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God bless you.

I send the afternoon sermon of the third Sabbath of Aug. 18, 2012.

The subject is "We can do everything in God"

I hope you will receive much grace through this sermon.

Thank you.

< Summary > : God has definitely promised that we can do everything in God. Even if you face a trouble and a problem, let us overcome everything

in the truth of the new covenant, and let us not blame ourselves or be so pessimistic about our weakness. Sorrow and sighing are supposed to flee from Zion.

So, let us give more thanks to our God now more than ever.

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Aug. 18, 2012 Sermon for the Sabbath Afternoon Service

<Title: We can do everything in God.>

Do you all remember the story of the Rabbit and the Turtle that we learned in elementary school? In this story, a fast rabbit and a slow turtle have a race. It is very easy to guess that the rabbit is going to win, but the arrogant rabbit becomes lazy and takes a nap at the half-way point, but the turtle keeps walking towards the goal although he is pretty slow, and in the end the turtle wins. The story ends like this.

However, this year a new version of the Rabbit and the Turtle came out, and there is a story behind the story. In the new version, actually the rabbit and the turtle are close friends. Other animals always make fun of the slow turtle. The rabbit always feels bad about the turtle because he is always bullied by other friends. So, in order to give him courage and confidence, the rabbit suggests that the turtle should have a race with him. In the original story, the rabbit loses the race because he is arrogant and takes a nap, but in the new version, the rabbit already decides to lose even before the race starts.

As the race begins, the rabbit runs like a bullet and turns around a corner and waits for his friend turtle to come. But because the turtle is so slow, the rabbit falls asleep there, and the turtle arrives at the finish line while the rabbit is sleeping and wins the race. The rabbit wakes up from sleep and finds out that he has lost, but he doesn't feel upset at all. Then the turtle becomes famous for being diligent among the friends, and he is never bullied any more.

We can understand the Bible in the same way. In all the words written in the Bible, the deep and invisible will of God is hidden. When we understand that deep will of God, we can finally realize the Holy Spirit and the Bride and come to understand all the truths. However, most people look at only what is seen from the outside, and don't even try to fathom the deep will hidden inside.

Recently, depression has been a national problem. It is said that among the OECD countries, the country, where the percentage of people who suffer from depression is the highest, is South Korea. People suffer from depression when they lack "serotonin" which is thought to be a contributor to feelings of happiness.

However, God has freed Their children from depression here in Zion because we have faith and hope and also share love with each other. If any of you is suffering from depression, preach hard! Then you will get "spiritual serotonin" in your brain, and all the problems will be solved.

Like the 2012 version of the Rabbit and the Turtle, if you look at negative things with a positive point of view, you will be able to find a beautiful story behind them. If you believe God's prophecies and promise and try to find the deep will of God, anybody can find joy and gladness.

(Jn 15:1-5) "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **Remain in me**, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. **I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.**

If we leave God, we can do nothing. This means that as long as we remain in God, we can do everything. Even if you face a trouble and a problem, let us overcome everything in the truth of the new covenant, and let us not blame ourselves or be so pessimistic about our weakness. God has definitely promised that we can do everything in God. Therefore, we must believe this promise. Since God said that we can do everything in Him, let us think about God's ability, not about our own abilities, and let us not torment ourselves.

(Php 4:11-13) I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. **I can do everything through him who gives me strength.**

God also promised that Zion would be overflowed with gladness and joy.

(Isa 35:3-10) Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, "Be

strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.” ... And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. ... But only the redeemed will walk there, and the ransomed of the LORD will return. They will **enter Zion** with singing; **everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.**

Joy and gladness have been definitely granted to Zion. The economy is bad these days. Before, people felt happy as long as they had a warm house to stay and enough food to eat, but these days people feel unhappy if they have less than other people. Now, the kingdom of heaven is near. Since God has given us the hope for heaven, let us never feel depressed. Zion is a place where joy and gladness have been granted, and sorrow and sighing are to flee away from those who dwell in Zion. Let us believe that there is nothing we cannot do in God, and let us be thankful for what we have been given.

