

# The Good Shepherd



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# FORWARD

The Holy Spirit rebuilt the New Testament Church 30 years ago. Since then, the church has suffered countless afflictions, trials, and great opposition. Nevertheless, afflictions have not knocked us down; trials have not set us back; and opposition has not wiped us out. We have overcome all these by the Lord's grace and mercy — not by our own courage or bravery. Our Lord said, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep" (John 10: 10–11). He is the chief shepherd of the flock, and a good one indeed. He laid down His life so that we might receive life. He now sits at the right hand of the Father, making intercession for us day and night. Although we cannot see Him, He has appointed apostles to shepherd us on earth.

"Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us" (1 Thess. 2:6–8). This passage tells us what a good shepherd should be: He will not only care for God's children day and night, but also give his own life for them. Such was the example for us set by the Lord's maidservant Sis. Kong Duen-ye. She gave her life for this generation. With her dedication, she won over the Lord's servant Bro. Elijah Hong.

Since Bro. Hong succeeded Sis. Kong's ministry as the chief of the apostles, he has always followed the examples set by our gracious Lord and by Sis. Kong, suffering labor pains for the church. "My little

children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you” (Gal. 4:19). The Lord’s servants have written many letters to the co-workers, brothers and sisters, and churches. Some of these letters are harsh, some encouraging, others full of tender, loving care. Whether they are letters of admonition, encouragement, support or teaching, they all reveal the apostles’ genuine care and concern for us. The apostles lay down their lives for the sheep “that He [Christ] might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish” (Eph. 5: 26–27).

It is indeed God’s immense grace and lovingkindness to put the church under the care of the good shepherds who are willing to give their lives for the sheep. This is the assurance and glory of the church. Through the years, the Lord’s servants have served the churches through correspondence, which have greatly edified and established God’s children. These letters were the fruit of the Lord servant’s lives after they had undergone through a long period of God’s refining hand.

This book is a compilation of such letters. We hope that the children of Jacob’s house will enjoy the apostles’ ministration. Let us be built in love until we are completely sanctified and ready to be presented to Christ as a chaste virgin.

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**A Life of  
Dedication**





## **Experience Death Daily to Reveal the Lord's Life**

*(Note: The following is a note God's maidservant Sis. Kong wrote on the evening of December 11, 1965 to Tainan's Bro. Hong, Bro. Chu, Bro. Peng and Sis. Hong when she first met them at the Church of Taipei. Bro. Kuang and Bro. Hwang-bing were also present.)*

I am very happy to see you all. (She showed them her diseased tongue.) The pain is unbearable tonight, but the Lord fills me with His great love. I am very thankful to Him. There is God's good pleasure in everything. Sometimes, it is better not to speak. Maybe the truth will spread faster this way. There is not much time left. Perhaps tomorrow or day after. (She meant that she would be leaving Taiwan as soon as the Holy Spirit had completed His work there.)

The Lord wants to break us more so that He may build us up with the other brothers and sisters. May the Lord Himself remove all obstacles and make you submit to His will completely. One obstacle concerns the erecting of the church sign. Though I cannot explain this verbally, you will understand when you read my letter. You all love the Lord with a pure heart. May the Lord win you over ever more deeply, that you may walk in His will. In my spirit, I am very clear that the Lord loves you and has chosen you to co-work with me to accomplish His work. Brothers, I beg your forgiveness. I didn't know that you hadn't received my invitation. I was negligent. (Bro. Teng Heng-tze, the person in charge of the Church of Taipei at the time, deliberately failed to inform the brothers in Tainan.)

Each of us must offer his own life without reservation. With the cross, there are no excuses. Get rid of self, and the will of the Lord will be revealed. Come, let us be crucified together with the Lord!

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The Lord has sent me here for only a few days. I come at the cost of my life. My tongue has been bleeding constantly. Nevertheless, I know that the Lord has shed His blood for me. If I can shed any blood for Him, it is my reasonable service. The Lord has let me experience death daily, that His life may be revealed.

In order to usher in the revival of 1966, the brothers and sisters must be well established in the will of God. Let the Holy Spirit work freely. The flame of revival shall be kindled in Taiwan. It is His will that I have come here.



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~~命為己~~  
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## **Cease Personal Work Join the Main Flow of the Holy Spirit**

*(Letter of God's maidservant Sis. Kong  
to the Lord's servant Bro. Hong dated December 26, 1965)*

December 26, 1965

Dear Bro. Hong San-chee,

Peace to you in the Lord. Since returning to Hong Kong, I have been under severe attack. I have been bed-ridden and am in acute pain. I have entrusted my soul to God. May He perform wonders. Newspapers in Hong Kong and Kowloon have written many articles about me. God wants people to pay attention to what He has entrusted me to preach. I have also written some books to refute Mr. Wu En-poo's slander. This was all God's will.

Ever since I returned to Hong Kong after receiving your letter, I have been praying a lot for you. May the Lord set you free from your self. It is very hard to explain spiritual matters in words, but if you are willing to obey the Holy Spirit completely and deny your own ideas, the Holy Spirit will enlighten you in the truth. If not, you will never be able to merge into the flow of the Holy Spirit. The Lord wants to do new things on earth. There is not much time left. He wants to make His will known quickly. Since the Holy Spirit confirms this matter of erecting the church signboard, no one should disregard it.

The raised church signboard declares the church's testimony both inwardly and outwardly. You can see the work of the Holy Spirit very clearly. Just ask yourself: Where can God's work be revealed more - at a place with a sign, or a place without one? Which one can bear a more effective testimony? Which can bring people to God's will? Then you will know it is the leading of the Holy Spirit to put up the church

signboard. The Lord said, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this” (John 13:7).

The more we try to analyze things, the less sense they seem to make. If we stop analyzing but act according to the leading of the Holy Spirit, we will see the glory of God. Do not neglect the ministry God gave you. If you lose such a blessing, how you will greatly regret it! If you continue to insist on your own opinion, I am afraid you will alienate yourself from God. God will not be able to use you, and you will be miserable.

Dear brother, God loves you. He even wanted me to write this letter to you even though it is midnight. My writing is not quite legible because I am writing in bed. When Abraham left Ur, he did not ask about his future. He believed in God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Consequently, he received the promise. Since you believe that God has sent me to do His work in these last days, I urge you to stop doubting. If God does not want to erect the sign, who would dare to put it up? If the Holy Spirit does not approve it, it will be taken down eventually. God wants to gather His people and bring them into the gates of the nobles. He wants to raise His victorious banner. He wants to shame the leaders of the denominations. He wants His children to be concerned about His works. Who are we to disobey Him? God has already revealed His will. If you submit, you will be blessed. Otherwise, you will grieve God’s heart.

There are so many other things I want to tell you, but I am too weak right now. The pain is really unbearable, and I have lost a lot of blood. I can’t get out of bed. May the Holy Spirit work in you. The Lord wants us to be one in Him. Therefore, you should never try to build up His body individually. One who is not in the main flow of the Holy Spirit will be rejected by God. Brother, you should pray to the Lord saying, “O Lord, I’m willing to deny my *self*. May you remove my reservations.” Then God will do great works in you. Offer all you have for the Lord’s use. There is not much time left.

May the word of the Lord spread widely.  
In Christ,

Sis. Kong

## Original letter

初到香港工作已半年，四德以，由是斗地之攻击，不  
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 见，证，？那，些，对，香，至，牌，子，的，神，旨，当，您，比，较，一，下，您，知，香，至  
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## **May the Lord Give You a Double Portion of My Spirit**

*(Letter of God's maidservant Sis. Kong  
to the Lord's servant Bro. Hong dated December 30, 1965)*

December 30, 1965

Bro. Hong San-chee,

Peace to you in the Lord. When I received your letter this morning, I was very happy indeed. I do not know how to thank our loving Lord. He has set you free, my dear brother. And He will use you to set free others who have the same problem. God will greatly bless and use you. May the Lord keep you humble and submissive, and let you live in His love always. He will support you with His mighty arm and enable you to accomplish His great work. May the Lord give you a double portion of the Spirit that is in me, His lowly maidservant.

I am in pain so I will not write much. I can only scribble a few lines. Please convey my regards to the brothers and sisters in the Church of Tainan. I will not write them a separate letter. Send my greetings to Bro. Caleb. I often think of him. May the Lord revive the works at Sin Chuang, Tai Chung, Pu Lee, and Nan Tou. May the Lord use the little maidservants, Ruth and Esther, as well as others to work with the brothers and sisters in Tainan to spread the word of the Lord.

May the revival flame of 1966 be kindled in Tainan.

The Lord's maidservant,  
Sis. Kong, who is in pain.



## **The Spiritual Work Will Begin in Tainan**

*(Letter of God's maidservant Sis. Kong  
to the Lord's servant Bro. Hong dated January, 1966)*

January 7, 1966

Dear Bro. Hong San-chee and wife,

Peace to you in the Lord. After receiving your letter and meeting Bro. Chou Tien-yu, who just returned to Hong Kong, I learned that God has greatly blessed Tainan. I greatly thank God for this. I also learned that you have found much grace. The Lord is faithful and He shows His love for you in every way. I know the Lord will greatly use you. Therefore, you should be courageous and faithful in doing the Lord's work. Workers in Tainan will be sent to preach in various places and help other churches. You have offered yourself up just in time. How blessed you are!

In the beginning of last year, God wanted me to prophesy that His spiritual work would begin in Tainan. Today we can see God beginning to do this work. Had the Holy Spirit not given the brothers and sisters one same mind, the work of God would have been hindered. I thank the Lord, for He is the God who controls all things. His truth will be victorious. Bro. Hong of Hong Kong has spoken with me. Unfortunately, he is not willing to deny his self and walk in the will of God. He lives for himself, so he leads others to do their own works. What a pity! He is against God's will. He even works for the Pentecostal groups and other denominations. Therefore, it isn't appropriate for any of you to have fellowship with him, lest you hinder God's work. We should mind God's heart. He is earnest to do this one thing: To rebuild the New Testament Church and lead His children back to His will, for which I am also suffering.

I am in terrible pain. My tongue cancer is getting worse. I have entrusted my body and soul to the gracious Lord. I am convinced that “He who believes in the Lord, though he may die, he shall live.” After all, He is the one who has chosen me to preach His truth. I only hope that His will may be done in me, His lowly maidservant. Let Him be glorified, and Satan put to shame.

May the 1966 great spiritual revival begin from Taiwan. The Lord gives you these Bible verses: John 21:15–19. Send my greetings to every beloved brother and sister in the Church of Tainan. The Lord let me know that He has provided us with the church premises.

The Lord’s maidservant,  
Sis. Kong



## God Will Greatly Use Your Testimony

(Letter of God's maidservant Sis. Kong  
to the Lord's servant Bro. Hong dated January 31, 1966)

January 31, 1966

Dear brother and co-worker Hong San-chee,

Peace to you in the Lord. I received your letter many days ago. I apologize for my late reply. I am very busy writing *Acts of the Holy Spirit*, and am doing a lot of proofreading. I was very thankful to God to hear that you wanted to write your testimony. Your words will convince "big headed" people of the power of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord help you write frankly and courageously. The more you admit that you were stubborn in the past, the more God will be glorified. God will greatly use your testimony to lead those who are walking on their own path back to the will of God. Spiritual literature in Romanized character is in high demand. May the Lord help you to translate all the books and dictate them into tapes so that many people will hear the truth. May the Lord use you greatly. I always remember you in the Lord. Send my greetings to your wife.

I am still in pain. I will try to get out of bed and walk a little today. This will be the first time in over a week.

I thank God that He has been merciful to my daughter Ruth. God is working in her to show her how to be built up in life. Theologians are not built up by the Holy Spirit in their lives. So when God uses a young girl who is "nothing" in people's eyes, He shows that it is the Holy Spirit who has rebuilt the New Testament Church. How wise is our Lord! We render all glory to Him.

I thank the brothers and sisters for their car for Ruth, Esther, Bro. Wang, Bro. Chai, and the others. May the Lord bless you all and provide

the church premises soon. May He add to the church those who are being saved. Amen.

May the word of the Lord be widely preached in 1966. My greetings to every brother and sister.

The Lord's maidservant who suffers with Him,  
Sis. Kong



## God Will Reveal Its Meaning

(A note to Bro. Hong written by God's maidservant Sis. Kong with her left hand on April 5, 1966)

Recently I heard something most clearly, that is, this year there will be a good harvest in the chicken farm. Someone told me this many times last night. Ask Bro. Hong Song-ching. He can confirm it.

(footnotes: On April 5, 1966, when Sis. Ruth left Tainan for Hong Kong because of Sis. Kong's critical condition, she received a letter from Bro. Hong. She brought it to the hospital and read it to Sis. Kong. Sis. Kong was asked if she had anything to tell Bro. Hong. She motioned with her hand meaning "no". But she later wrote the above with her left hand.)

None of them knows that I cannot even move one inch of my body.

(footnotes: She wrote this because Sis. Ruth told her that brothers and sisters were hoping that she could come to Taiwan on June 6.)

Pray for this matter. When the time comes, God will reveal its meaning.





## Everyone Must Seek God's Glory, Not Personal Gain

*(Words of encouragement from God's maidservant Sis. Kong to the churches in Taiwan, written with her left hand on June 18, 1966)*

June 18, 1966

Everyone must seek the glory of God and have no regard for personal gain.

The churches in Taiwan should focus on printing literature. Don't be anxious to spend big sums of money on building church premises unless it is absolutely necessary. May the Church of Taipei be the Church of Philadelphia today. How good and pleasant it is for the brethren to love one another and live in unity! Workers and elders should stand before God piously, like the seraphim who were always ready to be sent by the Lord. (See Isa. 6:2.)

The 70 elders of the house of Israel had to respect Moses and Aaron and the Levites (God's workers). Likewise, the brothers in Taipei should pursue humility and be submissive, and let the unbelievers see the light of the truth through them.

For the past month or so, I have been struggling with death and pain daily. I have been unable to write even a single letter. Today I am especially blessed. I am able to write some words of encouragement to you with my left hand. God will accomplish great works.

Shau-siang may stay in Taipei. Ruth has to go wherever the Holy Spirit leads her. *Acts of the Holy Spirit* chapters 1 to 20 must be published first, followed by *Eyes of a Dove* and *A Blaze of Fire*. In this way, readers will understand better.

The tumor on my neck has become very hard, causing a lot of pain. I cannot turn my body at all. Recently, two more tumors have devel-

oped on my neck. Please pray more for me.

May the Lord relieve and heal His little maidservant soon. The 7.  
21 Inspiration will be fulfilled soon.

Kong

Original letter

人人皆欲求神  
而不知神之所在  
故欲求神者  
必先求己  
己之不足  
乃神之不足  
己之有餘  
乃神之有餘  
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以色列衆七十長老也尊重

人摩西亞倫和利未人(工人)

北京弟兄行當追求謙卑順服

九等先行同心禱告求向天

使外人看見真理光輝一個多時

我死在死心痛苦中掙扎

信今天蒙別蒙恩 吳法寫

3.

能用走者手寫一紙對你的  
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# **Bitter Travail**





## ***Don't Avoid the Circumstances God Puts You In***

December 12, 1984

Dear E,

Yes, you are indeed chosen and loved by God. A person loved by God is most blessed and secure. The love of God is our assurance! It is our pride! It is our strength! Satan the adversary can do nothing to the one God loves. All his attacks and disturbances only serve to benefit the one God loves. This brings praises to God's love and grace. Without harsh circumstances, we can't become useful instruments, nor can our flaws, weaknesses and other base characteristics be revealed. These circumstances also allow the light of God to penetrate our whole being. Therefore, we must treasure the circumstances (encounters) God gives us. We are not encouraging asceticism. (We aren't looking for suffering.) But we should not avoid the harsh environments from God either. As long as we trust in His love and are submissive to Him, we will see His glory, and He will gradually lead us into a higher realm.

The God of the New Testament Church will accomplish His will for Zion in His appointed time. Through the years, our faith in Him has brought us victory every step of the way, and allowed His righteousness to shine like the rising sun. It will shine ever brighter until the full day. The kingdom of darkness will vanish, and the kingdom of light and righteousness (the kingdom of Christ, the universal kingdom of peace) will come. All things will be revived and become new. The human kingdom will be smashed. The ruler of this world will be cast out! We will return to Zion gloriously.

1984 is coming to an end. God has accomplished very glorious works this year. The gospel of God's sovereignty has been widely preached, and this has greatly shaken the evil human kingdoms. The arrogant rulers are troubled and seized with terror, and the whole world is in a state of unrest. The wrath of God has indeed been kindled and it has not turned away. God's hand is still stretched out. The enemies

of Zion shall be crushed!  
Send my greetings to everyone.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

## ***Look Wholly Upon God***

August 19

My dear child E,

Your frank and open fellowship is pleasing to the Lord, and I treasure it. The Lord searches everyone's heart. He knows you have a pure heart for Him. He will remember it and will give you strength and support.

My child, the path of following the Lord is a path of self denial. Our eyes should focus on the Lord and nothing else. The adversary often turns our attention away from the Lord. When we are distracted, our spirits will become restless, our vision blurred, and in some cases, our faith totally ruined. But as soon as we set our eyes on the Lord, we can do surpassing things. When Peter set his eyes on the Lord, he walked on water. But as soon as he looked at the strong wind, he began to sink.

May the Lord help you to learn how to look wholly upon God in all circumstances so that your livelihood, work, and ministration may reach a more surpassing realm. Send my greetings to your family. See you on Zion!

The Lord's servant who misses you,  
Elijah Hong

## ***What's Your Feeling Toward Him?***

February 26/Mount Zion

My dear daughter E,

I can understand how sad you are about your unemployment. I hope hymn 293 can bring you comfort and strength. May this trial let you experience an even closer and deeper relationship with the Lord.

Hymn 293 is one of my favorite hymns. I used to love to sing this hymn, and still I do. Ever since I received your tape, I have been playing it every chance I get. I play it in the car, and I am even playing it now as I write to you. You can tell just how much I love this hymn. It has brought me strength and encouragement. I hope that it will also provide you with timely help so that you may walk through this period of trials with strong and solid steps. Indeed, He is the One we pursue in life. He is the dearest of all. Not only is He the dearest when we are in affliction, in times of need, and in helplessness, He is also the dearest in times of abundance and joy.

My daughter, I thank God for you. During this trial, you have come to seek Him, trust Him, and let Him become your dearest One of all. What a beautiful and sweet experience! And what a tie between you and Him! We are so blessed. How we hope to immerse ourselves in His grace and love for the rest of our lives. I am convinced that He will let us enter His glory and abundance by faith. You said you knew that being unemployed was also a spiritual lesson from God. You are absolutely right; it is indeed a lesson. May you learn this lesson fast and well. The Lord will not let those who wait on Him be ashamed!

In the past, when I was hard-pressed on every side and found the pressure overwhelming, I would retreat into my spirit and sing hymn 378. The line, “What’s your feeling to Him?” captured my heart most. Whenever I was overwhelmed by God’s work, ferocious battles, and harsh environments to a point where I almost gave up, I would think of Him — our merciful, loving, forgiving, meek, and humble Savior who suffered humiliation, bore the cross, shed His blood, and died for the lost souls. Then I would not dare to lose heart or retreat. I would ask myself: What’s your feeling toward Christ Jesus? Then I would say to Him, “Lord, I want to follow You to lay down my life and suffer for the lost souls. I want to follow You to bear the cross.” I believe you

will love this hymn as much as I do, right?

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

### *We Are Made Perfect in Forgiveness*

Dear Bro. E and Sis. E,

All forms of life take time to grow. This is the law of nature. We may hope for faster growth, but it won't happen. Forced growth may work for artificial things, but not for life. Therefore, we only need to be faithful to the Lord according to our enlightenment. This is my attitude before the Lord. Although in His light I often see my shortcomings, I come just as I am. I ask Him for His grace and forgiveness. Then, He is pleased. I often marveled at how He could accept (confirm) the ministration of a person as weak as I was. But now He has let me understand that we are made perfect only by salvation (forgiveness), not by our works.

The more a person is aware of his own weakness and corruption, the more he will see the need to come near the Lord through His blood. In the eyes of God, this is a perfect person. As such, I have nothing to boast about. If I must boast, I will boast of the grace of God. In His grace, I am liberated and free. In His grace, I am not only free of my own failure and weakness, I am also free of my own success and courage. The Lord is all that I have. I am at peace. Nothing, except for the Lord and His will, can influence or control me. This is how I serve the Lord (assume my ministry). I am telling you this because I want to share the grace of God with you and encourage you to move forward.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

## ***Afflictions: The Only Ladder to Life's Highest Realm***

Dear E,

It is only natural that you feel helpless when experiencing all kinds of afflictions and sorrows for the Lord's sake. These are to be expected in the life of a spiritual minister. They are commanded by the Lord. All vessels who hold fast the vision should not expect anything less. Therefore, advance courageously. I am convinced that the Lord who has chosen you will lead you and, in fact, has already urged you to go forward.

An earthen vessel is always an earthen vessel. It will not turn into a treasure. But since God is willing to put a treasure inside the earthen vessel, we are willing to offer ourselves completely. We no longer care whether we are beautiful, strong, competent, honorable, ugly, or weak. Nor are we bothered by our failure or humiliation. As God's maidservant once said, "I do not know anything other than the will of God and the fact that I am a woman." She had indeed reached life's highest realm, in which a person is free from any disturbance or influence. In this realm, a vessel is free and surpassing.

Your recent encounters and feelings in the spirit are undoubtedly permitted by the Lord, for He wants to lead you into the realm that I just mentioned. In this realm, a vessel's own strength is nothing before God. The same goes for his weakness. Therefore, one has nothing to boast of when he is strong, and he has nothing to worry about when he is weak. The Lord wants to gain greater glory through His workers and, therefore, has to bring His vessels to this higher realm. Affliction is the only ladder to that realm.

