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Sunday 1st Message

Discipline in which All Have Participated

Heb 12:1-8

After original sin occurred and humanity became separated from God, God gave us a promise. The Bible records this promise; therefore, this promise cannot be found anywhere outside the Bible. Consequently, if we understand the Bible correctly, we will find the answer to life, and if we live according to that answer from then on, God will work in our lives exactly as that answer describes. This is the path by which humanity can escape the curse of original sin and defeat Satan, who works behind the scenes of original sin.
When this truth catches one's eye and is truly discovered, that person will live a life that transcends and enjoy the authority to remain unshaken no matter what happens. Last week, we received the word to listen to God's voice and act in accordance with his word. When we follow God's word, this promise of God is fulfilled. And that promise always brings about miracles that transcend the world and enables us to overcome all the curses of original sin.
The three fundamental problems arising from original sin are: Separation from God, Sin, and Satan. The three offices of Christ - Prophet, Priest, and King - resolve these three problems. Therefore, when we understand that the Lord is our eternal Prophet, Priest, and King, we have the answer to original sin. Our lives are designed to be lived according to this answer. We can start anew today. If we wage war against Satan through these three offices, the three fundamental problems will inevitably be overcome.
Since Satan is at work 24 hours a day, we too can wage war 24 hours through these three offices of Christ. All we have to do is wage war, because the Lord has already won the victory. We will never be defeated. The gates of hell can never overcome us.
That is why Matthew 11:30 says, "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." This is because the Lord will do it all. The important thing is for me to discover this. If I live according to the three offices of Christ, God will provide his time schedule. God has promised that if I pray with this desire, he will answer. I hope this will be a day of new beginnings.

1. **Discipline in which All Have Participated**
    1) The word "discipline" has a different meaning than a curse or a punishment. It refers to a father using the rod of love to set his son on the right path. Therefore, verse 5 says, "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him," and verse 6 says, "For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." These are the words found in Proverbs 3:11-12.
    2) And in verse 8 of today's passage: "If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons." God used very strong words to express just how much he loves us. Thus in verse 7, "It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?"
    3) Sometimes, when we face trials and difficulties, if we pray, God answers our prayers and guides us to a better path. Almost without exception, once we have overcome those difficulties, we feel grateful and come to enjoy an even better answer. This is God's promise found in the gospel.
    4) There will be many instances when we cannot tell whether such difficulties have come as God's discipline for our wrongdoing or simply as a result of our own mistakes. However, the outcome is always the same. Without exception, those difficulties and trials are transformed into blessings, and afterward, our eyes are opened more clearly, we enter more deeply into the covenant, we live in a better spiritual realm, and we live a life of greater answers of world evangelization. In this way, we continually enjoy the realm of transcendence.
    5) This phenomenon occurs in exactly the same way for everyone, regardless of the issue. The reason is that this is the nature of God's promise. Because it is a word of promise, it is unconditional and happens according to it. Anticipating that we might not fully understand, the Bible explains this using many examples.

6) This week's core message included the following points. The first message was about what to do on "Ordinary Days". It spoke of things to do in advance, before a crisis strikes. It explained that if you build a bartizan first and enjoy it, the answers will be shown in advance. Therefore, the message is to enjoy the bartizan as part of your daily life.
7) The second message was "Today". The message was that although many problems arise today, they are all part of the journey - that is, the process. Therefore, he said to find answers quickly to every problem, because if left unresolved for too long, they become spiritual problems. He also said that every difficulty becomes a path. He even said that death becomes a beginning.
8) And the third point was about "Days without an answer". He mentioned these were more important days and explained that they are days for setting guideposts. He cited the examples of Joseph's time in prison and Moses' 40 years in the wilderness of Midian. He explained that those were not times without answers, but rather processes of establishing significant historical guideposts. He also noted that even when the door to Asia was closed, God opened the door to Macedonia. I hope we can all have this assurance. All of our difficulties, including discipline, are merely part of the process of complete reversal.
9) There is no need to debate whether the difficulties I am facing right now are God's discipline, my own fault, or due to some other reason. Simply put, every problem is a turning point. The fact is that every curse of fate is a process leading to a blessing. If what is happening to me is God's discipline, it will certainly end in a blessing; and even if it isn't if we hold fast to the covenant, pray, and repent, God will heal every situation and bring about a complete reversal.
10) For this, the Lord died on the cross. This is our covenant. The precious blood of Christ crushes the serpent's head. It reverses every fate and curse. It breaks the authority of original sin and enables us to enjoy liberation and conquest. On the day they applied the blood of the Lamb, they were set free from slavery. The precious blood of Christ is liberation from every form of slavery. This is the only answer.
11) On that day, God struck down all the firstborn in Egypt and killed all the firstborn of the livestock as well. A tremendous wailing arose throughout Egypt, and even the king's eldest son was killed without exception. This speaks to God's authority, which makes no distinctions. It also tells us that all the gods of Egypt were punished.
12) God will give his word to those who enjoy this covenant. This is because God fulfills his word for those who enjoy the gospel. Thus, the doors of life and evangelism are opened. If you follow the word he has given, you will find the answer that awaits you there and meet the people he has prepared. I hope you will not be discouraged by God's discipline, but will repent and hold fast to the covenant once again. Then, as he has promised, God will accomplish all things in our lives.
13) Please confirm this once again. We are God's church, built upon the rock. Therefore, the gates of hell will never prevail against us. Because he has given us the keys to the kingdom of heaven, we can open every door in heaven and on earth. And the precious blood of Christ crushes the head of Satan and breaks the authority of original sin. Since Satan is still at work today, all we need to do is, even today, hold fast to the covenant. I bless you in the name of the Lord that amazing answers may come upon you as the word through today's worship.