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The Reason God began dividing Good and Evil within the Womb

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Bible reading: Romans 12:1-3 (KJV)

12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

³ For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Good morning everyone,

Today I'd like to speak to you on: the reason why God began his providence of dividing good and evil within the womb.

Today we are reading from Romans 12; this book, the letters to the Romans was written by the Apostle Paul. Before the Holy Spirit entered into Paul, he actually participated in the execution of the disciple Stephen, and when that happened he praised it. He said that was a good thing.

However once the Holy Spirit entered into him, he changed completely. In fact he wrote thirteen of the books of the Bible that we have today and each of the words given every time he wrote and every time he spoke has given inspiration to Christians throughout the ages.

Here in Romans 12:1 he says, *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice* - in other words that you worship God with your body.

Being a living sacrifice is not an easy thing; in fact it is extremely difficult for most people alive today. When people give a sacrifice they offer a great deal of sincerity and dedication preparing whatever it is they are sacrificing; but to make your own body a living sacrifice involves an incredible amount of dedication and sincerity.

Some of the words of Paul that I find especially inspiring are: "Even in the midst of tribulation, be joyful!" Paul must have been a person who was joyful even in the midst of tribulation. Then we must actually offer our bodies as a sacrifice to God and do so joyfully.

I'd like to remind you this morning that in the Old Testament age, those who understood God's will really put their lives on the line; they were prepared to put their lives on the line in order to follow God's will and be loyal to it.

For example if we study Jacob and his course, we see that he deeply understood the will of God and the providence that God was trying to fulfill on this earth. So after receiving God's blessing, he felt that he needed to continue God's generations.

This was not something that God could force him to do; this was something that Jacob had to do voluntarily. When his older brother Esau sold him the birthright, Jacob realized that he needed to leave his home because Esau wanted to kill him. He went into the land of Haran and stayed there 21 years; in spite of being deceived, in spite of many difficulties in Haran, he stayed there for 21 years.

We know how in Haran he wanted to marry Rachel, the younger daughter, but according to the customs of that land the older daughter Leah had to be married first so he wound up having to marry her and later Rachel. We also know how after 21 years he gathered his wives and a lot of property and returned to Esau.

So let's imagine what Jacob was thinking about in those 21 years. He knew that even though he was in Haran, he had his homeland and at some point he needed to return there. At some point he needed to return and restore that homeland back to God. For 21 years he was wondering how he could bring about the natural subjugation of his older brother Esau, not forcing Esau to submit to him but having Esau voluntarily surrender to him. He was all the time thinking how to do that, and finally after 21 years he succeeded.

When Jacob returned to his homeland he offered everything to his older brother; his thought was, "I don't need the women, I don't need this property. What I need is for Esau to welcome me and to recognize that he gave me the birthright."

It was quite incredible that Jacob was able to achieve this and that it could take place between his older brother and him. Jacob offered Esau everything and Esau welcomed him. And by doing this Esau was also able to enter into the realm of the chosen people of Israel.

This is how God's providence was able to continue through the generations; God's providence could eventually be victorious and we could have the liberation of God and humanity.

Externally it is very simple: Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of lentils, and Jacob purchased that birthright for a bowl of lentils, but what was happening behind it was the very deep and significant providence of God for the restoration of humanity. This is why the Old Testament refers to 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob', three generations together.

And then through Jacob's son Judah, a path was opened fully for God's providence to continue. Look at how God's providence was continued through Judah; it actually took place in a way that from a human point of view was completely immoral. But that is how God accomplished his providence.

And here we see the appearance of Tamar who was the daughter-in-law of Judah; she is one of the four women in the Bible who from the moral point of view are depraved. Tamar did

something that from the human point of view would be impossible- really impossible to imagine. She was a very faithful woman who prayed deeply about God's providence and understood that Judah's line needed to be continued; so she did what needed to be done in order to accomplish that. As a result Jesus could be born a descendant of Judah.

Tamar became pregnant; she had twins in her womb, and the twins were fighting. So she prayed to God, "Why is it that these twins are fighting in my womb?" and God responded, "You have twins, but these are not just twins fighting. They are actually two nations that are fighting and in the future the older will serve the younger."

God did not have any other choice but to begin the providence of restoration from within the womb. It was the only way that history could be brought to a victorious conclusion.

