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THROUGHOUT the long history of humankind, people have had to solve difficult problems and try to find heaven. To find a solution to all of life's problems, people have been constantly searching, persevering and beseeching God. Please realize that in the original relationship between humankind and God, people were not supposed to hang on to God, plead with Him, weep and repent all the time; people were supposed to live with God and attend Him as our Father.

Father has given us three reasons why people have been wandering in darkness and struggling throughout their lives. First, because few people have known much about God, countless problems have arisen. Second, because people do not know about the spirit world, they struggle in their ignorance.

If people knew for sure that, after their hundred years or so of life on earth, an eternal world was waiting for them, they could live with the conviction of that knowledge and would have no reason to commit so many sins or struggle through hardships in despair. Even though we should focus on our eternal goal of achieving a good position in the other world, we focus on the daily reality in front of us; we struggle to get ahead; we cheat and fight with other people, turning and twisting ourselves for meaningless things, only because we do not know the spirit world.

The spirit world has no limits

Believers assume vaguely that there is a heaven or Paradise or another world, but they do not know what kind of world. The Kingdom of Heaven is an eternal, limitless world, transcendent of time and space; it is

so different from the world we see in front of our eyes. Because this earthly world is affected by time, it changes with the seasons and with the rising and setting of the sun; but the eternal spirit world never changes. However big our solar system might be, it is not endless. This physical world has its limits, but the spirit world is without limit and without end.

How miserable we are, not knowing clearly what is waiting for us in that world! In fact, we do not even know what kind of place the moon is, though we can see it with our eyes. Only some 25 years ago we still imagined the moon to be a place where cinnamon trees grew. According to a fairy tale, the cinnamon trees on the moon could be felled with a gold and silver ax and used to build a cottage in which we could attend our parents.

When the first astronauts stepped onto the moon, didn't our thinking change dramatically? Imagining traveling through space to reach the moon changes our concepts. The more we know about a certain thing, the better we can deal with it. Similarly, we are learning more about our real world as science develops.

To know or not know about the spirit world is like the difference between heaven and earth. We cannot compare this limited, changing world which we see with our eyes to the spirit world, which is eternal and endless. Nevertheless, we still talk vaguely about the Kingdom of Heaven or Paradise, because we do not know that world.

Many sermons have been given and many things have been taught with this fragmentary knowledge of the spirit world. However, when people die and their

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True Ancestor and True Nation

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CONGRATULATIONS to all of you on this the fiftieth year since the end of World War II. This is a turning point in human history because of my victory. A new history is beginning.

Today is True Parents' Birthday celebration. This is such a special birthday. If we expand the meaning of the birthday of True Parents, this is the celebration day for the entire True Family.

I would like to call In Jin Nim's couple to the stage and celebrate another special occasion with all of you. There have been millions of Christian ministers all over the world. Within our community, many people work in the capacity of pastors and reverends, but I never officially ordained anyone. True Family can stand upon True Parents' victorious foundation. Since my second daughter, In Jin Nim, recently graduated from Harvard Divinity School, I would like to ordain her as the first official reverend of Unification Church.

This is a triple celebration. Jin Sung Nim, In Jin Nim's husband, received his Ph.D. yesterday from Columbia University. After graduating from Harvard University, he was given a \$100,000 scholarship from Columbia. While studying at Columbia he went back and forth to Harvard. Therefore, today we will celebrate In Jin Nim becoming the official pastor of Unification Church and Jin Sung Nim receiving his Ph.D. Let's invite both of them to the stage. Jin Sung Nim is the first among the True Family members to obtain a Ph.D. Let's welcome them!

(Father wrote on the chalk board:) The word *chook* stands for a celebration, and *sajang* is like a priest, in the old Hebrew tradition, who led the worship and offered sacrifices. *Chooksajang* is also like a Catholic priest or Protestant minister. I am

adding one more task to this minister, and that is to celebrate blessings. There will be different levels of *chooksajang* in the future, ranging from family level to tribal, national and worldwide levels. I will officially pray to ordain In Jin Nim as *chooksajang*. (Father prays in Korean and Mother gives her own ring to In Jin Nim to commemorate the occasion.)

Today's topic is "True Ancestor and True Nation." Because of the fall, humankind never had true ancestors and never became true people. At the same time God had no true position as God. God initially wanted to see a true family, a true tribe, a true nation and a true world established, but the fall prevented it. As human beings we are responsible to find our true ancestors and true family in order to create a true nation.



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If you follow True Parents' footsteps, you will receive the same blessing and enjoy the same privilege. You need to be absolutely centered on God; you must center on True Parents with absolute faith and absolute love.

This fallen world has been dominated by Satan. No matter what people did to achieve peace, happiness or harmony, it did not have anything to do with God. Everything has been false.

In the fallen world, everything is chaotic. Through the history of restoration, God has been restoring the false world to a true world, creating a true family, true nation and true world in which true peace, true happiness and true harmony can be established. Right now the world is on the verge of perishing; it has no center on the individual, family, societal, national or worldwide levels. People are lost and confused, not knowing which direction to go.

We must understand this phenomenon in light of God's providence. The world has been under satanic domination; it must end one way or another before receiving the true Messiah, who comes as True Parents for all humankind. True Parents and the new civilization will begin from the individual level and advance to the national, worldwide and cosmic levels. This is an inevitable phenomenon centering on True Parents. Centering on True Parents, the new world develops exactly opposite to the way that it developed under Satan. Satan will finally fail and lose everything. Everything is turned over to God's side. This is the turning point.

That is why I gave this year's motto, "Let's Inherit True Parent's Realm of Victory." This victory is not just True Parents' victory, but God's victory as well. God and True Parents want to share this victory with all humankind who are in the position of the children of True Parents, based on the law of indemnity. Due to the fall, Adam and Eve did not have absolute faith or an absolute vertical relationship with God. Now we have to establish absolute faith in God and an absolute vertical relationship with Him as His children, centered on True Parents and true love. In this way, God's dominion is restored. You have this privilege because True Parents are totally united with God.

I have established an absolute line of faith and an absolute father-son relationship with God. If you follow True Parents' footsteps, you will receive the same blessing and enjoy the same privilege. Do you understand? Like me, you need to be absolutely centered on God; you must center on True Parents with absolute faith and absolute love. This connection makes us one body. God is turning, True Parents are turning and humankind is turning, becoming one body going from Satan's side to God's side.

RESTORING OUR HOMETOWN

We cannot forget our hometown, because that is where our ancestors' lineage remains. From generation to generation, our ancestors lived there and their memories remain. The role of the nation is to protect the hometown. We cannot forget our hometown or nation because that is our foundation of love. When we live in our hometown, our nation will protect us. We must remember our hometown and cherish the meaning of our nation.

People did not know that all hometowns and nations throughout history have been under satanic domination. There has never been any true hometown or true nation under God until this point because of the fall.

There are 240 million people living in America, but no one can claim that his hometown was initiated by God. Each hometown is still under satanic domination. Once we clearly understand that our hometown and our nation still belong to Satan, we can understand the meaning of the true hometown and the true nation.

America is the leading country of the free world and the entire world, but is America qualified to lead the world according to God's will? This country is a melting pot with numerous racial and social problems. How did all these problems occur? Who caused them? The simple answer is man and woman! Why? Because they were not true man and woman.

THE STARTING POINT OF THE UNIVERSE IS GIVING

Among the 2,000 people here today, I see about 2,000 different characters and different ways of thinking. Man and woman were originally created by an omniscient and omnipotent God. Men should have a certain standard and live by a certain formula to resemble God. The same applies to women. Men and women who live by this certain standard would be called true men and true women. The fundamental problem is that man and woman are not totally united and, therefore, do not live according to God's standard.

In men and women, the love organs are shaped differently; one is concave and the other convex. These are the love organs given by God. The entire universe exists for the sake of love and because of love. The mineral, plant and animal kingdoms exist in positive and negative counterparts. Life exists in dual characteristics to make circular motion. Circular motion creates action, and action produces energy. A single man or a single woman cannot produce such circular motion. There needs to be a subject-object relationship for circular movement.

The starting point of this universe was giving. After giving, should we remember what we gave or just keep giving more? (Give more.) To remember what you gave is not the practice of true love. The universal formula is to give, forget and then give fresh again.

Another universal formula is that every being wants a love partner that is better than itself. The love partners for a woman are her husband and her children. The love partners for a man are his wife and his children. This makes a harmonious relationship. Such partnerships make us interrelated.

Self-pride will not lead to unification. We have to learn from God. God created the universe by offering Himself first and giving infinitely. Just as God invested Himself infinitely, when a man gives infinitely of himself for his love partner and a woman gives infinitely of herself for her love partner, they can find unification.

The next question is the meaning of true man and true woman. True man and true woman are those who exactly resemble me in giving and forgetting and giving and forgetting. Giving for the sake of others makes a person a true man or a true woman.

I recognize Dr. Richard Rubenstein's couple over there. Have you become true husband and true wife, a true man and a true

When you receive love, you should add your own unique elements to it and return it to the giver. When love is returned as something new, fresh and exciting, it is raised to an even higher level. This is the way to reciprocate love.

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Father and Mother pray during the Main Pledge Ceremony, February 5, 1995.

woman? In your marriage you should never calculate how much money belongs to you and how much belongs to your spouse. (Laughter.) You should not have two bank accounts. Everything should be one.

THE EXPANDING POWER OF LOVE

All beings, from minerals to people, exist in subject-object relationships for the sake of love. The various levels of existence exhibit different types of movement; however, no minus wants to remain a minus—it longs to become a plus. Through circular movement, each being seeks to expand for the sake of love. That is how they develop and progress. Generally, movement uses up energy; however, the power of true love which drives circular movement pushes beings forward and makes them expand.

