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Panoplia of God

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God is good! Amen! Wow! What a song, "There's power in the name of Jesus!" Whoo! Wow! All right kids! You guys enjoy your Sunday school, okay! All right! Praise God! Praise God! "There is power in the name of Jesus!" Whoo! Oh my, my! You know, sometimes we forget that Father is 'Jesus came back'; this is what we forget: Jesus and Father are one! It is such a joy to love Jesus! Amen! That's 'Jesus come back!' God is so good!

Let's talk about "The Panoplia of God" today, and we want to go back to Ephesians 6 because we just touched it last week, but let's read it together. Let's read it, and we're going to focus in on the end section; let's read 11 through 18 one more time.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

Amen! Whoo! My, my, my! You know we covered this top section last week, and we went into the Greek study of these words, because when you go into the ancient text, you can actually start unpacking some of the incredible jewels that are in there, that we glaze over in English.

Remember that word 'wrestle,' "we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against..." Look at that verse! It's interesting because in this verse the word *against* is used one, two, three, four, and five times. When God revealed this word and this word was talking about wrestling.

Remember? We talked about what the wrestling *palé* means, the meaning of that word? It is not just Olympic wrestling, right, where the two guys are sweaty, and just trying to throw each other down. This was the *palestrum*; this was a place where the three battle arts were occurring. We had the battle art of wrestling, and you could grapple and you could choke and break limbs and you could kill your opponent.

And then you had the pugilist; you had the boxer. Do you remember the boxers, what we studied last week? The boxers had knives on their fists, and that's why on the ancient Greek vases, you will see boxers with no nose and no ears; because you're literally having a boxing match with Wolverine from Marvel Comics, if you know what that is. It is that intense! And then if you survived those matches, you would go to the top level of mortal combat and you would have all the weapons. You would have any weapon you could take into battle.

So that is the intensity of the battle when Paul is talking about *"for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against 'archon', against 'exousia', against 'kosmokratoras' and against 'poneros'."* and we studied that last week.

See, when we understand the intensity of the battle then we can be prepared. The devil wants you to believe that encountering him will be a nice occasion where you can convince him and change his mind. Let me tell you something folks: the devil got thousands and thousands of years on you! You cannot change his mind!

The only person whose mind is going to be changed is you, if you want to talk with the devil! We have to understand that we're called as the followers of Christ, to stand against the devil, to battle against him, to be ready for spiritual warfare against him; and if you're not ready for the intensity of the fight, and you're getting ready for an MMA fight in the UFC, and you're practicing ballet, you are in trouble. You are in trouble, because your opponent is practicing every day, taking people down, grounding and pounding them, pummeling people, and you're practicing dancing!

You see what I mean, folks? We have to understand the nature of the spiritual warfare. There are so many philosophies that will try to trick you out, in making you believe, "Oh! It's not about good versus evil; it's about finding peace in yourself! There's no battle really; that's an old Zoroastrian thinking, type of binary bifurcated thinking, which only allows and leads up to war."

In fact it's actually the opposite! The only type of thing that leads to war historically is the progression of state-ism and socialism and communism; these are the things that lead to genocide. It is not people who are filled with the Word of God, who stand against unrighteousness and are good, because God is good! Amen!

Under TM's leadership

- *Changed True Father's Scriptures (up to 80% redacted CSG)*
- *Changed Cheon Il Guk nation's national anthem*
- *Changed Family Pledge*
- *Changed Blessing Vows*
- *Changed from Monotheism to Ditheism*
- *Excluded Divine Principle from Constitution*

- *Left her position as faithful, obedient Object (NOT SUBJECT0 proclaiming herself as God, messiah, OBD.*

So, when we look at this whole section- we talked about that whole top section- and we see that even in the world Church, we see Mother's situation. She is now leading the church away from Father. She has redacted the Holy Bible; the Cheon Seong Gyeong means the Heavenly Bible! Can you imagine if you started redacting the Bible? What Christians would say to you, especially if it was 80% of it? What would Muslims do if you started changing 80% of the Quran? You would be beheaded! That's what they would do!

And that's already been done; the immediate process of desecration and redaction happened immediately after Father passed. I remember he was still in the hospital and they were calling meetings in a Japanese restaurant in Seoul, to have the committee to redact the Scriptures, because after all, those *human* hands and those *human* fools know better than God, right?

And then the Cheon Il Guk national anthem which symbolizes the nature of the spirit of Cheon Il Guk, that even amidst the deepest suffering and torture, amidst the deepest sorrow of God, there is a Son who will claim His glory, and there is a Son that will praise Him; for all the tribulations and crosses that he has to walk, he will give praise to his Father! Amen! And that is the national anthem speaking of power and glory; that is where true power comes.

And this is what Satan hates! He went after it; he went after the Family Pledge; he went after the Blessing Covenants; he went after God himself! God himself! Even though she's my mother and I loved her, in her quest to become a goddess, she has changed God to make Him a ditheistic God; totally departing from the Scripture, totally departing from the root of Providence, from the Old and New Testaments!

And of course, because you can't explain that, you have to exclude the Divine Principle from the false constitution, which is nothing other than a slavery document where everybody is a slave of Cheong Pyeong. And that is a fool! That is a fool who wrote those things; those committees, totally fraudulent, have no authority, because guess what? As True Parents' inheritor and successor, I have to approve that, and I did not approve that, even though they tried to get me to do so.

And of course, we have seen the pictures where she has left her position; she is sitting in Father's throne, and she's surrounded by people who say, "Oh, that's wonderful; that's wonderful! Oh, they're one, they're one! Wonderful! Wonderful!" In Asian culture, this is probably the most insulting thing that you can do; it is one of the most insulting things that you can do in Asian culture, especially if you are a family of a king. It is probably one of *the* most heretical things, actual things, you can do as a queen, to sit in the throne of a king and dishonor him. This also happens again in Las Vegas, and we can see this happening over and over again with more frequency.

