

MOMENT OF RISE OR FALL

Talk by Leader, Sunday Morning 5am

Every man has the desire to be successful. The individual, family, society, nation, want to be successful for themselves. We always want our nation to be successful. Often we plan things out and wish to follow closely to this plan, but the result is often contrary to what we planned. Sometimes we are not confident about the plans that we make, but the outcome is a success. A thing beginning as a failure, turns out a success; a thing that was a certainty becomes tricky and chancy. We know parents who have only one child and lose him only to end up in solitude. Or a couple who are divided by one of them being taken away. Or a man who is good in business and becomes a success after 30 years, and in one moment he loses all his fortune by fire or flood. When we think of this we are faced with a lot of things that we don't want, but what we do not want is always there and we can not get rid of it. Sometimes an unexpected thing will take place and our plans become a success. So the problem of rising and falling can't be handled by our own hands. We can not deal with a nation as we will nor can we get rid of the walls and barriers. Ups and downs are always changing so that we can't control them. Revolution and other means to change the world is in accordance with the power above. The great powers USA and USSR want to have things for their own benefit, but they can not have the things that they want. They plan, make goals, but there is stalemate and even the Communist nations have to give way.

The point of rise or fall starts from a small point. When we begin to think of things on an individual and national level the conscience in every man vaguely can tell a man which way he has to go. Conscience will accelerate the way a man has to go if he is a patriot. But when a man treads the way of what he thinks is justice in a nation, in the end he will fall with that nation. He can not therefore rely on national policy or his own conscience. In the Orient, we say that the conscience is straight. We can not define the conscience by ourself. There is a standard measure which you have to measure the conscience by; it is like a fine straight line passing through two points. The self and conscience must draw a straight line with the purpose ahead of you. If the goal is a sure one then you can say that the conscience is straight. When you look back over your life you see that you have gone many different ways and you cannot define which is the straight way. Why even after a great struggle is man not happy? If the goal is set before us in a straight line why failure? Take a sparrow, does it learn how to chirp!! Does a cow learn how to moo!! They do that without having to learn, but they do progress spiritually. When I was in New York I visited the museum of Natural History. I saw the ecology of many different birds all having different kinds of nests; some even had hallways in them. But these birds do the same thing generation after generation. Things are different with man since man is headed for a different goal. We take things to be precious when they don't change - gold, diamonds etc. are constant - no elemental change. If a diamond had a mind would it say that I don't want to be anything less than I am? Would gold want to be anything of higher value if it existed. Anything and everybody does not want to be anything less than what it is. Like a diamond or gold, even if they are put in the gutter don't change. Is man as precious and unchangable as this? Is it really so? Human minds change all the time, from morning until night. Man is the most changing thing, but we still consider him to be the most valuable one. Do you think that you are your real unchanging self when you are being wayward -- NO! If gold or diamonds talked they would say that the constant man is best. If a diamond asked you to be constant could you stay unchangeable? It is unnatural for a man of less qualification to dominate something that has more qualifications. It must be the other way around. There are all kinds of things that have more qualifications - would you like to hide your worst things?

Which do you think is more precious changing or unchanging things? Unchanging! If there is a supreme being dominating the whole world He would answer, 'those things that do not change throughout all of eternity. Standard that is measured by cannot be checked. We must have one standard measure that will eliminate all difference and be the original one that we can compare all others by. We must think of the being above us who is never changing and eternal. What makes our conscience straight, when, how; it is vague, but we must say it is a straight line that goes through all of eternity. Because it is straight it is most precious since we can compare ourselves to this straight line of conscience to see if we are straight. Every man thinks that his standard is right so one demands that everyone be like him. Everyone must find the original standard. Even the saints and the man who you think is great, are not right. We know that every man living does not have absolute ruler standard. People in the western world should go to the orient and find out if they are living by this standard. If this original standard is in the past we must go back in history; if in the future we must wait for it to come. Compare the primitive, present and future worlds, what is the future world going to be like if things are always changing, processing and unable to stand still? If you have friends, parents or wives do you want them to be changing or unchanging? Which is more unique, eternal life or eternal love? Eternal love! What would be more precious life or love in changing human beings. "Absolute", should be absolute standard and measure. If we ask people who have passed away, "What is love"? What would they say? Thousands of years afterwards the answer would be just the same. To define the love that we are enjoying and what it is like, then we must find out what standard is good for today. Can we recognize it when we have found it? When you find this standard for today all must say yes!, in a unified answer. If there is an absolute being determining our course what would the definition of love be? If there is a God at all then we must define Him to be love. If we asked Him he would say that he wanted us to be objects of His love taking an absolute position -- like Him!!