Some Korean members envy foreign brothers and sisters, but they envy Korean members because you can understand Father and Mother’s words without the need of translation. Therefore, don’t feel upset even if you don’t speak another language. Let us have pride for the blessings God has given us and be thankful all the time.

Since God said that we can do everything in Them, They help us whatever we do as long as we are determined to obey and follow God’s will.

(Mt 24:13) but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Matthew chapter 24 talks about what will happen in the last days. Very few people are saved out of 7 billion people. However, God has invited us and chosen us to become those few people who can be saved. This fact is the greatest blessing which we should give the most thanks for. Don’t feel sorry for yourselves although you don’t have much property like other people. The Bible says that we should be satisfied and thankful if we have food to eat and things to wear. It is because we have been saved. Therefore, I ask you to remain in Zion until the end. Let us also keep our hope until the end and learn how to love.

(Isa 4:1-6) ... Those who are left in Zion, who remain in Jerusalem, will be called holy, all who are recorded among the living in Jerusalem. The Lord will wash away the filth of the women of Zion; he will cleanse the bloodstains from Jerusalem by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of fire. ...

Where do we have to stay until the end? In Zion and Jerusalem. We can do everything as long as we stay in our Father and Mother. Now the day when we will become the everlasting royal priesthood in heaven is coming. It is so close that it seems like we can even touch it if we stretch our arms. Don’t you feel excited just by thinking about that moment?

When that day comes, we will travel the beautiful world of stars where we cannot see the end even if you travel for hundreds of thousands of years. We will be able to move to another place just by thought. This moment is definitely coming. When I think about the freedom that we will be given in that amazing world without the limitations of time and space, I get so excited. So, let us not worry about the earthly things or feel depressed. According to the prophecies of the Bible, we should leap like calves released from the stall every day. Now, the day when everything we have wished and hoped in God will come true is coming.

When a child eagerly asks their parents for something, they do their favor, but sometimes it takes time. Let us not feel disappointed just because God is not granting our wishes right away. What people who endure and wait patiently will obtain eventually is salvation. 6,000 years have passed since the time of Adam. Now, you need to endure just a little bit longer. The members of Zion should never feel depressed or sad or troubled. Let us think about our Father and Mother who always help us to do everything.

(Ps 121:1-8) I lift up my eyes to the hills-where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip-he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you-the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm-he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

To stay away from God is like to give up Their help. Unless we give up, God always helps us. Sorrow and sighing are supposed to flee from Zion. From now on, let us give more thanks, and let us never complain or

grumble even for a second. Let's be thankful for everything. Let's understand that everything around us contains God's love and justice.

God listens to all our prayers. What makes us complain, grumble and feel depressed is the doubts in our hearts. God who created the universe and everything in it is our Father and Mother, and we are Their children. Therefore, there is really nothing that we should envy in this world. Let us not forget this, and I hope that today will be a Sabbath day full of hope and joy for you.

And we also need to learn the wisdom of the rabbit who decided to sacrifice himself to make other animals stop bullying his friend turtle in the fable "The Rabbit and the Turtle." Let's not forget the defeat of the rabbit who was happy to sacrifice himself for his friend, and let us also sacrifice ourselves for our brothers and sisters, and our Father and Mother with that kind of faith.

Let us also learn to be content whatever the circumstances, and be thankful in all circumstances. It is said that people in Africa live a week only on \$1. This means that they live a day only on about 10 cents. But how about us? There is almost no brother or sister who starves because there is no food. But if any member still feels depressed, that member does not understand God's will or the value of the truth, nor do they have the hope for heaven. Now, let us get rid of sorrow and sighing in Zion. Since we are remaining in God, God will help us all. Thank you. God bless you.