We can see what's happening, and we know why this is happening, and Mother has said it herself. Unfortunately she has admitted why these things have happened. And that is because she has not studied the Bible, she has never heard a Divine Principle lecture once - she said it publicly - but that she knows everything, by just knowing everything.

This is the problem, because we have departed from the Word of God, and from the Providence which the Word is revealing, and because we have departed from the Word of God, and because we have bought into the devil's theological centers, and the devil's schools of theology, which you call 'college', where they indoctrinate you in centralism and state-ism and communism. But they don't call it that; they call it democracy, but they're teaching you socialism.

And of course the 'cherry on the cake' which is: "the Bible is such an unreliable historical document; the Bible is such an unreliable document." We have Discovery Channel, History Channel, and National Geographic Channel, all the channels purporting to teach about truth, and they always say, "Oh, you know, we actually doubt the historicity of the existence of an actual Jesus figure," or "Maybe Jesus was not even a real figure; he's a mythical and legendary figure, and all the evidence tends to point to the fact that this figure was just a mythologized figure of the Legend of Osiris!"

See, this is why it's such a fraud! People who do not study this further and get their information from the Discovery Channel or from National Geographic about Jesus or the Bible, they're fools! They know nothing about the actual historiography of the Bible; none! And if you go to Harvard - I went there - you're not going to learn it. You are going to learn a fraudulent skewed, skewed, historiography! Let me show you what I'm talking about.

Is the Bible reliable?

- *Tests of Historicity*
 - 1) *Time between when author wrote text to closest copy*
 - 2) *Number of copies of text*

See, when you study whether or not an ancient text is actually reliable, this is called a 'historiography'; it's a historiographical analysis of: what is this ancient manuscript, or what is this certain text or classics that we're dealing with, and how do we see if they are authentic or not? Well, first you have to look at: what is the time between when the author wrote the text to the time of its closest copy that we have?

So, let's say the author wrote it in 0 AD and the closest manuscript that we have is from 500 AD; so then that would be a five hundred year period, between when the author wrote it and the first manuscript that we have. Everybody's following? That's pretty simple, right? This is the first criteria of historiography; the first criteria. It's a very important criterion.

Because when you look at the ancient world and you look at ancient manuscripts... Who knows what a manuscript is? What is a manuscript? It's a hand-written document, because they didn't have Movable type, or they didn't have typewriters or Apple computers right? They had to handwrite this, and most of the time this was done on papyrus reeds, which were flattened out, weaved together, and they became paper upon which they wrote, and they would disintegrate.

So, these things on ancient classical words, when you look at the dates between when they were actually written, and then the time of the closest copy that we have today, guess what we find?

Let's look at Pliny the Younger, of the imperial magistrates of Rome, who wrote about the imperial network. All the things we know about Imperial Rome, you know all those programs on History Channel, all those programs on Discovery Channel, all those programs on National Geographic about Rome, we know them primarily through Pliny the Younger; Pliny the Younger and his works!

Guess what? The date between when he was writing and the earliest copy that we have is 750 years! It is 750 years! Now you can assume that you want a smaller gap, because the smaller gap you have, the less chance you have of redactions, or changes, or misprints, or interpolations -that's just a fancy word to say 'somebody else put something in'. So, you want a shorter period; the longer the period, the more open, susceptible it is to corruptions. This makes sense, right?

Almost all of the information we have on Imperial Rome, that when you go to your colleges and spent \$200,000 for the Ivy Leagues and you go learn history, you're studying the works of Pliny. You are looking at Rome and the Greco-roman period through Pliny. That's how you are trying to uncover the historical evidence of what Rome was like. All the fields of archaeology are connected to this as well. Then you go on and try to find physical evidence etcetera.

Look at this! Plato! Plato, from the time he wrote, to the time that we have the earliest manuscript of his documents, 1,200 years! 1,200 years! We have twelve hundred years between Plato's *Tetralogies* and what we have today. How many have gone to a liberal arts school? How many of you have gone to a liberal arts university? Which is just another fancy word for 'theological school of Satan'; that's just another fancy word for that, because that's all you're going to learn.

You're going to have to learn the Classics, what they call 'the Classics of Western Civilization' and you will have to study Plato and his *Tetralogies*, and the *Cave* and the *Republic* and his different ideas on the nature of the mind. You will have to study all these things. And you will be taught that there is no doubt in anybody's mind, that Plato's text is not corrupt, even though there's a twelve hundred year gap! None of your professors, your socialist professors, will tell you that it is a twelve hundred year gap, and that there is a serious, serious, serious, serious problematic situation with that kind of time gap!

They will teach you Plato as if it's the gospel truth, amen! Who's taking philosophy in college? They will teach you as if you have Plato's original manuscripts, right. They will teach you with so much certainty, and yet those same professors will say, "Oh, and that Bible thing, that is so unreliable!"

Look at Herodotus, from which we get most of our ancient information about the Greek culture; he's a historian of the Greek culture¹ Look at him! The time that passed from when he was writing to the closest document we have of him is 1,300 years! One thousand three hundred years!!

Look at Caesar! Julius Caesar! The documents of his autobiography that he wrote, and when we have them; the distance of time is 1,000 years! 1,000 years! There's a lot that could be added and interpolated in, in that much time, right? That's always the argument they gave of the Bible, right?

Homer! The Iliad! 500 years passed when Homer writes his Iliad, to the first copy that we have!

