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Excerpt from Ministry Reading (The LS of Deuteronomy chapter 28): Moses Gathering to Him All the Elders of the Tribes and Their Officers That He Might Speak These Words and That He Might Call Heaven and Earth to Witness against Them

As Moses was about to depart, his heart was set on the children of Israel, but he was not at peace. Knowing that Israel would rebel against God, Moses repeated his charge again and again. He seemed to be saying to the people, "I do not have peace regarding you, and I do not have any trust in you. You rebelled many times while I was alive, and I am concerned that after I leave, you will rebel even more." Eventually, what Moses felt regarding the children of Israel became the fact, for, not too long afterward, they rebelled once again. Therefore, Moses, the elderly father, was right in his concern.

We need to remember that what is portrayed regarding Israel is a picture of us today. This picture shows us what we are. Since we are the same in nature as the children of Israel, their exposure is also our exposure. Many of us have been in the church life for years; we have heard messages and have read the Recovery Version. However, we should not have any trust in ourselves, because we have a rebellious nature, a rebellious being. We are a constitution of rebellion. Therefore, we surely need the Lord's mercy and grace.

Now we can understand that Moses, shortly before he was to die, was not at peace regarding the children of Israel. His final exhortation was actually a repetition of much that he had spoken before. In particular, he exhorted them not to turn away from Jehovah their God and go after other gods. He seemed to be telling them, "Do not forget what you are, and do not forget what Jehovah your God wants of you. Remember my charge to you and the word I have spoken to you. Every seven years this law should be repeated before you by the priests. In the seventh year, while you are enjoying the Feast of Tabernacles, you must listen to the words of this law."

Today we all need to realize that we are the same in nature as the children of Israel and should not have any trust in ourselves. We should not have any kind of assurance that, in ourselves, we are able to stand and remain in the church life. We may enjoy the Lord in the morning, but a few hours later we may rebel against Him. Since we do not have the guarantee that we can remain faithful to the Lord, let us constantly come back to Him and inhale Him, receiving Him as the word into our being.

Announcement:

1. District prayer meeting on the coming Tuesday 4/7 is scheduled at district prayer meeting on-line locations starting from 8 PM. We encourage the saints to separate time to attend.
2. Corporate pursuing of Life-study of Deuteronomy schedule: This week we will cover messages 27 and 28.
3. Saints: Let us continue to pray for the containment of COVID-19 in the US and around the world. May the Lord continue to protect our saints from fears and anxiety. May we all enjoy the Lord individually, in 2s and 3s and corporately. From 4/1, we had established a global prayer for 21 days, please dedicate time to pray.
4. During this time when all our meetings are conducted online, financial offerings to the church can be given by checks. You can 1) mail the check to the meeting hall, or 2) schedule a billpay from your bank to be mailed to the meeting hall, or 3) you can drop the check directly in the meeting hall's mailbox. Meeting Hall's address is 15 Seeley Ave., Piscataway, NJ 08854. Write your own unique 9-digit number as memo on the check. Serving brothers will still periodically serve to record and to deposit the offerings. If you have any questions, please contact Brother Yansong (732-325-7776), or Kyle (732-516-8471).

Meeting Attendance:

Small Groups (3/27~28): 175
Lord's Table (3/29): 151
Prayer Meeting (3/31): 61

Prayer Burdens:

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) -

For the US and for the whole earth

- a. Pray for the United States' confession and repentance.
- b. Pray for the healing of disease in the United States.
- c. Pray for medical workers who are on the front lines fighting against the disease.
- d. Pray that the US government at all levels can effectively lead the people to fight COVID-19.
- e. Pray for the development of a vaccine for the disease.
- f. Pray for people's conscientiously cooperation in quarantine
- g. Pray that the US will be filled with the gospel and the Americans will be saved.
- h. Praise God's divine nature and His care in prayer. Prase to be God.
- i. Pray for the cessation of the plague on the whole earth.
- j. Continue to pray for China.

For the church life

- a. Pray for all the saints not abandoning our own assembling together.
- b. Pray that saints can connect with each other even more intimately and mutually in smaller numbers by employing various online platforms.
- c. Pray that rather than retreating, isolating, or distancing ourselves, the saints will be more aggressive to pray and fellowship by two's and three's during the week.
- d. Pray that we would turn the limitations in an adverse environment into opportunities to shepherd and build up one another and the church.
- e. Pray that more will pick up the burden to contact the weak and dormant members and reconnect them to the Body.
- f. Pray that the saints would rise up these days to spend much more time before the incense altar.

