

Treatise on the Teachings of the Sanctuary Church - Part 9

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Part 9: Fostering Resentment and Division, Public Ridicule and Rumor Mongering

From sermons often filled with criticism and contempt against True Mother (Mrs. Sun Myung Moon), FFWPU, and FFWPU leaders; to Internet attacks on the same and even on regular FFWPU members who would challenge SC teachings; to imprisonment of FFWPU leaders on charges leveled by SC members; to spreading of salacious rumors – the Sanctuary Church has undertaken a course of fostering resentment and division.

The public SC sermons, most captured on video and spread worldwide, have been particularly harsh against True Mother, who is derisively referred to as the “Han Mother” by Sanctuary Church adherents. Week after week after week, for over a year, listeners hear about the “failure of the Han Mother,” often presented in the harshest of terms. An example of the level of attack is Hyung Jin Nim (HJN) giving a sermon on his own mother being the literal manifestation of the “Whore of Babylon” prophesized in the Book of Revelations (Chapter 17), referencing in his sermon the passage:

“I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

HJN went on to show a photo of TM wearing purple and scarlet robes as further evidence that she was the literal whore of Babylon portrayed in the passages. (Subsequently, photos were found of not only True Father wearing such, but even HJN arrayed in such colors.)

The venom leveled against True Mother from the pulpit is hardly the only attack leveled. The Sanctuary Church’s “immutable and unchangeable” Constitution of the United States of Cheon Il Guk, a document that “shall NEVER be abridged or added-to,” references early on the “failure of Han Mother.” From the early days of the ministry, salacious rumors were spread about True Mother as well as the contention that True Mother doesn’t believe True Father is the messiah (despite numerous public recognitions of True Mother stating True Father is the messiah from the time of TF’s ascension through 2016).

The Sanctuary Church disseminated an “alternative” translation of a snippet of True Father’s extemporaneous comments at a public speech, taken out of context, that cast a false light on his views toward True Mother, and when a translation from an official translator was provided, with context and explanations of where the mistranslation went wrong, the SC refused to acknowledge that it could be unjustly denigrating True Mother’s reputation.

Rumors were spread about affairs and SC members sent out lists attacking her directly, even accusing her of conspiring to “murder True Father.” The attacks took on an ends-justify-the-means quality, where the SC members would put out alarming misinformation – such as claiming that True Mother is now teaching that the Fall occurred first between Adam and the Archangel – that even when countered in convincing detail would not be corrected by the Sanctuary Church.

The attacks of True Mother even included an attack on her own mother, with one post stating that her mother had “an adulterous relationship with a man who deserted her and now he has two of his own sons who are half-brothers to TM. So how pure is TM’s lineage in preparation for TM to be born?” (This contrasts with True Father’s many statements on the preparation of True Mother’s lineage, such as: “The bride whom the Christ, who is the bridegroom, is trying to find on this earth is not a woman under the dominion of the fall. He is trying to find a person who is born from an unfallen, pure lineage. The third mother has to be the one who can advance to the position of mother (True Mother).” As True Father has pointed out, Jesus lineage contains women and relationships that one might on their own judge as improper for the lineage of the messiah, so it is not for us to judge with worldly standards.)

True Mother has hardly been the only individuals attacked by name from the pulpit and in the sermons broadcast across the globe. One FFWPU member was mentioned by name as having cancer, and HJN offered a speculation that he had cancer because he was following True Mother instead of him. Other members were named individually, publicly admonished, and then publicly “fired” – all recorded in videos for the firings to be broadcast worldwide. SC members in one nation spread rumors to the

government, leading to imprisonment of FFWPU members in that nation, with an initial response on the SC website that the FFWPU members, while themselves innocent of the alleged crime, still were to blame and were justifiably receiving punishment because they did not follow HJN's direction to disassociate from True Mother and FFWPU. SC members widely spread a rumor about a person that SC members claimed was, without any hard evidence, a serial child molester of the True Children.

When analyzed, this latter unsubstantiated rumor actually cast unfavorably on True Father's reputation because TF kept this individual for years as his close assistant, and he continued to serve closely until TF's ascension. When it was questioned how True Father could have kept a child molester as his right-hand man, especially one accused of molesting the True Children, one SC leader stated that while True Father knew, he had to love Cain. Of course, already SC sermons had the impact of damaging TF's reputation by stating he failed to establish eternal True Parents and implying he had been abusive of True Mother (having the "wrath of God" directed at her), had presided over an unhappy marriage and a "palace of malice," and that "all" the True Children were "psychologically damaged" by growing up in such a dysfunctional family.

Even the FFWPU symbol, which had been approved by TF, was addressed as representing evil, being seen as the literal fulfilment of the very beast mentioned in Revelations 17: "I saw a woman [the "great whore"] sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.... I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns."

Not only is the FFWPU and its leaders in the crosshairs of the Sanctuary Church, but also ordinary members who dare to challenge the teachings of the Sanctuary Church. Note, for example, the written and publicly published comments attributed to one central SC leader:

"The lack of respect for the Bible is a core value of FamilyFed. ... Because the FamilyFed is a dying organization of weak men and disorderly women... Larry Moffitt is ignorant like everyone at his defunct Family Federation that has absolutely no understanding of what a real man looks like in a family. Larry refuses to obey God's word... Larry's cutesy comment is projection of his lack of masculinity... I have a profound sense of pity for this confused and lost boy."

True Father emphasized values such as interreligious dialogue and understanding, unity among religions, and interreligious marriage. However, the scorched-Earth actions taken by the Sanctuary Church place extreme barriers on resolving this schism. How is co-existence between FFWPU and the Sanctuary Church possible when the Sanctuary Church focuses its energy on: denouncing nonstop the main FFWPU leader (with words like "Destroyer!" and "Whore of Babylon") and others in FFWPU leadership positions; exhorts FFWPU members not to donate to the FFWPU; accuses FFWPU members of having committed the Fall by participating in one of its own major ceremonies; launches personal attacks against ordinary FFWPU supporters that try to shed light on SC teachings; and, rather than witnessing to members from outside the FFWPU community, seeks almost exclusively to convert FFWPU members. This scorched-earth position is perhaps best reflected in comments from SC members like "we are in a fierce battle" and a "battle against FF [FFWPU]."

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