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Father: God of Compassion



Pres. Salonen

Reviving America

For the first time in this most crucial year of 1976 when patriotism, in whatever state it's in in America, is at least open for revival, we are now standing up and doing something that nobody else is doing throughout America. Our national leadership is now crusading throughout America to revive the spirit of this country. From time to time, they ramble something about it, but they don't believe it can really be done. Therefore, they can't stand up and say something and not follow through, so they don't say anything at all.

But when we begin to speak about, not just why people should become members of the Trifidation Church, but why America should stand up and believe her original mission, not just for the sake of the people who didn't, but for the sake of the whole world. And when we preach that message, it stimulates something deep down inside the heart of people in this nation, and it's supported and it's re-enforced by something that is layers and layers thick in the spiritual world around America. I could always get goose bumps when I read patriotic things, but so do many Americans. And those who don't want to. It's like people who have never been in love. They want to have a country that they can love. They want to have a home where their hands and feet and heart is invested, but they don't have it.

By serving our nation in this way, we can be recognized as the one group which is providing the leadership and cutting through all the

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God has determined to take the responsibility of making or remaking man to be good. God takes this responsibility Himself. This is the conclusion God reached after the human fall because man was the result of His creation and He was compelled to take responsibility for him. The sentiment of sympathy welled up in His mind, in His heart. Can you imagine it? When He decided to save man, it was not out of duty or out of law, but out of sympathy. Without compassion for man, you cannot save him; you cannot even feel like saving him. But with a compassionate heart, He could forgive man.

When you beg God for forgiveness, His heart will open and He will feel like forgiving you. When you leave everything to God, He will feel like forgiving you. If you ask God to defend you against the attack from your enemy, God will do that in order to help you in your difficult situation. If, in the fallen world, you can find God, the God of sympathy, the God of forgiveness, how grateful you must be. However ugly we are as sinners, however rebellious we have been towards God, if and when we know that there is the God of responsibility, the God of sympathy and the God of forgiveness there as our Father, we must be very grateful; We must praise Him and we must glorify Him. We can do this in the hope and in the thought of His being our Father always, prepared to forgive us. That is how God is a being of goodness and subjectivity.

GOD IS TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PERSON FOR WHOM HE CANNOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. GOD IS READY TO SYMPATHIZE WITH YOU WHEN YOU DON'T DESERVE HIS SYMPATHY. GOD IS READY TO FORGIVE YOU WHEN YOU DON'T DESERVE THAT. SO YOU CANNOT BUT BE GRATEFUL TO HIM. THAT IS WHAT MAKES GOD GOD. GOD MUST LOVE YOU.

If there be anyone on this earth who will take responsibility for others and is sympathetic with them, and is ready to forgive them while he or she is not really in the position

to do that, then we can say that that person is in the position of sister or brother to God or even His twin. When Jesus was crucified, he took full responsibility for fallen man. He was in a position where he could say that he was fully responsible. When he was nailed down by the Roman soldiers, he thought he had to take the responsibility because they were ignorant of who he was. He was sympathetic toward them and ready to forgive them. That's why he

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prayed for them before God. From this point we can recognize him as being qualified. All through human history, we cannot find anyone who was as qualified for that position as Jesus. That's why God could even identify with Jesus; he resembled God so much that God could even call him brother, friend or anything. Finally, He called him His son.

God is God because He has the ability to take responsibility for those who sinned against Him, and the ability to be sympathetic with them, ready to forgive them. If you have the same quality as God has, you are in the position of God toward other people, and there's no problem at all. You become responsible and can exercise God's power over other people.

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE WOULD GOD BE LOOKING FOR? THOSE WHO CAN TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY ON THEMSELVES FOR OTHERS. EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE NOT AS YET QUALIFIED ENOUGH TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHER PEOPLE, IF YOU REALLY SEEK FORGIVENESS IN DEEP REPENTANCE, AND IF YOU ARE READY TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHERS AFTER YOU ARE SAVED, THEN WOULD GOD NOT FORGIVE YOU? AT THIS MOMENT, IF YOU ARE READY TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHER PEOPLE, GOD WILL FORGIVE YOU AND USE YOU.

God has been investing His whole being into recreating man, just as He did at the time of the creation of man. This time, if you are feeling sympathetic towards your rebellious friends or brothers and sisters, and you cannot give up, but as God has been doing, you persevere to the end until that person comes back to you, then you are acting in place of God. Every sin, every mistake of theirs is nothing if you take responsibility for that. On the other hand, those who have sinned and made mistakes must be frank in confessing their sins and mistakes. From this viewpoint, you must analyze and criticize yourself. This is how to become a God-like man. This must be your attitude toward others.

Pres. Salonen cont.

synicism, cutting away all the gluck which is holding back progress in this country, and really bring a rebirth to this nation. People are dying for it and no one is providing leadership.

America has to see Yankee Stadium as our offering to this nation. And as America's offering to God. You know, I wasn't a religious person and I wasn't expecting to join a religious movement, but somehow, somewhere deep inside, I was always susceptible to patriotism. And if I met some group that was doing this crusade, I would have joined them. It's a tragedy the way this country is not even celebrating its bicentennial. People are frustrated, and if we give them a project that is big enough, they will throw everything they have into it. This is the spark that can unite the country. This will set the image for Rev. Moon and the Unification Church in America.