When one's natural strength is drained by afflictions, the indestructible power of resurrection will begin to work in him. This is the time when he begins experiencing endless strength from above. Sometimes, we can't help getting anxious upon seeing some spiritual works held back due to the shortage of workers (vessels). Facing the wide un-manned field, we feel totally helpless. Yet, it is always at moments like these that the Lord who works, that is, the Lord who calls and chooses

the workers, lets us experience something amazing — He lets us see that His work actually never stops! In fact, it is progressing all the time. Experiencing this, we truly understand the meaning of the phrase: “The work is done by God!”

He is the Lord who calls for workers. He is also the Lord who works. We are only His co-workers. Therefore, let us rest in His hand, rest in His sovereign arrangements and closely follow Him. We shall behold His glorious and wondrous works.

The Lord’s servant  
Elijah Hong

### ***Endless Affliction, Endless Grace***

Dear E,

Afflictions and trials are meant to work for the good of those who love God. If God has allowed them to come to you, He has a good reason. Let us just commit ourselves to Him. Through endless afflictions, He will add to us endless grace. Our lives will continue to grow healthy, and our ministry will continue to take shape. Habakuk prayed: “Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; though the labor of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls — yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer’s feet, and He will make me walk on my high hills” (Hab. 3: 17–19).

Since the Lord has chosen us to share in this great revival, we deeply believe that He will bear all of our responsibilities. He Himself will accomplish what He has entrusted us to do. A ministry is born and raised in afflictions and trials (in circumstances where nothing works and everything fails; no fruit on the vines, no food from the fields, and no herd in the stalls). It seems that God’s blessings are gone! Such

unfavorable circumstances are hard to bear. When things go well, we are content. But when God wants us to advance further, He makes us gain strength from Him alone, not from favorable circumstances.

You are right. Apart from praying and entrusting these matters to Him, what else can we do? Thanks be to the Lord. The Lord will let the co-workers who share the same heavenly calling with me experience what I and the prophets through the generations have experienced. For this, I am thankful and joyous in the spirit, and I offer my praises to Him. Hadn't that also happened to Rachel? Joseph who represented Israel to rule was born by Rachel. So Rachel didn't suffer in vain.

Greetings to every brother and sister. See you on Zion!

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

### *Alone with Him*

Dear E,

I understand how difficult it is for you to travel so much. I also understand the kind of loneliness you experience, when others can't sympathize. This is the kind of "loneliness" a spiritual leader will often face. But such loneliness often compels him to come closer to God, to be with Him face to face. This is often the way to enter the "secret place," where we can experience only "the Lord and I." It is a very sweet, secure, and surpassing experience. His presence in this secret place brings us indescribable strength, comfort, and rest. Here, there is no problem too hard to solve, no enemy too strong to defeat, and no burden too heavy to bear. Nothing is impossible here! Alone with Him — what a realm!

May the God of Jacob often appear to you as He has appeared to me. May the house of God be built on the hard stone (sufferings) we lay. Let us be like Israel more and more so that we may testify to the Lord's honor and bless all nations.

The Lord's servant,  
Bro. Hong

### ***May the God of Jacob Work Wonders on You***

September 4

My dear child E,

I thank God for you each time I think of you. I have also been praying for your health. May the faithful mighty One of Jacob work wonders on you, healing you and setting you free. I pray that He will give you good health and remove the pain that came from the persecution you suffered. My child, when I heard that your injuries had relapsed, and the pain they caused was so severe it was impossible for you to sleep, I was heart-broken. I am extremely furious at the Lee dynasty! May the great King of Zion, the God who takes vengeance, avenge us and settle the blood debt with them. His fury will not cease until this is done.

I thank God that He has let you experience and enjoy this victorious battle for His inheritance. He remembers what you all have offered up. You and the others have acted appropriately. What is more commendable is that you sought the Lord with a godly heart before you did anything, and were willing to do what He wanted. This is a blessing to you. I hope that you will never lose this virtue, for the Lord lives with those who fear Him and are faithful to Him. May the God of Jacob greatly bless my children from Zion. I will pray for you all. You are always on my mind. I am looking forward to seeing you on Zion. Greetings to all of you.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

## ***Offer Your Family Willingly For the Lord***

My dear child E,

Each time I think of how you risk your life going from one battlefield to another, I can't thank God enough. But I also feel deeply indebted to you, for I have failed to take good care of you and your husband. There's no denying that this is my shortcoming before the Lord. I ask the Lord and you to forgive me. And I believe you will, since you always have.

I remember you got married when a great battle was just getting underway, only to be followed by many more ferocious ones. The two of you, though just married, had to join the battles. For you, having a spouse was like not having one. Although you offered your family so willingly for the Lord's sake, I still feel guilty for failing to take good care of you.

Lately, I have been seeking before the Lord, hoping to know how He wants His co-workers assigned and sent. I am really hoping that the co-workers can be more appropriately commissioned to different places, for a great victory and revival are approaching. My dear child, as long as the two of you love, trust, perfect each other, and dwell in the same mind, your livelihood, work, and ministration will definitely grow deeper with each passing day. And my joy will be complete.

My child, I know you will not let me down. May a better ministration and more glorious victory be brought about through you in the near future. The Lord remembers all who belong to Him. May He receive greater glory from the two of you. My heart, my love and my prayers will be with you always. We look forward to seeing you vanquish tyrants and save all nations, and to meeting you on Holy Mount Zion. See you on Zion!

## ***Mercy Triumphs Over Judgment***

May 20, 1992/Mount Zion

Dear E,

You said that the most important thing you have gained from coming to church C is being trained and enlarged by God through the individual conditions in the house of Jacob. You have learned to bear the weaknesses of the house of Jacob. You have also realized that you were often too righteous and lacking anointing. I thank God for you. He is indeed the faithful mighty One of Jacob. He is gracious to those who seek Him sincerely. Yes, you are right. This realization is the greatest thing you have gained. Through circumstances, like the one you have experienced, our ministration is brought to a higher level so that we are able to serve and perfect more people.

Righteousness is undoubtedly important, but mercy is just as indispensable. As I serve God, He has let me understand through circumstances the meaning of the biblical phrase, "Mercy triumphs over judgment." King David was in this realm before. I hope my co-workers will experience the same thing. This realm is full of God's grace and mercy, as described in hymn 53: "God's compassion is my singing, is my boasting and my joy. Mercy free and never failing, moves my will, directs my way."

There was also a period when I often came before the Lord (in the wilderness) to sing hymn 378 alone. I sang it again and again. I sang it while looking up to heaven and until I was filled with the Spirit of the Lord who willingly bore shame and the cross to redeem sinners. He is full of mercy, compassion, forbearance, gentleness and humility. So I regained my strength and arose to accept the Lord's yoke (entrustment) with tears of thanksgiving.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

***Things Changed for the Better as Soon as Moses  
Prostrated Before the Lord***

April 12

Dear E,

God's people need afflictions to find grace. Afflictions from God are therefore precious, meaningful and valuable. As long as God's people know how to take advantage of them, there will be much to gain. Although afflictions are bitter, they can turn sweet later. May the people of God (especially the ministers in God's house) benefit greatly from constant afflictions. In return, they will bring endless blessings to the house of God and to this generation....

There was no great mountain that Zerubbabel could not climb, and no wave he could not break. For his LORD turns mountains into plains and calms rough seas. In my history of serving God, I have often come across situations that have been too hard for me to bear, even to the point where I almost lost my life. But the God who raises the dead always consoles me and helps me. Now that I've experienced that, my ministration has become more mature and abundant.

Dear Sis. E, when things get tough, it is time for us to prostrate before the Lord and let Him show His limitless power. Things changed for the better as soon as Moses prostrated before the LORD. When God wants to speak and work, who can stop Him? O what an assurance for the minister of God! This is the key to assuming our ministry. That's all for now. See you on Zion!

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

***A Good Shepherd Cares for the Sheep***

March 16/Mount Zion

Dear E,

After half a month of battles, the 30 mighty men are finally released in glory! I was very consoled and moved when I heard each of your voices over the phone. I believe the consolation and joy you experienced were even greater. Throughout the battle — from the arrest of the first group to the glorious release — it is evident that our all is in the hands of God. He is our God, and we are His people. We have done everything at His command. He is the God who rules in the kingdoms of men. Without His permission, the human kingdoms and their rulers cannot harm us, no, not even a little. At the thought of this, don't you think we're blessed and secure? Now our faith is stronger than ever before!

During the battle, you were grieved to see the mighty men (the majority of whom are the pillars and the best of the church) arrested group after group. Your feelings were natural. I would have felt the same way. It wasn't proof that you had little faith. Rather, it was proof you are a good shepherd who cares for the sheep. Therefore, I thank God for you. During battle, it is inevitable that we show extreme anxiety and restlessness. We may even speak and handle things in an agitated manner. But when everything is over, we realize that none of these affected the work and fulfillment of God's plan. And so, we know that it is not we (the vessels), but God who is accomplishing His own plan.

A vessel used by God may have weaknesses, but God's grace is sufficient for him. When the army of Pharaoh pursued and overtook the children of Israel by the Red Sea, Moses showed his courage and faith before the people. He said to them, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace" (Exod. 14:13–14). These words were courageous and assured. However, God said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me?" (Exod. 14:15) These two contrasting reactions are expected of a vessel greatly used by God. On many occasions, didn't we react the same way? Come to

think of it, it's quite funny! We were contradicting ourselves! If we could speak with such loudness and confidence to God's people, why did we still cry to God? O Lord, is this the real nature of a vessel? Yes, and we thank the Lord for that. We should have stronger faith now, knowing that even Moses, a great servant of God, acted this way. Although we cry, God will not reject us. His grace is so great and so amazing! In my serving Him for the past two to three decades, this was how He brought me through every battle and affliction. My heart is filled with thanksgiving, consolation, and hope.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

### *Snuffers and Trays of Pure Gold*

Dear E,

Only the ministration of life and of love can build people up. That you now have this ministration proves you have been broken and have suffered failures. The failures you have experienced may have been embarrassing and ugly, but without them, you never would have acquired mercy and compassion. Am I right? Therefore, I thank God for you and pray for the co-workers to experience what you have experienced. If they can also learn from their failures — that is, cease to be conceited and boastful, but to prostrate before the Lord for His salvation, as they begin to realize their own corruption, weakness, and flaws — they will become the Lord's channels of grace.

A vessel who has been broken and has experienced failures will not be so quick to reprimand a weak person. Instead, he will show compassion for his weakness. This is a supportive, gentle, perfecting and loving spirit. May you continue to take root in this foundation so that your ministration may become more abundant. The best analogy for this ministration is the pure gold snuffers and trays in the Old Testament. They were used for trimming the lamps of the golden lampstand. When

the wicks turned black, the charred portions had to be removed. But the snuffers used to trim the wicks had to be made of gold, not iron. The trays for collecting the charred portions also had to be made of gold. I believe you understand the significance of the pure gold snuffers and trays. May the Lord equip all my dear children with the pure gold snuffers and trays so that this wicked and immoral generation may receive the ministration of love. See you on Zion.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

### *Heavy Reproach Out of Deep Love*

March 5/Mount Zion

Dear Sis. E,

Peace to you in the Lord! When this child A left, she did not even say goodbye. When I was informed, I was very worried about her because I did not know where she was. From a letter she left for a sister, she said that she had contacted you and would do so again in March. Has she already contacted you? In any case, I think I need to share this matter with you.

This child is too smart and intelligent. She has always been like one of my own. I have high hopes for her, that she may be molded by God into an honorable vessel fit for His use.

When she came back to Mount Zion this time, this was a rare chance for her to be around me, so I was hoping that she would really find grace. But after observing her for some time, I realized that she was not firmly established on the rock, but on the sand. I was very surprised and grieved. She had learned to serve the Lord for years, yet her life was so fragile. I was grieved and anxious, and I admonished her harshly on two occasions. I pointed out her lethal weak points, hoping that she would wake up and not waste any more of her time. But I guess my

reproach out of deep love was too much for her to take, so she took off without saying good-bye. I was heart-broken, but I could only commend her to the Lord who had chosen her and me. Fortunately, I later learned of her whereabouts from a sister and was somewhat relieved.

Dear Sister, A is your beloved child — your one and only daughter, and a child I cherish in the Lord. I have always had high hopes for her. Regrettably, I did not take good care of her. I feel very ashamed and sad, and ask the Lord to forgive me for my shortcomings. I also beg you to forgive me for my incompetence and ignorance. My words were too harsh. They were too much for her to bear. May the gracious Lord take care of her until she returns to Him. I deeply believe that if she is chosen by the Lord, she will not be able to run away from Him. Perhaps this is just another way for Him to mold His vessel. May she be more firmly established and her life become more solid and abundant after going through this phase of God's molding. We will continue to pray for her. May the Lord let her quickly learn her lesson, and learn it well, that she may become a vessel fit for His use.

How is your health these days? We are very concerned. May the Lord be with you abundantly. If you have any news about A, please let us know. We will also do the same. See you on Zion!

The Lord's Servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## *The Normal Expression of a Broken Vessel*

Nov. 24/Mount Zion

Dear E,

I thanked the God of Mt. Zion when I received your letter. You said, "God did not let me go". I felt lucky for you because if God had let you go, you would be in tragedy. Am I right? I deeply believed that if you were chosen by God, you would never be able to escape from

His hand. As expected, God did not let you go. I knew very well that He would not. Since you know that He will not let you go, don't try to run away from Him again. Stand up and face Him bravely. The sooner, the better. He allowed you to fail greatly so that you would recognize yourself and hate yourself. But more importantly, He wanted you to understand His grace. Now, you have somewhat recognized yourself and hated yourself. This is a valuable experience. However this is just the initial experience of a natural man being broken. Don't stop here but continue to pursue deeper. Proceed until you can fully understand His grace. By then, you will stand up by His forgiveness, to the praise of His glorious grace, thus achieving God's purpose in allowing you to fail.

A broken person recognizes himself and hates himself after experiencing failures (the restructuring hand of God). He recognizes even more of the grace of God and knows how to stand before God by His grace. A broken person can withstand failures (the restructuring hand of God). He learns to know God's grace through failures. For example: David stood up by grace after committing adultery and a terrible murder. Simon Peter who denied the Lord three times and went fishing at the sea of Tiberias is another good example. By grace he said to the Lord, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." This is a normal behavior of a broken vessel. You need to reach this stage of knowing God's grace before you can satisfy Him.

You are my child. I have begotten you through the word of truth in the Lord. My child will always be mine no matter what happens. Don't you agree? After all, who made you my child? And who made me your father?

God chose us in Christ according to His good pleasure before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame. He destined us to be His sons through His Son, to the praise of the glory of His grace. (See Eph.1:3-8.) With such great love of God, what else can we say? We can only render thanksgivings and praises to Him.

My child! Quickly enter His grace and, by His grace, minister before Him as David or Peter had. Don't ever let your old memories

bother you. Don't be bounded by those passive thoughts. This is my prayer and hope for you. It is also God's hope for you. May this day come upon you quickly. See you on Zion!

Your old father who misses you and awaits your return,  
Elijah Hong

### ***Without Failures, It's Hard for a Person to be Broken***

Dear E,

I am not surprised by any of the things which you mentioned in your letter. These are the natural reactions of a worker or a (vessel) while undergoing the restructuring hand of God.

I have confidence in the Lord who calls His workers. He is responsible to train those whom He has chosen. Only those who experience failures will experience being broken. Failures (ugliness) are precious and important to all God's chosen vessels. Without failures one cannot be broken. Failures (embarrassment, weakness, incompetence...) are God's means to break His vessels. God did this to Abraham, Moses, David, Peter, Paul, and others. A person with many merits of a natural man especially needs to experience failures in order to be broken.

Tan Kui Fang was deserted by God because he had too many merits of natural man but too few failures. His path was too easy and he was promoted too fast. What he got easily had no root. Soon after he returned to the New Testament Church he became the husband of the leading apostle and began to boss her about. Therefore he did not know what were: weakness, humility, respecting each other, and considering others better than himself. All he knew were his own numerous merits. In his sight, no one was his match and no one was good enough to meet his demand. Having such an erroneous and self-conceited mentality, he soon fell into his narrow self and was segregated from the congregation, the body of Christ. I remember he came to Taiwan many times searching for those whom he thought were the most enlightened and

advanced (Wang Shi Ping, Ittai Chang...) to be his helpers. To him, all the older co-workers and I were old die-hards. We were considered unable to catch up with the “new and living leading of the Holy Spirit.” He especially pointed me out and said, “Bro. Hong can no longer serve. His spirit is like a deflated balloon (This was what he told Ruth Chang when he returned to Hong Kong. Later, Ruth Chang told me about this when I went to Hong Kong). The more he did, the more mistakes he made. In the end, he turned apostate. How tragic! Therefore, if a vessel chosen by God does not experience God’s severe breaking, God’s hands of demolition, his spiritual life will always be tender. He will not be able to judge matters accurately (as he severely lacks spiritual discerning power). Also his works will naturally have very little spiritual significance and value.

Recently, I have been praying for you. May the Lord keep you and restructure (break) you so that you can become His useful vessel. I know this is one of the tests that a vessel must go through. If he passes, he will be a fine vessel. If not, he is nothing. As a Chinese saying goes: “If jade is not carved, it will not become an article.” I had a premonition that you would have many problems in your coordination with Sis. A, and it turned out to be true. Since it was permitted by Him, He has His good purpose in it. We will profit from it if we humble ourselves before the Lord and learn our lessons cautiously with fear. I repeat, I have confidence in the Lord who chose the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade. None of His chosen vessels can escape His restructuring hand. Those who escape (like Tan, Chang, and others) are not chosen by God. The Lord is not worried about our weaknesses and failures. He is most worried if we reject the light or refuse to prostrate in the light. Failures are beneficial to one who is willing to prostrate in the light. For instance: If Peter did not go through the tragic failures of denying the Lord three times and going fishing in the nude by the sea of Tiberias, he would never have any light or be broken. Am I right? Also, if David did not have the two big failures (adultery and murder), he would not have been broken at all.

For you to become a vessel, I am frankly telling you this. I am not

expecting any achievements from you. All I am praying for you is to be broken and to have failures. For you have too many merits in your natural man. You are like the Cedars of Lebanon. You are also like the acacia wood. A good lumber would not become the building materials for the tabernacle or the temple before it was first chopped down, sawed, and cut into pieces.

I have written all these in one go. I wrote down whatever that came to my mind. It is rather disorderly. May the Spirit of God supplement what is lacking. I hope that this letter will not make you worry lest I become worried. May it bring you joy and hope.

The Lord servant,  
Elijah Hong

## ***I Am a Man Under Authority, with Soldiers Under Me***

Sept 24, 1987

Dear E,

The recent problem in coordination among the co-workers is due to their immature spiritual lives. I have confidence in the Lord who called me and the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade. He will restructure every vessel according to His ways and power until he is fit for His use. Always remember, the law of using spiritual authority is “I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me!” (see Matt. 8:9) You must first be under the Lord’s authority, only then you can settle matters with the Lord’s authority. When others do not submit to you, it is the time for you to prostrate at the Lord’s feet. It is most foolish and inappropriate to demand others to come under your authority. May the Lord help you learn the lesson well and learn it fast!

The Lord’s servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kwang

## ***Treat Co-workers as Intimate Friends and Kinsmen***

Dear E,

If you have any words of admonishment for the co-workers, say them in a meek spirit. Your words must be moderate and not too harsh. I am advanced in age and I always feel that I haven't learned well in this aspect. You are still young. You should all the more learn to be humble before the Lord. You need to treat both the old and young co-workers in this way. You should never treat the co-workers as your subordinates. Treat them as your intimate friends and kinsmen. Don't terrify them or frighten them. I am not doing well enough in this aspect and I am trying hard to improve that. I hope you will also try hard to change. May the Lord restructure you more thoroughly so that you can all the more be fit for His use. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. We need to learn diligently by His grace so that we can satisfy more of His demands.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

## ***Ministration That Brings Saints into the Body***

July 26/Mount Zion

Dear Sis. E,

Peace to you in the Lord!

Thank the Lord for giving us an unprecedented Feast of Tabernacles. He has wonderfully brought back all tribes of Jacob from around the world and gathered us on the holy mountain. Here, we display the testimony of the body of Christ, the King of kings. The testimony is very abundant, glorious, and it far surpasses that of the precious years. The body of Christ has grown to a mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. She is now able to trample on the

enemies. God, the Father is very satisfied. On July 21, the unusual phenomenon of a rainbow encircling the sun appeared in the sky above Zion from the moment the Pilgrimage March started (at around 7 a.m.) till the end of the convocation (1 p.m.). Mt Zion was filled with shouts of joy.

The various ministers God appoints in the church are to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for edifying the body of Christ. This ministration which brings saints into the body is a successful one. It pleases and satisfies God. It is the only way to revive the church and bring blessings. All those who are not well connected with the body will not have good consequences because the blessings of God are in the body and the authority of God is manifested through the body.

The Lord's Servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kwang

## ***Body Coordination and Spiritual Order***

Dear E,

Your coordination failed because you did not live in the body. Be reminded that body coordination always takes place naturally and harmoniously. If you truly live in the body, you will clearly see two things: spiritual order and individual functions.

When body coordination is orderly, spiritual order will be distinct. The functions of each individual vary. But when each member exercises his unique function, he must not confuse the spiritual order (without having a center). For example, when a body wants to pick up something, the brain sends signals to the hand, and the hand will perform its unique function of picking up the object. This function cannot be performed by other members. The hand will always be the hand. It will not become the head or the mouth or any member of higher position in the body just because it performs a special function of picking up something. Such coordination shows the mystery of the body.