See, this is the work of antiquity; these are all the classics. Some of the names I don't even know; do you know all those names? These are the historians, from which, the modern "scholarly fields" are reconstructing their knowledge of ancient Greece and Rome. And they speak about it as if it's the gospel truth, but look at how much time gap there is.

Now, how much time gap for the New Testament? How much time gap is there for the New Testament or the Bible? Is it 500 years as many people like to say? Some people are such fools that they think, "Oh, the Bible came into existence in the Council of Nicaea in 325 when Constantine tried to centralize Christianity using the church bishops." How many people thought that, or know somebody who thought that? That's like 300 years after Jesus! They're fools! Total fools!

New Testament:

- *Portion of New Testament is **40 YEARS** (John Riland Papyrii)- historically unprecedented*
- *Dan Wallace (leading World Textual Critic) says, "We have more and early manuscript evidence of Jesus than Julius Caesar and Alexander the Great."*

Look at the real New Testament! From when the New Testament was written to the first copy that we have, what is the time? The time is 40 years! 40 years! Not 500 years, not 800 years, not 1,300 years, not 1,400 years; not hundreds and hundreds of years! It is 40 years!

Guess what? There's no text in all of classical antiquity- not one- that is this close to the original text; not one! This is how unbelievably close the Scripture is in terms of time. Now, remember we're looking back 2,000 years! To have an ancient document about the New Testament within 40 years is incredible!

1) *Time between written and closest copy*

- Aristotle *Poetics* 1,400 years (363 BC-1100AD)
- Plutarch 800 years
- Josephus 800 years
- Average ancient writer is 500 years

Look at this!

Aristotle's *Poetics* 1,400-year time gap; Plutarch 800-year time gap; Josephus 800-year time gap; the average historical ancient writer has a 500-year time gap! Isn't that incredible!

And yet we teach ancient history as if it's the gospel truth, with the average of 500 years, and those very same hypocrites who call themselves 'historians' laugh at the Bible saying that it's not a historical text, when in terms of actual evidence it is the closest in terms of historiography of any ancient manuscript; period! You can't come close with it!

See, this is what those indoctrination centers don't want you to know about reality, because they want you to buy into the satanic agenda, which is of course to build up centralized power, let Satan rule and reign, and become his slaves- in a nutshell.

40 years! Dan Wallace who is the leading world textual critic says, "We have more and earlier manuscript evidence of Jesus, than Julius Caesar and Alexander the Great."

Notice how all these doubters of Jesus' historiography, doubting whether Jesus actually existed. You'll see young people say, "Well I don't even know if Jesus existed. I saw a program on the *Discovery Channel* that said Jesus may be a mythical figure." And not only young people; their college professors are telling them that, and so is *Discovery Channel*, and *History Channel*, or whatever channel; you know all those channels.

But notice that nobody doubts the existence of Julius Caesar and nobody doubts the existence of Alexander the Great; but yet when it comes to Jesus, they want to say that he's a mythical legend, that he didn't exist.

2) *How many manuscripts?*

- Caesar: 10 (all we know of Caesar is from 10 manuscripts)
- Plato's *Tetralogies* : 7
- Tacitus: over 1,000 years between when he wrote and closest manuscripts – only 33 manuscripts
- Aristotle: 49 manuscripts

Well, let's go into the second point of historiography: the second point of historiography is to understand how many manuscripts we have.

So, with for example Caesar: all we know about Caesar is from 10 manuscripts; that's all we have! Everything we know about Julius Caesar is from ten manuscripts! Ten! Now you want to have a lot of manuscripts, because the more manuscripts you have -you may find differences but- you can find common themes. You can find threads which tie all those manuscripts together, which will then aid you; you will be able to reconstruct the closest original. Do you see what I mean? That's why you want a whole bunch of manuscripts; the more manuscripts you have the better for the scholar because now you can piece together what the original was.

So, we all get all of Caesar's stuff and nobody doubts Caesar existed. I don't see any *History Channel* program saying, "Was Caesar just a myth or legend?" "Alexander the great: myth and legend?" You'll never find it!

You'll only find it about Jesus Christ! You know why? Because Satan hates Jesus Christ; he hates him, and what you believe about Jesus will impact your eternal life forever. What you believe about Julius Caesar or Alexander the Great doesn't matter, but what you believe about Jesus Christ will affect your eternal life. That's why Satan wants you to think he's a legend, a fictitious cloud in the annals of history!

Plato's *Tetralogies*: all of Plato's work. When I studied philosophy, we had to study Plato, we had to study Aristotle, all those guys, and we just thought we had the original manuscripts. We had no idea! All we know from Plato is from 7 manuscripts; that's it! You have seven manuscripts about Plato's *Tetralogies*.

Tacitus who was probably one of the most well-known Roman historians: over 1,000 years between when he wrote and the closest manuscripts, and there's only 33 manuscripts. This was the latest number that I heard: 33 manuscripts! That's all they have for Tacitus. And we base almost our entire knowledge of the Roman Empire on Tacitus. Isn't that fascinating!

Aristotle only has 49 manuscripts! 49! That's pretty good! That's pretty good compared to Plato or compared to Caesar. Amen! He's got 49; that's pretty good!

Bible

- *Old Testament + New Testament: **over 53,000** manuscripts*
- *New Testament: 27,000 + manuscripts (5,800 in Greek)*
- *Old Testament : 26,000 +*
- *#3 book of ancient world Iliad: now 1,800 copies*
- *Average ancient manuscripts stacked, about 4 feet high*

- *Copies of New Testament stacked, over a mile high*

The Bible, the Old and New Testaments barely beat Aristotle because they have 53 thousand!!! 53,000 manuscripts of the Old and the New Testament! 27,000 plus manuscripts of the New Testament, 5,800 hundred in Greek! Old Testament: 26, 000 manuscripts about the Bible! Combined 53,000 manuscripts, ancient manuscripts of the Bible! It is by far *the most* credible ancient text in the entire world; *the most* credible!