24 HR/21 DAYS GLOBAL PRAYER (4/5~4/11 DAILY PRAYER BURDEN)

DAY 5 (LD): PRAYER FOR THE PANDEMIC

For the current worldwide pandemic to be stopped, for the Lord to lead and guide all those working toward that end, and for Him to uphold all those who are rendering aid to the afflicted (Num. 16:46-48; 2 Sam. 24:25).

DAY 6 (MON): PRAYER FOR THE GOSPEL

For the white horse of the gospel to run and for the long-suffering God to lead men to repent, to turn to Him and believe the gospel according to His desire that all men be saved (Rev. 6:1-2; Rom. 2:4; Acts 26:20; Mark 1:15; 1 Tim. 2:4a).

DAY 7 (TUE) : PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED, OPPRESSED, & SUFFERING

For the God of all grace to comfort, perfect, and establish the brothers and sisters throughout the world, especially those who are persecuted, oppressed, and suffering deprivation and trials (1 Pet. 4:12-14; 5:9-10).

DAY 8 (WED) : PRAYER FOR THE DORMANT, WAYWARD, & BACKSLIDDEN

For the dormant believers to be enlivened, the wayward Christians to be recovered, and the backslidden saints to be restored to the Lord and to the fellowship of the church (Eph. 5:14; James 5:19; Gal. 6:1).

DAY 9 (THU) : PRAYER FOR THE SCATTERED BELIEVERS

For the scattered believers to see the heavenly vision of God's eternal purpose, to be stirred up in their spirits to seek the deeper things of Christ and God's building, and to take the way of God's New Testament economy (Acts 9:2, Acts 26:19; Ezra 1:5; Ezek. 36:24).

DAY 10 (FRI) : PRAYER FOR ONE ACCORD

For all the churches to be in a prevailing one accord, glorifying our God and His Christ with one mouth to bring forth the reality of the one new man (Rom. 15:6; Col. 3:10-11).

DAY 11 (SAT) : PRAYER FOR THE CHURCHES

For the Lord to strengthen, uphold, and prosper the churches in every country in His recovery as the testimony of Jesus (Acts 16:5; Eph. 1:19; Col. 1:11; Rev. 1:9).

Report (2020 Spring ITERO Summary)

During the past weekend, the Lord released a timely word to the responsible brothers during the 2020 Spring ITERO. The general subject was "The Will of God". A summary of the burden from the eight messages are as follows:

- We were encouraged to see that God is administrating all things in the universe, including this current situation related to the health crisis, for the fulfillment of His eternal will which is to head up all things in Christ through the church as the Body of Christ.
- We need to know and participate in God's will, which is a great and lofty will, by growing up into Christ in all things.

Another way for us to participate and cooperate with God's will is to pray for His will to be done on the earth. Our prayers must originate from God Himself – the most effective prayers are those that express His desire and intention, which are an issue of our

- abiding in the Lord and of His words abiding in us.

In this way, we can live a life that is according to God's heart and will. We need to be just like David who was a man according to

- God's heart, who did the will of God, and served his own generation by the counsel of God.

As we are living such a life, we are being sanctified which is for the divine sonship, making us the same as God in life and nature

- but not in the Godhead.

- In addition, we are doing the will of God in the kingdom of God under the government of God.

As we are doing the will of God, we realize that His will is actually the Father's will and we can learn from Christ who lived a life caring for nothing but the will of the Father. Christ is also the only who is able to fully submit to the Father's will. We eventually

- realize that to experience true rest is to simply take the Lord's will.

The result is that our meetings are for one thing – to know and to do the will of God. Since the will of God is in Christ, we do God's will through exhibiting the Christ that we have experienced and enjoyed in our daily life.

As we hear these words spoken under the current environment, we all need to realize that God's only intention and desire is for the fulfillment of His eternal will. May we not be foolish but understand the will of God, redeeming our time by seizing the opportunities given to gain Christ. May we also cooperate with Him through our prayers, praying for His will to be done on this earth.