and external form through the stimulation which their object partners give them.



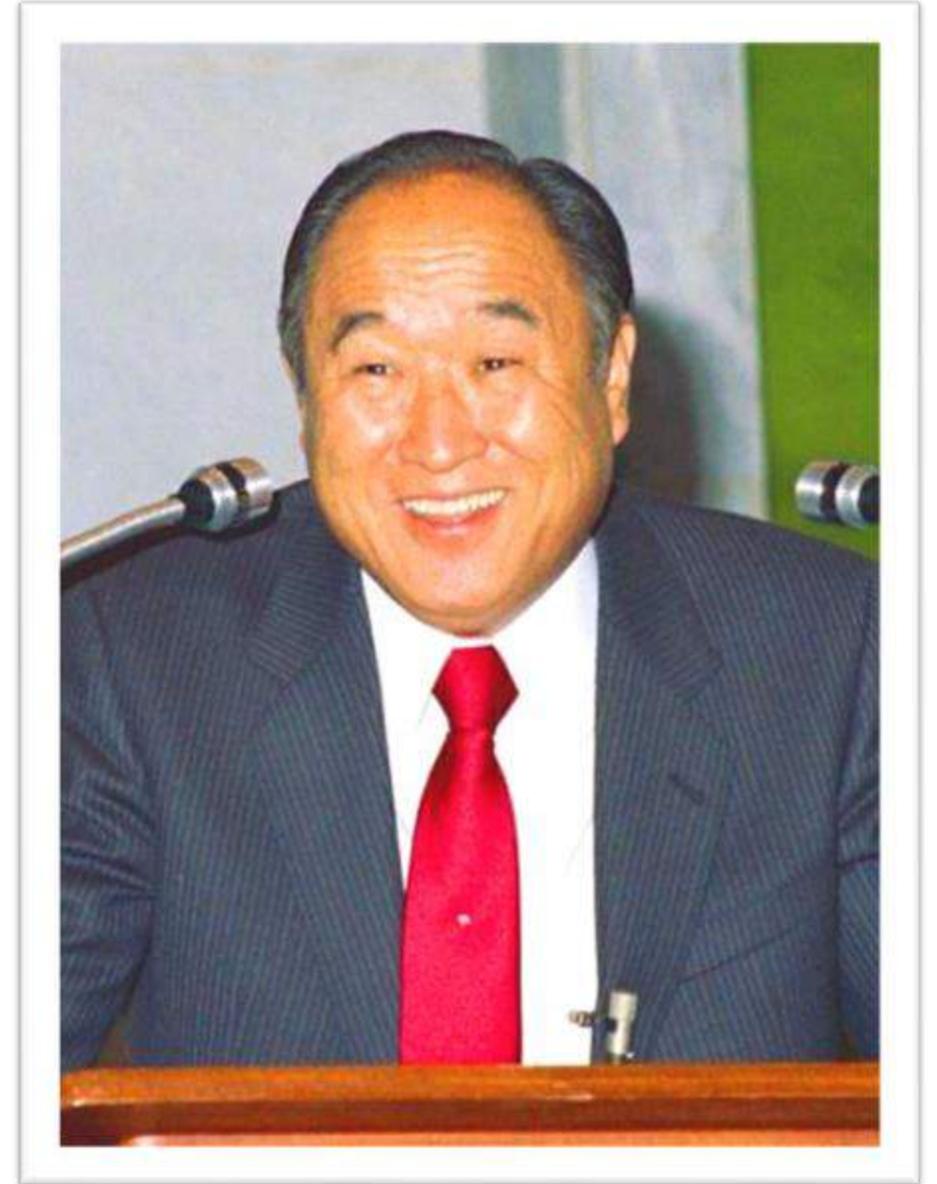
- Accordingly, when a person realizes God's first blessing, he becomes God's good object partner to inspire Him with joy. Sharing all the feelings of God as his own, he would never commit any sinful acts that would cause God grief. This means he would never fall.