To coordinate well, we must delicately balance spiritual order and individual functions. Your coordination with others went off-track this time because you failed to recognize this principle. As soon as a member of the body performed its unique function, it tended to become the head, and thus confused the spiritual order. In coordination, spiritual order is more important than individual functions. Without spiritual order, we can forget about individual functions, no matter how impressive they may seem. Therefore, while learning to exercise one's functions faithfully, one must also take heed to stay in his own position and obey the spiritual order. May the Lord Himself teach and train you so that the glorious testimony of body coordination may be revealed among you.

Remember, good and harmonious coordination is the result of abundant lives. The glorious testimony of Christ's body is manifested when each individual is willing to immerse himself in the body (congregation). That's why a broken life is extremely essential to the servants and maid-servants of God. In order to accomplish His end-time will and to make the enemies Christ's footstool, may all members of the house of Jacob offer themselves willingly on His altar.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

### ***The Lord Wants You to Stop being so "Good"***

Dear E,

You have always reminded me of the older son in Luke 15 who became troubled and failed to accept the circumstances which faced him. Perhaps the Lord thinks it's time for you to stop being so "good." If you continue to be good, His glory will not be manifested in you, and you will not advance to a higher realm. For now, just accept my words according to your understanding. One day, you will fully understand what I say. Your struggling shows that you are still relying on

your own strength (effort). Human strength is limited. It's time for you to receive greater salvation. It's time for you to put aside your own strength (recognize the incompetence of flesh and blood) and draw strength from above (apart from you).

There is nothing wrong with taking turns to serve on the pulpit. This is necessary when ministers coordinate and serve together. "Whoever is moved shall speak" is something you find in a regular service, where the saints are learning to exercise their spiritual gifts. However, it is not the way for ministerial service. God always tells His ordained minister(s) what to say, but He may do so in different ways.

You are accustomed to receiving a message from God prior to a service. But this is not the only way God gives you His words. The most high God often gives His vessels words while he is talking, that is, assuming ministry. Don't you think God can tell you what to say after you have walked up to the pulpit? Why should you expect Him to let you know what to say beforehand? Don't you trust Him? Don't you want to assume ministry in a more abundant, surpassing and limitless realm?

You mentioned that you dare not say something the Lord hasn't first instructed you to say. You said that you do not want to be a cheater before God and men. Well, I know your trial because I've been in that situation myself. But you can consider yourself more fortunate than I was because there is always someone who can replace you when you have nothing to say. When I was in Singapore and Malaysia, I had to force myself to assume ministry by the Lord's grace. Unlike you, I had no one around to whom I could push my responsibility. Yet, time and again, the Lord was with me. He bore my responsibility by telling me what to say while I was assuming ministry. His timely words were fresh. I will never forget those days.

The Lord's grace is always made perfect in my weaknesses. This is true even until today, when I serve at the pulpit. I assume ministry by constantly relying on His grace. I am not more experienced than others. It is merely proof that I have been deprived more, for the Lord has destined to show His riches through my deficiency. I am willing to

offer myself to Him, willing to let Him empty me and then fill me. Perhaps you cannot fully understand what I have just said, but I believe that you can somewhat understand.

The Lord's servant,  
Bro. Hong

***Live Before The Lord With A Simple Faith, Do Not  
Analyze Things With Your Mind***

Dear E,

The mysteries of the truth often contradict our concepts. They seldom make sense to our human minds. These mysteries can be understood only through God's Spirit with the help of various circumstances. Before Peter was sent to the house of Cornelius, he saw a vision from heaven. His first reaction was "Not so, for I have never eaten anything unclean..." According to Peter, it was something serious. He believed that a pious person should abstain from such things. But the Lord said, "What God has cleansed, you must not call common." Fortunately, Peter did not insist on his own way, or the consequences would have been unthinkable. Don't you agree?

I do think that some of your concepts about Sister A should be renewed. Otherwise you will easily go off track in your ministration. Of course I have faith in the Lord and believe that He will guide you and mold you the way He guided and molded Peter, for He has chosen you. Life is an amazing story. Life grows and matures through the nurturing of time and space. Therefore, you must believe that God will let you understand things you find presently difficult to understand. Put yourself in His hands. Don't over-analyze things with your mind. Don't judge things by the feelings of your natural man. Live before Him with a simple faith.

The Lord's servant,

Bro. Hong

### ***“Self” is What Holds Us Back***

Dear E,

“Self” is what holds us back. Self is a horrifying thing. It makes one selfish and egoistic. Selfishness appears even in spiritual matters. This happens when one minds the things of men, not the things of God. Self is a stumbling block to the Lord. May God’s salvation come upon His children more than ever before. May He deliver them from self and have a free path in them.

The Lord’s servant,  
Bro. Hong

### ***Accept All Circumstances Given by God***

Sept. 23/Mount Zion

Dear E,

May you learn to accept all circumstances given by God. The soul of man is the biggest hindrance to his submission to God. When we submit to God, we will enjoy God’s richness and be established in a heavenly realm. When we don’t submit, we will be roaming about in the earthly realm. There is no shortcut to building up one’s spiritual life. We reap what we sow; and the more we sow, the more we reap. May you receive the spirit of wisdom and let God’s wisdom prevail in you. Then you will be able to move on until you reach a higher realm.

The Lord’s servant,  
Elijah Hong

## ***Don't be Afraid of Others Seeing the Ugliness of Your Old Self***

My child E,

May the Lord's molding hand be upon you all the days of your life. May you be molded all the days of your life to become an honorable vessel. Don't be afraid that others will see (know) the corrupt and ugly nature of your old self. If the Lord wills that our weaknesses, flaws, and ugliness be exposed so that we may understand His grace and so that His glorious grace may be praised, then let it be. Let us arise to bear witness to His grace with great courage and joy. Such exposure is not something disgraceful, but it's something that glorifies God. It will edify and encourage others. It will never stumble anyone.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

## ***Mind the Things of God and Deny Ourselves***

Oct. 28/Mount Zion

Dear Bro. E and Sis. E,

Lately I have been worrying about you. As God's revival work expands gloriously, He urgently needs more vessels of revival! A vessel who can usher in revival will surely mind the things of God and deny himself. But vessels who deny themselves are indeed rare! May the Lord work more closely on His servants and children. May He gain more vessels of revival in the house of Jacob. See you on Zion.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

## *Wise as a Serpent and Meek as a Dove*

Jan. 16/Mount Zion

Dear E,

A vessel who is wise as a serpent and meek as a dove is hard to find, yet this is exactly the kind of vessel the Lord needs. For this reason, He allows us to have setbacks on our way and failures in battles. This is the way He trains us so that we will know how to put on the full armor of God, resist the wiles of the devil, and quench the fiery darts of the evil one.

You may feel that you have never learned your lessons well, but the Lord knows your heart. The Lord has chosen you, my co-workers. So I believe that the Lord will listen to my prayer and show you mercy. May the Lord be with you. See you on Zion.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

## *Serve, Do Not be Served*

Jan. 15/Mount Zion

Dear Bro. E and Sis. E,

Let us all eagerly accept the Lord's training, so we can be sent by Him. For we will be sent to serve, not to be served. I have always felt that the young co-workers need to put more effort into learning the lessons of life. They must avoid a self-centered lifestyle, lest they live their days in vain. How much we experience God is directly proportional to how much we deny ourselves — this is the law of life. A selfless person is an unrivaled person. And only a person who denies himself glorifies God. May the Lord who has chosen the workers do a more thorough job of molding every one of us.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

### ***Spirit of Coordination***

Dear Sis. E,

I have received your letters. I hope that every one of you will learn the lesson of “body coordination.” What God treasures is our “spirit of coordination.” The spirit of coordination is the spirit of fellowship, the spirit of meekness, and the spirit of reverence for God's anointing. May you cherish your fellowship with the saints as well as with the spiritual ministers. God's Spirit will guide you to the right path in all things.

I repeat: What God treasures is our spirit, not our way of doing things. Even if our actions are perfect, they're worthless without the confirmation of the Spirit. May the Lord's Spirit teach you this precious lesson so that your ministration will reach a higher realm and display the power of Christ's body. See you on Zion.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

### ***Shortcut to Perfecting the Co-Workers — Prostrate before God in All Things***

Nov. 24/Mount Zion

Dear E,

Perfecting the co-workers has everything to do with spiritual growth and entrustment. This is the way I see it: The only shortcut to perfecting co-workers is for us to prostrate ourselves before God in all things, as Moses did. We need to be perfected by God first before we can

perfect the co-workers. This is what I believe.

The Lord has entrusted us with His sacred work and has provided us with co-workers. He will certainly work on our behalf to help us accomplish His entrustment. He will certainly take over our burden when it becomes too hard for us to bear. When the time is up, (that is, after we have gone through the mill), we will definitely see the glory of God.

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

### *The Eligibility to Serve God*

Aug. 13/Taipei

Dear Bro. E and Sis. E,

Peace to you in the Lord. I know that both of you really long to serve the Lord, but one thing is holding you back: Your carnal self is still in one whole piece. In other words, your personality has not yet been broken. This is sad because a broken carnal self and a well-built spiritual life are the prerequisites to serving God. Without them, spiritual achievements will be impossible. How I hope that you and other co-workers will soon learn this lesson well. May the Lord have mercy on my beloved co-workers according to His unfailing love. May we serve Him better. See you on Zion.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

### *Consecrated Lands and Consecrated Vessels*

March 19/Mount Zion

Dear Bro. E and Sis. E,

Consecrated lands cannot go without consecrated vessels. If brothers and sisters do not have the spirit of consecration, the calling for consecration, and the determination to suffer, how can there be any consecrated enterprises, consecrated testimonies, or consecrated lands? Without the spirit of consecration, a consecrated land is nothing more than a recreational center or a vacation resort, which has no meaning or value. However, we are convinced that God has His own time and arrangement. May the Lord of revival revive His work in His own time.

You mentioned that sometimes some co-workers do not serve brothers and sisters in the spirit. Well, if they constantly wrap themselves up in self, how can they live in the spirit and serve brothers and sisters in the spirit? That's why I am so anxious for them. A good shepherd who gives his life for the sheep is so hard to find! May the Lord who chooses the vessels do a more thorough job of molding the co-workers. See you on Zion.

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

***Follow with Real Enlightenment,  
Not as an Outward Act***

Nov. 21, 1985

Dear Bro. E and Sis. E,

Spiritual matters are something practical. They do not allow opportunists. Only people who obey God's law receive His grace and blessings.

Going up to Hebron is more than an outward act of following before he returned to Bethel. Jacob returned to Bethel and stayed there because God appeared to him and enlightened him. He learned that God was the God of Bethel. One needs to be truly enlightened in the

spirit. Therefore, his journey to Bethel was made in the vision, and it had strength and power. Had the trip not been done in the vision, it would have been a meaningless outward act of following.

It will be meaningless, and in fact, painful, for someone with no enlightenment to go up to Hebron. It will only add unnecessary burden to that person. Therefore, I pray that the Lord will enlighten every one of His children about Hebron, the consecrated land which testifies for Mount Zion in West Malaysia. I pray that they may be drawn to Hebron in the spirit.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

### ***Consecrated Ministration Does Not Depend on How One Serves, But on the Spirit of Serving***

April 10/Mount Zion

Dear E,

Your will to consecrate yourself to the Lord is precious and pleasing to Him. This is a virtue that every child of God should have. Yet, God does not lead all His children the same way. Total consecration does not always mean quitting one's job to serve God full time. Anyone who serves Him according to His plan and arrangement is considered fully consecrated. Therefore, a consecrated ministration does not depend on the way you serve, but on the spirit of serving. May the Lord show you what He has planned for you and guide you to walk in His will for the rest of your life. May you glorify God and bring blessing to men. See you on Zion.

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***Be Edified through Misfortune***

Jan. 27

Dear E, the Lord's beloved,

As soon as we heard that your mother had been received by the Lord, we began to pray earnestly for you and your brother. May our beloved Lord Himself console you. I can understand the pain you are going through. Since the Lord allowed this to happen, He must have His good purpose in it. He shall accomplish something glorious for you.

I lost my father when I was young (eight years old). His death grieved me, and I felt so unlucky. But now as I recall it, I thank God for I know that He had planned this that I might be edified through what seemed to be misfortune — all for the purpose of making me His servant.

I thank God for you, for you are grateful in all things. Indeed, we must always be thankful. I know that the Lord will help you with His grace so that you will soon grow up to glorify His name. We will continue to pray for you, your younger brother and your father. May the Lord bless you from Zion. He will be with you. Amen.

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***Humbly Accept Other Members' Ideas***

Dear E,

Based on what we know and remember, many workers who are greatly used by God have good wives who support and advise them, and even admonish and rebuke them. The wives' candid advice may be harsh to the ears, but it is undoubtedly the best medicine to heal their husbands' spiritual ailments. A good wife who loves her husband will tell him things that others do not dare nor want to say. That's

exactly the kind of woman your wife is. That's why I thank God for you. I think you should be even more thankful. That the Lord has given you such a wife is evidence that the Lord has been gracious to you. You should listen to her more. Then both of you will be balanced out and will not make big mistakes.

Rivalry and jealousy are expressions of "self". Self brings you nothing but pain and restlessness. The Lord's joy will be manifested on you when you are ready to prostrate in His light, agree with your wife, discuss with the co-workers and submit to them. The Lord is not concerned about our mistakes, but He is concerned if we are not willing to change in His light. So I pray that the Lord will constantly keep you in His light. Do discuss with the leading co-worker more and, in all humility, learn to put yourself in other members' shoes and accept their ideas. Do not strive to be the greatest, or desire to be the first. Meekly submit to all as a servant. We are praying for you. See you on Zion.

The Lord's Servant,  
Elijah Hong

## ***Sell What You Have, and Come, Follow Me***

Nov. 18/Mount Zion

My dear child E,

The day before yesterday, I went to Wulipu to attend the burial of an elderly sister from Kaohsiung. While I was there, I went to see your mother's grave. Her picture reminded me of you.

At 2:30 this morning, the Spirit of God moved me to get up and write this letter to you. My child, the Lord loves you so much! He remembers your mother feared Him, served Him fervently, and followed Him faithfully. And so He has mercy on her descendants. My dear child, I know that you are in great pain. However, I cannot bear to see you live in regret the rest of your life just because you failed to

overcome your emotions. That would be a tragedy.

I've never stopped praying for you since you discussed with me on Mount Zion. After you left, I had this feeling that you were not free in your spirit. You left sorrowfully. That reminded me of a story in the Bible. There was a young man who came to see the Lord Jesus. He asked, "All these things I have kept... What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. (See Matt. 19:20–22.) My dear child, let me share with you this portion of the Bible. I hope that you are not walking in the steps of this young man who left the Lord in sorrow.

My child, pray and offer up everything, that is, give up all your rights to Him. I believe you seek perfection, don't you? I will pray for you. May the Lord remember your mother's godliness and be gracious to you. My child, do not disappoint me. I know that you do not want to grieve me. My heart and my prayers are always with you. See you on Zion.

Elijah Hong who loves you

## ***Love One Another with the Love of Laying Down Your Lives for the Brethren***

Feb. 26/Mount Zion

Dear children,

Recently the conflicts among you, siblings who used to love one another so dearly, have turned you into enemies. You refused to talk to one another and even planned to quit living under the same roof. To men, this incident is ugly and heart-breaking. But to God, it is meaningful and worthwhile. I strongly believe that it happened under God's arrangement, for He wants to show great grace to you all, the descen-

dants of the righteous whom He loves and chooses. He wants to turn your earthly relationships (brotherly love of flesh and blood) into a heavenly one. In this way, you may love one another in accordance with His will, and your love may become more solid and more satisfying to Him. Then you will be able to expand your love from among your siblings to all the brothers and sisters in the house of Jacob.

My dear children, do you see my point? The love of the Son of God is to lay down His life for the brethren. This love suffers long, defends the truth and resists sins. This love makes one hope, believe, and endure all things. This love never fails! What I am praying for is that you love with true knowledge and approve the things that are excellent. May the gracious Lord pour out His love into your hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us. May you love one another with the love of laying down your lives for the brethren. This would be pleasing to the Lord and would fulfill your mother's wish.

Dear children, I believe that the Lord will listen to my prayer for you. I also believe that you will exceed my expectations. Surely you will not let me down, will you? May the Lord be with my beloved children. See you on Zion.

Old Jacob who misses you

## ***Footsteps of Abraham — Offer Isaac on Mount Moriah***

May 7/Mount Zion

Dear E,

There is no doubt that you have been serving God in the spirit of offering Isaac all these years. I can understand how you feel. I thank God for you because your ministration has manifested the glory of God. We are certain of one thing: The footsteps (spirit) of Abraham to Mount Moriah to offer Isaac can indeed manifest the glory of God and bring about great blessings. Whenever and wherever there is a vessel

who is willing to imitate (follow) Abraham to offer Isaac, the glory and blessing of God will also appear right then and there. May the God of Abraham show His delight in you and give Isaac back to you.

As the children of the companions begin to grow up, education has gradually become a major problem. This is the same problem I face in Taiwan and on Mount Zion these recent years. Indeed, not many people are like Abraham, who trusted and obeyed the leading of God and offered Isaac (our children's education and future) without a second thought. Each time I think about how my life is dedicated to serving the Lord, I have to thank Him for letting me find grace. Many times when I was sent to Southeast Asia and Hong Kong, I went by offering my Isaac without a second thought. Only the Lord knows how I felt at the time. Yet, I must thank Him because, as a result of my obedience, His glory and blessings were brought about.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

### *Let's Learn by Putting Ourselves to "Death"*

Aug. 28, 1974

Dear Sis. E,

After reading your letter, I gathered that you were aware of the kind of lesson the Lord wanted you to learn. You knew that to reach the realm you desired, death would be inevitable, and you were prepared to pay that price. Yet, as soon as you were faced with unfavorable circumstances, your carnal self held you back, making you wallow in your self again. So, as you said in your letter, you constantly swayed between the two conditions and wasted a lot of your time.

Spiritual progress is achieved not only by a strong desire to improve, but also by a serious attitude towards learning. So, we must never be afraid of pain or hardships, regardless of the circumstances. Let's learn

by putting our old *self* to death. If we do, who can then stop the fragrance of the sacrifice from spreading far and wide? This reminds me of Matt. 4:19 which says, “And He [Jesus] said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ Then they immediately left their nets and followed Him.” May the Lord be our Lord for all the days of our lives. May He gain His due sovereignty and glory from us.

The Lord’s servant,  
Elijah Hong

### ***The Correct Philosophy of Life***

My children in the Lord,

All your letters brought us great joy, comfort, and pride. The testimony you display with respect to Bro. B’s bone cancer amazes us! Dear children, you have all grown up! God is so satisfied with your progress and knowledge of faith. Through you His sovereignty has been manifested and His kingdom realized. You can imagine how happy and thankful we are! Nothing pleases and comforts a parent more than seeing his children grow up. Now you have grown up and are ready to receive the inheritance. How can we not thank God in tears and pray more for your blessings?

Dear Bro. B, you are so blessed. So are your siblings. Your philosophy of life is correct, for you seek not fame, wealth, nor your health but only that the Lord’s name be glorified and that His kingdom come. Just as Paul once said, “. . .with my whole being I shall bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die” (Phil. 1:20, TEV). Such life of honoring Christ is most beautiful in the eyes of the Lord and captures His heart most. It is also the pride and glory of the New Testament Church. For this, we boast victory over Satan and death! All the churches have been greatly encouraged by your testimony. They are shone on by the light and are greatly revived. They are willing to imitate you in offering themselves as living sacrifices.

In our spirit we see that the altar has reappeared in the house of Jacob, and on it the heavenly fire is burning up all the sacrifices. May this offering of living sacrifices usher in the unprecedented revival of the 20th century so that the human kingdoms may be destroyed, human history ended, and Christ's kingdom realized.

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang  
Mount Zion

***It's God's Absence, Not the Environment,  
that Makes Us Unhappy***

March 3, 1975

Dear Sis. E,

Before we can become God's honorable vessels, we must seriously learn spiritual lessons. Time does not wait for us. If we are not serious in learning, we will regret it when the opportunity passes us by. If we are unhappy with a particular environment, there is no guarantee that we will be happy with a different one. For it is God's absence, not the environment, that make us unhappy. A person who forgets himself and looks out for others' well-being is a happy person. His life will be most meaningful. He can make use of God-given talents to do things that would otherwise be impossible. People who love the Lord wish to have such a life, but it is rather difficult to achieve. However, the Lord shall give sufficient grace to all those who are determined to achieve this goal. One of the many things that prevents us from going forward is our ever-changing moods. Sometimes they are so serious that they can completely destroy what we have painstakingly built up. Therefore, if we want to stand firm, we must learn how to control our emotions. We can never let them control us.

Both our emotional ups and downs affect us. For example, if we

wake up feeling bored, depressed, and restless, and if we allow these emotions to get the best of us, we will become unhappy, impatient and short-tempered the rest of the day, and bring unrest to people around us. If we can overcome these feelings, and be strong and joyful by the Lord's grace, things will change for the better. Being positive can change a lot of things. For one thing, Satan will be prevented from stealing our time. This is something we must learn seriously. Let us be people who can make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Let us not be enslaved by our surrounding circumstances but turn them around instead. God has given us the power to change all things around us. But do we have a positive attitude toward this promise?

