

From the editor

This time, we'd like to share with you Pastor Peter's message for the worship service in New York on April 15, "Healing through the Cosmic Worship."

Healing through the Cosmic Worship

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We last visited New York in 2003. The eerie feeling of the aftermath of 9.11 was still in the air; sadness was hovering over the Ground Zero. Eleven years have passed. Coming back to this great city in 2014, I feel strongly the scripture coming to my mind, pointing to the next stage of the Spirit:

Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. (Romans 13:11 RSV)

It denotes God's special time for now. I have become convinced that we are the generation to see this scripture coming to its fruition.

We may have much tribulation and hardship, but in the end God's promise shall be fulfilled. As for me, God's end-time promise is not only about calamities and disasters, but about a far more important aspect. It must denote the completion of Christ's redemption. The nearer the marked point is, the more abundant the healing stream becomes. Yes, salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

According to Greek, to “save” is equivalent to “heal.” When Jesus healed the sick, He often said, “Your faith has saved you.” You can see that God’s saving grace is His healing grace.

Everything has two aspects. Seeing a hideous destruction such as 9.11 in New York, our carnal mind despairs, “Oh, this is hell. No hope is left for the world.” Seeing the same thing, however, our spiritual mind perceives something new, “Oh, God’s great salvation is so near now.” The future depends on our perception. Surely I see hideous calamity and darkness in our surrounding world, but I see a much deeper and higher dimension prepared by the Lord. God’s divine salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

The Apostle Paul talks about the end-time reality.

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.

(Ephesians 1:9-10 RSV)

The entire cosmo will be summed up and capsuled in Jesus Christ. Nothing escapes from the light of Christ. It includes not only human beings, but also the rest of the creation. It denotes not only the space concept, but the time concept as well. One of the most unique English translations is by J. B. Phillips who reads, “all human history shall be consummated in Christ.”

Indeed, everything in space and time will be judged and exposed in the light of Christ.

Everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.

(Ephesians 5:13-14 NRSV)

As you can see, the judgment by Christ is to receive the healing light of God.

The salvation history will be consummated in Christ. It is, I tell you, reaching to its highest point now. And I tell you that the time has come to bring forth the healing light of Christ not only to the visible world, but to the invisible world as well.

I had this conviction when I first believed in Christ decades ago. However, I restrained myself from mentioning it in public, because I was afraid of criticism. Finally, in our Summer Retreat 2008, I decided to give out this message, and declared it straight, for I sensed the time was full.

It is this: The time for true worship has come. We shall worship the living Christ together with the souls in heaven. I believe that it is the fullness of time when the divine plan prepared by God before the foundation of the world has finally been realized. I call it *Cosmic Worship*, in which we on the earth worship the Lord God together with the souls in the invisible world.

For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Philippians 2:9-11 NAS)

“Those who are in heaven” indicates, I believe, all angelic beings and redeemed souls.

“Those who are on earth” means you and me, all visible souls.

Then who are “those under the earth”?

They are the ones whom Christian churches traditionally have refused to admit into the kingdom of God. Churches have banned anyone from peeking into so-called “the gray area.” However, I sincerely believe that the time has come to invite them to the redeeming grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Together with them, we worship the Lord God. This is the hour of the *Cosmic Worship*.

When we had a praise tour in Spain in October, 2013, we encountered the most dramatic affirmation of the *Cosmic Worship*.

It was during the rehearsal before the concert at Santa Maria del Mar Church, Barcelona. When we had held the concert there three years before, in spite of the church’s grand structure, our praise had resounded beautifully all through the cathedral. This time, however, the rehearsal was not able to produce the same effect. Mitsuko, being a producer, tried several ways adjusting the standing positions of the choir, but to no avail. Puzzled, she went behind the altar, which was the back stage of the choir. Look what she saw!

There she saw hundreds of people in a black-hooded mantle crouching, absorbing the sound of praise! Literally they did absorb the *heavenly praise*! No wonder that the sound did not go forward to the front audience. Behind the altar, we had another audience earnestly listening, or rather absorbing every single note of praise. To attend the concert

and absorb its divine hymn was, I believe, salvation for their souls.

When Mitsuko reported what was happening, I understood the situation immediately. As for me, this was nothing but a confirmation of what the Spirit had been telling me for some time: The dead shall worship the Redeemer together with us in the eschatological age.

