

# Raise a Flag of the Heart that You Pledge to Love God

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Excerpt

“The Origin of Loyalty and Filial Piety1” Volume 1

Unofficial Translation

You must center yourself on the original mind given by God and hold on to the heart that is pleasing to God. Raise a flag of the heart that you pledge to love God; and boldly and bravely walk to go over the pinnacle. Only then will you be recognized as a victor.

It is the most difficult task in the world to kill your own self. Therefore, the fiercest battle waits for you on your path. What is it? That is the battle through which you kill your own self. In other words, unless you are able to divide yourself and kill your self-centered self, even though a battle kills off the world, there is no victory for God.

Even if you are the beloved and begotten son of God or pledge to totally offer your loyalty to God over and over, God cannot treat you as a victor without you going through this battle and winning a victory yourself. Then, what God will do to people like you? He will put you in a position to be killed, so that God can recognize you having gone beyond death. There are many people who were put in such position who were killed, literally. When you face certain death, you must center yourself on the original mind given by God and hold on to the heart that is pleasing to God. Raise a flag of the heart that you pledge to love God; and boldly and bravely walk to go over the pinnacle. Only then, can you be recognized as a victor.

That is the way to handle the situation according to God's Will — as He has to place His people in such positions. However, none of the people went forward bravely and boldly holding the flag of God's Heart. The people of Israel were chosen to stand in the position from the individual level to the family, people and national level. They stood to begin to go through the path; however, they could not follow- through on the path waving the flag over the hill to reach the national level as His people. Among them, no one won the battle.

Because of this reason, Jesus himself took responsibility as a representative of the Israel people; then he won victory raising the flag for the first time in history, as representative of the people and the world. As Jesus gained the victory in this way, not only do you gain a condition that you occupy and control your own body but also that you are declared righteous through the grace of the standard of his victorious heart — if you believe in Jesus. Even with this grace, you must be put in the situation where you are sacrificed, abandoned, killed, and denied yourself at least once. Therefore, those who believe in Christ cannot be recognized by God, if they remain in a comfortable position such as a wife of the cabinet member, or a child of a prominent person. So, all believers must go through a course of struggles, in order to reach one position where they occupy and subjugate their physical bodies.

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### Editor's Note

1 “Origin of Loyalty and Filial Piety” is several volumes of books compiled Father Moon's speeches (given to Japanese members where he spoke in Japanese) from later 60's to early 80's by Rev. Kamiyama. For the above excerpt, it is not clear which speech it is taken from.

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