

Lecture 32: *Gospel to the End of the World III*

I. Broadcasting and Literature Mission

In 1985, the first broadcasting sermon began through the Far Eastern Broadcasting (Radio). The broadcasting hours increased as publicity demand grew. Due to the opposition of the pre-existing churches the broadcasting station decided to stop broadcasting. However, it happened after the message of the gospel was perfectly delivered to the people in miraculous ways. Thereafter, the sermons preached during the Mookunghwa Hall Bible Crusade in Busan in 1986 were published as a book entitled „The Secret of Forgiveness of Sins and Being Born Again“. It was impossible to publish the books written by Pastor Ock Soo Park since the pre-existing churches dominated the Christian publications. However, God had already prepared Dr. Young Ho Park and saved the chief editor in the Christian Literature Mission. Miraculously, the book was published through their help. Amazingly, the chief editor said he received salvation while attending Pastor Ock Soo Park’s assembly in Jeonju and greeted him gladly. Not long after, the freedom of the press was guaranteed as the Korean constitution was amended. So, in December, 1987, „Good News Publishing House was established and they were able to publish the books of Pastor Ock Soo Park freely. Until now, a Million copies (500 thousand copies in Korean and 500 thousand copies in other languages) of „The Secret of Forgiveness of Sins and Being Born Again“ have been published. Moreover, there are around 40 books such as „Repentance and Faith“, „Notes on Genesis“ and etc. which are transcripts of the broadcasting sermons and bible crusades. After sermons were broadcasted through KTV (a Korean Station) of Washington in 1996 for the first time in America, „Notes on Genesis“ was broadcasted in New York and Los Angeles. Since 2006, „Notes on Genesis“ have been broadcasted through Enlace Station in which more than 100 million Spanish speaking people can watch throughout North, Central and South America, Europe and Africa. In 2010, it was also broadcasted through two Christian cable channels (Sky581 & Freeview692) and also through internet throughout Europe.

In 1998, Elder Hyung Mo Lee who used to persecute his wife for long time received salvation. He is a leading authority on the the Internet and communications issues. He immediately began the „Internet Missions“ and through this, Pastor Ock Soo Park’s sermons could be watched all over the world. Currently, in 2010, the mission’s homepage is accessible in 13 different languages. This actually became the foundation of the Mahanaim Cyber Theology School which was opened in 2010.

The mission also received permission of establishing a television broadcasting station from the broadcasting and communication department of Kenya. The GBS (Goodnews Broadcasting System)

Broadcasting station opened on 8th of March 2009 and from 25th of November 2009, the actual broadcasting began. Through its programs in which the sermons of Pastor Ock Soo Park are focused, many Kenyans are receiving salvation. It is also expected that broadcasting stations would be established in other countries of Africa in the future.

II. Overseas Mission

The first overseas missionary from the Good News Mission is missionary Oh Seon Kwon who was dispatched to Berlin, Germany. Until now, missionaries are continuing to be dispatched. A long time ago when it all seemed impossible, God gave Pastor Ock Soo Park a promise, *“Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession”* (Psalms 2:8). God made him to take the first step towards the wide mission fields by giving him another promise which was *“Let us pass over unto the other side”* (Mark 4:35). Subsequently, in 1990, missionaries were sent to Los Angeles, America and Tokyo, Japan. Currently in November, 2010, 35 churches in North America and 9 churches in Japan are present. Also, around 200 missionaries were sent to 80 different countries.

In particular, missionary Jong Duk Kim and Jong Soo Yun were sent to Kenya in 1994. During that time, the law in the country prohibited foreign missionaries to conduct mission activities independently without any religious registration. Foreign missionaries had to be affiliated with one of the native churches to conduct activities. Missionaries from the Good News Mission were thus affiliated with Pastor Gitongga’s mission. When Pastor Ock Soo Park visited Kenya for the second time, he went through difficulties because of the visa problems of the missionaries. When pastor Gitongga, the highest pastor of the mission heard about Pastor Ock Soo Park’s arrival, he suggested him to meet. It was obvious that Pastor Gitongga would ask for some money. At the daybreak of 21st of August, Monday, the day of meeting with him, Pastor Ock Soo Park prayed sincerely, *“God, other foreign missionaries obtain visa by paying money to the Kenyan churches. Would you be happy if I do it in the same way? If I refuse Pastor Gitongga’s offer, would you expel missionary Jong Duk Kim and Jong Soo Yun?”* Amazingly, God allowed him faith and great peace in his heart. *“It wasn’t through humans that missionary Jong Duk Kim and Jong Soo Yun were sent to Kenya. It was God who sent them. If it is God who sent them to Kenya then God will accomplish his will through our missionaries. No one can then expel them.”* Pastor Ock Soo Park was thus assured in his heart. Pastor Gitongga was waiting for him to come. After greeting each other, he said just as was expected. *“I heard that you are such a great pastor, Pastor Ock Soo Park. Also, missionary Jong Duk Kim and Jong Soo Yun are great people.”* After complimenting them he said, *“We are currently building a chapel which costs three hundred thousand dollars. I truly hope that you could pray and help us. Also, we need one hundred fifty thousand dollars*

