

The Divine Principle

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PREFATORY NOTE

It is a great honour for me to translate the Principles into English. The Principles were revealed from God to Mr. S. M. Moom over a period of twenty years. God constantly opened his spiritual eyes, and he was able to communicate with God Himself, our Lord Jesus, and other saints in Paradise as he would talk to men.

He is the only man I know who knows thoroughly the purpose of God's whole providence and the past, present, and future of mankind, and the life of Jesus in detail that is not written in the Gospels. He knows the structure of Paradise, Hell, the world of spirits, and the mysteries of the heavenly world and Satan's secrets. These Principles are part of the revelations he received. He knows they are quite revolutionary compared with the Christian doctrines of existing churches. It is a Divine obligation imposed on him to publish and present them to God's people world-wide. He touches the spheres no philosophers ever reached. He freely treats the problems which no theologians have solved.

The singular characteristics of the Principle are as follows; First, some of them have been approved and testified as true revelation from God by others whose spiritual eyes are open. These days many others receive the revelations contained in the Principles. Second, those who doubted the Principles took them to God in prayer. They received answers affirming and approving them to be

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of God. Third, on accepting these Principles many have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, healing from sickness, speaking in tongues, interpretation, prophecy, visions, voices from God and some are able to communicate with the Lord Jesus. Many of them receive revelations concerning the Second Advent of Jesus, and the future of the Christian church and mankind.

I am sure this book will raise a great controversy in the theological world, but its message will enlighten Christians who seek a new revelation for this age. Mr. Moon is one of the mighty leaders in the spiritual Christian movements here.

In this translation I found the utmost difficulty in conveying the sense of the specific terminology used in Korean. I am conscious of my limitations in English and think the task is worthy of a better translation. I was diffident about accepting this great responsibility lest I should fail to convey to the readers the true meaning and depth of truth, but they are so precious that I wish to share them with all seekers after truth all over the world. This reason alone has been my motive in undertaking this task. It is my earnest prayer that God's will may be done through the presentation of this message.

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INTRODUCTION

The truth of God is eternal, unchangeable, and unique. The words of the Scriptures are the means to convey to man the truth of God. As the means the words should differ according to the degree of the moral standard, intellectual level, and spiritual depth of the people of each age to whom the words are spoken. Jesus did not say that his words were the way, the truth and the life, but said He himself was the way, the truth, and the life. The words are not truth itself but the means to convey the truth.

God has been telling his eternal, unchangeable, and unique truth in different terms as time progresses. This is the reason why the words God spoke in the Old Testament Age were different from those of the New Testament Age. In olden times people were so simple that they could acknowledge God's reality through nature. To

then God commanded offerings through which they might approach to God. Then as man's intelligence progressed God gave the Mosaic Law that man might come to God by observing it. When Jesus came he abolished the Mosaic Law in reality and provided a new way to God. Namely, man could approach to God, simply, by faith in Jesus.

Today science has progressed to its utmost degree. Man of the twentieth century will no longer affirm anything without scientific proof or logical basis. Modern man can no longer be forced by a blind faith. A firm faith must be based on sure knowledge. Although the ancient people could realize God through natural phenomena, people of today can explain them away scientifically. Therefore it is impossible to explain God's reality by the same means and methods as two thousand years ago. Christians today use the same means and method to explain the reality of God while man's knowledge and life have progressed to its utmost degree. This is the reason why modern churches are failing to make people realize God. It is also the reason why religious reformation or revolution takes place from time to time. As man's intelligence develops the clothes of truth must also be changed. Christian truth must be taught to modern people by the means that fit the mind of modern man. After Jesus' ascension the Book of Revelation was given and it has been fulfilled except the last few chapters. Today they are being fulfilled. Certainly God should have new means and methods to let us know his eternal truth for today.

For twenty centuries theologians and Biblical scholars have worked and devout Christians

have prayed to know the real meaning of the Word.

And it should be said that their works have reached as high peaks as human effort could. We now should confess there is no hope of finding now things by the usual methods. Nevertheless now things must come out and this is the earnest desire that the men of today have in common.

Most parts of the Scriptures are written in parables and symbols and they are interpreted variously by individuals, sects and denominations. Thus the division of churches and confusion of Christian thoughts are intensified more and more. At the last day a fundamental truth or meaning of the Word must be revealed. Otherwise there will never be unity in Christian churches.