For example, if I am giving you love you should not be satisfied just to receive it. When you receive love, you should add your own unique elements to it and return it to the giver. When love is returned as something new, fresh and exciting, it is raised to an even higher level. This is the way to reciprocate love and develop ever-larger reservoirs for true love. This expanding process can go on forever.

THE VALUE OF AN OBJECT

Since everything started from God, everything should return to God. The Christian ministers in this audience may be shocked by this statement. What does it mean that we must return to God? When you are by yourself for a certain period of time, do you feel excited or lonely? Sometimes you may feel like dying, because you have no one to talk to. If a woman has to

live her entire life alone, will it be a sad or happy life?

Suppose you have only your husband's handkerchief as your object. Now you are not just a lonely subject, but you have an object. If you hold one side of the handkerchief and pull on it, and your love partner holds the other side and pulls it, gradually both of you will become closer. By the time both of your hands meet together, you kiss each other. You can keep the handkerchief with you forever to remember your partner. Whenever you miss your love partner, you can always kiss the handkerchief and remember. You can live in that memory and you can dance in that memory. You may look abnormal, but who cares?

I am trying to teach you the value of an object. No matter how small and insignificant it may be, the object is important. When you get married, you want your spouse to be better than yourself, even a hundred times better. Where does this kind of thinking come from? From God. Another fascination is to be able to trace your ancestry. Where does this way of thinking come from? God. If you ask God whether

He wants His object to be a hundred times better than Himself, God will punch you and say, "Why do you ask such a silly question? That goes without saying."

God is the first and only cause. Humankind is the result of the creation, not the cause. If the result has certain characteristics, they must come from the cause. Does God need His love partner? (Yes!) No! [The audience and Father continue in this manner until everyone laughs.] No matter how famous or prominent you may be, you will become humble in front of the truth. Because of this kind of truth even Dr. Richard Rubenstein needs his wife absolutely, and Dr. Betty Rubenstein needs her husband—absolutely! (Laughter.)

THE CENTRAL TRUNK AND CENTRAL ROOT

All beings in this world exist for the sake of love. A tree has a central bud, central trunk and central root. There can be many small roots, branches and leaves, but there is only one central trunk. It does not matter to which branch a leaf belongs, eventually it has to go through the central trunk and central root to maintain its life. No matter how beautiful a leaf may be or how strong a branch may look, they all resemble the central trunk and get nourishment from the central root. They cannot become the central trunk or root themselves; they are objects of the trunk and root. Fruits borne on different parts of the tree have the same value as long as they have the same subject. The fruits share the same nourishment, same water and same sweetness distributed by the central trunk.

Let us compare human history to a tree. There is a central root and central trunk common to all humankind. Therefore, in God's eyes, no matter how rich or powerful Americans may be, they still belong to the central root and central trunk;

*No matter how insignificant your family may be,
if it produces the best quality children, God will choose
them and store them in His most precious place.
Your family will then be considered precious.*

Americans are not the central trunk themselves, only branches of the human tree.

There are many different branches and many fruits, but they all have the same value because they are connected to the same trunk. When the owner of the orchard comes to see his trees, do you think he will say, "You apples do not belong to me because you are not from the central bud"? No! as long as the fruit is on the same tree, it has the same value. On the other hand, when the owner of the orchard sees an apple on a lower branch that is bigger and more beautiful than the other ones, he wants to store it in the best place and give it the best care.

Therefore, no matter how insignificant your family may be, if it produces the best quality children, God will choose them and store them in His most precious place. Your family will then be considered precious.

Why did God create the universe? God wanted to have a real partner. We should not act like animals. Instead, we should be proud of being God's love partner. How can you make a partnership with God, if you cannot see or touch Him? This is a problem. Therefore, we must know God.

THE RIGHTS OF LOVE PARTNERS

Dr. Rubenstein, again! (Laughter.) Do you know God? If not, you are not totally qualified to be His love partner. Once you make a love relationship with anyone, you always have the right of possession. Suppose there is a royal family with many beautiful children. However, one day a gangster kidnaps a daughter and marries her. No matter how proud that royal family may be of their child, no one can deny the gangster's claim over her. They have to let their child go and live with the gangster, because unification through the love relationship affects ownership.

Do you want to give ownership to someone for eternity or only temporarily? Forever, forever!. Only through a true love relationship can ownership take place for eternity.

Free sex is Satan's way of blocking the road to the kingdom of God on earth. Free sex is a temporary and false relationship. Knowing the formula of true love, we want to eliminate free sex. Since the world is rampant with free sex, do you want to ignore it or take action against it? Are you willing to die working to stop it!

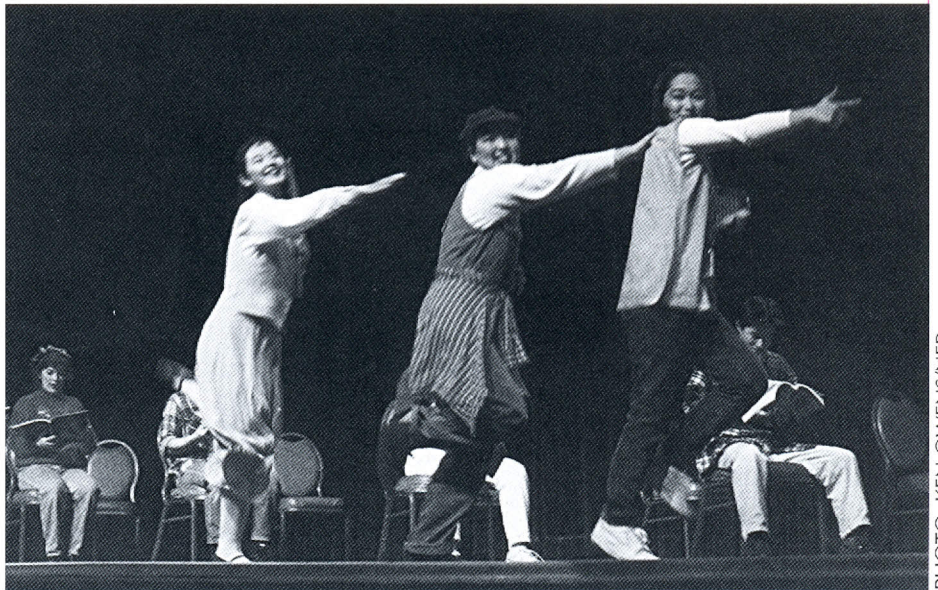
If the purpose of life is love, how can you get the love you were born for? You women can get it through men. Without men, you women cannot find true love. Never, never, never! Love must have a subject and an object. The subject is represented by the convex shape and the object is represented by the concave shape. In this way God created man and woman to achieve love. Because of love, your shape is either convex or concave. To find absolute love, you must find an absolute

man or absolute woman. An absolute man alone cannot find absolute love. He needs woman.

THE END OF FALSE LOVE

American women say that woman, not man, is plus. No matter what American women say, they are the minus. Why should a man be in the subject position? In America, wives are the queens, the masters of the house. (Father imitates a man opening the door for a woman and saying, "Please go in.") Such a man is not just being courteous; he is acting like a servant. This happens because these are the last days, and America is in the position of bride. To receive the Lord of the Second Advent, who comes as the bridegroom, this country should act like a bride. The bride is the queen, and the bridegroom is the king. Without receiving the bridegroom as the king of kings, you have no future.

In the last days, many housewives and mothers will become prostitutes. Prostitutes are in the dungeons of hell because of free sex. Other social problems in the last days center on alcohol, drugs and homosexuality. Homosexual men and women deny the opposite sex as a sexual partner, even insects do not do that. That is the dirtiest thing you can imagine in this world. Once people are in a homosexual relationship, they do not know what reality is.



Students from the University of Bridgeport act out a skit, on their daily activities, for True Parents' Birthday Celebration, February 5, 1995.

Human history started with false love. This false world now has to end in order for the new world to dawn. The world started with false love, and all these false statements and false loves must end. A heavenly storm or flood should come and wash them away. Even an earthquake should come and bury them.

Man and woman each represent only half of the human race. No matter how famous or knowledgeable you may be, you

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The law of the universe exists to protect the united subject and object totally. Universal law will not sustain an unbalanced existence. The pushing power of the universe will give you pain so you will seek balance.

are incomplete alone, and you do not have a right to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. What can make you complete? The love of your partner. When you become one with your spouse, do you want this oneness to last temporarily or for eternity? (For eternity.) Why? Once anything is complete, it will be welcomed any time and anywhere. When you become whole, the entire universe will want to welcome you. Whatever is perfected will be protected by the whole universe. Nothing can destroy it.

MEN AND WOMEN NEED EACH OTHER

Where should convex and concave become one? Should concave come to convex or should convex go to concave? The central point, where the vertical line from God passes through, is where convex and concave should meet. That is the eternal meeting point. Man and woman must become one centered on God. When man and woman become totally one, there should be no gaps between them, only a tight fit. Once man and woman become perfectly united, God Himself cannot separate them. God will be attracted to them and be unable to leave them. A man and a woman who become one will form a minus in relation to God and create a higher union. Once this kind of physical relationship takes place, you will never be separated. You will be in a constant circular movement, revolving in and out, up and down throughout eternity. The entire universe will watch in amazement. They will stare at you. How wonderful such a couple is!

When man and woman become one, they form another object of true love and become the body of God. The spirit of God is in the position of plus; it is like the axis of the universe.

To talk about women pre-supposes the existence of men. Please understand, women, that you were not born because of yourselves. The principle of existence is living for the sake of others. Men have big shoulders, symbolizing strength and power, while women have bigger hips, symbolizing the power to produce children. For example, if three women sit side by side on a bus, their hips fill the seat but the upper part is loose. When the bus turns, they all go to one side. However, if there are two women on each side and a man with big shoulders in the middle, the seat will be balanced. This is an anatomical demonstration that men and women are destined to be together. Therefore, you women need a man beside you.