You asked me for study tips. My dear child, one can only learn something when he studies the way God wants him to. Therefore, it is important for one to seek knowledge in the presence of God, or he will end up in self-destruction. If we want to become the pioneer of this era, we must evaluate all things from God's viewpoint. Otherwise, we will find ourselves lost in the trends of this world.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

## *Enjoy the Abundant Salvation of the Passover*

Jan. 27, 1991/Mount Zion

My child E,

I am glad to know that God brought you back to the church on the Passover and let you have an unprecedented experience of the Feast. You have enjoyed the abundant salvation of Passover and have given a wonderful testimony for this glorious salvation. Brothers and sisters have all seen the Lord's grace, love and faithfulness on you. I thank God for you. What else can glorify the Lord more than that? My child, this is what we call the ministration and the testimony of life, not

theories, nor bare words. This is like the testimony displayed by the holy temple (church). It is one that glorifies God most, for the temple is built in God's forgiveness. Here there is no pride of men, only praises to God's forgiveness.

You mentioned that you planned to testify to the dean. Go ahead and do it courageously. The Lord will use your testimony to fill the hungry souls and satisfy the thirsty hearts. I will pray for you. I am thankful to God that your mother is living with you and that she always helps in the church during the day. In this way, you have many opportunities to fulfill your duty as a daughter. I am praying earnestly for you and your mother's health. See you on Zion soon.

Your Old Father

### ***When You Look at Him, You Live***

April 10/Mount Zion

Dear Sis. E,

I received your letter quite some time ago. Please forgive me for this late reply. Nevertheless, all of you are always on my mind. I strongly believe that you are in the Lord's hands and that He never regrets having chosen you. He has started a good work in you, and He will complete it (see Phil. 1:6).

My child, I know your struggles and pains while you undergo the Lord's molding. However, you must turn your eyes away from the circumstances (including people and things) and to the Lord in order to find peace. Remember the story of Peter walking on the sea? When he fixed his eyes on the Lord by faith, he was able to walk on water. But as soon as he looked at the waves (circumstances), his faith began to shake and he began to sink. Similarly, you continue to struggle and suffer because you fix your eyes on circumstances (including people and things). You must, therefore, lift up your head and look at Him. Once

you look at Him, you live (see Num. 21:9). Remember, all things work together for good of those who love God. The Lord has allowed these things to happen to you for only one purpose: He wants you to learn to turn your eyes away from people, circumstances, and yourself. He wants you to look up to Him alone. May the light of His face save you (see Ps. 80:1–19).

I will continue to pray for you. According to the riches of His glory, may the Lord who has chosen the GJCC lead us through the riven veil and to live in the presence of the King daily. Here, the glory never fails. And here, we can enjoy transcendence, freedom, and rest. Send my greetings to Bro. B and all the companions.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

### ***God Wants to Gain Vessels who Have Come Out of Their Self***

April 8/Mount Zion

My dear child E,

I could not put down your letter dated March 8 until I had finished it. I am happy and thankful for you because you were so open to me about your problems. My child, now that the trial has been postponed, the school issue that you mentioned in your letter has resolved itself. God indeed knows our hearts best. He can also sympathize with our weaknesses. When we imitate Abraham to offer Isaac (to offer without reservation), He gives Isaac back to us. He is satisfied with our sacrifice, and, in turn, we experience His faithfulness and power.

I believe the Lord will let you know whether you should consecrate yourself to serve Him full-time. For now, you only need to offer your whole life to Him. In His own time, He will let you know His leading for you through the circumstances.

You also mentioned that you were unsure whether you were qualified to serve God full-time because you found yourself to be unspiritual, complicated, and self-centered. Yet you still wanted to serve God. You have the right attitude, and I believe that the Lord has searched your heart and accepted you. He will fulfill your wish according to His will and guide you to serve Him all the days of your life.

The Lord has His own time and arrangement for Sis. A. No one, having been chosen by the Lord, can escape His molding hands. Vessels useful to Him must first go through His molding, breaking, and deprivation. The Lord cannot use any person who has not gone through the breaking of the cross, no matter how perfect he may seem to be. Sis. A is no exception. You may pray for her so the Lord will work on her. May He gain you both.

The Lord wants to gain vessels who have completely come out of their *self*, vessels who do not have their own future nor their own past, vessels who care for Him and His will only. Let us look up to Him and pass through the riven veil at all times, that we may live in His presence. See you on Zion.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

### ***Natural Man's Virtues Cannot Glorify God without First Experiencing the Cross***

April 10/Mount Zion

My dear child E,

I have read your letter. I am thankful for you that you are now going through the molding of God. All vessels destined to be used by Him must go through this process. I understand your unique personality. When I was young, I was just like you. Your personality often gives people the impression that you like to be controversial, when all you

want is to refuse to follow the crowd blindly. In other words, while others are praising those who appear to be virtuous, you secretly care for the neglected. Although there is something good to be said about this character of showing mercy for the weak, it cannot be used by God unless it has experienced the cross (has been broken). Until then, it will be you, not God, who will be glorified. So God has to work on His vessels until they are rid of their personal love, sympathy, and kindness and until they possess only God's compassion and mercy. After the vessels' natural man's virtues are broken, they then will be able to glorify the Lord, be used by Him, and satisfy those in need.

My child, I entrust you to the gracious Lord. May He continue to mold you until you become an honorable vessel. He has allowed you to be tested during the Battle of Edom. He does this so that you may know yourself better. Boasting of nothing else but His grace. This is His work of deprivation and breaking on you. I am praying earnestly for all of you. May you all be willing to accept His molding.

My child, give yourself to Him fearlessly! Say to Him, "Lord, work on me as You will without hesitation. Ignore my feelings. Lord, this is my only prayer: May You increase and I decrease."

I am also praying for the ministry you'll be assuming from April 13 through 15. May the Lord manifest His power in the land of Edom through the first group of warriors. The Lord will be with all of you. On April 17, I will be leaving for Los Angeles en route to Tahiti. I should be back on Mount Zion on April 28.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

### ***Act by the Truth, Not by the Zeal of Natural Man***

Sept. 30

Dear Sis. E,

You mentioned in your letter that a certain sister said to your younger sister that even the apostles' were not accurate. We cannot tell what the motive behind this comment was, but what she said would definitely ruin the faith of God's children in the one sent by God. For this reason, all saints must have a discerning spirit and reject such words, lest they fall victim to the adversary's wile. On the other hand, I would also like to remind you to learn diligently how to live in the spirit and act by the truth. Never act by the zeal of your natural man, lest you bring yourself pains and worries. May the Lord restrict you through various circumstances, that you will do everything in accordance with His will. We will pray for you.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

*Deal with Sins as far as  
the Light Reveals and God Will Forgive*

April 20/Mount Zion

Dear Bro. E,

You mentioned in your letter that you had greatly sinned against the spiritual ministers and robbed God's possession. You felt that you had sinned deliberately and your sins were so severe that there was no way God could forgive you. You are right. From the Bible, we learn that very few people who sinned deliberately ever turned around. That's because without the light, inspiration, and rebuke of the Holy Spirit, a person who sinned against God's anointing — who blasphemed the Holy Spirit — could not possibly be brought back to repentance (see Heb. 6: 4–6, 10:26–29). Cases in point are: Korah and his company and Saul of the Old Testament; Judas Iscariot, Ananias and Sapphira, Hymenaeus, Alexander, and Philetus of the New Testament; as well as some apostates of the New Testament Church rebuilt by the Holy Spirit in the

last days, including some apostles and a spiritual leader (see Num. 16, 1; Sam. 15; John 12; Acts 5:1–10; 1 Tim. 1:10–20; 2 Tim. 2:16–18). In your case, God has used something (your business failure) to lead you to repentance. This is proof that God is still merciful to you.

You also mentioned that although you repented quite often, God did not seem to be happy with you. You said that you needed stronger light and deeper salvation. You were right to have felt that way. However, your doubts about whether God would forgive a sinner like you are uncalled for. Your problem is that you need stronger light. You should imitate the saints of old who prostrated in the light of God with a contrite spirit and repented with mourning and rent of heart (see Joel 2:12–14; Ps. 51:6–7; Isa. 57:15–18). As much as the light reveals, that much you have to confess and deal with your sins and transgressions. And to that extent God will forgive you and cleanse you of your sins (see 1 John 1:7–9). Also, having realized the corruption of your flesh, which gives in to Satan, you must deal with it seriously by the cross through the Holy Spirit. You must ask God to save you (see Matt. 16: 21–25).

Without discussion with the spiritual minister, you forsook the consecrated enterprise to start your own business. Instead of making a lucrative profit, you ended up amassing great debt. God made you eat the fruit of your own way (see Prov. 1:31; Isa. 3: 10–11; Gal. 6:7–8). Therefore, you must pray for God's mercy so that your problems may be solved. Finally, I hope that you will carefully read the books entitled *Apostleship* and *Spirit Exercise and Self Riddance*. You will find these helpful.

The Lord's Servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

### *Self is the Root of All Problems*

Sept. 10

Dear Bro. E and Sis. E,

May all the arrows of the archers pierce the hearts of the King's enemies and nail them to the ground!

It is important for God's children to realize that now is the time God will rise against Babylon and punish her. Going against Babylon is the central ministry of the New Testament Church and Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade. If God's children can understand this, they will please God with their ministration and manifest His power.

Each time we shoot the arrows, hell retaliates. And as we continue, the retaliation escalates. But this is merely a fulfilment of the Bible, as shown by Pharaoh's retaliation. It is proof that our ministry has struck the vulnerable areas of the enemies and that they are badly shaken. Therefore, as long as we have a strong faith (like that of Moses) and consistently trust and obey the leading of God in going against the present-day Pharaoh, we will ultimately see God's glory and power being abundantly manifested in Egypt and on Pharaoh.

Going against Babylon has been my major burden as well as my primary mission ever since we were ousted from Mount Zion. I believe that this is also the main entrustment of God today. I hope that all New Testament Church saints have a clear understanding about this entrustment of God so that our ministry may satisfy God's heart and manifest His power.

*Self* is always the root of all problems. Satan can use a person's *self* to oppose God and stop him from doing God's will. *Self* can blind his spiritual eyes and make him unknowingly do Satan's work. *Self* can also turn a person into a tyrant's slave who refuses to stand on God's side. *Self* is evil. History shows us that all those who refused to stand on God's side would be destroyed.

The New Testament Church is like a refining furnace which tests everyone's works. Works that fail the test of fire will be burned, and works that survive the fire will be preserved. During each revival throughout the 20-year history of the New Testament Church, there have always been some people removed from the New Testament Church. The coming revival will be greater and more glorious. Therefore,

the power shown by God's winnowing fan is expected to be even greater and more awesome.

The Holy Spirit has now brought us to the stage where we have to remove the leaven of Herod. Those who remain in the New Testament Church are *soldiers* and *privates*, and those who remain in the human kingdoms are *generals* and *marshals*. Usually, the soldiers are downtrodden, and the generals powerful. But in a checkmate, when a soldier enters the turf of a general, the general is nothing more than a lame duck!

In the evil human kingdoms, being a general is everything, and everything is at the disposal of the generals. In ancient China, the imperialists would spare nothing to protect the interests and security of the emperor. It was the same in Herod's time. But now God wants the New Testament Church to arise and remove the leaven of Herod—to end the dynastic rule! The final victory belongs to the good soldiers of Christ. Herod will be eaten by worms (soldiers) and die. We shall return to Zion triumphantly!

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## *House of Jacob is a Tree of Life*

Feb. 10/Mount Zion

Dear Bro. E and Sis. E:

Despite its weaknesses, flaws, and ugly moments, the house of Jacob is still a tree of life. Life means growth, and the Lord of life will let this tree grow, blossom, and bear fruit in its season. This is our assurance in serving God, knowing that the growth of the tree does not depend on our competence, but on the tending and caring of the Lord Himself. For this reason, we serve Him and trust in Him wholeheartedly.

I am sure you know that we are not particular about what we eat or

where we live. All we care about is building the church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets. We are so grateful to see that so many brothers and sisters are earnest to be built upon this foundation. May the Lord continue to be gracious to all brothers and sisters until His glory fills His temple. See you on Zion.

The Lord's Servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

### *Inherit the Promise and the Measure of Faith*

May 4/Mount Zion

Dear E,

We have to let the children of Jacob's house know that inheritance is received by God's promise. Otherwise, receiving an inheritance will not bring them joy or thankfulness, but only worries. Since God has promised to let us inherit the land, we shall receive it. We must only inherit it by faith. What we need to ask is how much faith we have, not how much we can afford financially. We inherit the land to fulfill God's promise, not to expand our real estate, as the Gentiles do. If brothers and sisters feel that they have been imposed upon, then don't make it any harder for them. No one inherits land with a sad heart. May the Lord be merciful to these brothers and sisters and let them see the promise of God. There is no need for them to worry before they have such an insight. With their own eyes, let them see other tribes of great faith receive the inheritance first. We shall pray earnestly for the possession of the inheritance (lands) in all places. May the Lord accomplish good things for us.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

## ***May the Lord Bind You with His Cords of Love***

April 1992/Mount Zion

Dear children,

Upon receiving your letter and pictures, we were overjoyed and immediately laid hands on the pictures to pray for you one by one. May the Lord fulfill your wishes and move you with a double portion of the spirit that has moved us and the brothers and sisters in Southeast Asia. May the Lord preserve you, that you may hold the beginning of your confidence and love steadfastly until the end. May He keep you from disobeying the vision from heaven. May He gain you in your youth and all the days of your life.

My dear children, you said that you deserve severe punishment. To be honest, we are reluctant to do that to you. But we will ask the Lord to bind you with His cords of love so that you will always be preserved in His miraculous love.

My children, if you do not dare to bear witness for the Lord in school or let people know that you are from the New Testament Church simply because you have not been behaving well, you will become even weaker. But if you bravely bear witness for the Lord by His grace, it will turn out to be your assurance. Then you will not dare to fail or to easily give yourself up to Satan's temptations. Therefore, you should bravely testify for the Lord.

Some questions raised by your classmates were strange. These questions came from their soulish thoughts, and you do not have to answer them. Just pray for them and ask the Lord to open their eyes. Once their eyes are opened, these questions will no longer exist.

You said that you wanted to be steadfast before the Lord like the youth in Singapore and Malaysia, but that your fervency only lasted for a few days, and then you would go back to your former state. This should tell you one thing: We can't live before God for long by our own will and strength. We are human, and we are limited. The Lord has allowed you to fail so that you will no longer rely on your own strength.

He wants you to rely more on Him and live in the spirit. We will not cease praying for all of you so that the Lord may accomplish all the good things you desire.

The Lord's servants who constantly pray for you,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

### ***Inner Beauty vs. Physical Charm***

Nov. 25/Mount Zion

Dear E, my child,

I'm concerned about your plans for marriage. Let me remind you that marriage is a lifetime commitment, and that you must be careful not to seek a spouse with physical charm as your goal. I know that men want to have pretty wives, but a woman who has good looks but no inner beauty is the worst you can find. She is like an apple with a rotten core. It looks tempting on the outside, but it has a worm inside. Only a layman is deceived by appearances. I urge you to be more careful about this.

My child, there is no need to rush. Let us look upon Him, for we believe that He will not let anyone who waits on Him be put to shame. May the Lord reveal to you the companion He has prepared for you, the companion who will walk on the heavenly highway with you.

The Lord's servant who cares for you,  
Elijah Hong

### ***It is Unwise to Fall in Love too Young***

June 25, 1974

Dear Sis. E,

Young people are emotionally fragile, impulsive, and even blind. They want to love and to be loved. But at the same time, they are not sure what kind of spouse they really need. That's why I do not support dating at a young age. Young people should wait until their personality has become more mature, their emotions more stable, their life goals more focused, and their functions in church more concrete. Then they may start seeking their life partner—someone who is able to perfect him or her in the same vision. It is unwise to fall in love too young, for youth is the best time of life to study and to learn to serve God. It is the best time to equip oneself and build up one's spiritual life. Don't waste it!

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

### ***Infatuation is Not Love***

July 20, 1974

Dear Bro. E,

The feeling you have for that sister is infatuation, not love. Real love is built up gradually with mutual understanding. Sometimes you may find yourself falling for a girl at first sight. But after knowing her for a while and learning more about her personality, you may begin to realize that she is not exactly what you want and that you don't really love her. This is because what you loved was not her, the true person, but her outward beauty. Therefore, it would be wise to forget about her for the time being. Your feeling is nothing more than one-sided affection.

Also, you are still young and tender, and it will take a while before you are sure about the kind of spouse you truly need. Moreover, youth is the best time of life to seek the Lord and to set your goals. Why don't you wait until you are more mature and until your functions in

the house of God are more revealed before you begin to seek a lifetime partner? It is never too late to wait.

It is inevitable that you will be tempted when you decide to put this matter aside. There are two ways to resist the temptation. First, pray in faith to draw power from the Lord (see 1 Cor. 10:13, Heb. 4:14–16, 2 Pet. 2:9, James 4:7–8, 1 Cor. 15:57). Second, actively participate in church ministration and pursue progress with those brothers who love the Lord with a pure heart and who strive toward the goal in Christ. When your mind is filled with heavenly concerns, there is no room left for earthly cares.

The Lord's Servant,  
Elijah Hong

### ***Commit Your Marriage to God and Trust in Him***

July 20, 1974

Dear Bro. E,

Marriage is a big decision in life and should be taken seriously. Before one decides to get married, he needs to pray diligently, commit his marriage to God and wait for His revelation. At the same time, he must also be well prepared for what is coming.

We have to pray and wait for God because “a prudent wife is from the LORD” (see Prov. 19:14) and “he who finds a [prudent] wife finds a good thing” (see Prov. 18:22). If you rush into a marriage simply for emotional reasons or biological needs, then there will be no happiness whatsoever in your marriage. The harmonious realm of “two shall become one flesh” does not merely come from outward attraction or a good impression of random selection.

Factors for a successful marriage are: The two people must share the same faith and mind. They must have the same goal in life. They should have merging personalities and similar backgrounds. These fac-

tors will help the couple understand and perfect each other better. Many people get married impulsively, and by the time they realize that they are not right for each other, it is too late.

Imagine how painful and empty a marriage must be when the husband and the wife share the same bed but have different minds! How are they going to live the rest of their lives in this condition? Therefore, blessed is the person who wholly waits on God to prepare for him a suitable marriage partner, and who is able to control himself and abstain from lustful desires while waiting on God. For only marriages arranged by God are sound and perfect. Marriages without having Christ as the Lord are wrong. The union of lives in the spirit topped with faithfulness to Christ is the surest way to unite a couple. Without this union in Christ, the sincere love deep inside one of them can never be enjoyed by the other. So my advice to you is this: Commit your marriage to God and trust in Him! You must also be sure that you are ready for it. Being healthy mentally and physically are also important to a good marriage, for many marital problems can only be solved with a calm attitude and balanced emotions.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

## *Youth is the Best Time to Pursue the Lord*

July 22, 1974

Dear Bro. E:

God gives every person different talents and gifts. As long as we persist in discovering and cultivating these talents in us, we will eventually be able to use them to glorify God. Therefore you do not have to be passive about your future. Remember, God always looks after us. He will keep His grace and love for us. All we have to do is to receive His grace by faith. Let us pray together. May God prepare a good job

for you according to His good pleasure.

People say that where there is a will, there is a way. This saying makes more sense to Christians who have help from God. You should first have the will to put aside your feelings for that sister because your relationship could be one-sided. You are still young and have yet to become emotionally stable. You don't really know yourself nor the kind of a spouse you really need. Since youth is the best time to pursue the Lord and to set your goals, there is no need for you to rush into a relationship before you are truly mature and until your functions in God's house are revealed.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

### ***He Will Not Withhold any Good Thing from Us***

Oct. 14, 1974

Dear Bro. E:

Your problems are also mine, so you shouldn't worry about bothering me. I can understand your distress and sympathize with your weakness. You can be rest assured that I will not condemn you.

Marriage affects a person in a big way. Therefore, those who want to get married must seek the will of God carefully. Before understanding the will of God, they should slow down the progress of their relationship and keep a distance between them like brothers and sisters normally should. Any attempts to gratify the flesh will result in bitterness and scandals. We are well aware of human weakness and Satan's wiles when it comes to this issue. How do we know what the will of God is? God will reveal His will to us only when we are willing to let Him take control of the matter. Let him have all of your rights. Don't insist on doing things your own way. For He will not hide Himself from those who truly love Him, obey Him, and treasure His will more

than anything else. He will guide them to the right path that pleases Him. Those who do things according to their own preferences will lose the presence of God. They will have no power to minister, no enlightenment, and no joy. All day long, they will be agonized by the threat of losing their relationship, and live in distress and pain.

Therefore, I suggest that both of you put this matter aside and come before the Lord again with a quiet spirit. Seek His appearing and hand your rights over to Him so that He may truly be your Lord. In this way, He will be responsible for you for the rest of your lives. He will not overlook us. It is possible that He may allow you two to end up together, but there is a difference between a union before and after you have handed over your rights to Him. Love and marriage under the Lord's total control and arrangement are holy, blessed, and edifying. They are free from loopholes for Satan to attack and free from emotional struggles and confusion. They are bright, peaceful and harmonious. It is also possible that the two of you are not destined to be together and that He has prepared someone else for each of you. Currently, all He asks of you is that you let go of what you think is good and obey Him. The process of letting go can be painful. Yet, if you are willing to pay the price and follow Him by faith, you will realize that the spouse He prepares for you is much better than the one you asked for.

Your knowledge and experience in this aspect are limited, so you think that you have found the best person. But God knows you better than you know yourself. He knows exactly what you need. If we choose to love God wholeheartedly at the expense of all things, and rejoice in worshiping and serving Him, He will not disappoint us. He will not withhold any good thing from us. Indeed, a life partner from God is a great gift. Blessed are those who trust in Him.