If you doubt the credibility or the antiquity of the Bible, you're doubting all of classical history, philosophy, Plato, Aristotle; you're doubting it all. Because they don't even have close to fifty- three thousand: Plato's got seven; Aristotle's got forty- nine; that's not even a hundred. The Bible has 53,000 manuscripts!

See, this is what those foolish deceivers, the liars-through-their-teeth, the centralists, the statist, the people who want to control people as slaves, this is what they don't want you to realize about this Book. It is *the most* credible ancient text in the world; *the most!* You doubt it? That's your problem! Now you have to doubt Plato, Aristotle, Josephus, Tacitus, Herodotus, Sophocles, Plutarch; you have to doubt every single one, and throw them as a mythical legend.

The number third book in the ancient world is *The Iliad* with 1,800 extant copies, manuscripts. One thousand eight hundred copies; that's pretty good in the ancient world! That's a very popular text, as you can see. 1,800 manuscripts that's pretty popular! One thousand eight hundred, that's pretty popular! Nowhere near to 53,000! Do you see the massive difference of the historiography of the Bible?

The average ancient manuscripts, if you stack them up, there will be about 4 feet tall. Of an ancient writer, they stacked all those *papyrii* together; they'll be about this tall. (*Showing*) If you stack just the New Testament from the ground, it would go one mile high in the sky; you add the Old Testament, it goes another mile up. The evidence, the evidence historiographical speaking, of the Bible is by far the best of any classical text; any! No comparison!

Do you see how, when you're in those "liberal arts institutions" where you are "seeking for Truth"... The Harvard shield has the name *Veritas* on it, which means 'truth'? "Hey! Harvard! How come you didn't teach me this when I was there? How come we always got the "mythology of Jesus Christ"? How come we got, "Oh? Is he a legendary figure?" and we didn't get the actual facts of historiography?

- ***More New Testament copies in first 200 years than average Greek or Roman Classics in 2.000 years.***

In fact more New Testament copies are written in the first 200 years than the average Greek or Roman classical writer in 2,000 years!

What is it about this Jesus? He's lived for 33 years; he only has a three-year ministry, and 53,000 manuscripts about this one guy! What is it about this man who was born in poverty, died as a criminal? He should be forgotten in history! Why do we have so much about him?

Common Objections:

- *Mark 16:12-20*
- *John 7-8 (woman caught in adultery)*
- *300,000 – 400, 000 variants between copies of New Testament.*
 - *But 75% - 80 % is spelling variants*
 - *Gospel of Mark: He – Jesus – Jesus Christ – Lord, Jesus, etc...*
 - *Less than 1% of variants are relevant to meaning*
 - *NOT ONE variant has anything to do with essential doctrine*

There are some common objections that scholars make about the ending of Mark 16: 12 to 20. They say it's a later interpolation and they talk about also John 7:8 with the woman of adultery, where Jesus says, "Let he without sin cast the first stone!" They say that in the early manuscripts this story does not exist, John 7:8.

And there have been scholars of the atheist side or the centralist- state side who said, "Well look, we can't trust the Bible because of John 7:8 and Mark 16; we can't trust the entire text because of those two problematic areas."

You know what? All that Mark 16 and John 7 show, is that there may be a scholarly issue about Mark 16 and John 7; and each of those are like two passages long. So, you're telling me out of the entire New Testament you can only find four to eight sentences that are problematic, and everything else, historical scholars, even who are atheist, agree is legitimate. You know why?

Let me see a show of hands if you have heard this one, "Well, you know Jesus died on a cross. We don't even know if the crucifixion happened or we don't know if he rose from the dead. You know the Gospels were written much longer after he existed and he died. You know for example Matthew was written in 50 to 60 AD; John was written in about 110 AD. And there were different communities that were using those various texts, and they were using the different forms of worship in Jesus. And then in about 300 AD, the Catholic Church consolidated all things, and centered around the sacrament of the blood and body of Christ, or the ritual of the mass, and they selectively chose those Gospels. They

selectively chose those four Gospels which are written much longer after Jesus actually lived, if he ever lived at all."

How many have heard something like that? Ha-ha! Yes of course! They all of course want to tell you, "There's 300,000 to 400,000 variants between the New Testament copies; they're very unreliable because they vary so much from copy to copy. There may be up to 400,000 different communities that were using these texts, all for their own different purposes." Right!

But when you look at even those variants, only 75 to 80 % are spelling errors. For example like the Gospel of Mark when they write, "He went to Galilee," When they copy, they'll write "Jesus went to Galilee" or write "Jesus Christ went to Galilee" or "Lord Jesus Christ." They're actually adding meaning to the text; they're not taking away from the meaning.

In fact less than 1% of all the variations between the copies of the New Testament have to do anything with meaning, and not one, not one, of the variants out of 400,000 New Testament manuscripts, has to do with the core doctrine or the essential doctrine of Christianity. Not one!

But of course they don't want you to have knowledge, because if you don't have knowledge, you will fall right in to what they want you to believe, which is "Jesus is a mythical figure, and the Old Testament is a mythical book, and you don't have to follow it! You create your own morality, guys!" What happened? That's what Hitler believed, isn't it? He created his own morality.

You guys who are going off to college, if somebody ever says, "Hey! You can't enforce your moral beliefs on me! Hey you know! It's like ice cream; I choose one flavor, you choose one flavor. Nobody can say that you're wrong or you're right when it comes to morality." If somebody says that then go into their dorm room and steal their radio; take it. You just take the radio and they say, "Oh! Why you steal my radio?" "Oh! This is what I believe, and that's what you believe, but you really can't tell me what I believe is wrong!"