FREEDOM AND HAPPINESS COME FROM BALANCE

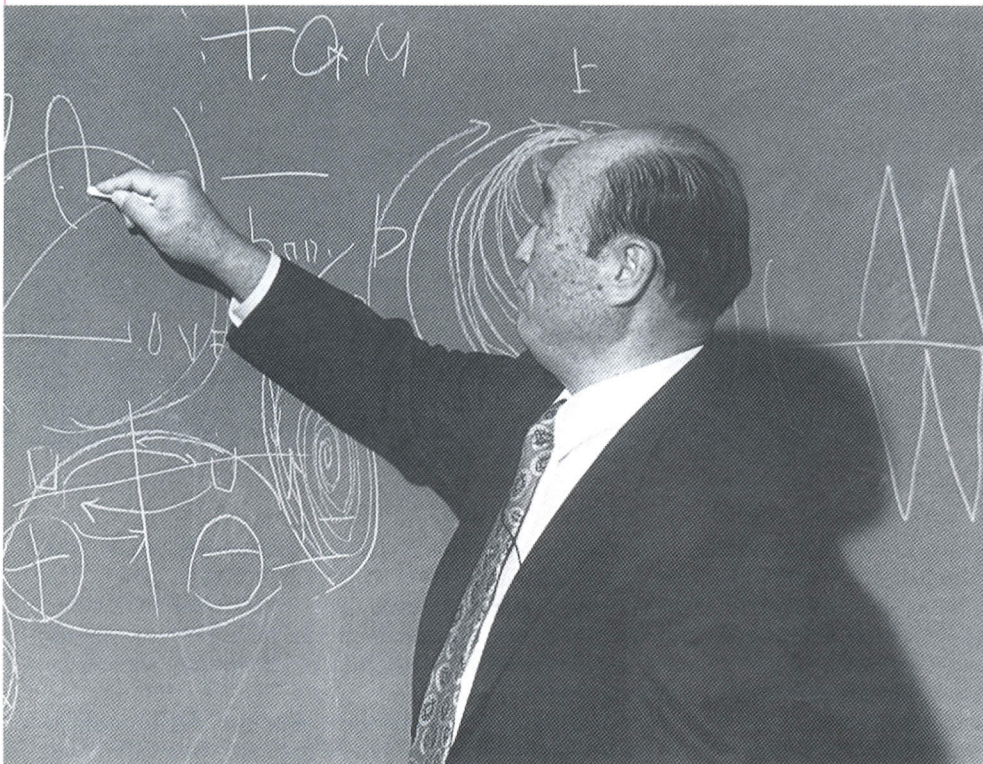
Everything in this universe exists in the relationship of dual characteristics, plus and minus. Why do we have two eyes instead of one? God had to follow the principle of subject-object relationship, so He created two eyes. Our nose has two holes. We have two ears, two arms and two legs. This is the way we are balanced. If we were one-sided, we would decline. When we become totally united, we will be totally free.

Let us again use our organs to explain freedom. If one of our eyes is harmed and we cannot see, do we feel happy? When one side of our nose is clogged, we feel miserable. If we can hear out of only one ear, we feel uncomfortable. If we lose one arm, the other arm will be lonely. In a state of imbalance, we lack freedom, peace, happiness or unification. Without balance, every creature is depressed and cannot feel satisfied.

Sickness occurs when one part of your body or mind is unbalanced. Your mind and body must be united at all times. The universal force puts pressure on an unbalanced being and pushes it out. The law of the universe exists to protect the united subject and object totally. Universal law will not sustain an unbalanced existence. The pushing power of the universe will give you pain so you will seek balance. To be balanced, man and woman must be together; if they are not totally united, they will be cast out by the universe.

Take gravity as an example. Gravity is a powerful force, but because we can balance ourselves we do not feel the pull of gravity. The moment we lose our balance something unpleasant happens.

When a man and a woman are totally balanced and united, there are no strange feelings between them. Women are usually sensitive about cleanliness. If you see someone's waste ten yards away, you will hold your nose and walk away. However, when you go to the toilet in the morning, do you put



We are all born for the sake of love, and we have to get married to become whole. Only through marriage can we become complete and thus become objects of true love. Through true love we can become the object of God and occupy God.

a mask on? Once you are totally one with something or someone, you do not feel dirty or strange or different.

When you kiss your spouse, does the saliva taste sweet or bitter? Be honest with me. In reality, saliva is not sweet, but it seems sweet to you because of the power of love.

Love can make a dead person come alive and a living person want to die. In other words, if your beloved husband says something detrimental to you, you may want to die because of that one word. On the other hand, if a husband says loving words to his dying wife, those words can make his wife want to live. Love power can do anything.

THROUGH MARRIAGE WE BECOME WHOLE

We are all born for the sake of love, and we have to get married to become whole. Only through marriage can we become complete and thus become objects of true love. Through true love we can become the object of God and occupy God. We can even claim ownership of God when we become totally one through true love. Such unification will bring about a peaceful and happy world. Only when we are balanced centering on God can happiness and freedom occur.

You men must hold onto your wives for eternity and never let them go. Eventually, you have to go to God and occupy God, but without your wives you cannot do that. You women have to say to your husbands, "If the only way you can occupy God is by choking me, then go ahead and do it quickly." You women must obey, unite and work with your husbands to achieve the goal. Since you men are now in the objective position to God, you must make unity with your wife no matter what it takes. All the woman then has to do is hang on like a clamp, as tightly as she can, to her husband all the way to God.

Man has to do his absolute best to occupy woman and woman has to do her absolute best to occupy man. Together they will become an absolute object to true love, and with true love they will create total unity, becoming an object of God. God is in the position of mind and husband and wife are in the position of body when they are centered on true love. This is how we will build the Kingdom of God here on earth, as well as in heaven.

The entire cosmos started from God and we have to return to God. If God is the subject and we are the object, we have to resemble God. Yet we are all finite beings so we need a bridge to reach God; that is conscience.

This is my birthday celebration, so you should offer your

congratulations, instead of making me work hard! Are you in the position of filial sons and daughters or patriots or saints? (Silence.) Whenever you run out of answers, you want me to stop talking. Fallen nature makes you want to hide behind a mask. (One person in the audience responds: "We are in training to be filial sons and daughters.") Oh, a stubborn one!

Suppose a husband and wife want to become totally united. What method do they use to build such a unity? Is their starting point any different from the starting point God used to create humankind? If love had various starting points, it would go in different directions. Therefore, the starting point must be the same. The most precious organ for both men and women is the sexual organ, which God created with the most concentration. Only the sexual organ connects to love, life and conscience. This is the only way God can connect with love, life, lineage and conscience and make unity with them. There is only one point where unification occurs.

Why am I revealing this truth to such a famous theologian as Dr. Rubenstein? He may not understand the truth in this way. Dr. Rubenstein, do you agree with me? *Dr. Rubenstein:* We fought hard, but we believe Reverend Moon is right.

PERFECTION OF LOVE IN THE FAMILY

Have you seen love? You have not seen love itself, but you have seen love phenomena, the shadow of love. You may feel love, but you cannot touch it or see it. Love is generated through the reciprocal relationship with your love partner. Does God cherish knowledge, power or money? He only wants love. The definition of true love is to sacrifice your life three times. If you are willing to sacrifice your life for the sake of love three times, each time you will be resurrected. You must sacrifice your life



Just because you are supporting your family and sending your children to school, you cannot neglect your mission. Your nation will perish and God's providence will fail if you do not keep the right attitude.

three times, representing the formation, growth and perfection stages.

The love experienced by a husband and wife before they have their own children is the formation stage of love. Love matures when they begin producing children, through whom they experience the growth stage of love. When their children grow up and begin having children, the couple feels another level of love as grandparents, which is the perfection stage of love. Love cannot be perfected without the experience of raising your children and grandchildren. The four position foundation can only be established through these three levels of love.

The family is the seed of love. You harvest the love seed through your grandchildren, your parents and your grandparents. These three generations enable the fruit of a family's love to ripen in preparation for the harvest. The relationships between each family member are so important. Brothers and sisters must be able to love each other beyond even their own life, sacrificing their personal desires. That same level of love should be practiced between parents and children, between grandparents and children, and between husbands and wives. To harvest the family seed, grandparents must form a partnership with their own children. This love relationship should be transmitted from the grandchildren through the in-laws and eventually back to God. Once love reaches you, you have to add your own elements to it and pass it on, in a circular pattern. You cannot separate from love once the circular motion takes place.

Husbands and wives, grandparents and children and parents and children are all looking for the highest quality of love. When you embrace someone, do you want to make a small embrace or a big embrace? This formula includes all humankind. Your family is the training ground where this model of the universe, this paradigm of the Kingdom of God on earth is created. Once you are trained in your family to practice such love, you can go to a foreign country; there, you will be able to love people of any age as if they were members of your family. If you practice loving all people by such an elevated standard, the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven will surely come.

When I came to America, did I practice such a love toward America? When America really opposed me and sent me to Danbury prison, did I hate America? I offered more love. If Americans truly understand my love for America, unite with me and follow me, this place will become the Kingdom of God on earth.

Why do we have to offer an even higher quality of love to others than to our own family members? Your family members are very similar to you in character and they know you. If you force them to surrender to you, there will be a big conflict. God has shown us how to humble ourselves and invest ourselves for the sake of the creation. By following this pattern, we will know how to win our family's hearts. We then will be able to become the central person in our family and unify our family members.

You can raise your family's level of love by totally living for the sake of each family member. Such sacrificial love will enable the family members to develop a higher level of love as well. This is the law of progression. When you are able to

open yourself to each family member and give of yourself to each of them, they will all become yours. That is the way you can win them and unify them.

