Hyung Jin Nim:

Today our rhema is on “Rejoicing in the Lord of our salvation”, even in time of tribulation when things seem like they are falling apart.

Mrs. Kang of course also stood up for Christ, True Father’s authority, rebelling against the heresy, receiving all sorts of mockery, scorn and hatred; being the first disciple of Father, she realized that she could not stand with it and she lost everything. But she continues to praise God and that is her strength; that is our strength, that is your strength. In time of tribulation and despair we still have free will to choose to praise God.

Let’s go to Mrs. Kang.

Reading: Isaiah Ch 6:

6 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:
And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,

And the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teak tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

Today I’ll be speaking to you from the Old Testament from Isaiah Ch. 6. In the past I preached many sermons on this chapter, but I realize now that I really did not understand the meaning of these words, and when I see what is happening now, I see that the prophecies in this chapter are coming true.

The prophet Isaiah had a vision; he saw God in a very high place and he saw that the train of his robe filled the Temple. He saw seraphims: each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he did fly. When Isaiah saw this, he did not understand the meaning but he felt that some great disaster would befall Israel.

In the beginning a seraphim was praising God, “Holy, holy holy is the Lord of Host”. But later on there was a huge disaster. So Isaiah began to wonder, “What kind of disaster is going to befall Israel?” And he said to God, “If this kind of disaster is going to occur, some prophet should be sent to tell the people; so whom will You send?”
God said, “Well whom should I send?” and Isaiah said, “Well, here am I, send me!” So he went and called out to people about the kind of world that God wanted to see, and what was going to happen to Israel.

He spoke to the people of Israel scolding them, saying, “You have eyes but you cannot see; you have ears but you cannot hear, and you are not thinking with your heart.” He told the people of Israel that a terrible disaster was coming, that less than a tenth of the people living would survive, and that the rest would be punished.

I remember when I was young, I listened to a lecture given by a woman who was teaching from Revelation; she also told about a similar vision that she had, that a disaster would come, that people would be able to walk for 10 ri (2 and a half miles, or 4 kms) without being able to see another person.

Isaiah was telling the people of Israel that unless they lived centered on God and according to his will, they would face a huge disaster and be almost totally wiped out.

This chapter shows us that whether in the past or in the future God does not act unilaterally. He always shows his prophets what is about to happen, so that people can be warned and make the wisest choice.

In this present day as well, whether people realize it or not, God is prophesying; He is warning and He is teaching us. In this case God said that a tenth would remain, but even the tenth would not all survive, and many of them would perish. When we do not live according to God’s will, when we do not live as He wants us to live, God will mercilessly take us away.

Today we need to realize something very important: in the Old Testament era, God conducted his providence through Moses, in the New Testament era He conducted it through Jesus, and in the Completed Testament era He conducted it through the Lord of the 2nd Advent. Today, in this era He is conducting it through the 2nd King of CIG Hyung Jin Nim. If people do not know this, if they do not live according to this, they will meet a great disaster.

If people realize later on that this is the case, it will be too late; even if they repent and ask to be saved then, it will be too late. We need to understand and live according to this; we need to understand God’s providence today. If we are too late, even if we realize it later on, it will not do us any good, and we will face a tremendous and terrible disaster.
I say to you once again, that there is a tremendous meaning in the truth revealed here; so please open your hearts, open your ears, and listen to what God is trying to tell you.

In Isaiah we see that only a tenth remains, and even not all the tenth is able to survive, but even among the tenth, when people do not live according to God’s will, God will take them away as well.

In verse 13, it says that even those who appeared to have survived will be taken down as a teil tree or as an oak, whose substance is in them, - ‘whose stump remains’ according to other translations- when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof. From that stump a new life arises and God conducts his providence from it.

God will start his providence again with this new and holy seed, and right now in this mountainous area- it looks like it is a very rural area, and nothing is here- but this is where God has that holy seed and it is from here that He begins his providence again through which He will bring salvation for all humanity,

Thank you,

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