

Do we recognize our Heavenly Father's loving guidance? (16)

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My dear brothers and sisters,

We have learned through the Divine Principle that God works based on certain time periods and that He advances His providence in connection with certain numbers during which concrete foundations have to be established. If this is not achieved a certain amount of indemnity becomes necessary along with a prolongation of God's work to reach His goals.

This was not only true in the course of restoration until the arrival of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, but it is just as true for us today as we are the central figures in the present 40 year children's course.

Accordingly we can find clear providential time periods as we go through the days, weeks and months of coming closer to the realization of God's Kingdom here on this earth. We received the Divine Principle as a book that we study to understand God's providence in the past and not as a handbook to show us exactly what we need to do in our lifetime as we strive to lead a principled life. Therefore we are challenged to find out how our Heavenly Father is working in our personal lives and in our communities in order to achieve certain goals.

In this series I am sharing with you about the theme of our Father in Heaven inspiring brothers and sisters in the iUnification Meeting House to send certain messages to this community because it is imperative that we show how we are able to practice the motto of this year, which speaks about the harmonious relationships of brotherly/sisterly love, and establishing permanent oneness as the foundation for Cheon Il Guk to be victorious.

It is obvious that we have serious issues in respect to building deep relationships among us as true brother and sisters. As we lack in having a sincerely repentful heart it is difficult for us to see one another with a loving heart of a parent. For this reason the theme of repentance came to be addressed in the days and weeks before the decisive day of March 10, 2011, which marked 40 plus 4 days after the issue of kicking out one's brother was brought once again in front of the community of 120 national messiahs in January 2011.

When it was clear that there was no willingness to change in this respect among those national messiahs, the question was raised also in the community of 2 times 120 members. As some left this e-group in the meantime, there are now fewer subscribers than when this issue of how to deal with one's brother was first put in front of the members of the mailing list fam2000 on March 6, 2011, but it was not resolved positively.

Four days later the same question was discussed in the iUnificationist Meeting House, whose membership has grown to be more than 2 times 1200 members. Sadly, in this e-group the negative decision was once again repeated: No place in our community for brother Nikolaus - and sister Elise.

In order to avoid and prevent such an unfortunate outcome, Heaven had worked to present much valuable material in respect to repentance and forgiveness. Actually several pages of precious content were offered in the days prior to the decisive time of being tempted not to love one's brother and sister but to kick them out of the house – to ban them from the meeting place for international Unificationists.

For example, on February 19, 2011 one sister sent her reflection "*Speaking of repentance*" where she wrote: "*I remember very well in 1988/9 during Rev. Ahn's famous 21-day lectures, we were tasked to pray „REPENTANCE prayer with TEARS”. Being purely immature and naive, the prayer time was just too long for me I ran out of sins to repent for. An idea just came to my mind to repent for my ancestors' sins, for society's sins, our brothers' and sisters' sins and this has become a „habit” for me. I can say, these tearful prayers gave way to my GLORIOUS spiritual experiences in 1991 and then again in 2001.*

Specially in 2001, as I was struggling with the members' problems in our first Church assignment as Church leader here in Japan, my only recourse was to pray and beg for God's intervention. As I was praying again, pleading for Heaven's support, repenting for our members' sins, I just felt like the whole spirit world cried out with me, I just wailed like a cow being slaughtered, and there came out of me, all of those negative emotions, anger/hatred, deep resentment, self-pity, ego, false pride etc, all the sins of the past were "released" from my whole being and I just felt PEACE, LOVE and JOY. Arrogance belongs to Satan. It is only in HUMILITY that God's Holy Spirit can come and dwell in every cell of our bodies, in every fiber of our being, AJU!

Speaking of Sin, fallen natures and the like, personally, I think it's about time we re-write our dictionaries, erase Satan's vocabularies in this "age of God's direct dominion", in this „Aæ after the Coming of Heaven”. Instead of calling it „sin,” let's just call it „immature act”. Matured men like Jesus won't commit any sin. Sin, fallen natures and the like are acts/natures of IMMATURED, IGNORANT men. As one matures and comes to KNOW, not just "believe" in the God of LOVE, he can never do anything that violates his heart, which is anchored in the very „Coæ of God's Heart”.