This is called 'moral relativism', the stupidest type of philosophy; anybody with half a brain can analyze and critique it so quick. But we have so many people who are critically brain- dead, and when they go into college they fall into the moral relativism that is at the root of Satan. It's at the root!

That's what the fall was all about, folks; the fall was about moral relativism, "Oh, no, no, no, no, you're not going to die if you eat that! What God said is not really true! You create your own truth; you create your own law. It depends on how you interpret it!" You see, this is what America has fallen prey to; we have fallen prey to the wiles of the devil!

Remember what Ephesians 11 says, "*Put on the panoplia, the whole armor of God, so that ye may withstand the wiles of the devil.*" The wiles of the devil are what? The *methodos*, the *methodia*, the well-trodden road; *Odos* is the 'road' - odometer- the well-traveled road; what Satan traps us in, humanity, constantly over and over, same method same tactic. And that's why God gives us the armor of God.

Look at this: this is Ephesians 14. Now we're going into the actual armor.

Last week we talked about the '*shield of faith*', and we talked about the '*shoes of peace*'. Remember the shoes of peace, remember this? The shoes a piece with the nails attached to the bottom, you remember that? These are the Roman soldiers' shoes of peace! And they kick you with them; they're their killer shoes!

And you remember what that word 'peace' means in the Greek arena? It means 'calmness in battle'! It doesn't mean a fake internal peace; you're sitting there and having peace with yourself. It means when you are in battle, you have calmness, you have peace. Your feet are not trembling; you're at peace. Japanese people who study samurai traditions, it's like *mushin* 'no mind' while in battle. That's what he means by '*your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.*' In battle, it is one of your weapons but it's your ability to remain calm in the fight. And everybody who is a martial artist or a warrior knows that it is critical in battle. So, we talked about that last week.

We also talked about the '*shield of faith*', that you had to dip it in the water and you had to anoint it with oil. You remember that? Every day you had to anoint it with the oil, so the leather would not become brittle, and you would dip it in the water, saturate it, so that when the fiery arrows came, they would be put out, when they go would into your shield. Isn't that interesting?

But let's go into the first thing that Paul talks about. He talks about '*have your loins girt about with truth*' Ephesians 6:14. This is what was known as 'the loin belt', 'the loin belt.' (*Showing photo*) Now if you look at a piece of Roman armor, what is your eye attracted to most? Quickly! Okay the red plumes on the helmet. What else are you attracted to; real quick? Maybe the six-pack! You see the six-pack, right?

See, these things are very noticeable, but the most important part of the Roman army, the seven pieces of armor, was the loin belt; the loin belt was the most important piece of armor. See, it's a hidden piece of armor; it's not even something that's out in the open, or shiny, or ornate. But it was the most important piece of your armor, because if you did not have your loin belt on, your breast plate would be flopping around while you're fighting. And if you had to run and engage somebody in combat the thing would be flying; it could fly off of you.

The loin belt connected the breastplate on to you, so that it would fit snugly, and you could move in battle without having the insecurity of feeling, "Oh, my gosh! My breastplate is falling off!" Isn't that interesting? The loin belt was underneath this part; there are straps where the belt is connected to the breastplate. Isn't that fascinating? Also the loin belt was the place where you would put your shield when you were marching, so when you were not in turtle formation - which we saw here, when you actually had your shields out and you were marching- the belt had a clip on which you could hang your shield. And of course on your belt was what? Your sword!

So, notice that: the loin belt is the thing that connects the breastplate; it connects all the pieces of armor together. These tassels were then connected to the greaves; the greaves in terms of armor would be down here. This is where your shin guards would be, and so it was an extension of the loin belt.

Notice how when you get up in the morning, and you put your pants on, what is the first thing you do? You put your belt on, right? If you don't have your belt and your pants are a little big what happens? They start falling down; you start insulting people when you bend over, or scaring people away! Okay? Your shirt can start coming untucked right; everything starts unraveling when you don't have your belt on.

Now for the armor of God, for the armor of the soldier of God, the '*belt of truth*' is what held the '*breastplate of righteousness*'. Notice that! The truth, the Word of God, the truth, the Word of God, the truth holds your sense of righteousness.

Notice this: when we start departing from the Word of God, and the Bible is not a natural part of our life, is not a living Word as it was for Father- when he was revealing the Divine Principle all he had was the Bible, it's a living Word, that's all he knows, it's the Bible; he studied that, everything he knows of Revelation is from the Bible - if we depart from that, notice this: your sense of righteousness starts fading.

Notice this: when you don't put on your belt of truth and you are not going into the truth you are not strapping on truth on you every morning - that's why Father said, "*Do Hoon Dok Hae*," right- if you are not strapping that on, what happens to your '*shield of faith*'? If your belt is not there, your '*shield of faith*' cannot rest anywhere, and it will start to fade.

Notice that when you don't put on your '*belt of truth*' and go into the word, your sword which will slay the enemy in close- quarter combat, which Paul talks about as the '*sword of the Spirit*' which is the word of God ...

The word of God here is not *logos* of God, it is *rhema* of God; different!

The *logos* of God is the written word of God, it is the spoken word of God.

A *rhema* of God, a word of God here in this context the sword, is the '*sword of the Spirit*' which is the word of God; the *rhema* means a specific quickened word for you at that moment.

Let me give an example: when Jesus was in the wilderness battling Satan and he came to Jesus and said, "If you're the Son of God then turn these stones into bread." What did Jesus say? "*Man does not live by bread alone!*" That was a *rhema*; you see! When Satan attacked him, a word of the Scripture came out and slayed Satan. You see what I mean? That's a *rhema*!