Do my words make any sense to you? Remember, what He chooses and prepares for you are the best! His arrangement and His will is the best! May you find grace and hold on to God more than anything else. Your life will then be like an overflowing cup of blessings. You will drink the living water to your satisfaction. In addition, you will pass on the blessings to people who feel empty and change their lives.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

### *Flee Youthful Lusts*

Dear Bro. E:

By reading your letter, I can see that you have a God-fearing heart. You also treasure God's kingdom and His will. All of these are pleasing to God. However, you must know that premarital and extramarital sex is condemned by God. This is a sin against one's body, the temple of the Holy Spirit, and one that hinders us from inheriting the kingdom of God. (See Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 6:9–10, 18–20.) Since the Lord has given you light to see the weakness and corruption of your flesh, and since you do not wish to sway between leading a holy life and committing adultery with Babylon, you should then seriously learn this lesson in His light. This lesson is important to you. It concerns whether you will do God's will and whether you can enter God's kingdom. It is the will of God that we should be sanctified: that we should avoid sexual immorality and the passion of lust (see 1 Thess. 4:3–5).

Dear brother, do you want to be victorious? Do you want to enter God's kingdom? All you have to do is to set your mind on the things of the Holy Spirit and obey Him. Always be delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh. (See Rom. 8:5–6, 13; Gal. 5:16–24; 2 Cor. 4:11; Col. 3:3–5.)

A marriage in God's will is one joined together by Him (see Matt. 19:6). God will remember your prayer for a wife. He will reveal her to you when His time comes. Only believe that He has heard your prayer and wait in confidence that He will fulfill it for you according to His will.

I hope that you will flee youthful lusts from now on, and seek edification of the truth and spiritual growth with people in the church who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. Strive to be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master. (See 2 Tim. 2:21–22; Rom.

14:19; Heb. 12:14–16.) We will continue to pray for you. See you on Zion.

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***Sin No More***

March 8/Mount Zion

My beloved child E:

It's not hard for me to understand your pain after reading your letter. My child, the scripture says, "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy" (Prov. 28:13). It also says, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise" (Ps. 51:17). Since you have repented before the Lord with a broken and contrite heart, the Lord will not despise it, for He is full of mercy and grace. He knows our corruption and weakness in the flesh. The scripture says, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8–9). Once, Jesus said to the woman who was caught in adultery, "Has no one condemned you?... Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more" (John 8:3–11). My child, I will certainly pray for you so that the Lord may preserve your heart and deliver you from this evil and adulterous generation. May He keep you from making the same mistakes again.

Trust in the Lord, for His love for us lasts forever. A marriage partner God destines to give you can never be taken away by someone else. So there is no need for you to pursue someone with your own efforts. If he is not the one the Lord has prepared for you, you will not have a happy life together even if you end up marrying him. Stay watchful and

sober, and wholly wait upon the Lord with reverence. Those who trust in the Lord will not be put to shame. But you must remember what the Lord said: ***“Sin no more!”***

My child, let me know when your burdens are too heavy to bear or when your knots are too hard to untie. I am willing to bear them together with you by the Lord’s grace. I believe that the Lord will give me sufficient grace to help you bear your burdens as well as those of all God’s children. This is exactly the kind of ministry I am here to assume. May the Lord be with you. May He keep you until He returns.

The Lord’s servant,  
Elijah Hong

## ***Dark Clouds Will Bring Heavy Rain***

Jan. 6, 1978

Dear Sis. E:

Peace to you in the Lord. I am far from you physically, but my heart is with all of you. How I wish I could be among you and worship together with you at this moment.

1977 has come to a glorious conclusion in the flow of the gospel. God has greatly revived His church and added many saved souls to us. From Dec. 10, 1977 until now, more than a thousand people have received the salvation and been baptized into the Lord through the preaching of the churches in Taiwan. This is unprecedented. God’s blessing is so abundant. It was more than we could have asked for. The gracious word of 9.24 has been greatly fulfilled. Hallelujah!

God has been taking good care of Zion for the past year. We have been so overwhelmed by His immense grace and wonderful miracles that we have become like dreamers. We are amazed and filled with awe. God promised us that the glory of 1978 would exceed that of 1977. The revival of 1977 was a cloud, as small as a man’s hand, like the one

seen by Elijah on Mount Carmel. But God promised that it would bring torrential rain. We have also seen a little cloud rising from the horizon. In no time the sky will grow dark with clouds, the winds will be stirred up, and the heavy rains will come pouring down (an even more glorious and exceeding revival will come upon the earth)!

Thanks be to the Lord. We believe that He will do what He has promised. Before the rain, the sky will be darkened with clouds, and the sun and moon will be covered up. But let's not forget that God sits enthroned at the flood (see Ps. 29:10). The dark clouds are merely a prelude to heavy rain. Similarly, Satan's attacks and disturbances are to fulfill God's will. The dark clouds may be thick, but the sun (glory of God) still shines above them. Darkness may be great, but the moon still shines through it. (New Testament Church's testimony of unity continues to shine upon the earth). In other words, when God decides to work, He can never be stopped by any dominion of darkness. Greater darkness only brings greater revival, and greater battles only manifest greater victory. Through battles, darkness, persecutions, and setbacks, God wants His children to experience His greater power. For He, the God of the New Testament Church, is the LORD who is strong and mighty in battle.

When God allows the enemies to attack His children relentlessly, His purpose is to let His children experience a more glorious and abundant victory and to destroy Satan's messengers once and for all. That's why only people with full faith can enjoy true rest and hope on this narrow path of the cross. They know that darkness is a prelude to light, and that hopelessness is a sign of glorious hope to come. God will never abandon us as orphans. As soon as the dawnlight appears, darkness and the mystery of (hidden) lawlessness will vanish. Hallelujah!

The experience of New Testament Church is like that of Job. In the past, God shamed Satan through Job. He is doing the same thing now through the New Testament Church. We have been made a spectacle to the world, to angels and to the devil. If God's holy name and power can be manifested through us, this lowly group of people, we are willing to sacrifice ourselves. May God accept our offerings. After

all, this is the purpose of our existence on earth. May the Lord be gracious to His church so that His children may glorify His name in the midst of the fire. We will pray for you as you look for a house. May the Lord open a way for you.

The gospel leaflet originally named *The Harm of Secular Movies* has been renamed *The Harmful Effects of Movies and Television*. Its last paragraph has been revised as you suggested. Four gospel leaflets have been translated, namely, *This Gospel is the Power of God*, *The Harmful Effects of Movies and Television*, *The Testimony of a Movie Star*, and *Life and Death*. We have asked the Church of Penang to send us the manuscripts of the last two. We will print them in Taiwan and then distribute them worldwide. We will pay special attention to the font size so that the gospel leaflets will be easy to read. You won't have to worry about that. The English literary team is now working on the second edition of *A Living Testimony to the Truth*. This is why the translation and the printing of some gospel leaflets have been delayed. Please pray more for us.

The co-workers greet you and the other brothers and sisters. The truth will be victorious and spread far and wide. The Lord will come soon.

Your brother in the Lord,  
Elijah Hong

### ***The Pilgrims Brought Us the Saints' Love and Care***

May 1986/Kaohsiung-Hebron

Dear Bro. E and Sis. E:

Group after group, the pilgrims have come and brought us the love and care of the overseas saints. Our gratitude and consolation are indescribable. The bonds among us are the pride of the New Testament Church. They put the evil human kingdoms to utter shame. Thanks be to the Lord, that through the prayers of the churches and saints, we

have almost completely recovered from our injuries. It is indeed a miracle. Glory to the God of the New Testament Church!

On May 26 (4.18 on the Lunar calendar), the Spirit of God moved me to get out of bed to lay hands on and pray for the children of Jacob's house. I also spoke briefly. This was the first time I stood up to speak since I was badly beaten on May 10. Brothers and sisters were overjoyed and thankful to see that I was able to assume my ministry again. It was a testimony of resurrection, one that shamed the enemy and boasted victory over death. It was also a testimony that utterly despised the insanity and arrogance of the KMT. These glorious scenes shook the KMT, scaring the wits out of them. In addition, God's hand of vengeance and cup of fury have come upon them continuously.

On May 20, during the second anniversary of Chiang Ching-kuo's third term, an earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale hit Hualian. The quake left Chiang and the KMT badly shaken. All kinds of calamities are striking them one after another. I am sure they will have more than enough to suffer! We will not give up until we see the downfall of the Chiang dynasty and the annihilation of the Chiang family. God will certainly avenge us.

The Lord's servant,  
Elijah Hong

### *Even by Death We Will Return to Zion*

May 14

Dear Sis. E:

Peace to you in the Lord. Ever since Mount Zion was plundered in the beginning of 1980, the people of Zion and I have been suffering the pains of wandering. Our longing for Zion became stronger as the days went by. In the latter half of 1985, the people of Zion, various New Testament Church tribes, and we began to hear the cry of the

watchmen on Mount Ephraim (see Jer. 31:6). So, despite a long and rugged journey, we pressed on toward Mount Zion to meet our God. We hiked up the steep hills and crossed the perilous streams, even by moonlight, before we reached Zion from the back of the mountain (an unrestricted zone). We could stay on the holy mountain for only a few hours before leaving reluctantly the same way we came. We have done this many times.

In November 1985, the first group of Nanyang (Southeast Asian) pilgrims arrived in Taiwan. In the beginning of December, they left for Hsiaolin, hoping to gaze at Zion from there and visit the Hsiaolin riverbed where we once lived during our days of wandering. Unexpectedly, the KMT police arrived in Hsiaolin before we got there. They set up human barricades and barbed wire road blocks. The next morning, when the pilgrims traveled southbound on the same road, they were again blocked by the police in the same manner.

On Dec. 7, the second group of Nanyang pilgrims arrived in Taiwan. Representatives of all the tribes from Taiwan as well as the first group of pilgrims were at the Taoyuan International Airport to welcome them. To our surprise, the KMT's 1206 Ad Hoc Committee instructed the police to assault and arrest all the pilgrims and the welcomers. They used torture to extort confessions from us. After the bloody attack, the second group of pilgrims with valid visas were denied entry. Their return tickets were torn up. They were forced to board a plane bound for Hong Kong, where they were dumped. The first group of pilgrims, who had arrived a month earlier, were deported to Kuala Lumpur empty-handed. In addition, some of the welcomers were taken to the local courts on the charge of obstruction of justice. They were all sentenced to imprisonment.

This was a case of the offenders accusing the victims, and the innocent being convicted. No wonder we heard people with a sense of justice say, "Justice is dead!" After we returned to the Church of Taipei from the airport, we were moved to write large banners and hang them on the walls of the church premises (see Hab. 2:2). We printed posters and held special meetings to declare judgment against tyrants, tyrannies,

dogs, and gangs in the name of God. We also delivered the message on clapping hands and prophesying. Around this time, the brothers and sisters of many churches in Taiwan were also badly assaulted by the police as they preached the gospel.

On April 6 and May 10, 1986, God led us up to Mount Zion from the back of the mountain. On Mount Zion, we were surrounded and attacked by a multitude of bestial police. They beat the living daylight out of Bro. Pi and me, and many other saints and people of Zion, spilling blood on the holy mountain. We all offered ourselves on the altar at the Ornan Threshing Floor. After this incident, God moved us to deliver messages on “Blood for Blood; Life for Life,” followed by “The Three Swords of Elijah” (international pressure, domestic resistance, and judgment of the prophet).

On Sept. 13, the high court of Taipei heard the case on the obstruction of justice. The police who assaulted us committed perjury in court. But God’s mighty men uttered judgment against these dogs and evil gangs and proclaimed that tyrants and tyrannies would fall. When the mighty men and representatives of the New Testament Church churches stepped out of the judicial building (which was located behind the Presidential Office Building, and next to the headquarters of the Garrison Command and the Military Police Command), we were immediately surrounded by security agents and riot troops. So, we sat down on the spot and publicly displayed the large banners for the first time. We also distributed posters and made proclamation against tyrants and tyrannies, evil gangs and their evil laws. With both verbal and written judgments, we laid the foundation for future victories.

Starting Oct. 1, God led us, the people of Zion and some co-workers, brothers and sisters back to Mount Zion at different times by the way of Hsiaolin, from the front of the mountain. There, we prayed daily with earnestness for the return of all Jacob’s tribes and of all nations. We also uttered judgment in our prayers against those tyrants and evil parties who enslaved people and deprived them of their freedom to return home. We proclaimed that God would destroy tyrants and abolish all evil laws. At the same time, we were busy rebuild-

ing our homestead, preparing for the return of all Jacob's tribes and for all nations. Whenever there were spiritual feasts such as Purim or Passover, all the tribes from down the mountain would attend the holy convocation on the mountain joyfully. They would come to offer their tributes, songs or dances, to the Great King of Zion. They also diligently joined in to rebuild our homestead. At other times, they would preach the gospel down the mountain, calling for all nations to come home and be delivered from the yoke of slavery to enjoy the glorious liberty of God's children. For this reason, the enemy of God, the devil, has become nervous. In order to prevent the captives from enjoying freedom and returning home, he has instigated the kings of the world to join forces in opposing God and His anointed. They are taking counsel together against Zion (New Testament Church) and making war against the Lamb (see Jer. 30:8; Lev. 25:10; Luke 4:18–19; Gal. 5:1; Isa. 14:17; Ps. 2:1–3, 48:4; Rev. 16 & 17).

Many so-called democratic movements among the human kingdoms in various places of the world are practicing authoritarianism, not democracy. These regimes, like the Nazis, as well as the Islamic, atheistic and polytheistic regimes, are the savage beasts controlled by the great Babylon. They are antichrists. They are the tyrants and evil parties which persecute the New Testament Church. The Lee dynasty of Singapore is a case in point. For 28 years, it has deceived the world with its smoke screen of democracy. Earlier this year, the Singaporean police persecuted a third-year engineering student of the University of Singapore by the surname of Khoo. They confiscated his student identification card and residency permit, and decided to deport him simply because he had joined the church to preach the gospel. This is an obvious case of religious persecution. The day before he had to leave (March 19), God led the brothers and sisters of Singapore and Malaysia as well as Bro. Khoo himself to protest with placards on the streets. Their goal was to fight for justice, a common activity in a democratic country with the rule of law. But again and again, Lee Kuan Yew allowed the police to assault our brothers and sisters, even in public. More than 50 New Testament Church members from Singapore and Malaysia were arrested.

Regardless of their age or gender, they were assaulted and tortured for confessions. They were humiliated and detained for an indefinite amount of time. The cruel and inhuman nature of this regime is comparable to that of Nero, the Roman tyrant who fed the Christians to the lions. It is also similar to that of Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler, whose Gestapo (secret police) massacred the Jews. The wickedness and sexual perversion of Singapore is also similar to that of the city of Sodom, where homosexuality was prevalent, and where the people intended to defile the angels of God (see Gen. 19:1–11; Rom. 1:26–27).

When we first exposed the lawlessness and evil deeds of the Lee dynasty, few people believed us because the Lee dynasty held the reins of power and were in control of the media. They censored the news about the persecution of the New Testament Church and deceived the public by defaming the New Testament Church through television, newspaper, and other news media. But the truth will always be indisputable. No one can cover the sky with a hand. When people saw the enormous amount of evidence showing how the Lee dynasty allowed its police to mistreat New Testament Church Christians, they began to denounce this tyrant and tyranny. They also judged the Lee dynasty which persecuted the faith of the New Testament Church and which violated the New Testament Church members' basic human rights.

During the battle in Singapore, we saw the sovereign control of the Lord who sits on the throne. Mighty men who answered the call bravely headed toward the battlefield group after group, being prepared to never return. They were arrested and assaulted at different times and detained in different locations. They were denied communication, changes of clothes, and medical treatment. Yet, moved by the same Spirit, they offered themselves on the altar. They all fasted and prayed, resisting the formidable enemy, as the Israelis did aboard the M.V. Exodus at Cyprus in 1948. Those Israelis boycotted the British bread and preferred death over returning to the concentration camp. A brother who was assaulted and sustained severe internal injury also fasted for two weeks. When the police used torture to extort confessions from them,

all the mighty men refused to reveal their names, identities, or addresses. They gave no information and signed no statement. They preferred to be detained than to give in to the police, for they were sure that gospel-preaching was legal and not a crime. They also felt glorious and unworthy to be imprisoned for the Lord's sake. Among those arrested, only four brothers and sisters (including Sis. Siew-chuan and her granddaughter) were bailed out by their unbelieving family members. They were grieved in the spirit, feeling deprived of the opportunity to battle with the 44 other mighty men and share in their afflictions.

The mighty men were imprisoned and tortured for about three weeks before they were prosecuted in court. During each hearing, a number of brothers and sisters would arise, by truth and justice, to proclaim judgement against the inhuman and lawless police who had viciously assaulted innocent New Testament Church Christians. Each time, their judgment threw the judge off balance. He would walk in and out of his chamber in panic and helplessness. The mighty men had indeed borne a victorious, honorable and beautiful testimony for the Lord. The battle is not yet over. The mighty men will continue to fight until they come out of prison gloriously and return to Zion triumphantly.

After the exposure of the Lee dynasty's atrocities, God's Spirit moved us to deliver some important messages, including:

- (1) Vanquish Tyrants and Rescue Mankind (see Prov. 24:11–12)
- (2) The Burnished Bronze-Like Feet of the Four Living Creatures Judge and Trample Tyrants and Tyrannies (see Ezek. 1:7; Rev. 1:15)
- (3) Singapore, the Present-day Sodom, will be Consumed by the Heavenly Fire (see Gen. 19)
- (4) Tyrants Can Never Keep the Ark of God as a War Trophy (see 1 Sam. 5 & 6)
- (5) We Were Tortured, Yet Refused to be Released

By the leading of the Holy Spirit, the mighty men outside the prison also expanded the battlefield to Thailand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, USA, Great Britain, France, Germany, Tahiti and other places. They staged demonstrations in these places, judging the Lee dynasty through letters, placards, and posters. All over the world, people with a conscience and

a sense of justice are now responding to our actions against tyrants and tyrannies. The many reports about our persecution made by the press and broadcast media have displayed the notorious deed of Lee Kuan Yew regime and its police and judges.

From what we have learned through these spiritual battles, we would like to bring to your attention the following:

(1) We must be sober (on guard) and watchful at all times. It is true that we must be open and honest before the Lord. However, before the dogs (people) who are earnest to accuse us. We must not let our guard down completely (see Heb. 4:13; Luke 20:19–26; 1 Pet. 5:8). It is good that you boldly testified for this man and this mountain, and testified about how you submit to the leading of the apostles and prophets. However, you must know who your audience is, lest you give the dogs what is sacred. If you throw your pearls to pigs, they may trample them under their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces (see Matt. 7:6).

(2) You were not committing a crime when you preached the pure gospel and testified for the complete truth based on the Bible. What you have done is pleasing to God. The human kingdom has control over the Christian denominations within its system, but they can never control the New Testament Church, which is the body of Christ and the house of God. Any attempt to do so will be an interference with God's sovereignty and a suppression of His children's freedom to worship Him. Such interference is against the heavenly law. Since you are innocent and yet sentenced, you should ask the Lord to preserve you and to help you, imitate the mighty men in Singapore and Malaysia who neither give in to pressure nor bow down to despotism. You have testified courageously. May the Lord continue to add to you courage (see Heb. 10:35).

(3) The flow of the Holy Spirit has now moved from accusing the savage little horn to judging tyrants and tyrannies, executing heavenly justice, vanquishing tyrants, and rescuing mankind. The letter that the Church of New York gave to the Chiang dynasty last year and the one that all New Testament Church churches gave to the Lee dynasty recently were both Letters of Judgment. Your letter of accusation is still

in New York. If you could revise it before sending it, it will be easier for the brothers and sisters there to work on it.

(4) If you are still concerned for the one billion souls in C, you may intensify your prayer for the work of God there, including all the provinces in the whole nation. Do not be content with gaining a few ordinary believers, but set your goal at gaining honorable and useful vessels for the Lord.

We will continue to pray for you. May the Lord be with you and let you be gloriously freed at an earlier date. May He let you bring God's children home in great company, children who are no longer the slaves of sin, but who are free to come home for the liberty of the jubilee. Amen. See you in Zion.

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***Jacob's House Has Seen the Light***

February 14/Mount Zion

Dear Bro. E and Sis. E:

Ever since our return to Zion, I have been heavily burdened with the spiritual growth of Jacob's house. I find the spirit of Zion getting weaker in some of the children of Jacob's house. This is both sad and serious. Upon returning to Zion, they have become completely slack in the spirit. How terrible! All they care about now is comfort and an easy life. Zion is no longer an important part of their lives. They seem to be able to live an even better life without Zion. I am heartbroken. I cry out to the Lord, "Lord, does the house of Jacob need to be scattered again? The promised land has yet to be fully redeemed, and the battle is not over. Yet some are acting as if there is already peace on earth. O Lord, have mercy on the house of Jacob..."

Thanks be to God. On Feb. 10, something happened. It brought

me great consolation because I saw the light of life shining from the house of Jacob! Two children were playing with matches and accidentally started a fire. It was at noon, when the weather was hot and dry. The fire raged and soon turned into a terrifying blaze. Fortunately, after an intense firefighting effort, the fire was put out. But to me, what was more precious than extinguishing the fire was that the parents voluntarily brought forth their children to confess. They also claimed responsibility for not keeping the matches away from them. They did not try to cover up what happened, nor did they try to find an excuse for the accident. Their honest confession almost moved me to tears. I could not help thanking the God of Jacob: "There is hope for the house of Jacob! The house of Jacob has seen the light. The light of life has shone from the house of Jacob!" I was consoled and was instantly filled with the joy of victory. The Lord also comforted me, saying, "My servant, you have not borne the burden for Jacob's house in vain. You have not prayed in vain. The house of Jacob has changed..." Indeed, nothing is more precious than seeing the life of the children of Jacob's house growing.

