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Vital "Keys" to Success in Prayer

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You can absolutely prove the existence and active power of God if you sincerely want to....

There are several ways to get answers when you pray. Do you know WHY and HOW you should pray?

Jesus said, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass..." Jesus clearly meant for us to "watch" the fulfillment of prophecy in world events....

Elijah is a good example of a man of faith. He prayed fervently. He knew God was there to answer prayer. He put his whole being into his prayer, and God answered.....

We need to seek God with all our hearts. We must prove and know that the personal God of Abraham does hear and answer prayer.

Vital steps to take to successful prayer:

1. Don't pray to be seen of men.
2. Do not employ standard repetitious or "memorized" prayers.
3. Do make provision both for a time and a private place for personal, earnest, fervent and prevailing prayer.
4. Seek God wholeheartedly, diligently and in earnest prayer.
5. Study the Bible, observing and meditating on the Word of God.
6. Rise up early and spend the first part of the day in prayer before anything can interrupt, Mark 1:35.

We need to set aside a specific time for prayer. In the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13, Jesus did not mean for us to memorize it but He was outlining the correct approach to God in prayer and the basic things for which we should pray.

Our deep respect and awe for our Heavenly Father should be total. We must come to God as "our Father." We must begin by praising and hallowing His name.

We must learn the meaning of God's Kingdom. For praying, "thy Kingdom come" is asking that God's literal Government be set up on this earth through Christ as King of Kings and Lord of lords.

We must ask for our needs and confess our weaknesses, so we pray "give us this day our daily bread". We all sincerely recognize and repent of our sins, our shortcomings, and pray to be delivered from all temptations. Learn to sincerely ask God. He will make you fit to live forever in His Kingdom.

Then close your prayer with praise and adoration; with sincere acknowledgment in a spirit of worship.

Seoul, Korea

Our Master left Korea for Japan at 3:30 P.M. on Thursday, January 28, 1965 on His way to the United States. This will be a historical date in God's Restoration Providence. This first visit to the foreign countries in Master's world-wide ministry is of tremendous significance.

Mrs. Chei and Miss Kim accompanied Our Master on His trip. After a one day stay in Japan, Miss Kim left for San Francisco. Our Master and Mrs. Chei will spend two weeks in Japan.

On the day of His departure, more than 1,000 local church leaders were allowed to go to Seoul to see Our Master leave. Seventeen buses were hired to take all the local church leaders and other families in headquarters to the airport. Master's car drove in front on the way to Kimpo Airport while all the buses followed behind.

From the very beginning of Master's leaving the church until He boarded the airplane (Northwest Air Lines) motion pictures were taken of every detail. These will be for future historical record showing the beginning of His world-wide ministry on this day. If He comes to your chapel and to you, you be prepared to take pictures, as you are allowed to freely do so.

We have no up to date information on whether He will land first in San Francisco or Washington, D.C.

Every chapel and each individual in our territory should begin a real and an actual preparation to receive Master and Mrs. Chei. We must begin to pray what to do, how to act and how to receive them.

We are certain that Mr. Pak of Washington, D.C. and George Norton of San Francisco will be escorting Master's party all the way until He visits every church and chapel. Miss Kim may or may not travel with Him. No information has been received regarding this. Prompt preparations are necessary. Mr. David Kim may not be with you because he is in the midst of his school term. As soon as Master arrives in the United States you will be informed from time to time, but you should be ready for His Coming by now. So quickly move and quickly prepare for His Coming to your chapel and to you. Pray that you will be accepted by Him.

Important Days in February

Our Master and Mrs. Moon were born on the same day and in the same month of February. Their birthdays this year are on February 7, (January 6 according to the Lunar calendar).

There is great spiritual meaning in the birthday of Our Master and Mrs. Moon. Master Moon was born 1:00 A.M. and Mrs. Moon was born 4:00 A.M. From the very beginning our Heavenly Father had a special plan on earth as to the birth of Our Master and Mrs. Moon.

This day is also the fifth anniversary of the United Chapel of St. Helens, and also the "St. Helens Bible Research Society." The Portland chapel plans a dinner February 6th at 7:00 P.M. to synchronize as closely as possible with this special day. All families are invited to worship with us on this special day. Those unable to come I pray will feel a closeness and unity with us on this day.