The fact is, God's OVERFLOWING, OVERWHELMING, OVER-INTOXICATING Love could melt away any sin, guilt, fallen nature, deep resentment or any negative emotion within man. The God of LOVE does not know any enemy. When I reached the very Core of God's Heart, I've come to understand the heart of even my worst enemy, Satan himself. In the very Core of God's Heart, there's room even for the WORST Satan. Lucifer, is no longer an enemy for me. He's my dear Uncle who toiled with God in creating the Universe for man. I pray, let us ALL meet together in the Very Core of God's Heart. In the Very Core of God's Heart, "God, True Parents and Humanity are ONE", AJU!"

Accordingly the question was: "*Would the members who joined the iUnificationist Meeting House, also come together in heart as true brothers and sisters?*" Sadly three weeks later members including this sister who offered this contribution were gossiping about their brother whom they had caused to be kicked out of that community. That their brother Nikolaus and their sister Elise stood in front of closed doors, locked out by the “moderators” who allowed themselves to be influenced by the false accusations, was no problem for these members.

The reason I am referring to this topic is to make the point that we all need to have a parental heart to ask our Heavenly Parents to use our minds and hearts to understand our brothers and sisters instead of just reacting to them. We need to communicate our feelings to them and do our best to find a common base for a heart to heart connection.

As you can see above, the word “ALL” was written in big letters, but when the test came three weeks later, then the nice words which have been said as quoted above, were long forgotten and fallen nature won over a having a heart of true repentance. I am sorry to see that although this person asked our Heavenly Father, “*I pray, let us ALL meet together in the Very Core of God's Heart.*” *the word that was spoken was not followed through in the form of this beautiful attitude being applied in relationship to one's brother (sister).*

The webmaster himself had sent three weeks prior to my expulsion the explanations by Yeon Ah Nim about her husband saying: “*No matter how strictly we followed the Church laws, we are all sinners before True Parents...*” I am sorry to say that this kind of humble attitude was not permeating this site when they decided that their brother Nikolaus and sister Elise were no longer accepted.

Shouldn't we all repent of our attitude of not seeing our brothers and sisters from God's viewpoint? If we do not do so, then we are liable to multiply gossip; because when we do not see with God's eyes we are leaving our position as sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father, destined to love our neighbour, fellow Unificationists, wholeheartedly.

On February 15, 2011 one brother offered his sharing of reflecting on Hyung Jin Nim's Sermon: “*My Sin*” in which he wrote: “*... as we have received these blessings from True Parents, how much have we really thanked them? Instead of just saying to ourselves, 'Yes, they are great blessings and I thank True Parents!', how many times have we really thanked True Parents with tears? Well, I don't know about you but I've been a terrible thanker. And my lack of gratitude has been showing in my everyday lives. I feel that I'm doing enough. I feel I am up to par with the blessings I've received from True Parents because well.. I don't cheat, I don't drink, and I don't smoke. We have here a couple of really old Koreans, the people we call our True Parents.*

Learning their life course, we realize that they've been through some hardcore hells, epitomized by the 7 deaths. But what were they all for really? Why did they have to go through all that path of suffering? It was all for their children. Not just their direct children but for all of humanity, all 6.5 billion of them and counting, who they call their children. And here I was, thinking I'm OK. Thinking, I'm paying back enough gratitude to True Parents. So I'm OK.

So just what has made me such a lousy child? I think it is my pride, the pride that makes me think I am a good enough person. And I think it is this very sin, the sin of arrogance, the sin of being too pride, that Hyung Jin Nin wants us to realize. When we realize that we have been too prideful in front of True Parents, we realize just what kind of sins we have been committing against our Parents.