A true filial son and filial daughter are those who know and comfort God's heart and circumstances

<9-206> When Jesus stands in a position of being driven and betrayed by the people, do you know what kind of prayer he offered in the quiet mountain valleys? He did not pray saying “Father, please give me blessings and allow me to live a comfortable life.” **Whenever he was driven and chased away, Jesus prayed “Father, I am grieved. How many times did You have to go on such a path in the course of history?” He prayed exclaiming “The tears I shed are indeed tears shed on behalf of the Father!”**



A true shepherd, a true son and daughter, may be wearing shabby clothes and have wounds on his body. Yet, he is a person who would forget about his appearance and wounds, and instead think about the Father who went on an even more miserable path, bond himself to the Father's heart and shed tears. Only such a person can enter the heavenly nation.



If you are a person of faith, you should know how to cry while gazing at the mountaintop without saying a word. Why? It is because your heart would surely be bursting when you think about God gazing at that mountain as He reminisces about the time He created the universe. **You should be aware that there is not a single created entity that does not have traces of the tears God shed.** Whenever you see a wonderful landscape, you should be able to shed tears while calling for the Father. Why? It is because **the Father had cried many times during the long period of time covering six-thousand years during which He was driven away by His own children.** I am not saying this out of my imagination. It is a fact.





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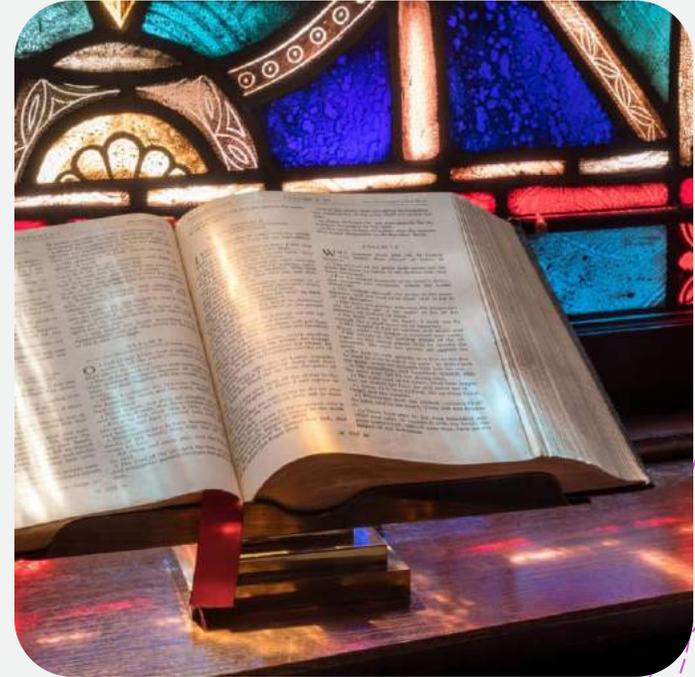
Matthew 23:25-28

25 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

26 Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

27 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.

28 In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.



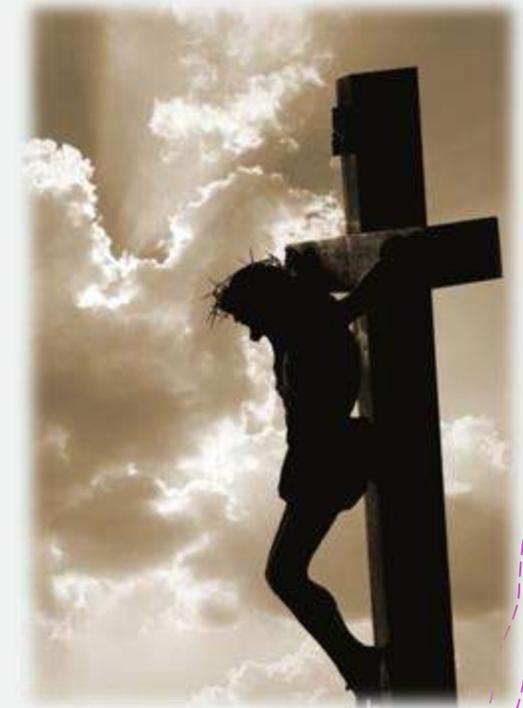
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① If you look at what Jesus said about the Jews, he severely criticized them as hypocrites who did not follow the law properly. In following the law, they did not keep it with all their heart, but obeyed only outwardly. Even when offering sacrifices, they did not put all their heart into their love and reverence for God. It was good to sacrifice sheep, but it was a waste to offer a fat sheep. Tithing and keeping the Sabbath were not done with joy. They kept the Sabbath day as a formality with an unwilling heart. As they practiced this hypocritical faith, Jesus came as the Messiah, but their true hearts were clouded and they did not recognize Jesus.