All other religions are provided by God that every one may be saved. Therefore every religion has two essentials of salvation, which are, to acknowledge God and to refrain from doing evil because it is against God. Therefore all other religions have a certain degree of truth. At the last day the highest and central truth of God must appear within the Christian church, and it must include all the truths contained in other religions. As long as there is no unity or unification in Christian churches there will be no unity or unification of religions. As long as there is no unity or unification of religions there will never be eternal peace in the world. When we know the fundamental will and providence of God to be revealed at the last day, we may realize the division among churches is merely the quickening of unity or unification of them. When the Jewish Church looked devastated Jesus brought

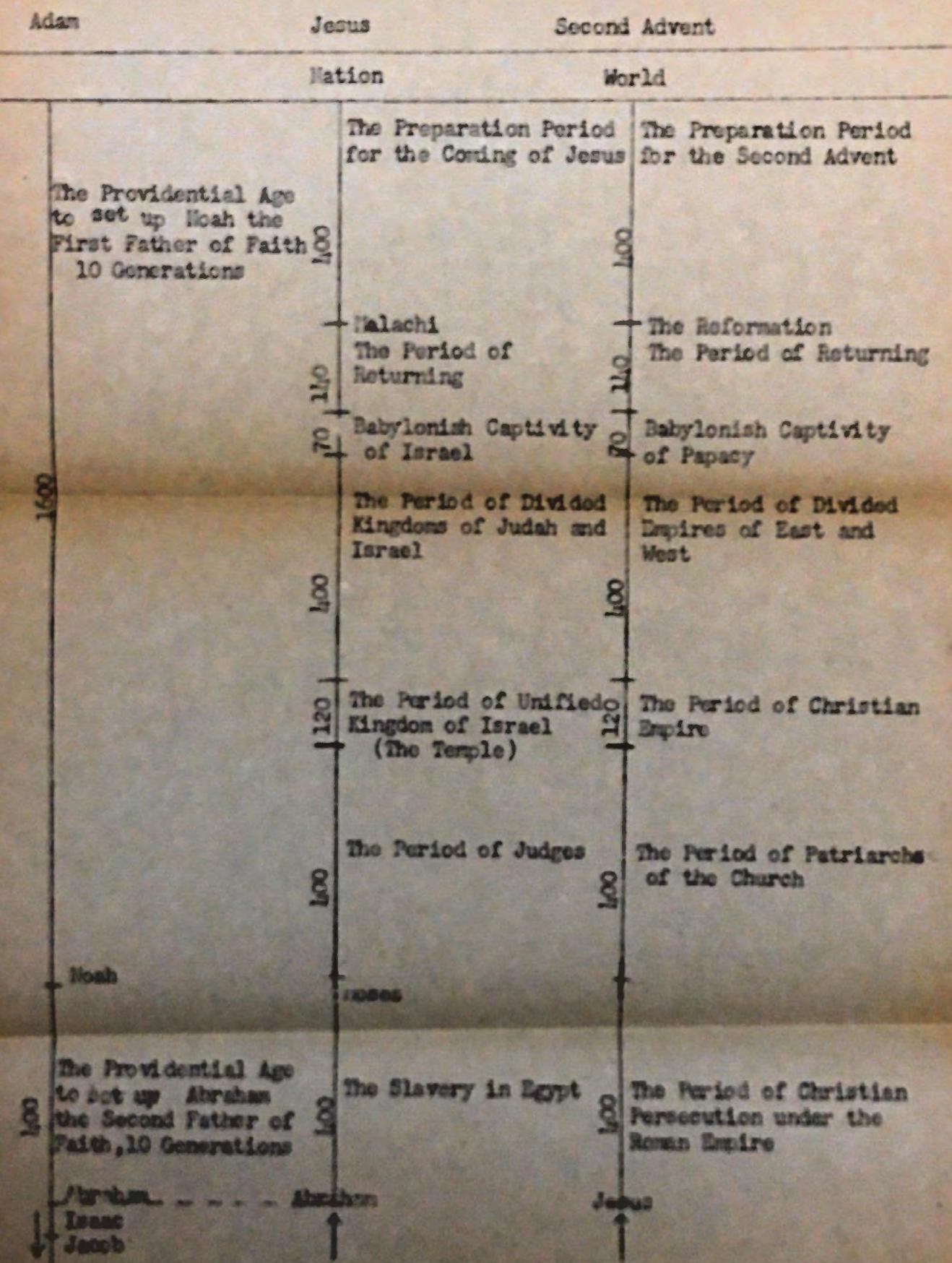
God's truth in new clothes.

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:23-) Truth apart from spirit has no life. Spiritual movement apart from truth is neither wholesome nor will it last long. A life movement that combines truth and spirit, must appear in the Christian church that those who thirst for truth and hunger for life at the last day may be satisfied, and yet this truth may prove the reality of God to the men of the twentieth century. This truth may reveal the fundamental will of God's words, and it may involve the truth contained not only in every Christian denomination but also in other religions.

In the last days conscientious people feel increasingly insecurity and urgency, and those who have pure hearts feel an extreme thirst for truth and hunger for spiritual life. Certain universal and spiritual trends are influencing the people on earth today. Chaos and confusion will be intensified in spiritual life as well as in physical life as time goes by until people discover the reason and nature of the heavenly trend that now prevails universally. Men of the last day who feel an extreme insecurity and confusion in spirit must find out the fundamental truth which God is revealing these days, so that they may establish the right views of life and the universe. To have them one must know the relation of God and himself and his position in the created universe.

CHART OF THE COURSE OF INDEMNITY AND RESTORATION

(Chart of the Course of the Restoration based on Number Forty)



(Numbers on perpendicular lines indicate years)