When we realize that we are sinners, we repent. We say, hey, dad, hey, mom, I'm sorry I've turned my eyes away from all your pain, the very pain you had to undergo in order to bring what's good for me, us, and all of your children. And when we repent, they forgive. And as we receive their forgiveness, we can feel our relationship with True Parents returning, reconnected, and strengthened 100 folds. Then this immense joy of feeling gratitude will transform us from our past reluctant followers of this religious founders, to grateful children of our beloved True Parents. And that's the reason I think why Hyung Jin Nim's been talking about our sins.”

Three days later one sister offered her poem on Repentance:

*“Jesus, son of God, born so long ago,
Can we understand you as we are?
So little told, so little known,
Only your Father remembers that time.*

*You lived when peace seemed like a dream,
Your children were searching, but they were blind.
Not knowing the True Purpose for your birth,
They could only feel their own desires.*

*„MyGod, My God,“ you shouted in pain,
But loneliness was your greatest affliction.
No one but you could bear the mistake,
Of rejection that would now continue.*

*Forever you wait for us to surrender
To your Love that has always been.
Forgive us Lord, for we are orphans,
In need of Parents to bring us Home.”*

On the same day the sister who later joined in the discussion about brother Nikolaus shared in her message about the Holy Spirit Service *"Healing the Heavenly Bond of Heart!"* with the following lines:
“The January 23, 2011 Holy Spirit service is so powerful, and healing the true bond easier each time. It is three times now that I follow its directions, step by step, from beginning to the end, bonding with Heaven deeper each time.

At first, the need to repentance seems insignificant! Yet, throughout the service as I experienced the Holy Spirit, under the guidance of Hyung Jin Nim, I felt how powerful and healing repentance was.

It is so liberating for the „true self“ during the segment when we send healing energy to Father and Mother. That particular moment had me discover that I am truly allowed to love God and True Parents, so freely. The „living vibrations“ of Holy Spirit kept lingered on with me hours after the service was over.

Hyung Jin Nim's REVOLUTIONARY, LIVING THE TRUTH - true Faith, true Attendance, true Filial Piety, and the subsequent return of the Holy Spirit to UC, now offer the making of a genuine bond of Heart with God, True Parents, and one another!”

Three weeks later also this person was tested on how she practised what she says when she spoke in front of the subscribers of iUnificationist about her brother Nikolaus...

On the day that I offered my very first post on iUnificationist the sister who later attacked me strongly shared a poem about her internal situation – allowing members to realize with what kind of issues she has been struggling with: *“I was feeling so heavy and didn’t understand so much what was going on. And I kept asking „Why like this, Why like this!” Feeling so sad and uninspired, had no power to do things.*

I gave myself time to think and reflect. Answers came but difficult for me to accept, I was just overwhelmed with anger and hate even. It was not doing good to me, I felt sick! I was downed and hurt! So difficult to see colors around me, then I asked God, help me, please I don’t want to be like this.

Then the help came after so much battle inside. I was refusing at first to see what’s wrong. Then gradually I could see clearly why. After much time of deep reflections, in the heart, much tears of repentance! Through that I could realize that It’s all inside me, that I can reverse the situation if I want.

Then I chose what is right because I’ve wanted it. Then I was revived! My tears became tears of joy and not anymore sadness. I could feel again life inside me and could learn to forgive. I could open my heart once again which had become so closed and cold, traumatized by happenings in which I felt treated unjust and cruel!

But I realized they weren’t that really bad. I was in those situations because God wants me to go deeper and deeper into what we call the Realm of True Heart. So deep and beautiful, so painful but so wonderful! God never abandoned, He is always there. That’s why more and more I realized how wonderful God and True Parents are! They’re the True Life and True Love! And I don’t want to be far from Them, even a second.”

In these lines are already the right answers which she only needed to practice in her relationship with her brother whom she cannot love and much pain could have been avoided. The choice is always there: To overcome based on deep prayer or to act based on fallen emotions that may prevail in certain situations. In order to avoid making serious mistakes in the realm of heart it is indeed essential that we keep a humble and repentful heart.