REACHING HIGHER LEVELS OF LOVE

Your family then should practice the same principle of loving your tribe, which consists of many different families. You should not sacrifice your tribe for the sake of your family; instead, your family should sacrifice for the tribe. If you sacrifice your family for the tribe, the families in the tribe will be elevated to a higher level. In the same way, you should sacrifice your tribe for the nation, your nation for the world, the world for the cosmos, and the cosmos for God. God will then belong to you and He will come to the individual level and be yours. The full circle of love has such a wonderful a purpose!

The communists say, "Yours is mine and mine is yours." That is the satanic concept. The Unification view says, "Mine is for the sake of the family, my family exists for the tribe, my tribe exists for the nation, my nation exists for the world, my world exists for the cosmos, and the cosmos exists for the sake of God. Eventually, God exists for my sake. God is mine and God's property is my property."

I have been investing everything for the sake of the world and God to give this ownership to humankind. I became victorious during the last forty years by resembling God. During the past 6,000 years, God set the example of investing Himself and then forgetting it, investing and forgetting. I have been practicing this all these years. Just as God is eventually the victor, I also win the victory and share these victories with God. This is the purpose and direction of history. Without following this formula, unification and happiness are impossible.

Can you pledge that you will really live up to my expectation? When you look inside yourself, you may find love for your wife and children, but do you really find love for your nation, for the world and for God?

We must practice this because God's fundamental goal is saving the world, including God Himself. How can we liberate God? God's ideal of love is not yet achieved in this world. Logically you cannot deny that.

Just because you are supporting your family and sending your children to school, you cannot neglect your mission. Your nation will perish and God's providence will fail if you do not keep the right attitude. God has sacrificed everything to save this world. In this partnership, everyone must follow God absolutely, heart and body. Unless you follow this formula, there is no hope for a peaceful, happy world.

If you cannot see love, life, lineage or conscience, how can you feel them? Because you are totally one with yourself, you cannot see or feel love. To stimulate the life, love, lineage and conscience within you, you need your love partner. You alone may not be able to feel how much love you have; however, when your love partner appears and stimulates your love then your heart starts beating faster. You experience many different shades and angles of love. Suddenly you become aware of love. Isn't this true? (Yes!) When you meet your partner, you feel thunder and lightning. Lightning and thun-

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der herald the marriage of nature. Like rain coming down, there are tears and all kind of fluid in the union of a man and a woman. Do you understand?

LOVE WITHOUT RESERVATION

Here is another important concept of love. In order for husband and wife to receive 100 percent of each other's love, you must each go down to the zero point. If you have no reservation whatsoever, then you can feel 100 percent love from your spouse. It is a universal secret that once you become totally one as husband and wife, you should feel no reservation. When you walk into the wedding room, you must be in the position of zero. When two zeroes come together, sparks fly, creating lightning and thunder. At your wedding, the universe will embrace you. God will look upon you and see two complete beings who have become one. How wonderful such lovemaking is!

Until now there has been no true ancestor, true family, true tribe, true nation or true world. That is why religions such as Christianity and Buddhism have encouraged faithful people to live ascetic lives and keep chaste.

I am sending everyone to their hometowns as tribal messiahs. This is truly the time of glory and victory and hope for humanity. The human fall produced the false ancestor, false family, false nation and false world. We have to restore this entire fallen world through believing in True Parents, reaching the true God, and becoming our true selves. By doing so we will build the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, centered upon True Parents. The starting point is tradition centered on true love, True Parents and God.

True human and divine love meet at the true sexual organs. The root of love, life, lineage and conscience are in God. You cannot find God because God is in the deepest part of yourself; He is one with you. Once your partner, who has God within himself or herself, becomes one with you then the God within yourself will be stimulated, and you will become aware of His existence.

THE PALACE OF LOVE, LIFE AND LINEAGE

Adam and Eve should have become totally one and inseparable from God. Because of the fall, God's original place was infiltrated and occupied by Satan. The true ancestor and true nation must be derived from the love organs of a true man and a true woman. Once you and your spouse become totally united, centered on true love, your love organ becomes the palace of true love, the palace of life, the palace of lineage and the palace of conscience. This is where the Kingdom of Heaven on earth begins.

You cannot deny that Adam and Eve were created as the body of God. The love organs of Adam and Eve were to be the central, original palace of love, life and lineage. As the palace of love, life, lineage and even the conscience, our love organs connect us to the central root and central branch. Therefore,



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protect your palace. Satan is trying his absolute best to destroy your palace of love, life, lineage and conscience.

Fallen people have not known that the four great realms of heart were destroyed. The highest goal of humankind is for husband and wife to totally become one, go back to their hometown, and build the kingdom of true love, true life, true lineage and even true conscience. This is how the Kingdom of God on earth will be built. This completes the history of salvation.

We are without our true nation. Our goal as members of the Unification Church is to return to our hometown and become the first ancestor and first founding father of our true nation. You must understand that God has been shedding tears and even blood and sweat for thousands of years to accomplish this goal. When you liberate True Parents, you liberate God at the same time.

This is the fiftieth year since the end of World War II. Upon this victorious foundation I gave you this year's motto: "Let Us Inherit True Parents' Realm of Victory." Centered on the vertical True Parents (God) and horizontal True Parents (our True Parents), you must live up to the expectation of God and True Parents. This is your pre-eminent task. Strive to achieve the goal of unity with True Parents. To do so you have to invest and sacrifice everything you have, including your life, just as God and True Parents have done. Those who are determined to do your absolute best to live up to the expectations of God and True Parents, raise both of your hands! This is your gift to True Parents on our birthday. Stand up and raise your hands! God bless you! Amen! ■■■

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Let Us Go Over the Mountain With Hope

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Father continually reviews his past sermons. He asked that this speech be read by all members worldwide. Though it was distributed to all nations, we are printing it here for the edification of all members.

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GOOD morning, family. I left America on December 25, traveled all the way to the Far East, visiting Japan and Korea, and returned to the United States December 30. During this period I had a fresh feeling that we are living in a lightning-fast world, in which we can travel like lightning. If Unification members and families work all together utilizing such advantages we can improve a great deal in a short time.

In the last six days I felt the preciousness of every moment of time. Further, I spent every precious moment well, hastening God's restoration work.

RECEIVE THE LOVE OF GOD AND HUMANKIND

When we look back upon 1975, we see that the Unification Church has certainly accomplished a great deal. In this year the Unification Church solidified the foundation on the national level in the Far East, primarily in Japan and Korea. At the same time, the central stage of our activities has shifted from Asia to the United States, which is the fruit of the Western cultural sphere. We now have the urgent mission of solidifying the same foundation in the United States.

From the standpoint of God's will, there is no concept of East and West. In the sight of God, all of us are the same kind of children. Today, the fact that there is division between the Orient and the Occident is due to various injustices which are not the result of God's plan. It is the result of the human fall. Looking at this reality, God cannot but feel increasing sadness. We must feel this.

Then who is going to unite the world, and how can it be done? This is not done by God Himself. He has called upon people on earth to unite the world through religion. However, no religion in history has accomplished that mission. The well-known passage from the Bible, John 3:16, states that "God so loved the world," not that He so loved the United States. Rather, God said, "I so loved the world that I have given to this world My only begotten son, and whosoever believes in him will not perish but will gain eternal life." He sent His son to the world—not to Christianity alone, not to Judaism alone.

God does not love the Unification Church alone either. To receive God's love, we must be able to love humankind in the place of God, who loves humankind. Only such a religion can receive God's love. A religion which does not do this is not

needed. It is important for God's will to prevail. Therefore, we are assuming the responsibility to fulfill God's desires.

No one knew how God viewed mankind. People still do not know about the will of God. Therefore, we must free ourselves from the shackles of any one church or one form of religion; we must go beyond these to embrace all humankind and God. In this way we can fulfill God's age-old desires.

I know that each one of you loves me very much, and I love each one of you as well. I love you, but this is not my personal love. I love in the context of the ideal of God. Thus I am con-



Father holds a pose, listening to Peter Kim translate, during the celebration of True Parents' birthday., February 5, 1995.

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veying God's love to you. That love will not be contained within the limits of the Unification Church. God's love will endure forever in the container of the entire world, the container of all humankind. I am placing you on the front line, to plant such love throughout the world.

To contribute this love, you must be able to sacrifice and to endure suffering. Thus, the purpose of the Unification Church is to educate you to become people who receive and embody the love of God and who also deserve the love of all humankind. We must become masters of divine and human love. You should look for love from humanity and God, not just within the Unification Church. The focal point of our activities is loving humanity and loving God. Therefore, instead of loving you within the Unification Church, I would like to love you within God's love and the love of humanity. You have to know me clearly. Religion historically has never proclaimed this viewpoint.

WE NEED GOD'S VIEWPOINT

My philosophy is to guide you by setting the example. I do not want to be indebted to others. If I incur a debt to you, then I would be exploiting you. Such a person cannot set the standard of public righteousness before God.

I am the person in the Unification Church who has suffered the most. I am the person who has received the most persecution worldwide and suffered the most in my heart and mind. I have suffered not just for a short time, but for one year, two years, three years, ten years, twenty years. You must know that I expect those who join the Unification Church to share my character, understanding and conviction. I expect you to endure quietly, without fighting back, despite constantly increasing persecution.

When you and I become surrounded by persecution, we should be able to bind together God's heart by unifying internally. If such persecution unites you and me with God, it is valuable. I believe that God, you and I must think along the same lines. If God seeks revenge upon the people who are persecuting Him this world would perish. I know God, and I think the way He thinks. Our work and our goal must be the same as His. If you join with me the situation will change. We will create a unity so strong that anyone who strikes it will have to retreat. This will happen by God's doing.

