

曉林家書 (4) - 1/14/2022

在榮耀中 祂改變我

在我們單單尋求主的 40 天的第四天，溫哥華時間一月四日傍晚六時，我們錫安家中最年長的家人，**Cornelis (Cecil) Mante** 牧師回天家了。他曾在臺灣宣教逾十年，得了一個很棒的中文名：**滿恩榮**，取自詩篇 84:11：「因為耶和華神是日頭，是盾牌，要賜下恩惠和榮耀。」他真是名副其實，臉上總是充滿神的榮光。現在耳邊還縈繞著他用標準臺語說「感謝主！敬拜主！」的響亮聲音！在錫安我們稱他為 Papa Cecil，以下我們中文就稱他**滿爸**吧！

天父真是愛錫安的家，主接他回家的時候，是在我們全教會禱告會前一個小時，和伊梅爾爸爸回家的時間一樣。祂讓我們在家中一起共度寶貴的離別的第一時間，用禱告和鼓勵的話、彼此安慰、加油。。。

滿爸經歷過 1948 年春雨運動大復興，今年 98 歲了，是當年大復興中還在我們中間的極為寶貴的父老。錫安家人永遠記得他大聲說方言，高唱哈利路亞的聲音；我們也懷念他孩童般的榮面，因著讚美永遠散發著青春的紅潤！他常常喜樂滿懷，不自覺地發出快樂的嘻笑聲：「唔呼～哈利路亞～唔呼～」

還記得有一次主日，看見我有些低落的樣子～其實那天我沒有什麼不高興的事，只是和「平常人」一樣，習慣擺着一張沒有表情的「平常臉」。滿爸就推著助步器，眼中充滿了愛的光芒，逕直向我走來，把手放在我的頭上，大聲說：「妳的名字叫喜樂（我的英文名）！要喜樂呀！」接著他把手舉到空中，發出他經典的歡呼聲：「唔呼～哈利路亞～唔呼～」我馬上被他的喜樂感染，大笑起來！從此，一看見他，我的口就自動和他一起歡呼：「唔呼～哈利路亞～唔呼～」

1 月 8 日一早，我早上五點醒來，聽到自己在唱一首歌：「Let the temple be filled with His glory, Let the courts be filled with His praise... 讓聖殿充滿神的榮耀，讓祂的院宇充滿讚美聲。。。』這是當年喜訊會聚集時必唱的短歌，至今錫安父老們還很喜歡帶着大家清唱，神的恩膏仍然藉着這首簡單的老歌釋放出來。那時，神強烈的同在臨到我的房間，我從牀上跳了起來，開始在主面前敬拜和跳舞！突然間，我彷彿感覺到滿爸在和我一起跳舞！在神的同在中，主的喜樂讓我渾然忘我！

和滿爸同行多年的趙媽說：不是每一位在經歷大復興的聖徒都能善始善終。而滿爸心靈剛強如初，和年輕時一樣。是的，很多主的僕人當初被聖靈充滿，對神對人都大有熱情，但是這熱情不一定會維持到年老。他卻是一位難得主的忠僕，一生雖坎坷，經歷先後三個妻子離世的創傷，也經歷衆叛親離的痛苦，對主的愛和熱情自始至終沒有改變！

趙媽又特別分享了滿爸一句大能話語：在神榮耀的恩膏之下，祂改變了我！只要沉浸在祂的榮耀中，就能將我們從榮耀變為榮耀！我的靈裏出現一句寶貴的經文，哥林多後書 3:18，以下是英文激情版本（The Passion Translation）：

We can all draw close to him with the veil removed from our faces. And with no veil we all become like mirrors who brightly reflect the glory of the Lord Jesus. We are being transfigured into his very image as we move from one brighter level of glory to another. And this glorious transfiguration comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

揭開我們臉上的面紗，我們都可以靠近祂。面紗一拿去，我們都變得像鏡子一樣，能明亮地反射出主耶穌的榮耀。我們正被改變成為祂的形像，從一個榮耀的層次提升到另一個更榮耀的層次，而這榮耀的轉化是源自主，就是聖靈。（我的翻譯）

