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Vision of Praise

From the editor

This month, we will share Mitsuko's message "I Am on the Same Way with You" given in Hawaii last February.

I Am on the Same Way with You

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I am happy to be here in Hawaii again. To be honest with you, it is difficult for me to deliver a message in English. The only thing I could do was to pray to the Lord for help. While flying to Honolulu, I prayed to the Lord, "Help me. Without Your help, I cannot speak even a word." Then I must have fallen asleep because I had a dream. Amazingly in the dream I was speaking in English to many people in Hawaii. It was the story about my encounter with the Lord:

Thirty years ago, I met God. Before meeting God, I was so-so happy, but I was not as happy as I wished. I was looking for something real, something important and powerful to make me feel truly happy. I didn't know what it was, nor whether it existed or not.

One day, on December 3, 1987, Jesus came to me. (This was what I said in the dream. Actually on December 3, 1987 the Holy Spirit hit me in New Jersey, and struck me down onto the ground.) Right at that moment, I realized I was forgiven because the word "forgiven" pierced through

my body.

Yet intellectually I didn't understand what it meant. What is forgiven? Why am I to be forgiven, what in me was forgiven, and who forgave me? Although I didn't understand the meaning of forgiveness intellectually, I was filled with an overwhelming joy, which I had never experienced before in my life.

Since that day, my new life has started. One of the most amazing things that happened to me was healing. First it came to me. The pain in my lower back, which I had suffered for more than ten years, soon disappeared, and all other physical problems were gone. I was healed.

Then healing went to my children, my family, my friends, and many others. Through the healing, I could no longer doubt the love of Jesus. Having encountered the Lord and witnessing healing, I realized that God wants everyone to believe in Him, and that He wishes everyone to be truly happy.

I am happy because I can now say that I have found the true joy of life. Not only the physical problems but also my uneasiness, sorrow and loneliness were not in me any longer. Yes, sometimes they come back, but no longer bother me. I can say it is okay even if they are still in me.

My message in the dream ended here because there was an in-flight announcement, "Good morning everyone! . . ." and all the lights were turned on.

It was just a dream, but very real and vivid. Through the dream I came to know that in Hawaii the Lord wanted me to speak about the encounter with Him and about His plan and His wish. (It was a very shortened version of my testimony. I wrote my encounter with Jesus in a fourvolume book "The White Dove," which has been translated into English. Each volume is 400 pages, so you see it is a very long story.)

This is the 30th year of my encounter with the Lord. It was such a great joy to encounter Him and to realize His love and His wish, which is for us to receive the joy of being forgiven and the deep joy of being healed. And He has given us the way not to lose the joy, but to increase it and keep it in our life. That is worship.

At the beginning I did not know what the worship is, but now I believe that God's plan is in the worship as it is written in Ephesians 1:10.

With a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. (Ephesians 1:10 NAS)

As a plan for the fulness of time, to unite all things in in him, things in heaven and things on earth. (Ephesians 1:10 RSV)

In my words, God's plan is to unite heaven and earth as one through Jesus Christ. That means those in heaven, on earth, under the earth, and in the sea, all creation are united in worship. When all creation are worshipping the Lord in one, His plan will be accomplished. The love of Jesus will be perfected on the earth. This is described in the Revelation chapter 5:

And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever." (Revelation 5:13 NAS)

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all therein, saying, "To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!"

(Revelation 5:13 RSV)

Some words in the New American Standard Bible are different from the Revised Standard Version. For example, while RSV says "in the sea," NAS says "on the sea," but I think the meaning is the same. Although I don't exactly know what "things in the sea" means, I think it indicates "all creation," visible and invisible. All things in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea are praising God, praising the One who sits on the throne and the Lamb slain. This Lamb is Jesus.

In 2012, we had worship here in Hawaii after an absence of seven years. During that worship I heard a voice, "The time has moved." And five months prior to it at the Church of the Wind in Japan, Pastor Peter declared that the time of Cosmic Worship had begun.

At that time the meaning of those words was not clear, but now I understand, however imperfectly, that we have entered a new time of worship. We call this worship by all created things "Cosmic Worship." Cosmic Worship is the worship which is planned and desired by God. Even before that year, mysterious things were happening in worship. Some saw deceased parents coming to worship, and some felt an invisible warm hand touch their sick part. We believed people from heaven were joining us. However, we were not as sure as now. After the declaration of Cosmic Worship and after the voice that the time had moved, it became clearer and clearer. The more our eyes are opened to God's plan and His wish in the Cosmic Worship, the more the Cosmic Worship will be accomplished.

As I said, when Jesus came to me, which was when the Holy Spirit struck me, I felt I was forgiven. At that time, I did not understand what it was. Three years later I found that it was the forgiveness of sin. Sin does not mean to do wrong things; sin is not to know God and not to put God first in all situations. So, having been forgiven, healed and given joy, I was renewed in a sense. I believe I was restored.

Cosmic Worship starts from individual healing and individual joy, and goes toward healing and joy of the whole Body. As we dedicate the Cosmic Worship and worship God in one spirit and truth in one accord (I cannot find proper words to express), His wish will be done both in heaven and on earth.

I would like to share with you what happened after the Sunday worship last month. After worship as always we had a prayer time, and Pastor Peter and I prayed for newcomers or those who had not yet believed in Jesus Christ. One woman came to us to ask for prayer. When we prayed, she confessed, "I believe in Jesus Christ." Then she wanted to be baptized. While praying, I felt someone standing beside her, and I found a gentleman in a blue jacket standing right next to her with very affectionate eyes. "Oh, he must be her father," I thought, and asked her, "Your father is in heaven?" She responded, "Yes, I lost my father. At the same time I lost all my hope to live." She was crying. Pastor Peter said, "Your father is worshipping God here with you." Then I heard the gentleman in a blue jacket saying to her, "I am on the way. I am with you." I understood that he was on the same way with her daughter.

In that Sunday worship one scripture was introduced. It was Jesus' word "I am the way, the truth and the life. (John 14:6 NAS)" The man standing beside her must have said, "I am on the same way walking with you." And after her baptism, he was here with many people in worship. I did not know who they were. They may have been his friends, relatives and family.

"On the way" has another meaning. I understand this gentleman, her father, was going to join worship with his friends and the people he brought with him. "We are heading toward the worship together with you." And after this incident, I thought I would have to speak about this in Hawaii in the coming month. I don't know why, but perhaps here are some who are pained, having lost parents or friends. Now that Cosmic Worship is opened, people who returned to heaven earlier, those in heaven and those on earth can worship together. They are worshipping together with us now. In the worship last month I heard the Lord saying to those who are wounded and in pain:

Wounded ones are entrusted with binding prayer. I will give you binding prayer. I have given binding prayer to the wounded ones.

When the Lord says I will give you, or have given you, the binding prayer, both are the same, because that is His will. So we the people on the earth are entrusted with the task to bind people to people, people to the Lord, and heaven to the earth.

Those who bind and those who are bound are both in His healing. They both are healed, and I believe they are in His salvation.

Lord Jesus Christ, thank You for Your presence. We give all our thanksgiving to You, Amen.

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