What did the second one say? What happened with the second one? He said, "Well Jesus, if you're the son of God, why don't you jump down from this temple and angels will save you?" and what did he

say? “*You shall not tempt the Lord thy God*” Another *rhema*! Swoosh! That's a *rhema*; close- quarter combat!

And what did he say in the last one? “Come down and bow down before me; all the kingdoms of the world will be yours!” And what did he say? “*You shall worship the Lord thy God alone,*” right? What was that? A *rhema*! Swoosh! It was a *rhema*. That's the difference between a *rhema* and the word.

A *rhema* is a quickened verse of Scripture that comes to you, in the close- quarter combat that you have when you're battling an *archon*, when you're battling *exousia*, or when you're battling a *kosmokrateros*, or when you're battling a *poneros*. Amen!

And that's why, when we have an issue and we're under that duress of the devil oppressing us, we go to the Word and open it quickly and get the *rhema*. Remember that? Open the Word, quick, go to it; get to your Bible verse; boom! It'll come out! The word that is quickened to you will be given! Go to the *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, go, open it, read it; anywhere, go, go, don't think; boom! That's your *rhema*! That's your sword that you will use in combat close- quarters.

The ‘*belt of truth*’ was the critical piece! The ‘*belt of truth*’ held everything up; it is the most underrated piece, but it is the most critical piece because it held the whole thing together.

Your ‘*breastplate of righteousness*’: Did you know that the breastplate was also an offensive weapon? The breastplate was not only defensive. It was called a *thorax* from which we get the English word ‘*thorax*,’ and this is the breastplate; it was a defensive weapon which would protect your vital organs. But also did you know what it did?

It was made of brass like that and it would have a metallic luster as the pieces rubbed on each other, and it would become very shiny. Have you ever noticed if you drove in a desert, you saw something shining flashing far away, you can see it and it blinds your eyes? Well, a skilled Roman soldier would use the sun against his enemy, and he would go where the light is reflecting onto his enemy and then attack him. Whoo! Isn't that interesting?

And that is why the belt of the loin is connected to the luster of your righteousness. Notice this: the breastplate is not something of you; it's a plate you have to put on you. Isn't that interesting? Look how many religious people think that they're righteous because they did something, including so many Unificationists, right; they think that righteousness is their skin.

Whereas, look what happened? The righteousness of God is not of you! You put it on! It's the righteousness of God, not of us! It's the righteousness of Jesus, not of us! It's the righteousness of Father, not of us! That's what we put on; that's why we are righteous before God, and Satan can't hit us or touch us, and that's why we have a metallic luster that shines and blinds the enemy! Not because of what you've done, or the conditions you've done, or all the things that you think you did! No! “You put on righteousness,” the Bible says; it is a gift of righteousness, just as there's a gift of grace!

Whoa! Look at this: the '*belt of truth*' also guards your loins! Remember what a loin is, folks? What are your loins? Remember what I said? - Don't point to them right now! - Your loins are what? They are your sexual organs; they're your reproductive organs! Notice that when you are fastening truth around you every day, and you are in the Word, your sexual organs are protected.

Whoa! Did you hear that? The organs are protected, which carry the what? The lineage! What did the Bible say? It said: and those who are saved should not commit sin because we have *his* seed! Remember this scripture in 1 John 3:9? "*Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*" This is a scripture that says '*his seed.*' What is the Greek word for 'seed?' It is *spermata*, from which we get the English word 'sperm.'

What was the OSDP, Original Substance of Divine Principle, all about? It was all about what the English translators translated as 'the lineage.' But what Father was saying was *spermata*; he was saying *cheongja*, which in Korea means *spermata*. That's what it means: the seed and lineage of God.

Notice that when you are fastened up with the '*belt of truth*', and you are going to your Scripture which is your belt- that Bible is your belt, that *Cheon Seong Gyeong* is your belt - when you are fastening that around you every day, notice, the protectors go down. Isn't that amazing? Your loins are protected. Praise God! Amen!

Now what's fascinating about this is '*the helmet of salvation*': the helmet, for a Roman soldier, it was up to a twenty-five pound helmet. It was the most ornate piece of equipment, and if I was wearing it I'd probably stand about 3 feet higher, and you would definitely notice that I have a big peacock helmet on my head. It was probably the most ornate system protecting the head. But notice this: that even when the Roman soldier wanted to rest, he could hold it, but he could also clip the helmet where? To his? Belt! Isn't that interesting?

See, when you know of salvation, when you know that Father walked through the crosses of love, that he bled and was tortured for me and my salvation, and he paid all the indemnity of my ancestors up to Adam and Eve, and he freed me and liberated me and gave me new life, when you know that, from that comes and rests on your belt of truth and you put that on, you have a helmet of salvation; you have a helmet that is surrounded by salvation. Amen!

So, when the devil tries to say, "You're weak, you stink, you're a heretic; you're this or that, and you can't be, etc... You can't do that; you'll never succeed... whatever it is," you can say, "I have the helmet of salvation of God. He paid for my victory already; my victory is already there, devil!" and you say, "*Get thee behind me Satan!*" Amen!

It's all connected to the loin belt! The belt is the key of all of these.

Now it's interesting, because when you look at the sword of the Roman soldier, the Bible talks about the sword as a sharp two-edged sword which can divide asunder the soul and the spirit, which can

divide asunder the bone and the marrow; remember that? The word for two-edged sword is *distomos di* meaning 'two', *stomos* meaning 'mouth' ; it means mouth! That is so weird! Everybody translates it as 'two-edged sword'; the actual Greek says 'a two- mouthed sword'. Isn't that interesting?