I understand that many of you are also diligently learning the lessons of life. I thank God for you. But let's not forget that the battle is not yet over, and that we must continue to rise against Babylon. Let's not emphasize the lessons of life to the point that we neglect our enemies. That would not be right. May God teach you and lead you forward.

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***Raise the Level of Our Ministry at All Times***

April 10/Mount Zion

Dear Bro. E and Sis. E:

I am still praying for the battle of requiting the blood of the innocent. How is Sis. A's injury? May God bind up her bruises and heal her wounds. Our God will not spare the KMT which kills and sheds blood everywhere. This is the time the righteous God will pursue and punish all murderers. They will not escape God's righteous judgement.

May the Lord's Spirit teach you to be sharp and precise while you assume the ministry. I urge you to raise the level of our ministry at all times, for we are the representatives of the God of heaven who has set us over the nations and kingdoms. Our works must, therefore, be worthy of our position. Otherwise, God will not be satisfied, His Spirit will not anoint (confirm) us, and our work will not be fruitful.

If the police in C continue to be the slaves of the Chiangs, Kungs, and Songs, and disregard truth and justice, the righteous wrath of God will certainly come upon this unrighteous regime. In that case, the scope of our ministry will be broadened. We do not believe in the strength of any superpower. We only believe in the kingdom of God — the other kingdom set up by God. We also believe that anything not done according to the Bible (the covenant between God and His people) is detestable to Him. One example is the recent biased reports of the international media on the crisis in the Middle East — reports which have incited strong protests from the International Christian Association.

We have always believed in one thing: The truth ultimately prevails, and justice always shines. May the Lord's Spirit instruct you to do what is appropriate. May you issue decrees and utter judgments on behalf of the Most High God until the fallacy of "the stronger is always right" is utterly crushed. These are the days for God to extend His sovereignty from Mount Zion. Therefore, we will personally experience (manifest) the power of the God who sets and removes kings, who causes nations to rise and fall, and who holds the breath and movement of all rulers on earth. He is the God who was and who is. He is absolutely trustworthy. Whoever trusts in Him will not be put to shame. The Lord be with all of you. See you in Zion.

The Lord's servant,

Elijah Hong

## **Go Down Against the Enemy, Position Yourselves and Stand Still**

March 5/Mount Zion

Dear E:

Regarding the court hearing on March 24, I sought the Lord and He told me this: *“Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the ascent of Ziz [meaning, a cliff], and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel [meaning, created by God, you should fear God]. You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem! Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord is with you”* (2 Chron. 20: 16–17).

The armies of Edom may have their hackles up, ready to prey on us, but they are under the control of our God. God decides how they should move, from where they should come, and when they should act. Therefore, do not see Edom’s arrogance as a sign of power but, rather, an indication that God has decided to annihilate them once and for all.

God wants us to go down against the enemy, position ourselves, and stand still. Such a tactic shows total contempt for the power of Edom (ignoring Mahathir’s Internal Security Act, his riot police, and his prisons) in spirit and in faith. Show us what you have, Edom! The New Testament Church has positioned herself and stood still, and now awaits your attack! In the eyes of men, standing still in a battlefield is a deadly decision. It is suicidal. But to God’s people, they are putting the enemy to death through death. In other words, to subdue the enemies by not fighting is to stand in the position of death and in the position of resurrection. These positions are very high. They are far above the system of Ishmaelite regime. Through our present battle

with Edom, God wants us to concretely experience the 20th chapter of the second book of Chronicles.

Mighty men of Southeast Asia! Go down against them tomorrow. Position yourselves, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD. Do not fear or be dismayed. Go out against them tomorrow, for the LORD is with you. We will lift up our hands and pray for you at the temple where the LORD sets His name. May all glory and praises be rendered to the LORD God of Israel (New Testament Church) forever and ever! See you in Zion.

The Lord's servants who WILL go down and position ourselves with you all,

Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## *A Deeper Sacrifice*

March 11

Dear E:

This morning we received a fax from Sis. A regarding "going out on bail." When it comes to this issue, our attitude has always remained unchanged: We have never given in to evil or injustice. We would rather be sentenced and suffer than accept deliverance. However, if we can bring more severe judgment on Malaysia (the wild donkey) and expose its atrocities to the world, let all people of the world know that the LORD, not Baal, is God, that the latter-day Elijah is the true prophet and that the prophets of Baal are false, then accepting the attorneys' suggestion is not a compromise, but a deeper sacrifice. For this shall be the expansion for the battle on Mt. Carmel.

If Malaysia, the wild donkey, dares to challenge the church of the living God, the God of the New Testament Church will destroy it completely. We have already made up our minds that as long as we are free, we will continue to assume our ministry. We will preach until we are

jailed; and we will preach again when we are out. In this way, the gospel will be preached throughout the world. This is similar to what Gandhi did. He went in and out of prison countless times and eventually overthrew British rule.

Furthermore, we have reached a consensus: If we must choose between paying a fine and being jailed, we will choose to be jailed. Since the verdict is still pending, we should seize the opportunity to assume our ministry until Edom is subdued and conquered, and until the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of the Lord. God's destined will for Edom will be done soon. May the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, who is also the God of New Testament Church, be with you. May He send an ambush to attack Edom for you until you achieve complete victory. Amen.

The latter-day Elijah,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***Pour Water on the Sacrifice without Reservation***

March 5/Mount Zion

Dear Sis. E:

When I heard that the nine mighty men from the first group and the twenty-one mighty men from the second group came forward to offer the evening sacrifice without reservation, I saw in my spirit the completion of the LORD's altar. I seemed to see sacrifices on the altar and water being poured on them over and over again. These are the living sacrifices offered without reservation. This offering is made by pouring out one's life. It is an offering that does not consider one's future, but only the will of God. How aromatic! It has completely captured the Lord's heart! When I saw this, I knew in my spirit that the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice had come. Therefore, this morning, according to God's will, I led the house of Jacob to come near and

pray, “LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, hear us! Hear us!” I strongly believe that He will answer by fire.

I still remember when you phoned me around 4 a.m. on March 2, telling me that nine mighty men were illegally arrested by the Ishmaelite dogs while they were assuming ministry. That same morning, a rainbow was seen encircling the sun above Mount Zion around 9:35. We hadn’t seen this phenomenon on Mount Zion for months. Then when you called us about the battle, we saw it. Obviously, God was appearing to us, telling us that the battle of Mount Carmel is from Him. Therefore, the God who sits on the throne will definitely answer the prayer of the latter-day Elijah by fire. This has strengthened our faith, and caused us to despise the arrogance of the wild donkey.

When I saw how the mighty men offered themselves one by one, and how they were arrested one group after another, I was reminded of the Lord Jesus who poured out His life on the cross. He shed His blood and water to turn the accursed fate of mankind and to accomplish the eternal salvation. I was also reminded of how Elijah led the people to build the altar, lay a sacrifice on it (shedding blood), and pour water on the sacrifice again and again, all together three times in a row (pouring out of lives). Elijah’s offering removed the curses incurred by Ahab, and ended the drought by bringing about the heavy rain. We dramatized this same scene today when the mighty men offered the evening sacrifice together with the latter-day Elijah. This act is sacred and glorious! You, the mighty men in Southeast Asia, have certainly glorified the Lord! Your afflictions will accomplish God’s end-time will. Your blood which has been shed, and your lives which you have poured out, will turn around the accursed fate of the whole earth. Through you, the power of the present-day Ishmael will be destroyed, and the end-time great revival will come upon the whole world soon.

Dear Sis. E, here on Mount Zion we are praying earnestly for you and the mighty men. The spirit that has moved us will move you in double portion. The God of Elijah will reveal Himself to you at all times wherever you may be. He will lead you and the other mighty men to do what you have to do. Be it pursuing the enemies openly or deal-

ing with them as wisely as a serpent, or any other way, just do as the Holy Spirit leads you. The Lord (King of kings) who rules in the human kingdoms will surely manifest His power. Please convey our earnest greetings to all the mighty men.

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

### ***All that We Have is Provided by the Lord***

April 24/Mount Tabor

Dear E:

I am glad to hear that you have cleared the area between the small stone hill and the big stone hill on Hebron. May everyone who comes up to this area hear God say, "I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." May the power of my Lord Jesus Christ, the Great King of Zion, which is the power to rule the universe, be manifested even more from this place.

Since the beginning of 1992, New Testament Church's ministry in ruling for God has become increasingly magnified. It's truly amazing! The God of heaven has indeed heard our prayers and has confirmed what we have said and done, even what we have thought. We bow our heads and worship Him. We revere Him and offer ourselves to Him with even more thanksgiving. He has made us the seal in His hand.

Yesterday, Bro. Wu, Shen-min, Jean-Claude, and I went to the island of Moorea, to the site of Jehovah-jireh. In my spirit, I met the God who appeared to Abraham and I worshiped Him deep within my spirit. Indeed, He is worthy of our worship and offering. I cried out from the depths of my spirit, saying, "O God of Abraham, all that we have is provided by You! It is only right that we offer to You what You have given us! You have been gracious to me, Your lowly servant, the way You were gracious to Abraham. Great is Your grace! What else can

I ask for? ... I only hope that I can live and die for You and for You alone.”

May all New Testament Church churches follow the footsteps of Abraham to Mount Moriah to offer Isaac, so that an unprecedented revival may be ushered in, and that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdoms of my Lord and His Christ. Greetings to all brothers and sisters.

The Lord’s servant,  
Elijah Hong

# — **Sacrificed for Lambs** —

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## ***God Has Made Us the Watchmen of this Era***

Dec. 14 (Purim)

Elijah Hong, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and the co-workers of the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade to the companions of the Lamb — the good soldiers of Jesus Christ on Holy Mount Zion:

May grace, the power of victory, the glory of resurrection, and the riches of heaven from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be to you all.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory, power, and praises to the Most High and the Slain Lamb forever and ever! Amen.

Bro. B brought us a stack of your letters. As I read through each of them, I marked them with a red pen and shouted “Hallelujah” with you. Blessed be the name of the Lord, for He has done great things for us, things which surpass knowledge. His works are marvelous, and His ways past finding out. How glorious! I wish I had wings so that I could fly to the holy mountain to join you at the watchtower to assume the ministry of prayer.

O mighty men! God has made us the watchmen of this era. Our prayers will drive His hands to destroy the evil forces and to accomplish His own works. Though Satan is retaliating by wreaking havoc, our God remains seated on His throne. Who can go against Him and shake His throne? The devil Satan has long been fated for destruction and his wiles thwarted. As he tries to bruise our heel, we crush his head. Let’s curse him, trample him, shame him, and laugh at him! In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we smash his head! Praise the Lord! We raise our hands here to shout for joy and victory with you. The Lord Jesus is victorious! The New Testament Church is victorious! The King of Zion is victorious! The people of Zion are victorious! Hallelujah!

My heart longs for Zion. May the Lord soon give me a chance to

join you there so that we may trample the enemy, and curse and shame him together. Glorious revival has come upon Mount Zion. The power of victory will be widely manifested. The Lord's name will be greatly glorified. The complete truth will be greatly victorious. It will shine upon the whole earth and wipe out all dominions of darkness. The kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ will come soon. Amen! Amen! Amen! May the Lord's grace be with you always.

Bro. Elijah Hong  
and the co-workers of the Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade.

***By Joining David,  
You Have Trampled the Great Dragon***

Oct. 26, 1982/In the land of wandering

Dear mighty men who share in the heavenly calling:

Peace to you in the Lord. Your decision to join David has shaken the dominion of hell. By joining David, you have trampled on the great dragon, the old serpent.

These are the days in which the Lord goes to war! The proud and the evil-doers (the lawless and the godless) will be like stubble. They will be burned up by the Lord's fire that will leave them with neither root nor branch. But to you who fear God's name, the sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in its wings (rays). You shall go out and leap like calves released from the stall. You shall trample down the wicked, for they shall be as ashes under the soles of your feet. The God of the New Testament Church will judge righteously and recompense the wicked. His hand is outstretched. His wrath is aroused. Edom will be destroyed. The little ones of Babylon will be dashed against the rock. The stone cut out without human hands will strike the enemies of Zion and break them to pieces.

Mighty men, fight on courageously! Help the present-day David

attack the rebels (dogs and evil gangs). Destroy the enemy's forces and usher in the kingdom of God. Behold, peace and victory are at hand! The God of Zion shall reign forever. The ends of the earth will see His salvation. Zion shall fill the whole world. All nations will flow back to Holy Mount Zion. The kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. Hallelujah! Amen!

Servants of the living God,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi

P.S. On this day in 1979, we saw a rainbow encircle the sun on the holy mountain, the same day the spiritual wind blew.

### ***The Lord, the Commander of Hosts, Raises an Ensign to All Nations***

July 27, 1984

Dear faithful and courageous soldiers of Christ:

Peace to you in the Lord. The LORD, the Commander of hosts, says, "I have a greater task for you, my servant. Not only will you restore to greatness the people of Israel who have survived, but I will also make you a light to the nations — so that all the world may be saved (Isa. 49:6, TEV)."

Here is my servant, whom I strengthen—the one I have chosen, with whom I am pleased. He will bring justice to every nation. He will bring lasting justice to all. He will establish justice on the earth. The LORD God says to His servant: I, the LORD, have called you and given you power to see that justice is done on earth. Through you I will make a covenant with all peoples; through you I will bring light to the nations. You will open the eyes of the blind and set free those who sit in dark prisons. (See Isa. 42:1–7.)

Mighty men, these are the days in which the LORD, the Commander

of hosts, raises an ensign to all nations. These are the days He raises His arm as the signal for His mighty men to attack the proud cities (gates of the nobles). He has called out His confident soldiers to fight a holy war and to punish those with whom He is angry. (See Isa. 13:2–3.) The LORD will raise a signal flag to show the nations that He is again gathering together the scattered people of Israel and Judah and bringing them back from the four corners of the earth. Together, they will attack the Philistines on the west and plunder the people who live to the east. They will conquer the people of Edom and Moab, and the people of Ammon will obey them (see Isa. 11:10–14).

More than 140 nations have gathered in Los Angeles for the Olympic Games. To the New Testament Church, it is an occasion for an international gospel campaign. The Lord called for this campaign Himself, for He wants us to assume our ministry as Prophet of All Nations. He wants us to witness to all mankind that Jesus Christ is the King and Savior. Behold, the Mighty One, God the LORD, has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun (East) to its going down (West). Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth (see Ps. 50:1–2). All nations will see Zion's victory and all kings her glory (see Isa. 62:2).

Mighty men, arise! Fight courageously! The Lord is with us. The Commander with a drawn sword will lead us to fight a good and victorious battle. On the mountain, we will raise our hands and pray for this holy battle. I deeply believe that when we raise the Lord's ensign on the mountain, you, the mighty men, will display the victory of Christ in the whole world. Behold, "I [the Lord], am calling a man to come from the east; he will swoop down like a hawk and accomplish what I have planned." (Isa. 46:11 TEV) He tramples on rulers as if they were mud, like a potter trampling clay (See Isa. 41:25 TEV).

May God make all things work for the good of His army so that the inhabitants of this earth may consider the Ensign raised on the mountain, and may give ear to the sound of the epochal trumpet blown by the mighty men. Let them quickly submit themselves to this Ensign of All Nations. Hallelujah!

Prophet of All Nations,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***A Blood Lesson***

March 23, 1985/Hebron in the Isle of the East

Dear brothers and sisters:

Peace to you in the Lord. We heard that when God's maidservant Sis. Rachel and His servant Bro. Wu were away from East Malaysia, something that should not have happened among you happened. This made us worry deeply about the testimony of Bethel, Glory Home, Heidi's Home, and all New Testament Church churches in East Malaysia. Our hearts were heavy and our prayers earnest for all of you. We also pled to the Lord to raise up more vessels who could watch over His testimony.

What happened in Bethel was very serious. It broke our hearts to hear that the secrets of our techniques (inheritance from God) that we had acquired through years of labor were stolen. At the thought of it now, I am still grieved. It was such a foolish mistake, one that we cannot reverse! But since it has already happened, we believe that the Lord allowed it for a good reason. As long as we are willing to prostrate in the Lord's light and learn the lesson we should learn, this failure will be worthwhile. The Lord has mercy and grace. For He will not break a bruised reed nor quench a smoking flax. May we learn a good lesson from this serious mistake. May it become a painful reminder to every one of us forever.

We must tell you frankly that this incident happened because you isolated yourselves from the spiritual ministers. You started off being dissatisfied with the spiritual ministers, then you began complaining about them and disobeying them. Gradually your complaints turned into disbelief. That's why you ended up making so many mistakes. You must, therefore, remember this lesson of blood so that you will never

make this mistake again. We hope that our frank words do not dismay you, but rather heal and save you. We love you dearly. We are willing to give you not only the words of God, but also our lives. You are indeed prearranged by God to coordinate with me, and you have suffered, fought the battles, and toiled together with me for many years.

My beloved, a righteous man may fall seven times but he will also get up seven times. I will live if you can learn from your failures and get up again. I will continue to pray for you earnestly. Here, on the isle of the east, I lift up my hands and pray for you in tears. I am sure the Lord will listen to my prayers. He will save you and keep you, and you will find grace and bring us great comfort and joy. My beloved, lift up your heads again and run the race ahead of you. Zion is right before us! Peace and victory are not too far away! See you on Zion.

The Lord's servants who love you,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***You Are Always on My Mind***

Dec. 21, 1985

Dear Southeast Asian brothers and sisters who suffer with us for the truth:

May the God who gives peace bless you from Zion. Ever since you, the Southeast Asian pilgrims, were denied entry and deported, I have not had a moment of relief. You are always on my mind. The scenes of your being severely beaten by the KMT police continue to flash across my mind and break my heart. I cannot help crying to the faithful Almighty One of Jacob, "O God who has chosen Jacob, open Your eyes and see! See how Your children were mistreated and assaulted by the evil KMT. Arise, avenge Your children! Comfort them and bind their wounds."

My children in the Lord, you are always on my mind. How I wish I

was the one to take the assaults. How I wish I could fly to your side, lay hands on your wounds and pray for you. How I wish I could wash your feet. You are my beloved children. After you were brutalized by the evil KMT, none of you had a chance to say good-bye to me before you left. How can I not be grieved? When, one after another, your faces and gestures go through my mind, I call you by your names, and tears come streaming out of my eyes.

My beloved children, the Lord will bring you back and He will do it soon. We shall meet again on Zion. The glory and joy on that day will be so great! That day will come soon! My children, the days of battle will not be long. Soon the enemies will be destroyed, and our wandering will come to an end. May the Lord keep you all in His grace. Stand fast until we meet again on Zion.

The Lord's servants who miss you,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

P.S. Please have Sis. Sheu make a copy of this letter for each of you.

***Your Faithfulness to the Lord  
Has Greatly Encouraged the Churches***

Oct. 11, 1986

Dear mighty men of Jesus Christ:

Peace to you in the Lord. We are joyous to hear that you didn't count your lives dear to you but fought courageously for the appointed will of God, the glorious vision of all nations flowing back to Zion. We thank and praise God for your faithfulness, bravery, and endurance in affliction, all of which have greatly encouraged the New Testament Church churches. We advance with you in the spirit of fasting. The day for Jesus Christ, the King of kings, to crush the Lee dynasty has come.

In December of last year, the Nanyang pilgrims were assaulted at the Taoyuan International Airport. Our blood was not shed in vain. The bloodshed brought about the glorious victory of 1986 as well as the total destruction of the Chiang dynasty of Taiwan. Likewise, through your suffering and battle in Singapore this year, the Lee dynasty and its tyranny will also be eradicated by God.

Mighty men, we did not suffer or shed our blood for nothing. Nor were we arrested, detained, or assaulted in vain. Last year's battle brought about this year's victory (especially on Oct. 1). This price we paid was worthwhile. Now, the two families of Tan and Liu have returned to Holy Mount Zion! God's words through the prophet have come true. Where is KMT's power to stop people from returning to Zion? We have become more than conquerors in Christ! So we believe that the recent battle will also bring about a more glorious and complete victory. After the two families of Tan and Liu, the whole house of Jacob and all nations will also come home. Hallelujah!

The LORD of hosts is the faithful Almighty One of Jacob. With the LORD fighting for us at the front, we have nothing to fear. Mighty men, continue to fight courageously! Endure to the end and you will be victorious. The day for the destruction of the Lee Kuan Yew regime is here. Compared to ancient Egypt or the Roman Empire, Singapore is nothing. Yet it dares to arrogantly challenge the Most High God. It is doomed for destruction! In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we crush this evil regime and overthrow this haughty throne! The Lee dynasty has spilled our blood. The Lord will make it repay blood for blood. The LORD of hosts will not spare the murderers. Behold, the Lee dynasty, the present-day Mount Esau and Mount Bashan, will soon collapse! Its destruction will come instantly! The enslaved will be set free! Hallelujah! The LORD of hosts will be abundantly with all of you. He will lead you to fight a good and victorious battle. See you in Zion.

The present-day Zerubbabel,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***You Did Not Suffer in Vain***

March 26, 1987/Mount Zion

Dear mighty men who fight for the Lord in Singapore:

Peace to you in the Lord. The Lord saw all the afflictions you suffered when you assumed the ministry of vanquishing tyrannies and rescuing mankind. He saw how you were arrested, beaten, detained, tortured, and sent to the emergency room. He saw how your families were broken apart, and how you were deported and prosecuted in court. He will definitely arise to champion justice for you. He will punish injustice and destroy the Lee dynasty. He will make the Lee dynasty pay double for the suffering and persecution it has inflicted upon the New Testament Church. Therefore, you have not suffered in vain. For in His wrath, the Lord will bring quick destruction to the Lee dynasty.

