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The Four Fruits of Faith

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Bible reading: **Romans 4:15-16 (KJV)**

¹⁵ Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

¹⁶ Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

Good morning everyone,

Today I would like to talk about the four fruits of faith. In the Garden of Eden God gave the word not to eat of the fruit, but they could not have faith in that word, so a tremendously tragic event occurred. Because the human fall occurred as a result of absence of faith, in order for that to be indemnified, human beings need to establish faith.

For people of faith, we need to establish faith and to receive forgiveness; that is the greatest blessing. People who have sin cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but we have sin, so what do we do? We repent about those sins and then we will be able to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. We repent to receive forgiveness so that God will recognize us as people of righteousness and will judge us as his sons and daughters. That is the process that we must go through.

Through forgiveness we are elevated from the position of a sinner to the position of a son and daughter of God. This gives great joy to God. People who are able to do that are able to be called the sons and daughters of God. People who are able to receive this blessing are receiving the greatest blessing of all. They are the ones who are able to be called the sons and daughters of God!

This morning I hope that, although we are sinners, we can receive the grace of being able to be called the sons and daughters of God. It is not by works that we are saved. It is not by works that we are able to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus said that even if our sin is as scarlet, it will be washed and become white as snow.

Someone came to Jesus and said, "I have sinned many times. How many times are you able to forgive me? Can I be forgiven 7 times?" Jesus said, "No, not just 7 times, but 77 times 7!"

So even though we are terrible sinners, God and Jesus Christ have opened up the way for us to be forgiven and for us to have life. This is a grace beyond words that we receive! God says that He makes us righteous by faith. Though we have no merit, still it is by faith alone that God clothes us with righteousness. Because of that we can have tremendous gratitude to God and we can determine ourselves to go forward on this path.

Even though humanity became the enemy of God, still through faith, we are able to be harmonized with God. There is one condition that is necessary and that is faith. It is by faith that we are clothed in righteousness; it is by faith that we are called the sons and daughters of God; it is by faith that we are able to own the Kingdom of Heaven.

But this condition will not be effective unless there is also repentance. Through daily repentance we are able enter a state where we become one with God; we are able to become one with God and Jesus and our True Father so that we can own the Kingdom of Heaven. There has to be a situation where we are one with God and where we become one with each other in God.

The path of the faithful must be smooth; if we are always worried and concerned then we cannot go this way. Father had incredible faith; I saw this. Recently I have been studying the providence of restoration. As I study it, I see that it is infused with a tremendous faith; it is amazing the kind of faith that we find there!

Faith gives us the blessing of being able to be joyful even in the midst of tribulation and suffering, because faith is able to give us hope. Father could spend his time in prison without ever complaining about his situation, because he knew that God was with him; then he had tremendous hope and faith.

Father knew things that other people did not know; thanks to this he was able to have tremendous hope and to go this road of suffering, and still be joyful in the midst of it. Throughout his life Father was grateful that he was in a position to be able to give filial piety to God.

Same is true with Paul: in the Book of Romans Paul says that there is glory in tribulation. Father said that there could not be completion and perfection in ignorance, and that therefore it was important for people to understand many things. Father could sing the praises of God even in the midst of suffering and tribulation, and he could return filial piety to God even in that situation.

Among the people on the earth today no one knows God's heart as much as our True Father. Therefore, when we first heard the Principle we were amazed at it, because it communicated to

us about God. We felt that with this Word, we would be able to save the world. As Father announced the Principle, he felt extremely confident because he was proclaiming things that had never been revealed in the history of humanity. Father spoke things that moved the heart of God, that made God feel as though he needed to, and wanted to help Father. That's why Father could move forward with such great confidence.

I heard Father express many times: "What will it be like when Father meets God in spirit world?" Father had a very unique and deep Father-son relationship with God. So I too often tried to imagine what it would be like when Father would meet God in the spirit world and when God would be in Father and Father in God.

I didn't know whether God would praise Father and say, "Welcome, my son!" or whether he would scold Father, "Why haven't you accomplished more than this?" Father often stated that the later would be the case. I thought that God would praise Father because he proclaimed things that had never been revealed before in history, because he did things that had never been done before in history, and I believed that Father would apologize to God for having accomplished so little. That's what I expected would happen.

I think that probably Father told God, "You have done so much more than me. You have suffered so much more!" If God and Father had not been able to meet in spirit world there would be no hope for humanity. It's only because this path was opened up that humanity can have hope.

We have the tremendous blessing to be able to call on God as our Father, and to be able to attend our True Father as our father. This is the blessing that gives the hope of salvation to all humanity.

This morning let's have faith in God as our Living God, our Living Father; let's have faith in our True Father as the person who came to the earth to bring us salvation. Let's have gratitude this morning for the grace of being able to meet God, and to meet our True Father, and of being able to know them, and to be their sons and daughters.

Thank you very much.

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