

THE WEEPING GOD

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Taiwan is an important part of the God's amazing creation. When the cosmos and all beings were created, according to the Bible, "God saw that it was good." It is to say that God's wholeness is perfect and his creation is good. Men sinned because they abused the grace of God's creation. In a heart, that is fraught with selfishness, greediness, and self-righteousness, Taiwan, the beautiful garden created by God, was once ruthlessly destroyed.

In its earlier days, Taiwan was known as "Formosa" (that means "a beautiful island" in Portuguese). The rustic, kind-hearted and diligent residents of Taiwan had been working hard to restore Taiwan to its original beauty created by God. But for more than 400 years of colonial rulings in the past, the invaders did all things possible to consolidate their powers, and exploited extravagantly all resources God had generously provided. Consequently, Taiwan was trapped in the abyss of despair. And ever since then, endless lamentations had been chanted by the people of Taiwan.

To whom could Taiwanese people make their plea? And who will be able to make a full accusation? How to make a case against the relentless exploitation of colonial rulers for their oppression and destruction? God is merciful and compassionate. He heard the groanings of Taiwanese people. He saw the native Taiwanese people suffered.

God wept with us, just like how Jesus Christ wept with the family of Lazarus as they mourned the death of their brother. The Lord is with those who suffer. We firmly believe Jesus Christ is the master of history and his love persists from the beginning with no end. Therefore, we are greatly comforted by the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord who is determined to embrace the indigenous as we undergo calamity. He cries with us. And with his righteousness, he will stand by us to restore our homeland, Taiwan, to its original beauty.

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