Mighty men, the New Testament Church around the world is fighting in one accord with you through fasting and prayers. We are fighting this most evil Lee dynasty together. Tyrants shall perish, and tyrannies shall fall. The Lord will bring you back to Zion soon. May the Lord Jesus be with you all and help you bear witness for Him bravely in court, bring judgment upon the tyranny of Singapore and manifest His victory. We will raise our hands and pray for you on the holy mountain. See you on Zion.

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***I Anoint You to Suffer***

April 8, 1987/Mount Zion

Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, and Caleb Kuang, the servants of Jesus Christ, to the mighty men in Southeast Asia:

Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn from the dead, and the Ruler over the kings of the earth. He loved us and gave His life for us, redeeming us with His own blood. He made us His companions in tribulation, and in His kingdom and patience, so that when His glory is revealed, we may also be glad with exceeding joy.

Mighty men, the Lord says, "I anoint you to suffer, to be afflicted, to be beaten, to be chained, and to be imprisoned. I anoint you to be broken-hearted. I anoint you to shed tears and blood. I anoint you to wander about. I anoint you to bear the heavy cross. I anoint you to be martyrs. I anoint you to be slaughtered all day long. But in all these, My Spirit of glory will rest upon you."

Mighty men, you have continued to endure and believe amid all your persecutions and tribulations. This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of His kingdom, for which you also suffer. It is a righteous thing for God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you. The Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven. In flaming fire He will take vengeance on those who do not know Him, who do not obey the gospel and who are against Christ and His church.

Mighty men, the heavens are indeed opened to us in this fiery and flashing clouds of April. The Lord who is faithful and true, who judges and makes war in righteousness, has appeared to us. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on His head are many crowns. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called the Word of God. Out of His mouth goes a sharp sword that He shall use to strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of the Almighty God, King of kings and Lord of lords. His feet are like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace. Mighty men, you are indeed the Lord's feet of fine brass. You will judge tyrants and tyrannies in righteousness. You will trample kings and rulers, as if they were mud. You will trample nations like treading grapes.

We will see you defeat the Lee dynasty which opposes God and persecutes the church. You will return to Zion triumphantly. At that time, we will welcome you at the Taoyuan International Airport. The pride and glory of God's kingdom will be fully manifested through you in the evil human kingdoms.

O mighty men, all nations shall see your victory and all kings your glory. We will continue to pray for you, as will the saints all around the world. See you on Zion.

Servants of Jesus Christ,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi and Caleb Kuang

## *A Song Sung in Affliction*

June 10, 1987/Mount Zion

Dear mighty men, prisoners of the Lord:

Peace to you in the Lord. We were thankful and happy when we saw the hymn you wrote in prison. Like eagles, we are surpassing, courageous, brilliant, and steadfast. This is a song sung in affliction, a song of faith that boasts victory over the enemy. This song will kill the Lee dynasty. You are right, the higher we fly, the farther we see, and we will not lose our vision. O mighty men, I thank God for you in tears. Your song has now echoed throughout the world. We are singing it, and so is the whole house of Jacob. It is sung inside and outside the prison, in the East and in the West. We will sing it enthusiastically until the Lee dynasty is completely overthrown, until Zion is renowned throughout the world, until God's plan is done, until we meet on Zion, and until all nations return to Zion.

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Mighty men, our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that since you are partakers of the sufferings, you will also be partakers of the consolation. Paul said, “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed — always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.” Hallelujah! The Lee dynasty will surely perish. It’s not that God doesn’t want to recompense, but the time has not yet come. He has more glorious and solemn things to do in Singapore. How Babylon failed to escape God’s appointed judgment, the Lee dynasty will likewise be unable to escape.

Mighty men, we will live to see the destruction of the Lee dynasty. You will be victorious, just as Mordecai was. The Lee dynasty and the Mahathir regime will perish. The New Testament Church will return to Zion in glory and triumph.

We will raise our hands and keep praying for you on the holy mountain. The Lord shall be with you and be your timely help. He will bring you out of prison in glory and back to Zion in victory. See you on Zion.

The Lord’s servants who raise our hands and pray for you on Mount Zion,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## *Soaring Like an Eagle*

June 11, 1987/Mount Zion

To all the mighty men who have suffered in the battle for the Lord:

Peace to you in the Lord. We bow down in worship of God whenever we think of how you have found grace during the ferocious battle in Singapore. Although the affliction is great, the testimony you dis-

play is strong, surpassing and brilliant. The verse: “Tribulations produce perseverance, and perseverance, character; character, hope; and hope does not disappoint” is not an empty theory but a reality to you.

The sufferings of the mighty men have brought immense grace to the whole house of Jacob. Such grace is beyond measure. The letters they sent from prison and the songs they wrote have encouraged and strengthened all the New Testament churches, and brought us great comfort. From our heart we cry out, “O Lord, great is Your faithfulness! You are indeed the faithful Almighty One of Jacob. Your promises never fail. For all your promises in Christ are Yes and in Him Amen.” He has done great things for us. He has let the suffering witnesses in prison experience His mighty power of resurrection and sing a more beautiful song. These witnesses are like eagles, so surpassing, courageous, brilliant, and strong. They are exactly the way we have been praying for them to be, and the Lord has answered our prayers. The onslaught of waves that hit the house of Jacob with increasing strength will serve to let us experience His greater grace, to the praise of the glory of His grace.

May the mighty men of Jacob’s house be like eagles, soaring high above all persecutions and afflictions. Let us fly to a place beyond the reach of the enemies, where the enemies are trampled under our feet. Recently, the companions on the holy mountain have been singing this new song. The more they sing, the more they are lifted in their spirits, like eagles which spread their wings and soar high in the sky. This is the living testimony borne by the New Testament Church. It is a victorious and surpassing testimony, a glorious one, as Paul once mentioned: “We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed.” May this testimony be manifested on the whole earth soon so that New Testament Church and Mount Zion may be renowned throughout the world. We shall see the destruction of our enemies. All nations will be set free to return to Zion triumphantly. Hallelujah!

We who raise our hands and pray for you on Zion,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***Return to Zion to Build an Altar and Offer Sacrifice***

Sept. 24, 1987/Mount Zion

Dear brothers and sisters:

Peace to you in the Lord. Please forgive me in the Lord for not replying to you sooner. Although my reply is late, I did not forget you for one moment. I pray that the faithful God will be with you and protect you in all your ways until you return triumphantly to Zion.

Thanks be to the Lord. The 9.24 of 1987 was unprecedented and glorious. On this day, the faithful Almighty One of Jacob accomplished an epochal thing in the universe: He led the whole house of Jacob back to Zion to build an altar and to offer sacrifice.

It was very wonderful. By God's arrangement, a big altar appeared on El Zion on the eve of 9.24. My original plan was only to replace the stone I used as a pillow 20 years ago with a rock. But unexpectedly, God turned it into an altar. Later, we discovered that the altar consists of three rocks stacked on top of each other in the center, surrounded by 12 pieces of smaller stones, which signify the 12 tribes of Israel.

The celebration of 9.24 was to be concluded after the wedding service. But when I was about to announce the end of the convocation, a co-worker from Tainan told me that the tribes from Tainan and Fengshan were moved to offer sacrifice at the altar. Another co-worker, from Taipei also came forward to say that the northern churches would like to offer as well. As a result, all the tribes from Taiwan and abroad went up to the altar together as one body. This was something we had never expected. It was completely the leading of the God of Jacob.

Many wanted to offer sacrifice, but it was impossible for everyone to go up to the altar. So, we decided to lead the house of Jacob to walk round the altar while singing "Return to Zion, Build an Altar, and Offer Sacrifice." Many brothers and sisters were moved to tears when they stepped on the altar. With both hands raised, they asked the Lord to accept their sacrifices. It was a solemn, sacred, and touching scene.

After the house of Jacob had gone around the altar once, we, the

three apostles, got up on top of the altar and knelt down before the Lord. The whole house of Jacob also knelt down around the altar. Together, we offered ourselves. It was an epochal and historic moment! The altar of Jacob's house appeared on earth! God was so delighted. The Holy Spirit poured out instantly and filled the congregation. It was a very solemn moment.

While this was happening, Bro. Sen-jen saw a vision: The heavenly fire descended upon the congregation, and the fire was burning most fiercely at the altar. This was proof that God was accepting the living sacrifices we offered. Despite our weaknesses, flaws, and corrupt natures, He did not abandon us. Instead, He accepted our sacrifices by fire. We were so thankful. The heavenly fire continued to burn stronger and stronger and we seemed to hear the Lord say, "You shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name."

9.24 was the day God wanted Zerubbabel to rule in His name. So, on this day God wanted us, the house of Jacob, to change our name to Israel. This means that He wanted us to rule with Him, overthrowing the thrones of nations, destroying the strength of kingdoms, crushing the human kingdoms, and making the kingdoms of this world the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. And to assume this ministry of ending human kingdoms and ushering in God's kingdom, we must first go to the altar.

To let us understand the awesome power and glory of the altar of Jacob's house, God moved Bro. Hui-min to capture a big hornet hive that evening. Our brother turned the nest upside down and set it on fire, killing thousands of hornets inside. Through this, God told us that after going through the altar, we would become the fire of Jacob's house and the flame of Joseph's house. We will devour Esau's house as if it is stubble, thus accomplishing the gracious word of 9.24.

In addition to all this glory, we have received many phone calls requesting help and the grace of God. The callers came from all walks of life, including ordinary people, KMT members, DPP members, and even KMT servicemen. Some KMT officials even requested the New Testament Church to champion justice for them, and some wanted to

submit their “progress report” to us. None of these happened by chance. It was proof that God has set us over all the nations and kingdoms. He has made us judge between the nations and settle disputes for many peoples and strong nations afar (see Isa. 2:4; Micah 4:3).

All these incidents show that God’s words in the Bible are beginning to be fulfilled on us, the ministry of today’s Israel is being manifested, and today’s Zerubbabel is ruling in God’s name. Let’s be more courageous to vanquish tyrannies and rescue mankind. Let’s execute justice on earth, settle disputes among the nations, end the conflicts in this world, and bring about everlasting peace.

On Sept. 27, more brothers and sisters came to El Zion to offer sacrifices to the God of Jacob. This scene was even more unusual. After the various tribes walked around the altar, they prostrated on the ground. There were living sacrifices everywhere, on the altar and all around it. How solemn, sacred and touching. The heavenly fire descended and consumed the sacrifices. This spiritual flame of revival will burn brighter and brighter until it engulfs the whole earth and brings about the end-time great revival. May all the children of Jacob’s house advance in the spirit of building the altar and offering sacrifices. May we assume the ministry of Zerubbabel ruling in God’s name. Let us do so until the rulers of this world are overthrown, until the human kingdoms (tyrants and tyrannies) are destroyed, and until the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. Amen.

The Lord’s servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## *The Victorious People of Jerusalem*

Dec. 31, 1987/Mount Zion

To the churches and all the mighty men in Southeast Asia:

Peace to you in the Lord. Thanks be to Him. As we prophesied at

the beginning of this year, 1987 has truly been a year in which God's glory and victory have reached new heights. He is indeed the faithful Almighty One of Jacob. He is also the highest and the greatest, the most honorable and most glorious. He is the great King worthy of praise and reverence. We render all glory, kingdom, and power to Him forever and ever. Amen.

Last year, God dealt with the Chiang dynasty through us. This year He led you to deal with the Lee dynasty. Next year (1988), I am sure He will lead us to deal with the Ishmaelite regime. The present-day Ishmael is arrogant. He opposes the God of heaven and persecutes the church of the Living God (the present-day Isaac). Woe betide the present-day Ishmael! This slave-born Ishmael is so blind. He thinks he is greater than God, not knowing that God has determined to expose his evil so as to destroy him!

God says, "The day is near when I, the Lord, will judge all nations. Edom, what you have done will be done to you. You will get back what you have given. My people have drunk a bitter cup of punishment on My sacred hill. But all the surrounding nations will drink a still more bitter cup of punishment; they will drink it all and vanish away" (Obad. 15–16, TEV). These words shall be fulfilled on the present-day Ishmael. The Lord is calling the victorious people of Jerusalem to attack Edom, conquer Edom and rule over Edom so that kingdoms may be the LORD's.

Mighty men of Christ! The offering you made to the LORD by fire during the battle in Singapore has kindled the spiritual flame of revival and has consumed the Lee dynasty. It has brought the revival of 1987 to the peak! We thank God for you. We are praying even more earnestly for you, hoping that you will all become the victorious people of Jerusalem. Arise, fight Edom! For the Lord says, "The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame. You shall burn the Ishmaelite regime as you burn the stubble. No survivor shall remain of Ishmael. I, the Lord, have spoken" (see Obad. 18).

1988 shall be the year for our Abba Father to rule as King. It is also the year for kingdoms to be rendered to Him. May we all stride into 1988 in the spirit of "attacking Edom and ruling over it" until the

kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. Amen.

The Lord's servants who pray for you in God's temple  
on Holy Mount Zion,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

***Your Invincible Testimony is  
a Good Model Example to the Churches***

Feb. 12, 1988/Mount Zion

To Christ's good soldiers, my beloved Wen-da, Chang-yuan, Tze-de, Chia-yin, and Chia-wen:

You have been fighting for the Lord at the Chang Gung Memorial Hospital for more than two years. In the face of the evil KMT, you have never yielded, but have held fast the truth and righteousness. You have set a good example for the churches! We are so proud of you! May you continue to fight courageously by the grace of God. The Author of Salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ, shall be with you. You are not alone, for the battle you are fighting is the battle of the entire New Testament Church. In the spirit, we are fighting together with you. God's destined will for the Chiang dynasty will soon be fulfilled. We shall see punishment and destruction come upon the Chiang dynasty and the KMT tyranny.

On Feb. 9 this year, the New Testament Church's Rejuvenation Day, the Lord led us to put up the sign "Mount Zion" on the holy mountain. This is the sign for the general assembly of the New Testament Church. It testifies that Mount Zion has been exalted above all the hills and that the ruling power of Christ has been extended to all nations, even to the ends of the earth. Christ shall repossess the lost lands and free all nations to flow back to Zion.

I am sure the battle will not be long. Very soon, we will meet again

on Zion, singing the songs of victory. See you then.

The Lord's servants who miss you,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***Conquer Edom***

March 20, 1988/Mount Zion

To all the New Testament Churches around the world:

Peace to you in the Lord. Thanks be to Him, for He is the LORD. He led us to fight a good fight against the Chiang and the Lee dynasties. The present war against Edom in Malaysia is getting more ferocious, and Ishmael (the wild donkey) is getting more arrogant. We know in our spirit that the LORD of hosts is going to lead us to fight another victorious battle. This is a battle against Edom, one that will make us conquer and rule over Edom. This is also a battle by which all kingdoms shall be rendered to the Lord. May all churches and saints become the victorious people of Jerusalem and join us, this great army, for the holy war!

Behold, the day for the Lord to judge all nations has come! God says, "Edom, what you have done will be done to you. You will get back what you have given. My people have drunk a bitter cup of punishment on my sacred hill. But all the surrounding nations will drink a still more bitter cup of punishment; they will drink it all and vanish away" (Obad. 15–16, TEV). This is God's destined will for Edom, New Testament Church's age-old foe. Although the wicked, antichrist Mahathir regime is doing all it can to destroy the church of the Living God, the Lord has promised that on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance. The New Testament Church shall take her possession and the house of Jacob shall be a fire to consume the present-day Edom. The LORD is now sending messengers to the nations, calling them to wage war against Edom.

We specially write this letter to inform all co-workers and brothers and sisters worldwide that all the mighty men recently sent out from Southeast Asia by the co-workers were also sent by us. Please receive them as you would receive us, and fight in one heart with them until we conquer and rule over Edom and until kingdoms be the LORD's.

Servants of the living God,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

### ***Let's Not be in Any Way Terrified by Our Adversaries***

April 18, 1988/Mount Zion

Dear brothers and sisters:

Peace to you in the Lord. We thank the Lord for leading us through an unprecedented month of Sivan and into April, the month of the fiery and flashing clouds. He has promised to let us witness the awesome power of the wheel of the era which will run over and crush tyrants and tyrannies. May all churches and saints experience this promise and testify to this power with a firm faith.

We are very busy with the sacred works here both on and down the mountain. This is why we could not reply to your letters sooner. But our hearts and spirits are always with you on the battlefield against Edom. We know that this is a crucial battle to end the human and render them to God. This battle will also lead us to possess the whole earth as an inheritance. Therefore, the Lord needs victorious people of Jerusalem, vessels who are not afraid of the tall and strong Anakims, vessels who are not intimidated by the great wall of Jericho. Only such vessels are able to attack, conquer, and rule over Edom.

You told us in your letters that you experienced a painful failure right before the battle started and that you repented before the Lord with contrition. My children, God allowed this to happen so that you might have a mature and solid life before receiving the inheritance.

Mighty men, the present-day Edom may have become increasingly arrogant and wicked, but its defense has departed from it! The Lord God who is with us is the Most High who rules in the human kingdoms. He holds the kings' breath in His hand and owns all their ways. He has made the present-day Edom our bread. Therefore, be not in any way terrified of our adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to us of salvation (see Phil. 1:28). If we are not afraid of the enemies, they will be afraid of us. Their hearts will melt, just as the hearts of the inhabitants of Jericho melted before the Israelites.

In this month of the fiery and flashing clouds, the God who is enthroned will use the four living creatures to turn the awesome wheel of the era. His power will be extended across the whole earth and His glory will be manifested. May the mighty men march on bravely. God will make you invincible and win every battle until the Ishmaelites are driven out, until the nations prostrate at your feet, and until the kingdoms become the Lord's.

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

### ***Presenting the Lamb's Wife to This Generation***

Nov. 10, 1988

Dear mighty men of revolution from the churches in East Malaysia:

Peace to you in the Lord. We are glad to know that you have fought a more-than-victorious battle in Binatang. Under the leading of the Savior of Revolution, you have displayed the majesty, glory and power of the New Testament Church — the body of Christ — in the universe. Through this battle, the Lord's name has been greatly glorified and hallowed. We, therefore, rejoice and boast victory over our enemy.

On Nov. 6, through Sis. Wan-mei's sacrifice, we presented the Lamb's wife to this generation in Taiwan. It was no coincidence that it

happened at the time you were fighting the Ishmaelite regime in East Malaysia. Through what happened to Sis. Wan-mei, the Lord let us know that He has cleansed the church with the washing of water by the word, and is now ready to present her to Himself holy and without blemish. This is the testimony of Ephesians chapter 5. And Ephesians chapter 6 is the testimony of the contention against the spiritual hosts of wickedness — that the church must put on the whole armor and prepare herself for the battlefield. This is exactly the testimony you have displayed in Binatang. Within a day, the Lord led us to act out Ephesians 5 and 6 in Taiwan and in East Malaysia, respectively. How earnest is the Lord! How glorious are His accomplishments!

From Sis. Sheu's phone calls and letter, we learned that, through the battle, you have abundantly displayed the testimony of unity, the testimony of the body of Christ. When the members of one place were afflicted, members from other places would come to join them in the battle and share in their afflictions. We also learned that you were courageous and did not give in whether inside or outside the police station. All the elders and saints combated the savage beast in one accord, not accepting temporary deliverance. You stood your ground even in the face of brute force and violence. You are indeed worthy to be called the present-day Mordecai, the companions of the slain Lamb! The present-day Haman (Ishmael) has begun to fall. He will certainly collapse before your eyes!

Mighty men, you are truly the victorious people of Jerusalem. You are the good soldiers of Christ and the wife of the Lamb. May you continue to advance and fight courageously until we conquer and rule over Edom, and until kingdoms are rendered to the LORD. See you on Zion.

The Lord's servants who fight by your side with raised hands,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***Ordaining Workers, Elders, and Deacons Revealed by the Holy Spirit***

Dec. 31, 1988/Mount Zion

Dear brothers and sisters of the churches in Singapore and Malaysia:

Peace to you in the Lord. Great is the Head of the church, Jesus Christ, whose mighty right hand and abundant grace have led us through 1988! We render glory, thanks and praises to Him!

The year 1989 — the year of the New Testament Church — will be here tomorrow. It will be the year to end the human kingdoms and the year to begin God's kingdom. To usher in this great, solemn and glorious 1989, the ministration of the Southeast Asian churches needs to be strengthened. This strengthening of ministration will help to further fulfill the functions of Christ's body and manifest the church's power in trampling on snakes and scorpions as well as crushing the human kingdoms. Therefore, we are moved to ordain the saints who have been revealed by the Holy Spirit in various churches to be workers, elders, or deacons. They will serve the Lord's church together with us. Enclosed is a list of their names. We would like co-worker Sis. Sheu to announce the list to the Southeast Asian churches on our behalf.

May the Lord crown our year with His goodness. In 1989, may He bestow on us a new serving, new revival, and more surpassing victory. Amen.

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***The New Testament Church Follows the Calendar of God's Kingdom***

Feb. 9, 1989/Mount Zion

Dear brothers and sisters:

Peace to you in the Lord. We thank the Lord, for 1989, the last year of the '80s, is truly an extraordinary year. From January to the month of Rejuvenation, which is just slightly more than a month, the glorious works of God have already exceeded what we had wished for. We cannot help saying from our hearts, "God's kingdom has truly begun! The human kingdoms shall definitely end!"

As soon as the winter convention for the churches in Taiwan began, God moved us to proclaim to this generation: The New Testament Church follows the calendar of God's kingdom and utterly despises the calendar of the human kingdoms. As soon as God's kingdom begins, the calendars, laws, rules and regulations, and systems of the human kingdoms will be utterly denied. The New Testament Church will no longer follow the calendar, laws, and systems of human kingdoms. We will live, work, serve, and worship in accordance with the laws, ordinances, and calendars of God's kingdom. Once the New Testament Church begins to carry out this action, it will be very solemn and glorious. This action is one concrete step closer to realizing God's kingdom and to uprooting the human kingdoms. This generation will soon see the end of the human kingdoms and the descent of God's kingdom.

