

America in God's Providence

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There will be no prosperous or peaceful world until people can sacrifice themselves for the benefit of all mankind. But there is no such nation sacrificing itself. Therefore, religion must sacrifice itself for the sake of God. That way God's ideal of one world can be reached. Religion in America must sacrifice all that it has to save America. That religion should not fight to multiply itself but should work to save the nation, sacrificing its own churches. If it works with such spirit, then that nation will eventually unite with that religion.

When this religion and its nation unite they will go forward to save the whole world, sacrificing themselves. For that position, the United States is the representative nation of the democratic world.

God purposed the United States to fulfill the mission of the sacrificial nation. Therefore, God sent to this land the Pilgrims, who risked everything and made such a great country in such a short period of time.

When the Pilgrims came to this country, they built first churches, then schools, and finally they built their own houses. The backbone of America's prosperity, the root of the development of the United States into a great nation, is the spirit which puts greater stress on the public purpose rather than the private purpose.

Nation must sacrifice for the World

The most important thing for any nation is that she sacrifice all things for the world and all mankind. From such a nation will come out a system developed from Jesus himself. The future ideal world will

begin from there. That nation will sacrifice her sovereignty for the benefit of the whole world.

The United States is far away from this position. The individual and individualism are good in balance, but if too much stress is put upon that way of thinking, everything collective and virtuous is lost the love of the nation, the brotherhood of the people, the family integrity, the relationship between parents and children- and finally even the value of individuals themselves. If all things are levelled, you become like hawks and blow where the wind blows. That is the reason there is no peace.

For America to stand in accordance with the providence of God there must be a new movement in America. Americans as individuals and America as a nation must follow the spirit of God and the truth of Jesus Christ and make this nation a foundation for the expression of God's ideal.

Where do we find such a new movement of spirit? I think there are many churches in America vacant or just attended by old people. There is no fire and no traditional spirit. That means that God has left these churches, and Jesus Christ has abandoned them. Through these churches the providence of God cannot be dispersed.

The church must find individuals that will sacrifice themselves for their families, sacrifice their families for the American nation, and sacrifice the United States for the world. The ideal that can lead the whole world must come from the spirit of sacrifice for the greater cause. For the benefit of the whole world, one nation must really give herself to pursue the one ideal world.

God is the God who has no nation which He can love. God is the One who has no family, no tribe, no individual whom He can love. Two thousand years ago, God sought such an individual, Jesus Christ. With him, with the tribe of the Israelites, and with the nation of Judah, He wished to establish a nation He could love.

But that nation looked after its own benefits, rather than seeking the good of the whole world. Therefore, the providence of God was spent, and He couldn't complete the restoration through His son. The people of Israel were devout believers in God. But they didn't think about God's will more than their own individual things, their own family things, their own tribal things, and their own national things. That's the reason why they could not understand Jesus.

God chose America as a nation playing the role of John the Baptist, and also the churches in America to play the role of preparing the way for the Lord to come. But America and her churches are thinking of their own benefits more than God's purpose. From God's viewpoint, if America cannot fulfill her mission, God must search for another nation.

Hope for America

So all the members of the Unification Church must sacrifice themselves, their families, their friends, and even the Unification Church itself, to establish such a nation which God can love.

America must go to the underdeveloped countries and the underdeveloped countries must follow America. In that way the whole world can survive and be united, even eternally.

In the center of that unity, God dwells. Then one peaceful, ideal world can exist.