

The Way 22: Expelling the Angel of Death

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Life after the Holy Wedding begins by saying goodbye to an old friend, the angel of death.

That angel dwells in your body. Adam and Eve invited him in, and he never left. The Divine Principle compares the physical body of a fallen person to “a haunt of Satan.” Paul said he could not control the evil his body did. He called it “sin living in me.”

It is a physical possession. Augustine wrote that at the moment of sexual climax, something takes possession of the man’s sex organ, and it is not God. He loses ownership.

The Indemnity Stick Ceremony represents you, as husband and wife, taking back ownership of your sex organs. In True Father’s words, we marry “to restore the position of an owner. . . .The owner of the wife’s sexual organ is the husband, and the owner of the husband’s is the wife.” This is new in history, a game changer. How does it happen?

When it comes to sex, God gets physical. Circumcision. Castration. Wrenching Jacob’s thigh out of joint. Our Ceremony is physical: you each strike your spouse’s lower parts, his or her buttocks, three times, with a stick.

Why the lower parts? It’s because that’s where our first parents sinned. They covered their lower parts in shame. It’s time to come out of hiding and remove the sin and shame.

What happens when you strike something for God? When Moses struck the river, it turned to blood. When he struck the rock, it brought forth the water of life. When the Israelites in Egypt struck the doorway of their house three times, the angel of death passed over.

They struck the doorway. What does a doorway represent? Solomon called “the chamber of her that conceived me” his “mother’s house.” The doorway to your mother’s house is the sex organ. Israel striking the doorway three times prefigures this Ceremony.

They saved their children, and so do you. You remove the curse of the Fall. No lust, seduction, anger or guilt in your marriage. Your children inherit goodness and freedom. It’s all holy; it’s the holy of holies.

The Indemnity Ceremony is guided by a pastor or mentor blessed couple. It is your pledge never to strike each other evermore, not spiritually, not physically. You foreclose sexual abuse and spousal violence. The angel of death is gone. God dwells in your love.

(References: Exposition of Divine Principle p. 137; Rom 7:20; The City of God, p. 464-5, 473; Second Message of Peace; Ex 17:1-7; 1 Cor 10:4; Ex 12:22-23 [KJV]; Song of Songs 3:4.)