

# Vision of Praise

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*From the editor*

This time we would like to share with you the message "Love Unlimited" written by Peter Shimada in 2005.

God wishes for all of us to know the reality of His love in praise! May God heal you, your city, and your people.

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## Love Unlimited

Peter

When the *Revelation praises* first began to flood upon us, I was astounded to say the least. I knew that Mitsuko was receiving beautiful tunes from above, but it was somewhat "private concerts" for herself. Having no talent to write musical notes, she was simply enjoying celestial tunes by herself.

The night of January 16, 2000, however, changed all that. On that night, Mitsuko brought to the office a piece of music, which she had recorded on her telephone answering machine. A staff worker then transcribed it on a musical sheet. Though it was late at night, a few workers came into the room and began to sing, "Holy, Alleluia," which was taken from Revelation.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! (Revelation 4:8)

Immediately, we knew that the celestial praise had descended directly from the throne. It was so pure and

transcendent that one worker pulled the curtains and peeked outside to see if she was still on the earth. When we came to ourselves, it was past midnight. The day has just turned into January 17, the sad anniversary of the Great Hanshin Earthquake which had taken more than 6,000 lives five years before and whose memories still haunt us who had survived the tragic morning.

Thus started the great outpouring of *Heavenly Praises*. For Mitsuko, every verse in the Bible has a melody. She does not labor to produce music; she hears tunes just as naturally as she breathes the air. Since the initial group of the *Heavenly Praises* was born from the words in the book of Revelation, they were called the *Revelation praises*. We could not help feeling reverent to the very fact that on the anniversary of the Earthquake the first *Revelation praise* was born.

The book of Revelation was foreign to Mitsuko. She used to say, “Though I believe in the end time because it is written in the Bible, I do not really understand it.” I do not think it a mere coincidence that it was the *Revelation praises* when the Lord brought forth Mitsuko’s private concert to an open theater. The time has come. The world is approaching rapidly to the appointed time with the Lord God. The earth is aflame. The praises, which have been resounding in a hidden place, are now to be pronounced on the top of mountains and echo through streets. The world and the whole creation shall know it now.

I do not mean to threaten or scare you with a message on the wrath of God. I am no doom sayer. However, it is my sincere belief that now is God’s visiting hour upon the whole earth, for salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed (Romans 13:11).

Contrary to our fearful premonition, the *Revelation*

*praises* has opened our eyes to a new reality of God's love. There are many destructive words in the book for sure. Even without biblical warnings, we cannot help noticing that we are facing the most serious crisis in human history. The earth is warming and natural disasters are too great and too numerous. Fears for terrorism and ethnic hatred are boiling up in the global scale.

Are they the signs of the end time? Perhaps so. Great news is, however, that the Lord God has brought forth the *Revelation praises* for our dispensation, so that we may see His glory and mercy as lovingly and kindly as possible.

The judgment seat of Christ is not to denounce you to the hell, but to engulf you in His love. The *Revelation praises* followed by all other *Heavenly Praises* have illuminated the depth of the redeeming love of Christ.

Paul says:

For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fulness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him, according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of his will, we who first hoped in Christ have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:9-12)

Now is such a time. We are to witness God's grand plan for the redemption to be fulfilled. The heaven and the earth shall be united into one. The darkness shall be brought into the light, and two shall be reconciled in Christ. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with

the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them, as the prophet Isaiah had foreseen in the ancient time.

The *Revelation praises* is slightly ahead of the time, the fruit of the Spirit's reaping work on the earth. The Holy Spirit in a shape of the *White Dove* came to Mitsuko in December 3, 1987. It is a sign of the time for us to prepare and call upon the whole world to receive the Glory of all glories, the King of kings.

I am the first one to admit that I have little understanding of what God's judgment will be. As the *Heavenly Praises* float in my heart, however, I have come to be at peace with it, for I have discovered the Love unlimited. This God shall never leave you nor forsake you, for He is nothing but pure Love.

Since the first *Revelation Praise*, I have been convinced that the Lord has given us the *Heavenly Praises* not only to show a sign of the end time but also to heal the injured earth and its helpless people. The praises are a divine instrument to rescue the dying earth.

Natural disasters may increase globally according to biblical prophecies, but we are not to stand still watching this beautiful planet the Lord God has created being destroyed and ruined. As far as I am concerned, I would not argue over an unhealthy dogma that Christians should not pray to prevent God's judgment and bend His destined plan of destruction of the earth. As for me, I feel grateful that the Lord teaches me to pray that His will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. I give thanks to God for His mercy and for opening my eyes to behold God's glorious reality even in disasters and tragic events. I believe wholeheartedly that all things work for good in the divine dimension, and that the

secret of life is to see them through the eyes of Jesus.

Why has God entrusted us with the *Heavenly Praises*? Are they just for us to enjoy? Far from it. The extraordinary gifts are for the extraordinary time. The *White Dove* of the Holy Spirit has come to rescue the earth with a healing power under her wings. I firmly believe that the *Heavenly Praises* have a mighty healing power, even to control gigantic magma underneath. Destructive forces of earthquakes are to be reduced in the name of the Lord. The *Heavenly Praises* are the very instrument to do just that.

Beyond the cloud of disasters on the horizon, I see God's mercy and His love. Even in the middle of an earthquake, I see His compassion for all creatures. And I see all human histories to be consummated in the redemptive love of Christ.

The volume is called "The Best of *Heavenly Praises*," representing the most popular praises among 1,000 pieces so far. May the peace of God be all over the earth.

*Pax Domini*

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