It is very difficult to create this triangular bond between the teacher, followers, and God, but once we establish such a unified trinity, we can receive the timeless will of God. If we move forward in this knowledge and oneness, then we will not miss the mark.

God and Jesus shared the same way of thinking were the same, but the disciples' thinking was different. Here was the problem. If the seventy disciples had united with the twelve apostles, then even the objections from the nation could have been resolved. In that case, for someone to strike the apostles would have been to strike Jesus. That would have been like hitting God, because the three were united.

During the turmoil over the controversy created by Ted Patrick, I am paying more attention to you, to see how you respond to this challenge. I feel that even if he does his worst

against us, we will not change and God will not change; we will bounce back. People commit crimes without knowing what they are doing, but God cannot punish them until the truth reaches them.

SURPASS THE OPPOSITION

Parents oppose us out of ignorance. They are ignorant because we have not completely taught them about the will of God. However, if you have communicated God's will completely to your parents and they understand the truth behind what you are doing, they will be judged if they still oppose us. I feel responsible to let them know who we are, and that mission has not been fulfilled yet.

Fundamentally, no parents oppose their children's well-being and development. In fact, they get agitated when their children go the wrong way and are harmed. You know that we have nothing to hide: our consciences are clear about what we are doing. You and I both know we are here for a righteous cause.

I been persecuted, not just now but throughout my entire life, because people have not known my thought and my way of life. When people come to know this they will not attack me. You feel anger and chagrin when you receive opposition; I am the same. However, I look at it from a different angle: the worse the situation becomes, the more responsible I feel to quickly teach the world. If people oppose us even after we teach them, then I have no more responsibility for them. However, if they keep striking me after learning my teaching, many supporters will rise up on our side.

This is typical of God's history. Because religious people have known this principled path, they have continued to walk forward. That is why we must teach our opponents, whether if we have to shed tears once, twice or even three times. That was the purpose of our Madison Square Garden rally and our preparations for the Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument rallies. We will let the world know publicly, at least three times, what we are about.

I assume that there is no American who has not heard about Reverend Moon, but many people know about me in a negative light. They consider me more frightening than the Mafia. [Laughter.] That is why there is so much commotion. How long will it last? You have shrugged off the commotion because you know that it will not last long. Since you know the truth, you will defend me, and stand up for me. Even if I try to stop you, you will explain about me at the risk of your life.

In this midst of all this we are doing better and greater things than the American people, including our opponents, can ever do. For example, Rabbi Davis has spoken against the Unification Church, but we are doing fifty times better things for the nation and world than he is. He has been ahead of us, but as we increase he will be accusing us from farther and farther behind, crying out, "Oh, my goodness!" in despair. Is his strategy going to work? "Oh, my goodness!" [Laughter and applause.]

I will give an illustration. Although Korea and its established churches mobilized to reject me thirty years ago, they now

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receive me with open arms. It is the same in Japan. Here in America we are just beginning, so although I am getting hit now, before long people will welcome me. Even among the Unification Church members today, I think there are those who sinned against me by feigning ignorance while people of the world accused me. Isn't it true that you've done that? You admit it in your thoughts.

I have no pangs of conscience at all, before God or man. I am helpless before the ideals of justice and righteousness, but I stand stronger than anyone against injustice and unrighteousness.

Many Western people grumble and complain about this Oriental teacher. They think, "How nice it would be if we all could follow a wonderful religious leader like Billy Graham, rather than Reverend Moon!" If you worked for Billy Graham 24 hours a day, your parents would be so happy, and would boast that their daughter is doing so well. [Laughter.] The determining factor is how quickly you young people of the Unification Church become greater than the youth working for Billy Graham. When that happens, everything will be solved. Can you do that? [Yes.] If you can, America will break open and the spirit world will act. Ability and results will clear up everything.

I wonder what will happen if you young people come to resemble me. For the past three years, we have caused an uproar around the entire United States. You speak well and you are familiar with the American lifestyle. If people like you enter various districts and stir up the people, will this affect America for better or for worse? [Applause.] When you become brave soldiers, acting out of good motivation, the United States will not perish; furthermore, because this country represents the democratic world, the world will not perish.

PLACE THE CORNERSTONE PROPERLY

Therefore, you should not be concerned if your influence is not felt immediately by the world. If the situation thirty centuries from now—or at any other time—requires this doctrine and thought, then this small Unification Church group will eventually lead the world. Even if the world is not ideal now, the ideal world will definitely come into being. There needs to be a nation with this doctrine and thought, but it does not exist in the present world. Only the Unification Church possesses this thought.

In such a place we must establish the cornerstone. We should decide the standard of measurement correctly. When the cornerstone is set properly, the whole building will be oriented correctly. Since the victory of history and the universe depends upon the placement of the cornerstone, the role we unworthy people play in placing this cornerstone is fearful. We must devote ourselves completely to make sure the cornerstone is well laid, in line with the will of God. One hundred years later, there will be chaos if the cornerstone is out of line. Even if the pillars are a little off, they can be realigned centering on the cornerstone, as long as it is laid correctly. Money is not of concern. Neither is power, honor or fame our goal. Nothing else compares with the importance of properly placing the cornerstone. Unless we set the tradition of sacrificing ourselves for the sake of greater things, a new world will not come about. If we cannot do this,

everything will be in vain.

You and all Americans are indebted to me, a Korean. You are being supported by me, right? I did not spend money made in America; instead money was donated from overseas for our work in America. When I first came here to work in 1972, the members here did not want me to do this. There is a difference between the way you think and the way I think. Now, after three years, you are beginning to appreciate what I am doing. Now you work with me without complaint.

WE PROGRESS UNDER PERSECUTION

People know that our small association can exert influence on national and world affairs. Everyone who looks at this small group doing things on the worldwide level considers us to be worthy of historical study. The Communist Party, which occupied one-third of the world, is resolved to crush me.

Even if the world and the Communist Party disappears, God wishes this Unification Church to remain. If this is true, would God like the established churches to oppose me? [No.] Do we oppose the established churches? We have never even once opposed them. We have been trying to make unity with Christian churches, but they have been opposing us for no reason. They are so small-minded that we cannot even relate with them. Isn't that ridiculous? [Laughter.] People who oppose us should do so with a little more dignity, addressing our doctrine at least. This way we can discuss theoretical issues, instead of dealing with opposition that has no content. Such opposition cannot last long.

I know the established Christian theology, and I am the one who established the theology of the Unification Church. I know the enemy, but the enemy doesn't know me. Thus, the enemy has already lost the war. If you listen carefully, you hear such childish and ridiculous statements coming from the established churches.

In conclusion, we young, smart people all used to believe in Jesus in the traditional way. We used to attend the established churches. Since the established churches cannot hold onto such bright young people and they all come to the Unification Church, the churches are jealous. It is a natural conclusion that America is moving because its young people are joining us. Since this is happening throughout the world, the world as well is moving. The established churches have so many elderly people that they remind me of retirement homes. Before long, many of them will have to close up, because as their elderly members die, that will be the end of them. It's a pitiful situation.

The Communist Party opposes us out of fear. As history progresses, the number of people who oppose us will decrease, while the number who receive opposition will grow. Will God assist those who are declining in fear, or the proud and strong Unificationists? Because God wishes to assist us, the Unification Church will develop.

During persecution, has the size of the Unification Church fallen or risen? [Risen.] When I first came here, this room seemed too big, but now this room is cramped. How much we have grown! Next year, the number will multiply tenfold. [Applause.] If there is something of which we can be proud, it would be

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that although the people of the world disliked us, God likes us, the spirit world assists us, righteous and conscientious people will support us, and posterity will welcome us. Because our sphere is increasing, we can conclude that we will be victorious eternally. Let people oppose us as much as they want: we will shrug it off. Let them try their best; later they will not be able to sneer at us. You should not wrestle with them, because as we become greater, they will naturally disappear.

Is it better to quicken the process, or to sit quietly and wait? [Quicken it!] American people say that since the work day is normally eight hours, it is enough to work eight hours. But to me, even 24 hours a day is not enough time to work for the sake of God and humanity. God does not distinguish between day and night. We should become the kind of people who can turn sunset into sunrise. Is it bad to live for the sake of God and humanity? [No!] Those who criticize that have to know better.

I have done everything, including fundraising. It is because I have done it that I let you do it. I have studied and have done many things, including learning how to mobilize many people united with one purpose.

THE PROBLEM LIES WITHIN OURSELVES

Knowing this, is it good that you joined the Unification Church? [It was good!] Do your parents say that it was good? Those people whose parents oppose us, raise your hands. What will happen when we pass over this stage and the world recognizes we are good? Do you want to see such a time? Do you expect it to come without any effort? Do you want me to make it happen, or do you want to do it yourselves? [We want to do it ourselves.] Then I will go back to my homeland tomorrow! [NO!] No? If you make it happen, you won't need me! There are countries which need me more than you do, so I must go to those countries. The sooner you send me and enable me to work in other countries, the better.

Even the U.S. State Department tried to push me out. Without their interference, I am planning to leave. I'm getting tired of seeing you anyway! [Laughter.] I did not come to this country looking for money or hoping to enjoy American culture. I already can generate more money than people who are well off in the United States. But wouldn't it be good if you made the American people support our work? [Yes.] Wouldn't God also say, "Since Reverend Moon is suffering that much, I'd like to bring salvation all at once"? [Yes!] Then, it must be possible.

Do you think I feel good when you are kidnapped and subjected to deprogramming? I do not want that to happen. Where is the problem? God is not the problem; I am not the problem. The problem is with you. If your desire was more ardent than God's desire and my desire, the situation would be different.

If your parents had said, "We will not go," but their beloved son says, "Mom and Dad, let's go," they will go along with you, even if reluctantly. It becomes even easier when they begin to realize what is going on and they respond enthusiastically. The day you work harder than God and me, a miracle will happen.