In the book of Revelation when Jesus is on the throne and he has the seven stars in his hands and he has the eyes of fire and the hair like sheep's wool, white as wool, and from his mouth comes what? A sharp two-edged *distomos* sword! Isn't that fascinating? Why is it two- mouthed? We think," I thought it was two-edged," Why is it a two- mouthed sword?

The sword of the Spirit which is the *rhema* of God has two mouths. It comes from the Word of God which is the first mouth, but then when you have the *rhema*, you have to declare it before Satan, which then becomes the second mouth, which then becomes a two-edged sword that separates Satan from your life. It is a two- mouthed sword and you must wield it; with two mouths: it comes from the Word of God, his mouth, but then it must be uttered through your mouth.

And this is what we see. Remember when we did those declarations? You can see how Satan's kingdom will crumble after those declarations, because I had to muster up that faith in Father, who saw who I was, and not try to please everybody, but I had to stand in what *he* said I am and I had to declare it, and when I did, you can see Satan's kingdom began collapsing, the falsity, all that collapsing.

The *distomos* sword! This sword was a *makaira*; it was a one of the five different types of swords of the Roman guard. They had one sword which was a single- edged sword, which was a two-handed sword; they had one sword which was sixteen inches long; they had one sword that was like a dagger- you stabbed your enemy's heart with it-, and they had one sword like a fencing pole that you would fight with from a horse.

But this is the word *mikaira*; it's a different type of sword. It is a nineteen- inch sword, and it is a sword that has a little bit of a turn on the top, so when you stabbed your opponent and you twisted it, it would shred his organs up inside, and when you pulled it out, because it was double-edged, it would cut again, and all his inners would come out and pour out as he fell onto a pool of blood. And you would know this guy is dead; you would know this aggressor is dead, with this *makaira* sword!

When we understand the weaponry that God has given us as warriors of God, and we stand in his righteousness with 'the breastplate of righteousness', 'the helmet of salvation', 'the sword of the Spirit', 'the belt of truth', 'the shoes of peace', calmness, peace, and 'the shield of faith'. There is no *archon*, no Satan, no principality, no power *exousia*, no *kosmokrateros*, no *poneros*, no wicked or evil thing that is coming against you that can defeat you when you put on the armor of God!

But you have to put it on! God gave it to you; so many of us leave it on the floor. You got to now accept that you are a warrior for God; that you are standing protecting his Holy Name. And you got

to put on your armor and stand strong against the enemy, who is a liar and a deceiver and one that will fall, because that is who he is, a fallen fool!

Umma, you want to see something today?

Queen Yeon Ah Lee Moon:

Thank you so much! Let us give one more, big round of applause to our Pastor Moon! I feel so safe today that I'm wearing a belt; whenever I wear a belt, I will remember this' *belt of truth*'!

Many of you know that in our church history we did a lot of Divine Principle workshops, with one-day Divine Principle workshops, three- day, seven-day, 21- day, forty- day- workshop etc... And in the early era of our church, whenever there was a 40 -day workshop there was one thing that was strongly recommended to the participants in the workshop: that was reading the Bible one time from cover to cover, during those 40- day workshops. And a lot of early members who joined our church they actually did that.

While they were doing the forty- day workshop, they tried to read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and because of that we had so many Holy Spirit experiences. Some people who knelt down as they prayed, their body would just be totally paralyzed, and they couldn't move. And many of them had experience of speaking in tongues and many of them had a Holy Spirit experience; there were countless, countless Holy Spirit experiences.

But as time went by, like in the 80s, I became a Sunday school student, and as I was in that Sunday school room, Sunday school teachers talked about and taught all your Bible stories, and it's Jonah, and Jesus walking on the water, we learned about that.

But there was something strange; we were learning about the Bible, and at the same time we cut down the credible videos about the Bible. And those two things were coexisting, "Yeah! We teach about the Bible, but you know the most important thing is learning only about the Divine Principle!" That is important, but at the same time it's almost like we can't make up our mind, kind of thing, right?

And then when my husband and I were doing ministry in Korea at the end of 2,000, they did not teach the Bible at all in Sunday school in Korea, so we had to strongly recommend and persuade the Sunday school teachers in the church, that we had to get back to the Bible, and we had to get back to the Bible stories, so our young people could know about the Bible. You can see how we have been cutting down the authority of the Bible over time like this.

Then no wonder that we don't have any Holy Spirit experience in our Church, because we chased out the Bible from our church, and we only thought that the Divine Principle was the most important, and we didn't need the Bible. Because of that thought, we lost the Holy Spirit experience in our church.

"Father was real! We know Father was the Messiah, but what is wrong with us?" We were pulling our hair and asking, "What is wrong with us? Maybe it's because of organization; maybe because of this and that," but we were not seeing the real cause of all this.

You know I understand that we got a lot of persecution from Christians; that drove us away from the Bible and Jesus, but when I really see myself - I don't have to even talk about anybody else - but when I see deep inside of me, I actually became arrogant. My attitude became arrogant toward the Bible and thinking that, "Oh! You know what? I just only know a handful of people's names in the Bible and what they did, but I know all about the Bible, because I learned it from the Divine Principle!"

And when I heard some name that was not familiar from the Bible then my confidence about the Bible, and my faith towards Father just dropped to the sink, "Oh! Those names are in the Bible? Maybe!" "Yeah! Not only in his Bible; in my Bible, those names are there too!"

It just goes on and on like a roller coaster, and we eventually as second generation who never learned about the Bible and the authenticity of the Bible and the authority of the Bible, we just lose our confidence in our religion, and even in True Father.

Because we don't know what the Messiah is; we don't know how much preparation is there to receive the messiah. We don't know the joy, the overwhelming, unspeakable joy to find the Christ in our lives, because we don't know about the Bible!