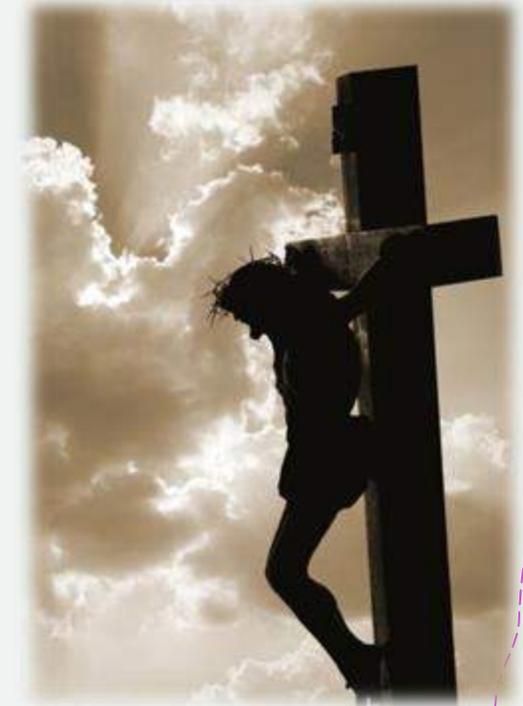


Hypocrite!

② Just as a person cannot be said to be sincere just because they practiced their faith and tradition for a long time, in relationships with people, you cannot say that you have a heart of respect for someone just because you had a long relationship with them. **A person who is always sincere and honest always has respect for people even if they met for the first time. This is because they have mutual respect. Since our sincere hearts are always oriented towards the original mind, if anyone is sincere, they can immediately tell what kind of person the other person is.** But the Jews all doubted Jesus, and when they saw Jesus, they accused him of blasphemy. **Even under such circumstances, Jesus forgave them even when he was finally crucified and became the sacrifice for sin in their place. In a word, this love of Jesus on the cross is truly a remarkable event that we should pay attention to.**



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JESUS, OUR MEDIATOR

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

John 14:6

③ When Jesus came to the land of Judea, he wanted them to keep the law faithfully and become one with him and establish a right relationship with him. Jesus came to act as a mediator between man and God, so that God and man could have a parent-child relationship. Even after Jesus died on the cross, the providence of salvation has come out so far, so that fallen humans can immediately know His words and be born again as the Holy Ghost and fully inherit the heart of Christ. However, most of those who believe in Christ believe in their dreams and ideals of entering the Kingdom of Heaven after death. That is why they have believed that it is more important to believe in the words of Jesus and go to heaven after death rather than forming good relationships horizontally on earth.

④ When our eyes of truth are opened and we have the eyes of the Holy Spirit, we can distinguish those who are loved by Heaven more than ourselves. In order to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth, Jesus redeemed countless spirits and testified to this with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit. **However, the majority of believers claim to follow Jesus, but they cannot overcome relationships and are easily dominated by the environment.** I cannot overcome the faith category of “If others are good to me, I am also good, if others disregard me, I also disregard others.” On the other hand, Jesus loved even his enemies and treated his enemies as close friends. The hardest thing for us is to love and sincerely serve someone who dislikes, hates and opposes me.



