## The True Meaning of Easter

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Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear. 3 For your hands are defiled with blood, And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity. 4 No one calls for justice, Nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; They conceive evil and bring forth iniquity. 5 They hatch vipers' eggs and weave the spider's web; He who eats of their eggs dies, And from that which is crushed a viper breaks out. 6 Their webs will not become

garments, Nor will they cover themselves with their works; Their works are works of iniquity, And the act of violence is in their hands. 7 Their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed innocent blood; Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; Wasting and destruction are in their paths. 8 The way of peace they have not known, And there is no justice in their ways; They have made themselves crooked paths; Whoever takes that way shall not know peace. 9 Therefore justice is far from us, Nor does righteousness overtake us; We look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, but we walk in blackness! 10 We grope for the wall like the blind, And we grope as if we had no eyes; We stumble at noonday as at twilight; We are as dead men in desolate places. 11 We all growl like bears, And moan sadly like doves; We look for justice, but there is none; For salvation, but it is far from us. 12 For our transgressions are multiplied before You, And our sins testify against us; For our transgressions are with us, And as for our iniquities, we know them: 13 In transgressing and lying against the Lord, And departing from our God, Speaking oppression and revolt, Conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. 14 Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter. 15 So truth fails, And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him



That there was no justice. 16 He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him. 17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak. 18 According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, Fury to His adversaries, Recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay. 19 So shall they fear The name of the Lord from the west, And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him. Isaiah 53: 1-19

You who have gathered here, you who have stepped forward without fear for life and death, ready for the road of troubles, the road of the cross, you who have come in search for the situation of God that could not be told to human beings for 6,000 years! Have you really come to become filial sons and daughters of God? Have you come to become loyal subjects and women of fidelity? ... Clearly you have to all become the heirs of Jesus Christ.

"Let Us Become the Citizens Who Take Possession of the Kingdom of Heaven," Sermons of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, Volume 2, p. 182.

## Dear

In Sunday's service, Hyung Jin Nim spoke about the wonderful Passover seder at Sanctuary led by Pastor Cook, who explained that the kosher matzah is "pierced" with "stripes," an image of the suffering path of

Christ would walk if the chosen nation was faithless. The 12 tribes of Israel had specific positions to camp around the tabernacle, which we can now see were in the form of the cross.

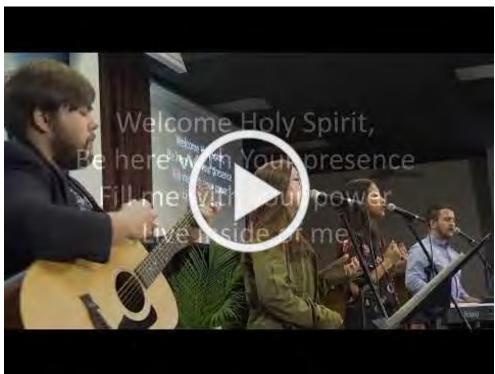


Many Koreans cannot even imagine the right to bear arms. Sadly, a slave mentality from 5,000 years of oppression still remains. The 4th drink in the Passover dinner is the "Kingdom cup" to be drunk when the Messiah returns to establish God's Kingdom, calling faithful citizens to be ready to defend it at his side.

Believers at the time of the Second Coming need to be brave. As is stated in Proverbs 28, "The wicked flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion." and in Psalm 23:4 "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."

The early Christians did not join the Roman military because it involved the worshipping of pagan gods, was hegemonic and exploitative. In much of the gospel Jesus is rebuking evil. He confronted Satan and his misuse of scripture.

We are observing a clash of civilizations, of autocracy vs. sovereignty. Secularism offers no defense against millions of Muslim migrants from North Africa and the Middle East who have little or no understanding or acceptance of Europe's Judeo-Christian based culture. In addition, these migrants to Europe have a higher birth rate so as Christianity declines, Islamic culture will come to dominate. The murder of three hundred Christians on Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka is just a taste of what is to come. Christian persecution and genocide is worse now that any time in history.



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In Californian public schools, the history of <u>pedophilia is being taught as an "orientation."</u> The United Nations promotes <u>"Sexual Rights" education</u> for youth.

Leftists say binary choices of right and wrong are "simplistic" thinking. A Godly society and an anti-Christian, socialist one cannot co-exist. We have to choose, "Yes or no." Thank God for the African Methodist church leaders who <u>resisted ordination of LGBT pastors</u>.

Easter celebration with chocolate bunnies and eggs are really honoring Ishtar, the pagan goddess of fertility. Rabbits are emblematic of r-type species that have many sex partners with little parental investment and no ability or will to defend their young. In other words, low quality parenting, with no morals. But science supports the Principle teaching on waiting until marriage. Even just one sexual partner before marriage increases the risk of divorce by 50%. Where are the churches that clearly teach to save sex for marriage?

More than <u>fifty four million children have been killed through abortions</u>, more than the 45 million population of South Korea. How can a Christian majority nation allow government funding of groups like Planned Parenthood?

Many conservatives are afraid to speak out. The church is supposed to be devastating against Satan's Kingdom. If the righteous stay quiet, then blood is on their hands. Don't let the devil accuse you. Speak out on youtube or elsewhere as a spiritual condition. Mrs. Nakamura, who is 92 years old and practices target shooting every week, is starting her youtube channel. Exercise your will against Satan. As is stated in 2 Timothy 1:7, God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

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## Miho Panzer's Reflections on True Parents Day Celebration



The long winter has finally gone. Squirrels are jumping from tree to tree. Bears are waking up. We now know that spring has arrived!

It is already 40 days since True Mother Kang passed to the spirit world on March 6 followed by 12 days of prayer and the Seonghwa ceremony. It already seems like many months ago.

I was asking God what kind of heart do I need to prepare for the True Parents Day ceremony? I had a dream and saw True Father, Jesus and True Mother

Kang sitting at a table. There were many people coming from all over the world to greet them. Then I realized that this is the meaning of True Parents Day. This is the first holiday for True Father and True Mother to be together. We should put more sincerity to prepare, I felt.



While we prepared the offering table I shared some testimonies about True Father. He really loved pine nuts as a daily snack. Even when he was in Danbury prison we brought pine nuts and gingeng tea for him. He also loved bananas. One day, he asked me, "everyone in the house has a banana, but there is not one for me?" From that day I never forgot to put one in his room. He also loved honeydoo melon. One time he told me the pieces were too big, so from that time I cut the melon into smaller

pieces.

I treasure those simple conversations with him. Some younger members never had a chance to speak directly with him, so they were happy to hear about those.

The second King told us, "the ceremony is not just for making a ceremony, but to gain a deeper relationship with God and True Parents." One brother said with tears that when he was working on the tower of apples, he could feel all his ancestors were with him making that tower.

Now cherry blossoms are blooming. I remember Kang Aumonim was looking forward for the spring to come. She said that I will be able to take a walk under the cherry blossoms. Even now, I feel like it was yesterday. Her last breath were on March 6, at 5:41pm. She had a righteous standard. I asked myself, "how can we keep the same standard of righteousness that she showed us?" The second King told us we shouldn't have any idols. She lived her whole life as a bride of Christ. I want to learn that from her.

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May God bless you and your families!

Sincerely,

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