In conclusion, our conviction and our way of life is righteous. Not only God but all humanity can support it. If we assert this at the risk of our lives, it will come back with millions of

times its original value. To be born at this time and to have our ultimate desire fulfilled is glorious. If you think so, raise your hands!

Do you want me to go on? [Yes!] But my throat hurts. I've been speaking continuously for six days. Don't you have any sympathy? I'm wearing the same clothes I put on yesterday; I didn't have time to change. Is it courteous or discourteous to ask me to go on? [It is courteous.] So, deciding democratically, I am trapped. [Cheering and applause.]

GOD TOILED TO BUILD THIS NATION

How wonderful it is to think that we can turn things around all at once. Reversing thirty years of persecution, you are excitedly witnessing to the masses who are ready to support us. We can use television and radio to turn around the world. It's going to be great, don't you think? [Yes!] Don't you think God also feels this way? [Yes!] Would He not come running down to the earth with a rush of wind, grab you tightly with one hand and take you up with Him? [Laughter and applause.] Is it possible that such a time will come? [Yes!]

Human history has a span of 6000 years. Until now, God has worked to make one perfected Adam. After creating Adam,

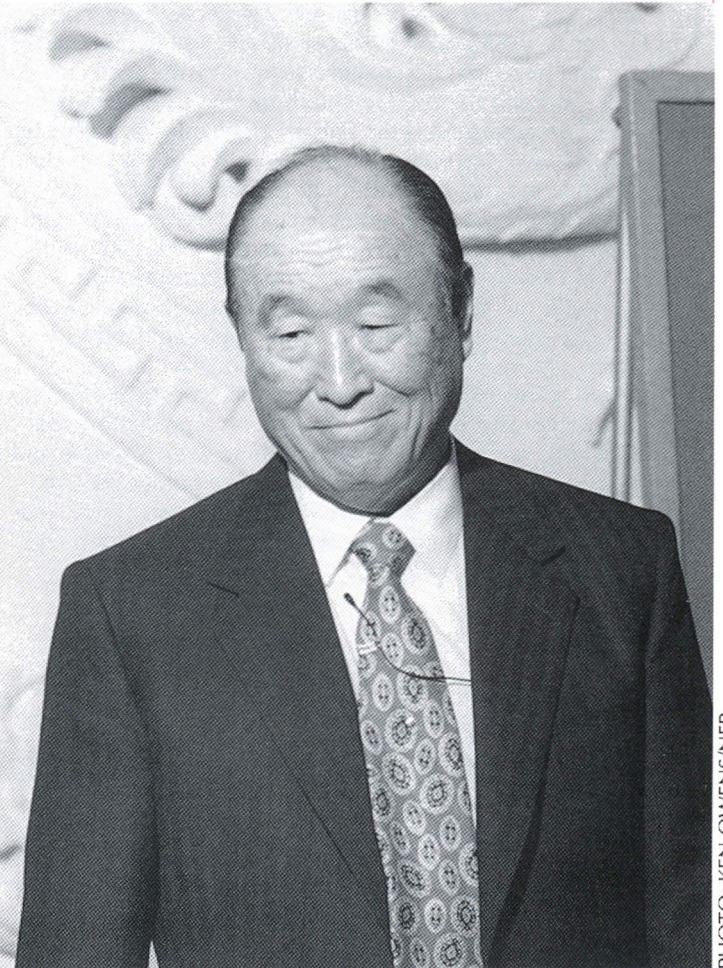


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didn't God create Eve through him? Jesus came as the bridegroom, and naturally a bridegroom needs a bride. Because God lost Adam, through whom He created all things, by restoring Adam He can restore all things. That is why Adam must be restored. Only then can the True Parents appear.

Fallen people were born through false parents. This is why the human race is out of order and must be fixed. This means we have to repent. The Messiah has to save the entire world by engrafting the children to good parents, a good tribe, a good nation and good world. All must be washed and made new. God, humanity and religion have worked together to establish the Messiah, the completed Adam, who can inherit God's work.

In order to save the world, the Messiah has to start with the individual. Because man and woman fell in the Garden of Eden, only when man and woman unite in accomplishing restoration through indemnity can they go on to save humanity. The next thing they must seek is the family; they must have sons and daughters.

Ladies and gentlemen, if Jesus heard his son calling out, "Father!", don't you think he would feel good? Don't you think he would want to marry? If Jesus' grandchild called him grandfather, would God feel bad? [No!] Would Jesus feel bad? [No!]

Even in this world, if sons and daughters do not get married by a certain age, their parents cannot sleep peacefully. Having sent His son as the Messiah to this earth, and seeing him unable to marry and have sons and daughters even by the age of 33, do you think God was happy? Do you think that God loves bachelors only? Because God is the Parent, He wanted to have His children and their descendants here on earth representing Him. He wanted to see that first family grow into the first society, first nation and first world with God as the center. Since God is like that, Jesus is the same. Even humanity today hopes to become God's sons and daughters, and to return to God.

However, is this God's world? [No.] Does God's nation exist? [No.] Do the established churches today represent God's ideal? [No.] Then, can we find God's family? [No.] The individual whom God wants to see is the starting point for the family, the tribe, the nation and the world. The person representing this collective body is the Messiah. Only if there were a people and a nation for Jesus to guide could he save the family, society, nation and world within seven years. To indemnify what was created during seven days takes seven years; everything will be done within seven years.

WE MOBILIZE TO SAVE THE WORLD

In the last days will come the seven-year tribulation, based on the meaning of the number seven. We have to prepare things so that Jesus can freely develop his work. The Israelites were prepared for this. Judaism and the Israelites had to be ready to do anything for Jesus. If Jesus told you, "Since we are responsible for the world, even though we are poor, let us work together to help the world," would you have answered, "Oh my goodness, what is he asking?" Is it acceptable to reject the Messiah just because you like your husband? Would you have said, "Oh my goodness, our couple is just fine; please let us stay together"?

Both man and woman fell and became servants, so both have to be engrafted with God's lineage. However, they cannot all be engrafted at once; they must separate and each one be engrafted and re-created.

While Jesus is trying to save the world, would you refuse to help do the work? Do you want to save the world, or stick to your own position? This is what Jesus meant by saying that your family will be your enemy. Furthermore, Jesus pronounced woe upon women who are breast-feeding. That means that the Messiah comes for the world, not just for the nation of Israel. The women who are breast-feeding are those who remain on the national level, unable to go to the world level.

How long would it take to save the world if men work but women do not cooperate? Men and women should work together. Is the command to go forth to save the world, forsaking your own husband and baby, a good command? After you work to save the world, the people of the world will minister to your sons and daughters, bringing them into a glorious position.

The people who have been loyal to the nation should go the next step and be loyal to God beyond the nation. The fact that they invested everything after abandoning their homes and family becomes the most important factor in establishing the tradition for the future.

Perhaps one person out of a hundred dies every year. If there are 220 million Americans, then 2.2 million will die every year and go to hell. Of the world's four billion people, perhaps forty million die every year. That is as many people as the population of Korea; in other words, each year a nation the size of Korea is going to hell. Don't you think God would like to stop that as soon as possible, no matter what the sacrifice? Problems occur because of one's wife and children. Wouldn't God want to mobilize even mothers and grandmothers in order to save even one more person?

Because of this, we conclude that the religion that can mobilize people 100 percent is the true religion. I am talking about 100 percent mobilization, abandoning everything, whether it is one's house or whatever. We must remember that this is a time of urgency in God's providence.

If we believe in God and love God, can we say, "I don't care"? While God is concerned about all humankind, the world's religious leaders say we can forget about the whole and seek our own comfort. These are the enemies. These hypocrites! If an emergency period comes and I order the Unification Church to mobilize everything, can you be mobilized?

The blessed families in Korea had to go out for the sake of God's will, abandoning children, spouses and everything, for three years starting in 1970. At that time, people fumed, saying that I was destroying families. Would God say, "Reverend Moon, you did well"? You can understand, right?

OUR SACRIFICES WILL BE REPAID

Jesus said, "He who seeks to save his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it." This principle applies to the individual, to the family, and to even higher levels. Those who are willing to sacrifice themselves and their families for the sake of the Messiah will live.

Would God have wanted me to take pity on the situation of my family or would He have preferred me to march toward the mission, even though it meant that my relationship with my family would suffer?



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Father and Mother cut their birthday cake at the main Pledge ceremony, February 5, 1995.

Why was the nation of Israel destroyed 2000 years ago? Why did the people of Israel suffer such a miserable destiny? If the people of Israel had been truly determined to die for the sake of the Messiah, Jesus, they would have prospered for eternity. However, because they only wanted to save themselves, they lost everything. They perished and their nation crumbled. This is the lesson of history.

Today, at this time of emergency for God, do you want me to raise you up as someone concerned only for your own life, or as someone ready to die for the cause of God? Are you really willing to die for God's cause? You have my pledge that if you have such a commitment you will never perish. You will live, prosper, and remain for eternity.

There is only one God and only one Divine Principle. There

is no compromising the principle. The same principle which operated 2,000 years ago operates now, today. I am a living example of the philosophy of God. Surely, therefore, when God declares an emergency, I will hold nothing in reserve. My own family underwent untold suffering and tragedies for my sake. What if I had been unwilling to make this sacrifice? Would God have wanted me to take pity on the situation of my family, my parents and my brothers or would He have preferred me to march toward the mission even though it meant that my relationship with my family would suffer? Since He would prefer that I sacrifice the relationship, that is the way I have lived.