「轉化」這個詞的希臘原文是 *metamorphoō*，與耶穌在登山變相時「變了形像」（太 17:2）同詞，也和羅馬書 12:2 的心意更新而「變化」同詞。是的，當我們的定睛耶穌的榮耀，就進入祂的榮耀。主提醒我，滿爸能永保青春的祕訣就在於不斷活在神的榮耀同在中。如何一直在神的榮耀同在中？就是不斷選擇在讚美中，在讚美中就有寶座（詩 22:3），有了神的寶座，還缺什麼呢？！我以前不明白為什麼在聖靈裡的喜樂也算為服侍基督，且是神喜悅的服事（羅 5:17-18）？在滿爸充滿讚美和喜樂的生命裡，我明白了。雖然他年老了，不能做什麼具體的服事了，但是他的同在就帶下喜樂，改變了周圍屬靈的環境。當一個人不斷浸泡在神的榮光之中，就會自然而然、不知不覺地變化更新，榮上加榮！不斷看耶穌，就漸漸像祂。從定睛榮耀（*beholding glory*）進入成為榮耀（*becoming glory*）！

我的好友靄宜牧師近日從主領受一段寶貴的話語，再一次印證，主要我們停留在祂的榮耀中，讓祂自己來轉化我們的生命，預備進入下一個季節：

要專注於我要你關注的事。如果我讓你在我的優先考慮的事上尋求我，你就必須集中注意力。要小心聽從我的話，要專注，直到你突破。祈求直到你得着，尋找直到你尋見。當你尋求我的心和面時，你的心思意念和你的靈都要專注。用方言禱告，更深進入我的同在，敬拜直到你忘記自己。我希望你更靠近，我要向你的靈說話並要賜下能力，這樣有些事情就會在我面前自動消失。你必須更深入地進入我的榮耀並停留在榮耀裏，浸泡在榮耀裏並在榮耀裏被改變。有時你甚至不需要知道發生了什麼，只要待在那裏，你就會變得與衆不同。你必須如此經歷，並且常常如此經歷。

這必須成爲你每日生活的一部分，這樣你才能在未來艱難的日子裏生存下來。這是我所有想要經歷榮耀得勝的子民們的道路。

Letters from Home by Joy (4) - 1/14/2022

In the Glory He Changes Me

On the fourth day of our 40 days of simply seeking the Lord, at 6:00 pm on January 4, the oldest member of our family in Zion, **Pastor Cornelius (Cecil) Mante**, returned to his heavenly home. He had been a missionary in Taiwan for over 10 years and has a great Chinese name: **滿恩榮 (Full of GRACE and GLORY)**, taken from Psalm 84:11: "...the Lord will give GRACE and GLORY...". He is faithful to his name, always with the glory of God on his face. I can still hear him thundering in perfect Taiwanese, "Thank You, Lord! Praise the Lord!" We used to call him **Papa Cecil** in the Zion family.

Exact scenario as the Lord did with Papa Imiel, one hour before our prayer meeting on Dec 8th 2020, the Lord called him to return home. Same with Papa Cecil an hour before our prayer meeting on Jan 4th 2022, the Lord also called him to return home. The Lord was so gracious to allow us to spend precious moments of farewell together as a family, with words of prayer and encouragement, comforting and cheering one another.

Papa Cecil was 98 years old, lived through the 1948 Later Rain Revival, a very precious father among us. We will never forget his loud speaking in tongues and singing hallelujahs. Whenever he praised the Lord, his childlike face always glowed rosy cheek like the youth! So full of joy, he would often subconsciously let out a happy laugh: "Woo-hoo! Hallelujah, Woo-hoo!"