to witness in ghetto areas. I hope you can also help in this aspect.” Such was his request. When Pastor Ock Soo Park went there, he had no heart to use humanistic ways to resolve the problems. In no way did he want to negotiate with money to resolve the problems. Since Pastor Ock Soo Park had faith and firmly believed that God would never expel those missionaries, he answered Pastor Gitongga boldly by saying “American missionaries have ruined Africa since they came here. They came to Africa and gave away money instead of teaching people about God. Maybe that is why missionaries are considered as money to Africans.” He quietly testified how God supplied all his needs, finances and led him. Lastly, he told him, “If you want to be blessed, believe in God. I have come to this land of Kenya to show people that God is alive. If you also belong to me you will be able to learn this faith and become blessed. After they departed, the missionaries were exposed to the police by pastor Gitongga and were on the verge of deportation. However, God helped them again in miraculous ways. Pastor Gitongga and other people around them tried to stop them to get religious registration using all sorts of methods. However, in the next year, which was March of 1996, they were able to receive the religious registration by the grace of God dramatically. It was nearly impossible for a foreign mission to get religious registration but they got it. This is one of the many examples of how God worked for Pastor Ock Soo Park and how he only relied on God to do the works of God, not by humanistic methods and ways.

To date, many pastors who originally had no religious registration in Kenya became ministers as they were raised and educated through Mahanaim College. His countless mission activities and sermons preached in places such as Madison Square Garden of Manhattan, New York and in Orissa, India where there were death threats by the Hindus can be found nowhere in the history of the Christianity.

III. Establishment of IYF (International Youth Fellowship)

In 2001, the International Youth Fellowship organisation was established to focus on spiritual development of youth. Through the IYF, world camps that focused on fellowship activities based on faith are held each year with approximately 2,000 students in Korea. The host countries of the World Camps are also increasing year by year as there were 12 in 2009 and 30 in 2010. Also, about sixty thousand students from 30 different countries have heard the gospel through the World Camp.

Governments of each country are hoping to host the World Camp in their countries as they could see the young people changing through IYF.

From 2001, IYF began to dispatch university students as Good News Corps overseas volunteer workers. It began with 13 students in 2002 and three thousand and five students were sent to different countries by 2010. Through several workshops university students received salvation. After that, they are sent to a foreign country to live there as volunteer workers by only relying on God. After their service, there are a considerable number of students who dedicated their lives to become regular missionaries and serve the

people in different countries. Besides, there are many others used as tools for the gospel in different forms such as the “Gracias Choir,” a choir group that travels with Pastor Ock Soo Park all over the world for the gospel, “Lincoln House School,” an alternative school that educates students on the foundation of faith from High school, and an educational magazine called „Tomorrow.“

IV. As We Finish

Let me introduce to you the header of Pastor Ock Soo Park’s homepage:

I, who am weak and whose faith often shook, was able to have faith in and depend only on the word of God. At that time, I did not know why God had allowed these things. In order to use me, God had to humble my heart. Before I received salvation, I tried to do things by faith but nothing worked out. Now, if I don’t do things by faith, there is nothing that works out. As I did the works of the Gospel, if I were to mention the miraculous works that have happened, tears would flow and I wouldn’t be able to tell you everything.

We believe that he is a servant of God of this generation who lives only towards the gospel. If we think of the faith of the apostles who even yearned to die like the Lord, the gospel that Polycarp and Jan Hus sacrificed their life for, the righteousness and grace that Luther and Calvin preached to the false prophets, the spiritual works of John Wesley, D.L. Moody, Hudson Taylor and so on... we can see that by following them, we can also have this word of life. I hope that this gospel can be protected, defended, preached and kept pure for the sake of our future generations until the Lord returns. I am thankful to the Lord for leading these lectures although it was lacking.