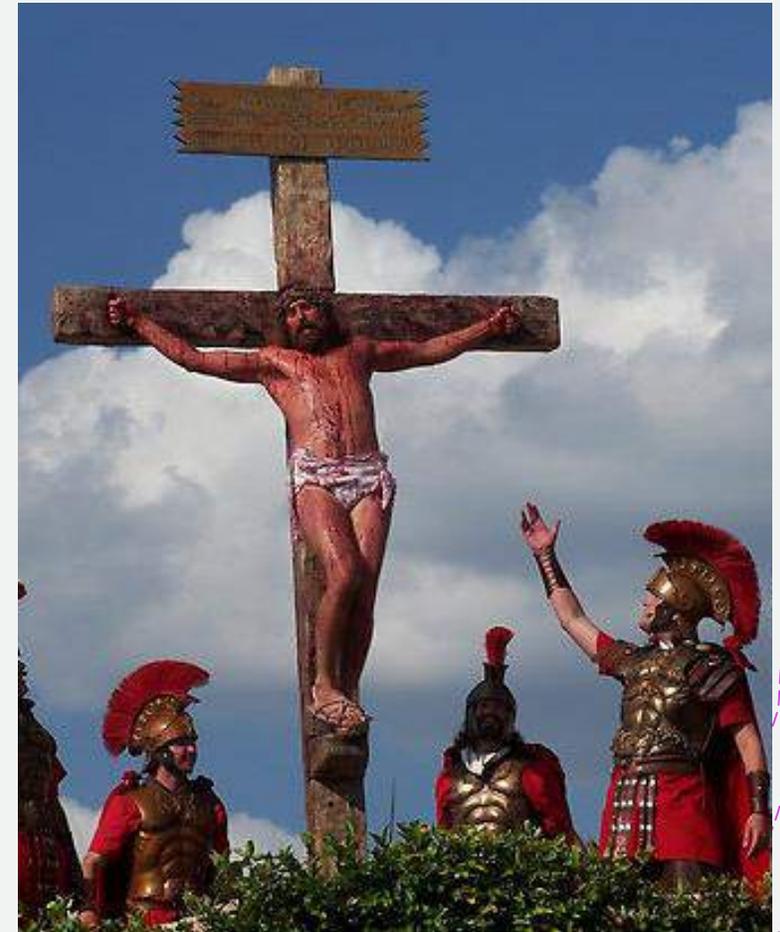
The Righteousness of God

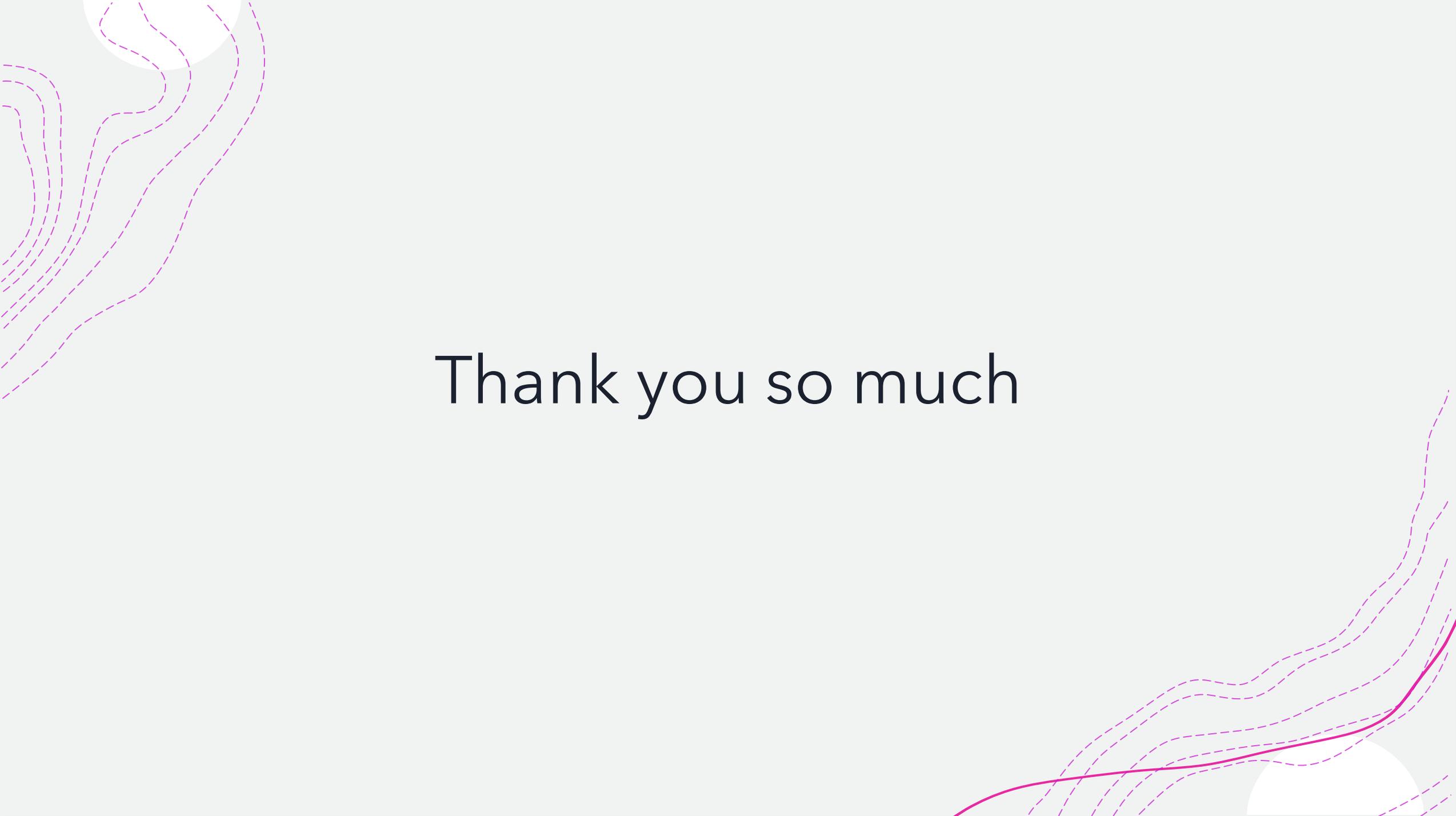
⑤ Most believers love Jesus and love the words of Jesus, but it is difficult to love those who clash with them just as Jesus did. There is a saying in the Bible very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, or maybe there is, but no one died for sinners. In this respect, Jesus is the righteous person who became the sacrifice of reconciliation as a mediator in order to restore the relationship between God and fallen man. It can be said that the idea of the cross was that Jesus tried to establish a standard of righteousness that could subjugate even his enemies. The Old Testament age was the age when we went before God by righteously keeping the law.



⑥ The age of the New Testament after Jesus came is the age when people tried to establish a righteous relationship with Jesus by keeping the gospel of Jesus well. That is why there are those who say that righteousness is obtained through Christ and that through the law one gains life, but not righteousness. Christ offered his body as the price of ransom and performed the righteousness of God by becoming the sacrifice of reconciliation. He also did not look down on his enemies, but sacrificed tears and compassion for them. There are people we hate and conflict with, but we should know this as our cross, pray for that person, forgive and try to embrace that person.

⑦ No matter how difficult, if we truly love and care for our enemies, after a certain period, those enemies will repent and we will be able to reconcile with each other and experience the great thought of the cross of Jesus. Unless you experience reconciliation with enemies and people who are conflicted with, you will not be able to have the conviction of love of Jesus Christ, who became the sacrifice of reconciliation.



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