I remember one Sunday, I might have looked a little down. Even though I was not unhappy about anything, and was just being "normal," putting on a "normal face" without expression. Papa Cecil walked straight toward me with a walker, with the glory of love shining in his eyes, put his hand on my head, and shouted, "Your name is Joy (my English name)! Be joyful!" Then he raised his hand in the air and gave his classic cheer: "Woo-hoo! Hallelujah!" I was immediately infected by his joy and burst out Laughing! From that time on, whenever I saw him, I would automatically start cheering with him: "Woo-hoo! Hallelujah!"

On January 8, I woke up early at 5:00 am and heard myself singing: "Let the temple be filled with His glory, Let the courts be filled with His praise...." This was the famous short song usually sung at the gathering of the Glad Tidings. And Zion still loves to sing it from time to time, while the anointing of God

is always being released through this simple old song. At that moment, the strong presence of God came to my room, and I jumped up from my bed and began to worship and dance before the Lord! Suddenly in the spirit, I felt that Papa Cecil was dancing with me! In the presence of God, I was lost in the joy of the Lord!

Mama May has been walking with Papa Cecil for many years; she said, "Not every saint who goes through a great revival can finish well. But Papa Cecil's heart never changed; he is as strong as when he was young." Yes, many servants of the Lord were filled with the Spirit and had a great passion for God and people, but this passion may not necessarily last into old age. But Papa Cecil was a faithful servant of the Lord who lived difficult life, experienced the trauma of the death of his three wives and the pain of many betrayals and trials, yet his love and passion for the Lord remained unchanged all the way through!

Mama May also shared a powerful saying of Papa Cecil: "Under the anointing, in the glory, He changes me!" Yes! Just immersing in His glory can change us from glory to glory! A precious scripture came to my spirit, 2 Corinthians 3:18:

We can all draw close to Him with the veil removed from our faces. And with no cover, we all become like mirrors who brightly reflect the glory of the Lord Jesus. We are being transfigured into His very image as we move from one brighter level of glory to another, who is the Spirit. (The Passion Translation)

The original Greek word for "**transformation**" is metamorphoō, which is the same word used for the "transfiguration" of Jesus on the mount (Mt 17:2) and the "**renewal of the mind**" in Romans 12:2. **When we fix our eyes on the glory of Jesus, we enter into His glory!** When I was with the Lord that joyful morning, He told me that the secret why Papa Cecil is forever young is that he is living in the glory! Then I asked the Lord: "**How to stay in the glory?**" **He answered: By constantly choosing to be in praise and worship because He enthrones in the praises of the people (Psalm 22:3)! What else do we need if we are on the throne of God?** I used to wonder why joy in the Holy Spirit is counted as pleasing service unto the Lord (Rom 14:17-18)? In the life of Papa Cecil, who was full of praise and joy, I have come to understand that. Although he was too old to do any specific services, his presence brought joy and changed the spiritual atmosphere around him. **When one is constantly bathed or soaked in the glory of God, he is naturally transformed and renewed, from glory to glory, even without unknowing!** **By constantly gazing to Jesus, we shall grow into His likeness, from beholding glory to becoming glory!**

My dear friend Pastor Agnes recently received a precious word from the Lord, once again confirming that **the Lord wants us to stay in His glory and allow Himself to transform our lives in preparation for the next season:**

Now be focused on things I want you to focus on. Unless you concentrate on seeking My face, you cannot go deeper and see clearer. You must concentrate if I show you to seek Me regarding matters that are a priority to Me. So be careful that you heed My words. Focus. Tarry till you break through. Seek until you find, ask until you receive, then you will indeed be about My business, things I have apportioned for you to do and be part of. Focus as you seek My heart and face. Be focused in heart and mind, in the spirit. **Pray in tongues, come deeper into My presence, worship till you forget about yourself.** I want you to come closer and deeper so I can speak and impart into Your spirit so that some things will just come off in My presence, but **you must come deeper into My glory and stay there, soak there, and be changed there.** Sometimes you don't even need to know what's going on; just stay there and come out different. **This is something you have to experience and experience regularly. This must become part of your daily life to survive difficult days. This is the way for all My people who want to be victorious gloriously.**