We have to put everything we have into

Mr. Sudo

Be No. 1 in Prayer

Everyone of us has a responsibility to be accomplished. But among many responsibilities, there is one responsibility by which everyone can be number one, or everyone can have the greatest responsibility. This is prayer. Everyone can be top, can be number one in prayer.

It is impossible for more than one man to be President of the United States. It can only be one. But in prayer, even though we have just usual responsibility - cleaning, cooking, lecturing, just sitting as student or as trainee - still we can be number one in prayer. We can be far greater in prayer than the President of the United States. And no one can accuse that.

Therefore, we can challenge to be number one in prayer. And the depths of our prayer will be inscribed in the depths of God's heart. Prayer is nice. No one can be frustrated because everyone is equal in the qualification of prayer. Everyone is equal. Those who have been in the Unification Church 10 years and those who joined the Unification Church yesterday have the same standing, the same qualification before God.

You can be number one in the depths of prayer. In every respect, you can be the number one pray-er in the Unification Church, in the world, in human history. You can be the greatest man of prayer in human history. It's great.

For this command which I command you this day is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven that you should say, 'who will go up for us to heaven to bring it to us, that we may hear it do it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'who will go over the sea for us to bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' But the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

Deuteronomy 30:11-14

this campaign. If we win, we win everything. If we lose, we lose almost everything. If our members can understand that seriousness, then whatever their responsibility is, they are part of an incredible movement. When they pray, they can feel the spirit of the American founders. When you read the words of Thomas Paine, it brings tears to your eyes because it's not Thomas Paine speaking but God.

By being successful at Yankee Stadium, by showing that we have enough power to inspire people to profess their love for this country and to dedicate this country to God, not just to itself, it will do so much to revive the hopes of millions throughout America.

If we can be phenomenally successful in Yankee Stadium, we will explode many of the myths and charges that have been plaguing our movement. People won't even remember what they said or heard. In one stroke, everything will be turned upside down, and people will understand what we are doing and what we stand for.

Acts of the Pioneers

Life of Attendance

"I asked God what I had to repent for most of all and He said: 'Repent for your arrogance; repent for not fixing your eyes on Father day and night; repent for imagining that you could accomplish your mission on your own. Life of attendance is the key to success in the Unification Church. You must always visualize Father directly in front of you. Don't look back or to either side anymore. Just look straight ahead into his face and into his pathway, and all power will be given to you to overcome danger and satanic distractions.'

Since then I have been practicing these instructions, always looking ahead towards Father paving the way, keeping my full concentration focused on him in a relationship of love. And there is so much more power flowing and so much concentration on the mission. I have been able to drive myself much harder. I feel the presence of Father at each of my elbows, clasping my arms in his, encouraging me along, walking joyfully by my side."

Up From the Pits

"For the past three months, I have been in the lowest pits I've ever experienced. No value. Spaced out. Couldn't do anything. Depressed. But I always felt that God was somehow guiding it. Now it's breaking open. But God had to cleanse me; I had to be reborn completely. Always I relied on my own spirit. Now sunshine is coming and some good things are happening.

I spoke to two sociology classes. The professor asked me to speak to his classes. The night class was an adult class, with many deep questions. At one point a man stood up in the back and commented that 'Yeh, we've seen all the negative articles but we know better than to believe things like that'. At another point he said that 'the time has come for all positive religious movements to come and work together if our nation is going to be saved. And as far as I see, the Unification Church is out in front of them all'.

The professor also confessed to me that he is much more interested in our church than he ever thought he would be. He never thought this would happen to him."

Group Effort Now

"Unity is so important, so essential in bringing God's power. We must succeed together, no longer just individually. It's too late for that now. Our results must be a group effort. Somehow we must pay indemnity on a grand scale. We must somehow show

Heavenly Father and spirit world our desperation to find children."

Bicentennial Prayer

"I was fundraising one day last week and came to the door of the local bicentennial committee. I felt very strongly that I should go in and talk to them because in my prayers, I had been feeling that God can really come back to America through the bicentennial theme. So I went inside and told the lady who I was and she said: 'Oh, you're just the person we're looking for. I need a bicentennial prayer written for our program. Could you do that?' I said: 'Oh, sure I could do that. I pray for America everyday'. She showed me the layout for the program, and she had the prayer centered on the first page. The mayor's message and the chairman's message were on the side, but the prayer was in the center. She said she needed the prayer by 4 o'clock the next day.

I went to an old Episcopal church. I think it's the oldest Episcopal church in America. I sat there and prayed and wrote the prayer:

'Our Heavenly Father, we humbly come before You in thanksgiving as our pilgrim fathers did three hundred twenty seven years ago. We know, Father, that our country is great, not because of our work alone, but because of Your great guidance and inspiration. As the founding patriots sacrificed in building this land, we now wish to be inspired with their spirit to give rebirth to our nation.

'We repent for our mistakes of the past; yet amid the difficulties of the present, we look to the future as the time of fulfilling the highest ideals. We need You to guide us as ONE people - not warring, or separated, or confused anymore.

'Centered on one heart, with one purpose, we pray our lives and our country may be the greatest example of goodness and righteousness to the world.'

I offered it to God because I felt He was the one to accept it first, not the committee people. God had to accept it as coming from the people of the city. I felt God accepted it and handed it in the next day. The lady thought it was beautiful and the chairman was really impressed with it. He told me that the clergymen who have been associated with his committee refused to write the prayer. They didn't know how to do it. He was so grateful."