The point of rise is if there is a God who favours you. The point of fall is if there is a God who does not favour you. God wants to have many large grains of diamonds. If you are above the standard of what God wants you to be then you will rise. If God loses these priceless diamonds then He will be sad. The point of rise or fall is also determined by how close we are to the things that we have. A puppy dog will know whether or not his master will love or hate him. He will sit and meditate all day long and leap up when he hears his masters voice. If his master hates him the puppy dog will run away and never come back even when his master calls to him. Love unites two beings into one. If a man is a loving person he is attracted to you, wants to be near you, and pour out his whole being to you. Hate is the opposite, it wants to take away from the other. God resembles us -- the same as us. To love God means to be one with Him. When we want to give Him all we have we are not losing anything because we are in Him. So the fundamental point of defining whether we rise or fall is love, which makes us different from each other. If in a nation all the people love each other horizontally and the president loves his people on all levels, then that nation is going to rise. If there is any other nation planning to attack that nation then they will be defeated and become the eternal foe. Even God will think of the nation as the enemy and will not be able to forgive them. Love is the eternal source of ultimate happiness; Satan is the very enemy of this love. A couple who love each other will attract all around them but if this couple are quarreling day after day their friends and neighbours will drive them away and all will be lost. What makes us rise or fall is love. What kind of love?

If any individual, family, tribe or nation can love each other vertically and horizontally then no others can dream of attacking that nation. What will God think? We must go out in search of that kind of love which however hard we searched for in the satanic world we did not find. We must find God - the eternal unchanging God. We must make the great discovery and realize the great revelation in finding God; a great and wonderful discovery! To make God our father is the goal for man. There can be no happiness greater than to find God. We must not just say this, but we of the Unification Church must live it. Only learning the Divine Principle will not make us like this because the Divine Principle will not be counted when the providence of restoration is accomplished - only intimate love. Which do you want? That goal is ours which we must accomplish. Would you have this love with you? Would you want this love to be with you? Love does not start from ourselves but from other men who are afraid to fall and desire to rise. To love that person as you would love God is the point that is the absolute standard to rise to. You cannot reach all the world, but if you love 10 people like this you have loved all the world. The more of such persons you have the more persons will come to you. Love will be expanded and broadened. Love the persons as you would love your own family and the more you do this the broader your horizon will be. That is the thing that God would have us do. Love will make us rise or fall so we should not sin with our eyes or mouth or any of our senses since this effects others. Good benefits others and will make the people rise. Evil will make other people fall, making other people unhappy. You might be jealous of other people who are loving. This is sinful and evil and will cause the other harm and make them sad. If you feel like singing because of the love between others this is good. If you find a person who is sitting, brooding and going through sadness you want to take away the other persons unhappiness. It will make the other person happy again. Jesus was like this to the whole of mankind when he said, "Come unto me all you that are heavily burdened and I will give you rest." This was a great love. Christianity never fell under with this type of attitude. Today, if Christianity had this attitude it would not go under or any other religion that teaches this attitude. The Unification Church must teach and do this at the cost of our life and win the world and future generations to our side. We must love others so much as to be willing to take care of their offspring. We must love a person on three levels: ancestors - past, descendents - future, and themselves - present. God is longing for the love of three generations centering on that person. If you love that person you will want to love three generations. This is the scope of God's love. When you look at a person you must look at him on three levels. By loving three generations you can reach the spiritual world, present world and the future world.

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