At that time the law was so that if a widow was to become pregnant she would be stoned to death or if any woman were to become pregnant with an illegitimate child, that woman would be stoned to death. In spite of this, Tamar realized that it was her position, and her responsibility to continue the birth line of Jacob's descendants who had received the birthright. So she put her life on the line in order to accomplish that.

Can you imagine the prayer that Tamar must have offered to God as she was about to do this? She must have said something like this, "God I need to continue the line that has been blessed, but in order to do that I have to commit something very immoral. Please forgive me, because this is the only way that I can carry it out."

She must have prayed, "God I don't care if I have to die, I don't care if I have to die tens of thousands of times, I don't care if people point their fingers at me and criticize me. All I want is for Judah to continue so that the blessing that you gave to this house, the blessing that you gave to this family, can be passed on down through the descendants."

Tamar was ready to die, and because of her dedication to God's will she was able to overcome the fear of death. She had an amazing attitude, and it was necessary for her to have this courage in order to succeed in continuing God's providence. This is how in the end God blessed Tamar, and this is how the house of Judah was able to begin. Through Tamar's action God was able to make it so that the failure of Cain and Abel was restored within the womb, and He could carry on his providence towards victory.

It was Tamar then who was able to bring on a situation where the original birthright that God truly wanted was able to appear in this world. The history of Israel was really able to begin from this point.

Suppose Tamar had failed, and then suppose Jesus had been born into this world; there would have been a condition for him to be attacked by Satan. There had to be this condition of victory within the womb in order for Jesus to be born as he was. As the result of that victory in the womb, there could God's first born and God's second born in this world.

We read in the Bible how one day when Judah was on his way to the vineyard, Tamar met him; she was dressed as a prostitute, she tempted him and had a relationship with him. That is how she became pregnant and had the twins.

Many people, many Christians especially, think of this incident in the Bible as something dirty and not holy, but Father focused on it a great deal; he talked about this a lot and educated us on it. Despite what people think, Tamar was a great woman, because it was through her action that the blood lineage could carry on which eventually could give birth to Jesus.

Tamar did not consider what would happen to her; she did not mind that people would criticize her, that she would be put in a shameful position. All she wanted was for God's providence to succeed. She knew that it was up to her to continue the line of Judah which had been blessed by God; that line could not end! She wanted to help God resolve through that line the resentment that He had in his heart; that is what she prayed for.

In order to restore this world, in order to bring about the lineage of God it was necessary for God to begin the restoration within the womb. It was because that condition of victory could be established in the womb that the foundation for history was also established.

Tamar was a living sacrifice of the kind Paul was speaking of in Romans 12, i.e. the kind of person that God needs who can serve God's providence.

This also teaches us the importance of lineage; people in the secular world do not understand the importance of lineage but in the Unification Church we understand that it is extremely important to maintain the pure lineage of God and to maintain the purity of that lineage.

So this morning let us remember Tamar! Let us have the same heart as hers, able to sacrifice anything even if we have to die tens of millions of times, only desiring for God's providence to succeed.

I wanted to express something from the time I first arrived here, and I was not able to say it until yesterday morning when I finally spoke about the Han mother; this morning I want to add one more point. The important thing to know is that Mother is going a different path from Father and what she has done has created a new religion- you could call it 'The only begotten daughter' religion.'

These days she proclaims that Christianity has been waiting 2,000 years for the appearance of the only begotten daughter. I have been a Christian ever since I was born and until now, but I have never heard anything about Christianity waiting for the only begotten daughter. Mother is under the misapprehension that this is the case and when she speaks to people these days, she says, "You must be very happy because you have now met the only begotten daughter that Christianity has been waiting for." That is a complete mistake on her part.

Father worked his entire life to establish Cheon IL Guk on this earth and he did that; he established CIG! Father established his successor, he established his representative body, he

established his inheritor. Not only that, but he prayed over this person, he crowned him three times. That's why he could say at the end before he left, "Everything is done; it is completed!"

Father did not do that as some kind of joke; he did not do that as something for a temporary time that would soon pass away. He did it in truth, and we need to accept this truth, we need to accept this reality. We cannot ignore this; we cannot just throw it away.

Let's have the heart of Tamar this morning; let's unite with that heart around Hyung Jin Nim, the 2nd King. Let's realize that it is our responsibility, and our position, to take this blessed lineage and spread it around the world. It needs to be planted in every country and in every place around the world so that it can continue on and on.

Thank you very much.

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