Mike, You KNOW the Answer!

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Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! for it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and ministered to him. Matthew 4: 8-11

If Adam and Even had not fallen, God the Creator would have been the eternal Lord. But due to the Fall, Satan became the lord of the world. This became unavoidable. If a girl of noble birth, who was raised within the walls of her house, is violated by an intruder, to whom is she bound? She will be bound to him. This is what happened with the Fall. CSG134

Greetings!

Before discussing this week's powerful sermon on "Kingdom Salvation," I'd like to respond to a number of emails I've received regarding the January 18, 2012 secret ceremony at the Cheon Jeong Gung palace officiated by Hyo Nam Kim between Mother and "god." One Family Fed supporter questioned whether this was really a marriage ceremony, saying,

"an eye witness revealed that there was no such thing as a wedding ceremony taking place conducted by Hyo Nam Kim for True Mother, but merely some dedication prayer related to Cheong Pyeong Providence. This is from a very trustworthy source."

Let's accept the writer's assertion that this wasn't a marriage ceremony. Does this remove the fact that it was done behind Father's back, without his involvement? Does characterizing this as a minor "dedication prayer" explain why he angrily demanded the next morning that Mother obey him instead of going her own way? Of course not.

In a sermon given on Sunday at UTS, Mike Balcomb asked "what's wrong with [Mother] being married to God?" MIKE, YOU KNOW THE ANSWER- what's wrong is that it was done behind Father's back, without his involvement or consent. Or does that no longer matter anymore? How could a ceremony officiated by the medium Hyo Nam Kim without Father's approval or involvement be a marriage to God? If Eve gets "married" without Adam's involvement, isn't that an adulterous liaison to the fallen archangel? Wouldn't that be a spiritual fall?

That must be why Father angrily demanded that Mother and leaders supporting her obey him, not a medium communicating with a 'god.' That must be why Father canceled the Perfection Level Blessing ten days later. That must be why he refused to release the royal seals several months later saying, "the God of Day and the God of Night are still fighting."

Father was desperately trying to pull Mother back from a spiritual fall that would be catastrophic not just for herself, but also for God and indeed all of humanity. That is also why Father went to the spirit world with a shattered, inconsolable heart.

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As Hyung Jin Nim explained in Sunday's sermon on "Kingdom Salvation," many Family Fed members do not realize deeply that they are sinners. Those who believe that we can enter the Kingdom of Heaven through our own perfection are deceiving themselves.

The mirrors of the Ten Commandments and the CIG Constitution show us our imperfections, but we need to go to the water to wash ourselves. Guilt and shame make us aware that we need to go back to God by washing ourselves in the living waters of Christ.
Family Fed leaders and scholars who ignore the authority of Father's anointed heir/successor mockingly say that he is a "naked prince" who "didn't earn it." They arrogantly think that Father must choose the one whom they think is qualified. They think they are saved by the law, by systems and organizations like the Supreme Council. Hyung Jin Nim testifies that he didn't "earn" his position. It was the will of his father. He could not stay in the palace and participate in the desecration of Father's legacy.

Ninety percent of people who say the "Jesus prayer" are no longer Christians within a year. Fast parachute packers with a failure rate of 90% would go out of business, but the shallow Christianity of the "Prosperity Gospel" continues.

Evangelist Ray Comfort gives the example of someone paying "your $25,000 fine." Modern converts don't understand they break God's law every single day. People imagine that a merciful God would ignore their sins, but if a worldly judge has to follow the law, why would God not have to follow his heavenly law even more?

God sent fiery serpents to kill rebellious Israelites. Only those who looked at bronze serpent raised by Moses (Num 21:6-9) avoided a painful death. In John 3:14 Jesus compared himself to the bronze serpent who saves believers from destruction. The Kingdom is realized not by man's works, but by the grace of God. Freedoms and rights are not earned, but given freely by God. The Blessing is given by grace, not by our own victory. The true believer is perfect, but only in Christ.

May God bless you and your families!

Sincerely,

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