The concert was a great success. The sound of praise echoed throughout the entire cathedral just like the previous time. Upon returning to Japan, I did my own research and found out the hidden intention God had prepared for us to find out. I learned that these figures in a black-hooded mantle were the victims of the religious persecution during the Middle Ages, especially of the infamous Spanish Inquisition. To our surprise, Santa Maria del Mar Church in Barcelona was the central stage of that inhumane trial. There hundreds and thousands of souls were tortured and executed.

I do not know exactly why the victims of the Inquisition appeared in our praise concert, but I believe that our praise presented God's healing and salvation for the souls who had been buried in the darkness for ages. Absorbing the *heavenly praise*, they were brought up to the light of God. Those who were dead now had the chance to receive Christ's salvation.

An *interpretation* that Mitsuko received shortly before the inauguration of the Church of the Wind in 2008 has now come to my mind:

*I have been waiting for the time and the place
for those in heaven to worship together
with those on earth.*

At last, the time has arrived.

It is not a new revelation. Jesus prophesied this 2000 years ago:

Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

(John 5:25 NRSV)

For centuries Christian churches have held the doctrine of eternal insecurity, meaning that the souls who failed to believe in Christ and never received Christian baptism prior to their departure are eternally lost and never have a chance for salvation.

No, that is not so. It is neither biblical nor spiritual. The scripture clearly announces that the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. I did not fabricate it. It is right there in the Word of God.

The Spirit of God is confirming the truth that the dead will come to the light of Christ and be saved. They are not only saved, but also worship the Lord God together with us. This is the *Cosmic Worship*.

Shortly after Mitsuko received the visitation of the *White Dove* in 1987, she saw a vision of the Great River. The river had abundant water, and its current was rapid. Somehow she understood that this was the river of God's salvation. In the middle of the river, she saw rocks parting the water. The rocks symbolized those who refused Christ's salvation. She asked the Lord:

What will happen to them? They are rejecting You.
Are they lost forever?

Then the Voice spoke tenderly:

*Do you think that the water of My salvation
will avoid them?*

No! Even a most obstinate soul I will not refuse.

*The water of My salvation will cover
all the rocks in due time.*

My love is eternal.

The hour is now. In the name of Jesus Christ I declare that the dead will hear the voice of the Redeemer and they shall worship the Lord God together with us. We shall then be made one in the *Cosmic Worship*.

I cannot tell you the whole scope of the *Cosmic Worship*, for I myself know only a portion of the heavenly worship. However, I know that its effect is immense on the earth.

Only last week, I came across the intriguing testimony:

A woman who regularly attends worship service at the Church of the Wind in Ashiya found herself developing breast cancer. The doctor advised her to remove the tumor by an operation with no time lost. She was depressed, needless to say, and had much prayer. In one particular Sunday worship as she was seated in a pew, she sensed someone laying a hand on her breast. She perceived it was the hand of Carol, a staff worker who had departed to heaven a few years before. Carol herself had suffered from cancer.

Carol has become a helping hand of Christ! What a great revelation it was to the ailing woman! Suddenly she felt the rays of healing being lavished on her. A few days later, the doctor found out that she no longer had a trace of cancer.

Does the incident tell that a departed soul becomes a

helping hand of the Lord in this side of the eternity? I believe so. The healing resource is nowhere but in the Redeemer, and I believe that He uses many helping hands in heaven to pour out His healing light on the created life.

One thing is certain. The *Cosmic Worship* has opened a new dimension of Christ's salvation. We are now standing on the threshold of God's great healing stream. The Lord is calling us, the flock of praise, to be filled in the Spirit and hold genuine spiritual worship. The Lord, who has sought worshippers in spirit and truth, is delighted to see true worshippers here on this side and there on the other side.

Together with the heavenly people, we shall be engaged in the healing works not only in the visible world, but also in the invisible world.

The earth, threatened by the global warming, is our target of prayer. She shall receive much healing through the *Cosmic Worship*.

We are commissioned to heal the earth. We are the children of God, the true peace-makers and the salt of the earth, aren't we?

So then, my brothers, shall we not radiate God's healing light upon all troubled spots on the earth through the *Cosmic Worship*?

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