Brothers and sisters, as I study the Bible and get deeper and deeper, you know what I realized? True Father and Jesus are truly one! When Jesus turned over the table in the Temple, when Jesus burned the fig leaves because the tree didn't bear seeds, when Jesus called the Pharisees, "you are the brood of vipers, children of the devil," and "I came before Abraham" and all these things, there were so many things we could not understand about Father, right. But just like Jesus, he set up his condition and whatever he had to say to people just like you and me, Father was speaking those words to us thinking, "After 2,000 years, who will read my words?"

Brothers and sisters, let us go back to our words; let us go back to our truth, our Bible and Divine Principle, and when we do that, you know what? Father's Holy Spirit will come down into our life; He will answer our prayer! And we will love our Lord forever and ever. Aju!

Pastor Hyung Jin Sean Moon:

Amen! Amen! Satan hates the Bible! Satan hates the Bible! You know why? Because the Bible is the only Word that tells you about the Messiah, and the Bible is the only Word that tells you how he will be when he comes back. And if Satan can make you think the Bible is a myth, he's got you and you

belong to him! There are so many people who think they know the Principle, have no grasp of the Bible, and wonder why their faith is always shaking.

You have to have the root of Father! What was the root of Father when he revealed the Divine Principle? The perfect knowledge of the Bible! He knew it from Genesis to Revelation; he could preach the Bible, speak the Bible, and quote the Bible. All he had was the Bible! That's how much control he had over the Scripture and the Word of God!

I am sick and tired of all these people who are claiming to be of God but do not understand or stand on biblical morality! The Bible teaches us what our morality is! It teaches us that multiculturalism or moral relativism is false; it teaches us that self worship is false; it teaches us that idol worship is false; it teaches us that we don't get our righteousness from ourself but from God; it teaches us only God is good; it teaches us that we have sin; it teaches us that through Christ's grace and love we are redeemed!

And that message of God's true love is the foundation upon which Father talks about true love in the Divine Principle in every single chapter! It's on that foundation of biblical morality and understanding! And if you try to understand Father through multiculturalism, Buddhism, Hinduism- I've tried to do it - you will never, ever, understand him and you'll be creating a false messiah, because he stands on biblical morality and biblical truth!

And this is why we have strayed so far as a church. But not here! Because here we are proud to announce that for the first time in the Unification Movement, from the beginning days of Father, we will have the first youth Bible- based summer camp, courtesy of Gregg Knoll at Blue Stone; will have we have it there. But for the first time in the history of the church since the beginning, it will be a Bible- based- Bible based! - study of the Principle, and we'll have all those great activities in summer camp. Let's give Gregg a thank you for that!

And as we return to the Word of God, that's when we can start putting on our armor and becoming warriors of God!

Let's read *Cheon Seong Gyeong*. Let's read together:

- *"In transforming the lineage, unless the condition for victory is fulfilled inside Adam's bone marrow and the core of his flesh and blood, through binding God's love to the seed that will be the child in the future, God's child cannot be born in the future. This is a logical certainty. Isn't this recorded in the Bible? If so, the Bible is surely God's Word."* (35-162, 1970.10.13)

Let's give God some praise as we return back to His Word, and His truth, and His foundation, and give Him all the glory! Amen! Amen!

I ask you all to stand, and if anybody wants to come down for prayer or you want to just say before God, "God I want to center on Your Word again; I want to make this day the day that I will commit myself to opening my Bible, and fastening that belt of truth around me!" If you want to make that commitment today and you feel the Spirit pushing on your heart to become a warrior, come on down here!

Let's make that promise together! Let's stand together in agreement as warriors of Christ! Let's go back to the Word and arm ourselves with the true power of the Word, which will give us the power to defeat any wiles of Satan.

And let's also take this time to repent together! We'll do a collective repenting, because we did stray from the Word. Look at the world church! Look how much it's straying! The reason why Mother can sit on Father's throne is because she does not read her Bible! It is so clear!

But as that is happening, we have to stand on the Word of God which is the foundation of the Principle! Amen!

Prayer:

Father, we ask You right now; we come in agreement as your children, Father, and we want to repent before You, Father, we have not kept the Word of God as the belt of truth that girds our loins. Father, that's why we've had so much fallen history, so many adulterous situations that we've seen, things that should not happen to blessed families.

But Father, we don't stand here to condemn others' actions but we stand here to make a personal commitment today, right here right now, before You in Heaven.

Father, we want to return to Your Word! We want to '*gird our loins*' about with the truth of your Word! We want to attach that to our righteousness and sense of '*righteousness*' that is '*our breastplate*'. Father, we want to attach our '*shield of faith*' to that truth; we want to attach our '*sword of the Spirit*' that comes from that belt; we want to rest our '*helmet of salvation*' on that belt, and Father, that our '*feet would be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace*'.

Father, we stand as Your holy army, Your soldiers of Christ, who stand and know who their King is, who stand to protect You with our lives, no matter what type of obstacle the devil puts in our way, or tries to intimidate us with. We stand with *Your* heavenly armor this day. Father, tighten that belt around us this day, make us go to the Word, give us a *rhema* of the Word so that we may slay the *archon* and slay the *kosmokrateros* that are trying to destroy our families and our lives.

Father, we are powerful in You! We are righteous in You! We are saved in You! We have might in You! And we have the sword that will divide asunder the bone and the marrow, will separate Satan in half, and we will stand victorious upon his body as we glorify Your spirit that gives us all power and might.

We give You all the praise, glory, and honor. We report this as Central Blessed Families, now committing to get back to the Word and we give You all the praise, glory, and honor, and in Your Precious Name, we pray.

Let's give God some praise everybody! Hug your neighbor! Tell them, "Warrior! Get your belt on!" Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!