Boise, Idaho

Following is the full text in English of the relayed essay by Vernon Pearson which was printed in the December issue of the Sung Wha Monthly.

"Family Systems of the East and West"

I am very privileged to have this opportunity to greet the rest of our Heavenly Family through this column which has been made available to me in order to share a little thought. I was converted to the United Faith in 1959, shortly after Mr. John Schmidli who was the first convert in St. Helens, Oregon. Presently, I am working to establish this faith in Boise, Idaho.

Oriental peoples are noted for their strong family systems in which the elders hold great authority, and in particular, in which the children are constantly guided and disciplined by the parents. Compare this with the situations in western countries. It is easily seen that there is a tremendous difference. This difference is one of the factors that is causing the United States to be slow to accept God's new dispensation.

In the first place, western children have less respect for their parents than they should, and this greatly affects their respect for their Heavenly Father. Just as adults do not consult their parents when they make decisions, so adults often fail to consult the Heavenly Father. It is felt that after attaining adulthood one is capable of managing himself. The same pride makes a person act without praying or meditating in order to understand the Father's will. Westerners would be much more prepared to seek God's guidance and much more anxious to do His will if they had been so well trained during childhood that even as adults they would approach their elders with love and respect and humility. If this had been done, we could truly love God and desire to do His will, and our suffering and struggling would be half of what it now is. Our greatest battle is in overcoming ourselves.

But there is more than this. In a typical western family, if one of the parents does something that one of the children does not understand or does not like, it is only rarely that the child is humble and willing to accept what the parent has done. Usually the child becomes angry and harbors resentment for a time, and often the child becomes rebellious. Many of us in the West have the same reactions when we have to adjust to the requirements of the United Faith. Often we have to change ourselves whether we like it or not. Since mankind was stained by Satan, God cannot accept man as he is. It is necessary for man to change his satanic ways of thinking and doing if he is to become acceptable to his Heavenly Father. And those who can change quickly and easily, without being offended, will be the most pleasing to God and also the most blessed. So again we see that we would be much better servants if we had been trained during childhood to have love and respect for our elders and teachers, in order that we might be able to quickly and easily make the changes that are required of us.

How fortunate and how prepared are the oriental peoples for the United Faith. It is no wonder that God took a nation

from the East as His chosen nation. For an oriental has been raised from childhood in the best possible way to prepare him to completely submit himself to our Master. But how hard it is for westerners to submit themselves to our Master and his disciples sent to teach them. For they not only have to learn something which they have never really known before, namely true love and respect for elders and parents, but they must also change all the attitudes that were learned in growing up within their families. It is within the family that children must first learn how to love and respect the Heavenly Father through being trained to respect and love their elders and parents. But since we in the West come from families which do not teach this, we will have to struggle twice as hard to enter the Coming Kingdom. We can only look with envy to Korea where over thirty thousand people have come to follow our Master, and to Japan where, in only four years, over one thousand people have joined the United Faith. This is one of the aspects of American life which Americans should struggle with and quickly adjust when they come to this United Faith.

I would now like to hand the baton to the Lady General, the first convert in the United States, through Miss Young Oon Kim at Eugene, Oregon and who now, after establishing many chapels, is at the United Chapel of Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. Eileen Welch.

Eugene, Oregon

Mr. David Kim gave an encouraging report from Eugene. He spoke January 24th at the Unitarian Church group at the University. The topic was "New Concepts on Christianity for Unity of Humankind and Religion." The talk lasted about 40 minutes and a discussion followed. He brought out most of the main points on the concepts of the Divine Principles. Many of the students were inspired and they asked many questions. Several of them are anxiously waiting now to read the manuscript, and want to attend the lectures. Several of them are approaching David Kim on the campus these weeks following the meeting and wanting him to tell them more. Really, their curiosity has been aroused!! Their minds have been stimulated for further study.

We feel this is truly a break-through of our United Faith work in Eugene. The students are becoming more and more aware of the work that is being done now by David Kim and David Bridges.

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