My first marriage unfortunately ended in divorce. My wife wanted only to cling to me and begged me to disregard my mission to the world, but I could not do that. Which would you choose: to reach to the world for the sake of God or to grab onto your own wife? Actually, I never even contemplated a divorce. But the family of my first wife plotted one thing after another in their attempt to destroy me and my mission. They conspired with the established churches to destroy me. Meanwhile, I did everything humanly possible to be a good husband. I did whatever I could for my wife, leaving no stone unturned. Finally, however, I was instructed by God, "You must pursue the mission and reach out to the world." I did as I was instructed, knowing that God was leading me. This is how God is leading all mankind.

When God instructed Abraham to offer his son Isaac for a burnt offering, did Abraham say, "No, God, I cannot do that. Are you crazy?" No. He brought Isaac to the altar and readied himself to offer his son to God. That is the faith that can save everyone.

By the same token, the wife of a prophet of God should be ready to say, "You may offer me any time on the altar of God. I am willing to be the sacrifice for His cause." If a wife has such loyalty and devotion, why should there ever be a separation?

Foremost in my mind is only one goal—to serve God and fulfill my mission. For this goal there is nothing I cannot offer: my family, my wife and children, even my own life.

I have learned another principle from God: before you love the members of your own family, you should love your spiri-

I am desperate to fulfill God's will. It is a matter of life and death. I pray to God in tears, determined that even if I am the only one I will take this responsibility. The defining characteristic of my life is that I suffer over God's dispensation.

tual family, your brothers and sisters and spiritual children in the faith. I have certainly lived this way. I have loved the members of the Unification Church more than any member of my own family, because this is God's way of life. God in His love sacrificed His own son, Jesus Christ, for the sake of fallen humankind, who are strangers living in the bosom of Satan.

I understood that when you practice God's way of life unconditionally, time and again God will provide you with aid in miraculous ways. Many mysterious events have occurred around me. For example, God worked to isolate me so that I would have no personal attachments to my own friends and relatives. At one time I had many good friends, but one by one God called them to the spirit world. Also my older brother and sister cherished and loved me deeply, but God quickly called them to the spirit world. In hindsight, I can interpret these events

the value of your family to you. If you sacrifice your country, God will return more than your country to you. If you sacrifice your life, God will add to your life many times over. Why are young men and women from all over the world willing to sacrifice their lives in this cause? Because many years ago I gave up everything, now God is rewarding me with followers worldwide. I did not create this phenomenon. I cannot control or hypnotize you. It is God who is sending each one of you to me.

THE REASON GOD ASSISTS US

From the distant mountains of far away Korea, I came to America with nothing. I brought with me hope which can solve the problems that plague this great nation. Do you think I am doing this based on my own thinking? Not at all. The power of

God is thrusting me forward and making this result possible.

Sometimes when I am riding off in a car and our young members are dashing to get a glance of me, waving at me and saying, "Father, come back soon," I am amazed. Why do black and white people run after this yellow man saying, "Father"? Oftentimes you might not know why you are running after me, but there you are, running and waving. What power makes you do that? It is an act of God, not any human power. The president of the United States has ample worldly power, and many ministers and clergymen are powerful. Why don't people run after them the way you run after me? Why can't those powerful people do the things that we can do? It is because they have nothing to do with God's emergency.

I am unique among religious leaders because I know the time of God's emergency. Therefore, I am desperate to fulfill God's will. For me it is a matter of life and death. Others may have worldwide fame and authority, but they spend their days in comfort. However, there is not one relaxed moment for me. Every day is an anxious and desperate struggle. I pray to God in tears, determined that even if I am the only one I will take this responsibility. The defining characteristic of my life is that I agonize and suffer over God's dispensation. If an American president or any American religious leader agonized over God's will and struggled desperately to fulfill it, America would not be in its present condition. With such leadership, a clergyman would not face revolt and opposition from the pews, nor would a president face complaints from the people.

Indeed, the Unification Church is different: different in its way of life and different in its commitment. Our commitment is total. We invest our lives totally to fulfill the will of God.



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and understand that God did not want me to cling to personal attachments and personal sentiments, because there should be nothing to sway me from the grave mission I must fulfill.

Hence, I felt lonely in the early days of my divine mission. In this loneliness I found God. I communicated deeply with God, with nothing to distract me. Later when the Unification Church sprang up, I began to attract people who were just like those former friends and my older brother and sister. God sent those types of people as my first fruits and followers. Sometimes I would meet a member and be so surprised, thinking that here was my older brother or my dear friend who had died many years ago. Then I realized that God was sending those people back to me. God sometimes requires a sacrifice, but whatever God takes away will return to you many-fold.

Now you know that if you sacrifice a certain amount, God will reward you with a much greater amount. If you sacrifice your own family for the sake of God, He will return more than

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This is my way of life, and it should be the way of life for my followers.

Are we ready to mobilize 100 percent? Ask yourself in your heart if you are ready. There is no day and night for me. There is no breakfast time; I completely forget about eating. The moment when I am most careful is when I am alone and extremely tired. Then I think, "Whether or not I am ready for God's command right now will decide my destiny. Am I ready?" I am always prepared to receive God's instructions. God can give me an order at any moment and I am ready to go. I can declare, "Nothing matters besides the mission that You command me to fulfill. I am ready. Go ahead and issue Your orders at any time." Once an order is issued, I will march forward regardless of what other people might say. While I am single-mindedly working to fulfill God's order, I have no time to deal with my opponents. Perhaps after the mission is accomplished I may return and have a talk with them, but until the task is done, I have no time for that.

God is 100 percent with me, for if God were to neglect my well-being, His own will would be delayed. God certainly does not want that to happen.

When I sleep very comfortably at night, my conscience hurts; I would rather that my body hurt than my conscience hurt. If I have a good meal, my conscience hurts. I would rather my conscience be clear and happy than my body be satiated.

WE ARE CREATING ONE WORLD

When God declares an emergency and the order for mobilization is issued, will you be ready? If each one of you lives with that attitude and has that commitment, then this country is only a small target and the world is but a small stage for us. During World War II, the United States government called young men out of their families and out of the factories and sent them to the front line. If people had refused to go, the United States would have been unable to fulfill its national goal. When the nation summoned them to become soldiers and fulfill their patriotic duty, did they not have to leave their families behind? Our call is much greater. It is the call of God. The existence of God's kingdom is at stake. When God summons you, will you hesitate or go directly to the mission?

If your mother says, "Stay with me, don't go," would you listen to her? My own loving sister was like that. In my younger days in North Korea I was in one prison after another, sometimes in jail or under police investigation, because of my testimony to the Bible and my loving God. My younger sister said, "Brother, why don't you stay with me? Let us live happily from now on. You don't have to bother with preaching; let someone else do that." If I had heeded her blandishments, would the Unification Church exist today?

Sung Jin Nim's mother truly loved me and respected me. She knew that she could not find any better husband than me. Yet she kept saying to me, "Don't trouble yourself so much about these crazy ideas. Who cares? Come with me and live happily. Let's make a happy, sweet home together." Her attitude was understandable, but if I had heeded her requests, would there be a Unification Church today? Sometimes I had

to make cruel decisions because I knew the significance of the divine call. I knew the emergency of God.

My mother was a loving mother. My whole family—including my brothers and sisters and my first wife—all tried to stop me from pursuing the divine mission. Yet I loved the mission and the Unification Church 100 times more than that members of my own family.

Those who opposed me have collapsed. Each of them has had a tragic life. I, on the other hand, grow more and more prosperous. Even in worldly terms, am I successful or not? Already my accomplishments surpass those of any other religious leader in history, greater than what others have even dreamed of.

Today is the most serious emergency in God's providence. The democratic world is crumbling, Christianity is declining, and communism is threatening everywhere. God must have His representative who can stand up for Him, revive Christianity, and bring an end to communism. God needs a man here on earth who can carry out this mission. Knowing this emergency, I am pushing myself to solve these problems at all costs.

I began fulfilling the mission on the individual level and was victorious. Then I was victorious at the family level, and then at the tribal level. In order to make the foundation at the tribal level, we should sacrifice our family for the sake of restoring the tribe. With the foundation of a tribe, we can begin to establish heaven's sovereignty on the earth in one model nation. Then, with one nation as a showcase, the rest of the world may follow it and establish the Kingdom of Heaven. In this manner, the entire world will be transformed into the Kingdom of God on earth.

When I undertook his lonely battle to achieve victory on the individual level, all the individuals in my life came against me. The satanic powers knew when I was most vulnerable, and they wanted to crush me at that level. When I advanced to the family level my family opposed me, yet I overcame opposition and established a heavenly tribe. Now that we are at the level of a tribe, all the tribes of the world will come against us and try to crush us. Regardless of this, we should expand and establish the national level on the way towards the world level.

1976 IS A TURNING POINT

On June 7, 1975, when we held the World Rally for Korean Freedom at Yoido Island in Seoul, we climbed over the summit of indemnity, spiritually and physically, for the nation of Korea. We know that according to the law of indemnity, our history must indemnify the past failures of God's history. Thus, we must be in a position to indemnify the failure of the dispensation at the time of Jesus Christ. Jesus was crushed by the power of national sovereignty. In order to indemnify such a situation, we had to achieve a victory at the national level. The rally at Yoido Island had this significance.

Upon returning today to America with this national-level victory, what am I supposed to do? The spiritual world regards the United States, founded upon Christianity, as the central nation. However, America has to cultivate the substantial national foundation and connect it to the Christian spiritual

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world in order to influence the world spiritually and physically. I will lay down that bridge here in America.

The mission which I am undertaking in America from 1975 through 1977 is to restore spiritually and physically the failure of Jesus' three-year public ministry. Next year, 1976, America will celebrate its bicentennial. All the major failures of the 2,000-year history of Christianity have been reenacted during America's 200-year history. Once we have passed 1976, we will have indemnified all the failures of 2000 years, making this nation truly ready to accept the Messiah.