Feb. 9 is New Testament Church's Rejuvenation Day. God wants the New Testament Church to have a life of rejuvenation, that is, a life that fears God, a life that is fearless of the king's command or his wrath. It is an indestructible life, one that will revive the tribes of Jacob and the whole earth and all things therein. To accomplish this great and sacred mission, the Lord gave us the vessel of rejuvenation. On Feb. 9, 1976, He revealed that I, His lowly servant, would be the minister of rejuvenation. On Feb. 9 this year, He revealed the various ministers in the house of Jacob through a discussion service with questions and answers on the truth. The Scriptures say, "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:11–12).

Hallelujah! This is proof that God is gracious to the house of Jacob, and He will also bless this generation through this house. Praise the Lord, for there is a leader in Israel and, along with him, various spiritual ministers.

Behold, all things shall be revived and renewed! All nations will return. The human kingdoms shall end and God's kingdom shall come. Holy Mount Zion and the New Testament Church shall fill the whole earth. Christ shall be king forever and ever. Hallelujah! Amen!

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***Flattening America the Great Mountain***

April 10, 1989/Mount Zion

Dear brothers and sisters:

Peace to you in the Lord. The year 1989 is indeed glorious. In January, God revealed to us the declaration of His kingdom: "God's kingdom begins. Man's kingdoms end." In February, the month of Rejuvenation, He sent me to Northeast Asia to set up the court of judgment in the Valley of Jehoshaphat and to pass death verdicts against all tyrants. In March, the month of Sivan, His decree to punish tyrants and tyrannies and reclaim His sovereignty reached the 127 provinces. In April, the month of the fiery and flashing clouds, the heavens were opened and God took action. The four living creatures pushed the high and awesome wheel of the era to crush all evil forces. In order to carry out these actions, the Lord said, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit... Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain" (Zech. 4:6-7). This is God's glorious promise, that is, when the four living creatures (Grace of Jesus Christ Crusade and New Testament Church) follow the Spirit to move forward, all the great and small mountains (strong and weak nations) will become a

plain before us. Not only will the tiny KMT become a plain, the so-called superpowers (e.g., the United States and the Soviet Union) will also become a plain. We deeply believe that things that will shake the heavens and the earth will soon happen. The power of the wheel of the era will be manifested, and nothing, absolutely nothing, can stop this power!

May all churches and saints fortify their watchtowers and pray more earnestly. May all of you become the holy watchers who issue the decree, push the wheel of the era forward, hew down the big tree of Babylon (human kingdoms), cut off its branches, shake off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let all people and things that obstruct the truth and justice be crushed.

May all churches continue to pray for the suffering witnesses of the Lord who are currently imprisoned in Houston. They are our beloved Sis. Victoria, Bro. Greg and Bro. James. Please also pray for the mighty men who fight outside the prison. Through this battle, may the Lord flatten America the great mountain. We who are on Mount Zion miss all the churches and will continue to pray for all of you. May our Lord bless our beloved brothers and sisters from Zion. See you on Zion soon. Amen.

The Lord's servants who miss you,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

### ***Now We Live, if You Stand Fast in the Lord***

May 12, 1989/Mount Zion

To our beloved brothers and sisters of the Southeast Asian churches whom we miss day and night:

Peace to you in the Lord. Our beloved co-worker Bro. Sen-jen has just come back to us from you. He told us of your longing, mourning, and zeal for us (see 2 Cor. 7:7). Just as it is written: "...And brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always have good re-

membrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, as we also to see you—therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and distress we were comforted concerning you by your faith. For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord. For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints” (1 Thess. 3:6–13).

On May 15, Bro. Pi, Bro. Wu, and I will be sent by the Lord to America and Tahiti. May He reclaim His sovereignty and ruling power through our footsteps. May our footsteps bring the light of all nations to the West and His salvation to the ends of the earth. Through this trip, let His name be hallowed by all peoples. Let His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Please pray earnestly for our footsteps and assume the ministry with us in the spirit. Again, my beloved brothers and sisters, may the Lord direct our way to you according to His time and good pleasure.

The Lord’s servants who miss you,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***Hold Fast What You Have***

July 9, 1989/Mount Zion

Our beloved co-worker Sis. Sheu and all the companions from the offshoots of Zion in Southeast Asia:

Blessed be the Son of man who has the seven stars in His right hand and who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands. He

knows what is best for the church, so He takes care of the golden lampstands as He sees fit. In this way, the radiance of the golden lampstands will spread across the earth, shining upon the nations.

The incident which occurred on May 9 was predestined by God for the purpose of further revealing the ministry of our beloved co-worker Sis. Sheu as well as the condition of everyone else's spiritual work. This incident put everyone to the test. God's maidservant Sis. Sheu has learned her lessons well through this fiery trial. Her spirit is humble, pure and calm. Her words are refined, just and sincere, all of which are the fruit of many afflictions and trials. I am sure all conscience would testify to that. That's why we thank God greatly. We are even more joyous that the companions prostrated promptly in the light of the Lord to gain His salvation. They learned to recognize the spiritual ministers in God's house, and have a more accurate, pure, and normal life-tie with them.

From your letters, we can tell that you all have found immense grace except for some who said, "Offending the administration of God' is a phrase used only when one goes against the apostles." This is not true because the administration in God's kingdom is not shouldered only by the apostles but by all ministers. Therefore, anyone who offends any minister in the house of God offends the administration of God. If anyone thinks that offending any minister besides the apostles is not offending God, and that he can disrespect and treat that minister anyway he likes, then he is making a big mistake and will suffer loss. This is because the order of administration in the house of God is the order of life. Thus, whoever disrupts this order will find himself losing life and peace.

A sister said it well: "We can testify from our experiences that having fellowship with Sis. Sheu is having fellowship with the apostles because she is doing her best to make us understand the feelings of the apostles." We cannot agree with her more. Dear children, you have found great grace. Since you have fellowship with us as well as Sis. Sheu whom we have sent, we are sure that the great revival will come to you, for we have fellowship with God. Therefore, hold fast what you

have, that no one may take your crown. The Lord says, "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name" (Rev. 3:12). May God bless you from Zion. See you on Zion.

Apostles of Jesus Christ by the will of God,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***My Sister, My Bride, You Have Ravished My Heart***

Jan. 16, 1990/Mount Zion

To our beloved New Testament Church brothers and sisters around the world:

Peace to you in the Lord. Thanks be to the Lord for leading us through the '80s with His glorious power and bountiful grace. Now, with limitless honor and glory, He is leading us into the '90s. Hallelujah!

On New Year's Day, God made known to us the declaration of God's kingdom for the '90s:

"The 1990s are the era of stone. The New Testament Church will manifest the power of God. The 7.21 Inspiration will be fulfilled. The 9.24 Gracious Word will be accomplished. Human rule will end. Human kingdoms will be terminated. Christ will rule. God's kingdom will be realized. Holy Mount Zion will be renowned throughout the world."

This declaration is God's plan and the New Testament Church's life vision for the '90s. It is also the guideline for all mankind in the '90s. The glory, honor, power, and riches that the God of heaven wants to show us in the '90s will be far beyond what we can imagine. May God equip us with the faith of Abraham so that we may enjoy His kingdom with great assurance.

All the churches and saints are offering enthusiastically for the paving of the asphalt road on Mount Zion. The countless touching stories about their offerings were presented before the Lord as songs of love. This reminds me of the chariot of Solomon which was inlaid with the love of the daughters of Jerusalem. Today, we can also boast that the highway of Zion is laid by the love of the daughters of Zion. What a sweet aroma! The Lord says, "You have ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse..." (Song 4:9).

May all the churches say to the Lord, "I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine..." (Song 6:3). May our Beloved, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the church, lead us to assume our ministry faithfully in the '90s to terminate human kingdoms, realize God's kingdom, and set free all nations, so that they may flow back to Zion to enjoy everlasting peace.

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***We Fight and Execute Power by Promise***

July 25, 1990/Mount Zion

Dear brothers and sisters:

Peace to you in the Lord. On July 28, the maidservant of God, our beloved Sis. Celia, will be released from prison gloriously. I am sure that saints from around the world will welcome her warmly in the spirit, for she has conquered Edom and is coming out of prison victoriously. Due to her afflictions, God's severe judgment has come upon Edom. Cases in point are the great earthquake in Iran and the stampede in Mecca, the place where the devil receives homage. The testimony displayed by our sister is exactly according to the principle of our Lord Jesus, who, through death, destroyed the devil who had the power of death. We see more and more clearly that the power of the Most High

for crushing the human kingdoms is manifested through witnesses who are willing to lay down their lives for God's kingdom.

Dear brothers and sisters, when we deal with Edom and cast out the wild donkey, it means that God's kingdom has come upon us. Once the kingdom of God appears, the human kingdoms will be crushed to pieces and carried away by the wind like chaff, and no trace of them will be found! This is God's predestined will for the '90s. Despite Edom's arrogance and Ishmael's ruthlessness, they will be burned up, leaving neither root nor branch. God has destined that the human kingdoms are not to be reformed, but to be utterly shattered. Therefore, our final battle is to crush the human kingdoms and end human rule.

Dear mighty men, the battle will not be long. In this final battle, let us fight the savage beast tooth and nail until the very end. God has spoken, "I have given my saints the power to judge." Thus we should fight and execute this power by His promise until Edom is conquered and utterly consumed. We shall receive the kingdom and possess it forever and ever. Hallelujah! Amen! See you on Zion.

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

### *The Lord Awaits Our Offerings with His Unfailing Love*

Aug. 12, 1990/Mount Zion

Dear brothers and sisters:

Peace to you in the Lord. Your letters have given us much consolation, and we are thankful that you are in the Lord's molding hands. Dear children, what could be more secure than being in the hands of God? That's why when Sis. Sheu told me on the phone that all of you knelt down to offer yourselves again upon your return from the prison, with tears I thanked God, the God who has chosen all of us.

Whenever God does something glorious, we always have feelings of inadequacy. We always feel we could have done better. We blame ourselves for our carelessness, negligence, and incompetence. Yet, it is often at times like these that we touch the Lord's unfailing love — that He is waiting to accept our offerings. We are so wretched. What do we have to offer to Him?

The Scriptures say, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit." God wants us to know that all He requires of us is a broken spirit and a contrite heart. This is better than any burnt offering. Therefore, if we have no burnt offerings to offer, let us offer a broken and contrite spirit. If we have no success and victory to offer, let us offer grief over our failures. The Lord will accept that. For He is our good Shepherd, and His staff and His rod comfort us. Dear children, may each of you become a specimen of the Lord's love and a witness of His grace. Amen. See you on Zion.

The Lord's servants who miss you,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***Receiving the Baton from Your Fathers and Brothers***

Oct. 29, 1990/Mount Zion

Dear children of Jacob:

We are writing this letter to you from Mount Zion. In the spirit, we can see the glorious picture of the special meeting in Bethel, an offshoot of Zion, as though we are sharing the glory with you in person.

This reminds me of the time I held a youth convention in Southeast Asia many years ago. Those youngsters have grown up, and some of them are now middle-aged. Back then, you were still very small. Some of you were not yet born. But now you are in your youth, growing up before the Lord and ready to take over the batons from your fathers and brothers.

Dear children, can you imagine how happy and comforted we are? What makes me really thank God is that He personally prepared this convention especially for you. The human kingdoms are opposing God by changing the school holidays and putting you on a blacklist in an attempt to prevent you from returning to Zion. But that did not hold us back in any way, for no one can hinder God from blessing those He wants to bless. The hindrances of the human kingdoms have backfired this time. Now you are able to hold a convention at the offshoot of Zion. What an amazing and wise arrangement of God! Mount Zion will soon fill the whole earth and shoot forth many branches. As the Scriptures say, “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His way past finding out!” (Rom. 11:33). Also, “Where is the wise?... Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?” (1 Cor. 1:20).

My dear children, since the Lord is convening this special meeting for you, He wants to bestow His grace upon you. It is, therefore, our hope that you find immense grace and be nurtured and established in the truth. Accept the equipping of the Lord so that you may become living stones which demonstrate the power of crushing the human kingdoms in this era of the stone. May you reveal the beauty and glory of Zion — the city of the Great King — and let Him be greatly praised throughout the world.

We wish that we could come to you in person, but right now we are tied up with the construction projects on Zion. We will continue to raise our hands and pray for you on the holy mountain, asking the God of Zion, the faithful Almighty God of Jacob, to greatly bless this special meeting as well as the offshoots of Zion. May the Spirit that moves us also move you. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit forever. Amen.

The Lord’s servants who miss you and who pray for you with raised hands,

Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***Go, Present Yourselves to Ahab***

March 4, 1991/Mount Zion

To Yuxi, Jiahan, Xinyong, Lily, Jingnian, Lifang, Meifang, Liyan, and Shujun, who offer the evening sacrifice with the latter-day Elijah:

Hallelujah! You have indeed obeyed God's will and presented the latter-day Elijah to Ahab. The house of Ahab will be judged and annihilated. Mighty men, your evening sacrifice was such a sweet fragrance to the Lord. The God of Elijah will certainly answer by fire. Mount Esau in Southeast Asia will be consumed by the heavenly fire, and the present-day wild donkey will be cast out. This is all because there are sacrifices on the Lord's altar like you, who consider not your futures but only the will of God. Mighty men, we are offering the evening sacrifice together with you. We will fight by your side until the present-day house of Ahab is annihilated and the present-day prophets of Baal are killed. Hallelujah!

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***Sacrifices who Consider Not Their Future But the Will of God***

March 4, 1991/Mount Zion

To the mighty men who offer the evening sacrifice with the latter-day Elijah:

Yesterday (March 3), when we were told that nine mighty men had presented the latter-day Elijah to Ahab, we knew that the battle on Mount Carmel had begun. After talking to co-worker Sis. Sheu over the phone and reading your fax this morning, we learned that you were grievous and were crying bitterly over the mistakes you made during

the battles the past two days. All of you offered yourselves anew and followed the example of the imprisoned mighty men who offered the evening sacrifice without reservation. We were very touched by all these. All the sacrifices on the LORD's altar did not care about their future, only the will of God. And only such sacrifices that are willing to lay down their lives for God's will can destroy the dominion of hell, annihilate the present-day house of Ahab, and kill the present-day prophets of Baal.

Mighty men, now is the time for the God of Elijah to manifest His power and cast out the wild donkey. Mount Esau of Southeast Asia will be consumed by heavenly fire. This Malaysian wild donkey will be cast out by the God of the latter-day Elijah! In order to fulfill God's end-time will, we are offering the evening sacrifice together with you. We are also marching to the battlefield on Mount Carmel with you. Hallelujah! See you on Zion.

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***New Testament Church Comes Forward as One Body for the Evening Sacrifice***

To the New Testament churches in all the world:

On the evening of March 1, nine mighty men from the Tribe of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, were sent by God to assume the ministry of the latter-day Elijah — to present Elijah to Ahab. On their way back from assuming ministry, the Malay *dogs* handcuffed and arrested them by force. In detention, the nine mighty men were strong in spirit. They offered themselves to God as one body. At the news, brothers and sisters from all over West Malaysia rushed to Kuala Lumpur to join the battle of Mount Carmel. They said, "If God's righteous demand has not been met, we will come forward as one body to offer the evening sacrifice." On March 4, more than 20 mighty men were also arrested.

This is indeed the moment for the New Testament Church to come forward as one body to offer the evening sacrifice.

May all New Testament Church churches and saints pray earnestly for the mighty men on the battlefield of Mount Carmel and fight in one accord with them in the spirit of “offering the evening sacrifice.” Enclosed is a copy of our letter to the first nine mighty men who are detained.

The Lord’s servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

### *An Evening Sacrifice of Fasting and Prayers*

March 6, 1991, 11 P.M./Mount Zion

To the New Testament Churches worldwide:

The present-day battle on Mount Carmel has begun. To destroy Ahab and the dominion of Baal, and to bring about the end-time spiritual rain, 30 mighty men of Southeast Asian have laid themselves on the altar of the LORD! The Malaysian wild donkey is becoming rampant and the prophets of Baal are shouting and leaping crazily about. They spare no effort in persecuting Isaac (the New Testament Church), even resorting to brute force in an attempt to extort confessions from the mighty men. In order to cast out this wild donkey, consume Mount Esau and conquer Edom, the Southeast Asian churches have decided to fast and pray for three days, March 7 through 9. This will be fasting and prayers through which they will pour water (drain their lives) on the altar and offer sacrifice.

We deeply feel that the time has come for the New Testament Church to offer the evening sacrifice as one body. Therefore, we hope that the entire New Testament Church will come forward and offer the evening sacrifice with the churches in East and West Malaysia, that is, join them in the fasting and prayers. May the Lord — the God of Elijah

— answer us! May He answer us by fire. May the Malaysian wild donkey be chased down into the pit, the prophets of Baal be killed, the house of Ahab be completely destroyed, and the end-time great revival come quickly.

The latter-day Elijah,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

*The Sweet Fragrance  
from the Sacrifices on the LORD's Altar*

March 9, 1991/Mount Zion

To the mighty men who have laid themselves upon the LORD's altar according to the decree of the Most High against Edom:

God has specially chosen you to make the offering (to be imprisoned), just as He chose Elijah to do so in the past. Your evening sacrifice was a re-enactment of 2 Kings 18. Through your offering, the predestined will of God in this chapter will be fulfilled. God will answer by fire. He will reveal that He is the one and only true God; that Baal is not God; that the man of God, the latter-day Elijah, is the true prophet; and that the prophets of Baal are false. Through you, God will bring the prophets of Baal and the house of Ahab to the brook of Kishon to kill them all! Through you, God will send down the end-time great spiritual rain to the whole earth and free the people of this last generation. He will let them see the light and return to Zion for everlasting peace. Now, the sweet fragrance of the sacrifices from the LORD's altar has reached the throne, and the LORD God has already answered by fire. Hallelujah!

The latter-day Elijah who offers the evening sacrifice with you on the LORD's altar day and night,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***A More Dedicated Imprisonment, a More Sacrificial Prison Release***

March 15, 1991/Mount Zion

To the New Testament Churches and mighty men around the world:

Peace to you in the Lord. Hallelujah! The 30 Southeast Asian saints have been gloriously released from prison today! (They are out on bail pending trial.) The spirit of all the mighty men is high, and they have all laid themselves on the altar without reservation. This prison release will give the mighty men more time to assume the ministry of the latter-day Elijah. This step was taken to keep up with the leading of the Holy Spirit. Thus, we call it a more dedicated imprisonment and a more sacrificial prison release. It is, therefore, my sincere hope that all the New Testament Churches do not presume that the battle is over or that you may now relax because the mighty men are out of prison. Brothers and sisters, the battle is not over yet! There are fiercer battles to come. As long as God's righteous demand is not met, we will not stop fighting and our spirit of casting out the wild donkey will remain strong.

The Southeast Asian mighty men have offered themselves as living sacrifices without reservation. They consider not their future, nor their career, nor their education. The will of God is their only consideration. May all churches around the world imitate them and offer the evening sacrifice without reservation. Now that this wild Malaysian donkey is frightened by God's ambush, let us advance and cast it out once and for all! May the spirit and power of Elijah fill the mighty men throughout the world.

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***The Remnant of People Stirred Up by God***

June 22, 1991/Mount Zion

Dear brothers and sisters of the Church of Miri:

Peace to you in the Lord. Recently, you have been through a lot of trials. First, Sis. Hui-siong was received by the Lord, then Bro. Albert Hii. Then there was a flood at Heidi's Home. Nevertheless, these severe blows did not discourage you. Instead you have found more grace and moved on courageously.

The flood almost destroyed Heidi's Home. You could have started to rebuild Heidi's Home right away, but instead, you are minding the heart of the Lord who is zealous for His temple in Bethel. Being stirred up by God's spirit, you have decided to focus on building the house of Jacob's God in Bethel and to set aside the reconstruction of Heidi's Home for the time being. We thank God for you because of your keen response to His calling. You are indeed the remnant of people who can be stirred up by God, the remnant of people who will receive the inheritance.

Through the recent trials, we are even more certain that the New Testament Church is the house of God, and that you are truly living in this house! You care for the feelings of the body rather than your own. This is what pleases God and touches Him most. I deeply believe that God will bless you more and that the riches of Christ the Head, as well as the glory, grace and blessings of the body, will flow to you in abundance. May you continue to be established in the riches of this body. Amen.

The Lord's servants,  
Elijah Hong, Victor Pi, Caleb Kuang

## ***You Do and Will Do the Things We Command You***

Jan. 21, 1992/Mount Zion

Dear brothers and sisters:

Peace to you in the Lord. After returning from the temple dedication in Bethel, we have really missed you. Your faces, the house of Jacob's God in Bethel, and the images of Zion's offshoots have constantly been on our minds.

God's beloved, we give thanks to God always for you, making mention of you without ceasing in our prayers, remembering your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father. And you have become followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit. You have become examples to all the believers in Taiwan and in the West. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, and your faith toward God has also gone out to every place.

Dear brothers and sisters, we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good work and word.

This is the year God wants us to assume the ministry of the latter-day Elijah on Mount Carmel. Through our ministry, He will end the state of confusion among His people, annihilate the present-day Ahab and his dynasty, and destroy the prophets of Baal. In other words, we will crush the human kingdoms and cast out their rulers, causing the human kingdoms to divide and fall.

May every beloved child of God be filled with the spirit and power of Elijah to faithfully assume the ministry of prayer. We shall pray until Ishmael is cast out, Edom's blood flows like a river, and Esau is completely consumed. Let us assume our ministry until all nations flow back to Zion, until Mount Zion covers the whole earth, and until the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of Christ. Grace and

peace be to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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