The victory at Madison Square Garden in 1974 laid a foundation for the national-level victory in Korea at the rally on June 7. Likewise, victory at Yankee Stadium in 1976 will lay the physical foundation to expand our activities on the national level in America.

As you know, Jesus Christ is the second Adam. As the second Adam, Jesus fought a life and death battle on the earth. By the same token, our second rally in America is Yankee Stadium.

It will be the most critical life and death struggle of all, deciding the heavenly destiny. Next year is not only the 200th birthday of America; it is the consummation of 2000 years of Christian history.

Thus far God has been working on the spiritual level. For 2000 years Christianity has had a spiritual ministry. Next year's victory will bring the physical and spiritual levels together, uniting mind and body. Then we can go on to a new stage in the providence.

Today, all the turmoil surrounding me resembles the mob which confronted Jesus and yelled out, "Crucify him." However, at Yankee Stadium the moment of crucifixion will become the moment of total victory. Yankee Stadium will be our Calvary. This time we are not going to be nailed on the cross. At this place we will proclaim victory and lay the cornerstone of the Kingdom of God here in America.

Two thousand years ago, if Jesus had not been crucified, Christianity would have started on both the spiritual and



True Family pose for a group picture on True Parents' Birthday, February 5, 1995. Seated on the sofa (left to right): Nan Sook Nim holding Shin Hoon Nim, Father, Mother, In Jin Nim holding Shin Ji Nim. Seated on the floor (left to right): Shin Young Nim, Shin Jung Nim, Shin Yeon Nim, Shin Eh Nim, Shin Ok Nim, Shin Yul Nim, Shin Sun Nim, Shin Myung Nim, Shin Kwon Nim, Shin Won Nim, Shin Gil Nim. Standing (left to right): Jun Sook Nim, Sun Jin Nim, In Sup Pak, Jeung Jin Nim, Hyung Jin Nim holding Shin Joong Nim, Kook Jin Nim, Hyun Jin Nim, Kwon Jin Nim, Young Jin Nim, Jin Sung Nim, Yeon Jin Nim, Soon Ju Nim.

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Father and Mother raise hands in a Mansei following their birthday celebration, February 5, 1995.

physical levels. However, due to the crucifixion only the spiritual providence continued. Yankee Stadium is a new Mount Calvary, where we will declare victory over the crucifixion to heaven and earth. We have the responsibility to fulfill our historical mission through this rally.

Today America parallels the Roman Empire of 2000 years ago, and Korea parallels Israel. A new age has started and a new spiritual movement has started from the small Palestine of the twentieth century, the Korean peninsula. It soon landed in the new Roman Empire, the United States of America. Two thousand years ago Christianity was supposed to march toward Rome, bring the empire to its knees, and establish Christianity there. Likewise, it is our destiny to bring America to its knees in repentance and cause it to accept God's will. We are the ones who will make this victory possible through the event at Yankee Stadium. Therefore, Yankee Stadium is the showdown of God's 6000-year providence. At stake is the destiny of God's providence and His kingdom.

Whether the Unification Church and American Christianity will unite will be decided by the outcome of this rally. If we are successful, it will be like Jesus entering Rome and declaring his victory to the world. Therefore, unity must be created between American Christianity, the Unification Church, and me. Two thousand years ago, the failure of the disciples and the people of Israel to unite with Jesus caused the entire dispensation to crumble. By winning the victory at Yankee Stadium, we will prove that we can make this unity in our time. Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ could not march with his disciples to Rome. He could not declare the kingdom of God in the Roman Empire. Victory at Yankee Stadium means that God's living

son, the living Christ, is declaring to the nation and the world the arrival of the Kingdom of God on earth.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YANKEE STADIUM

Next year America will elect its fortieth president. The number forty, as you know, is very significant. If we fail our mission at the time of the number forty, it may prolong the providence an additional three generations. It is not a coincidence that America is celebrating its 200th birthday at the same time that it elects its fortieth president, nor is it a coincidence that at this same time the Unification Church is readying itself to be crucified at Yankee Stadium. God set the timing of these events thousands of years ago.

We are calling the Yankee Stadium rally the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival. We are launching a spectacular movement for a new patriotism, a movement for America to return to God. This is the significance of our Yankee Stadium crusade.

We say that God has been suffering for 6000 biblical years, but in actuality He has been suffering for many tens of millions of years. God's heart is heavy. He has been crying with grief, and we can hear Him weeping. Now God wants someone to vindicate His heart. God wants to be comforted by something. We will comfort God at Yankee Stadium. America should be honored that it is the land where God's sorrowful heart will be vindicated by our victory. Therefore, America should permit us to succeed, and we should let America cooperate with us. We are the key to making this possible.

Jesus Christ died on the cross with a heavy, sorrowful heart. His sorrow awaits healing, and his heart awaits liberation. God

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has been waiting for this day for so many thousands of years. I want you to understand that the victory at Yankee Stadium will not be just our victory, but the victory which Jesus has awaited for 2000 years. His heart will be comforted in this victory.

Furthermore, so many martyrs and saints have suffered during the history of Christianity. Many saints died with sorrowful hearts and they, too, await the day when their hearts will be liberated. They, too, wish to be comforted. I want you to know that Yankee Stadium will be the victory which will vindicate all the martyrs and saints who shed their blood for the cause of God.

Furthermore, Yankee Stadium will be the day of fulfillment for the Unification Church and me. Throughout my entire life I have suffered. I have been misunderstood and persecuted. We must have our day of vindication. The victory at Yankee Stadium will be the day of liberation and vindication for me and every member of the Unification Church throughout the world.

Furthermore, the people of the world are suffering, living in darkness. Millions are dying every day without hope, tragically destined for hell. We must liberate them and bring hope to humankind. The victory at Yankee Stadium will herald the dawn of hope and life to all people and all nations of the world.

Whether I will succeed or fail at Yankee Stadium will have a universal impact upon human history. Therefore, truly at Yankee Stadium we will put our lives on the line; we will stick our necks out. Not only are our necks on the line. God, Jesus, all the saints and righteous people in the spirit world, and all the conscientious, righteous people in this world are sticking their necks on the line. Whether this gamble is a failure or a success depends on us. Satan knows this better than anyone else. Satan cannot afford to let us succeed; therefore, he is mobilizing his arsenal of negative forces. You know well that all the liberal American news media are trying to crucify me before Yankee Stadium. But we will never permit a failure!

Throughout my life I have been waiting for this one day of hope, vindication and liberation. That day is approaching in June 1976. If we succeed, my joy will be ecstatic and indescribable. If we fail, my misery will be impossible to fathom. The day of the Yankee Stadium rally will be a day of joy and at the same time a day of dreadful judgment.

When I stand on the stage at Yankee Stadium, will I carry the flag of victory or the flag of failure? If I carry the flag of failure, it will be a dismal day not only for the Unification Church but for all of humankind. I would not be able to lift up my face in front of Heavenly Father. We cannot even imagine the situation that would befall humanity after that. The communists would be the only ones to joyfully celebrate their victory. After only a short time, even before 1980, communism would become rampant in America. America will be powerless to contain such a formidable avalanche of evil ideology. Knowing this clearly, we have answered the summons to be front line soldiers and fight for victory at Yankee Stadium.

If we are victorious at Yankee Stadium, we can proceed to bring this most victorious wave toward the nation's capital, Washington, D.C. We can finish off 1976 with an even greater victory at the Washington, D.C., rally. We will bring over 500,000 people to the Washington Monument, making it the

single largest gathering in the history of America. That in itself will make history, but it will have a spiritual impact which no one can even imagine.

VICTORY WILL OPEN DOORS

After the victory at Washington Monument, all thinking Americans will begin to study me. Scholars will busily research to find out what power I possess to bring such a victory in such a short time. Aspiring millionaires will want to know my secret for making money. Some politicians might seek my secret for mobilizing the masses. The entire religious world will conclude that my God must be a special God, and they will want to find this true God. Those who have been opposing me until now will follow behind with notebooks. Although they may officially continue to say negative things about Reverend Moon and the Unification Church, their hearts will have been deflated and they will begin moving quietly toward my direction.

You think you know America very well, don't you? I observe that America does not have any real shepherd. Democracy declares that the people are their own shepherds. Most of you do not have even the qualification to be masters of yourselves. In fact, the American people lack roots. They waver with the wind, moving first forward and then backward.

Individual American citizens lack the confidence to guide themselves because they have no solid foundation. Anyone who aspires to be the shepherd of this nation must first become the master of himself. Then he can become the shepherd to his family, tribe, community, and nation.

American youth wander from the hippie movement to the streaking movement to free sex and then to the drug culture. Since none of those things brings them satisfaction, they hit a stone wall. Most American young people are like bodies without a soul, pursuing the paths of moral degradation. Meanwhile, the communist threat is growing every day.

New York City is on the verge of collapse; bankruptcy may follow. But this is not just one city's predicament, it is the destiny of all American cities. For New York to recover it needs a spiritual revolution. If New York City was given into my hands, I think I could deal with its problems in three years and make it the most prosperous and beautiful city, a heaven on earth.

There are many thoughtful and decent young people in America. They are good people and highly motivated. They are seeking answers, but could not find them in the churches. They looked for answers from Billy Graham but could not find them. They searched here and there. Meanwhile, they have heard so much about Reverend Moon and the controversy he is stirring up that they want to check it out. These people are starting to come to our church.

I am sure that many of you joined the Unification Church after coming to investigate the negative things you heard about it. If, as a result of the Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument rallies, the American people began to think good things about the Unification Church and Reverend Moon, the entire nation could be turned around overnight, right? If we become a prominent movement in America, within three years we could influence the rest of the world.

Today we will make that commitment in front of heaven and earth. We will pledge to God that we will bring Him the glory and victory which He has desired for 6000 years.

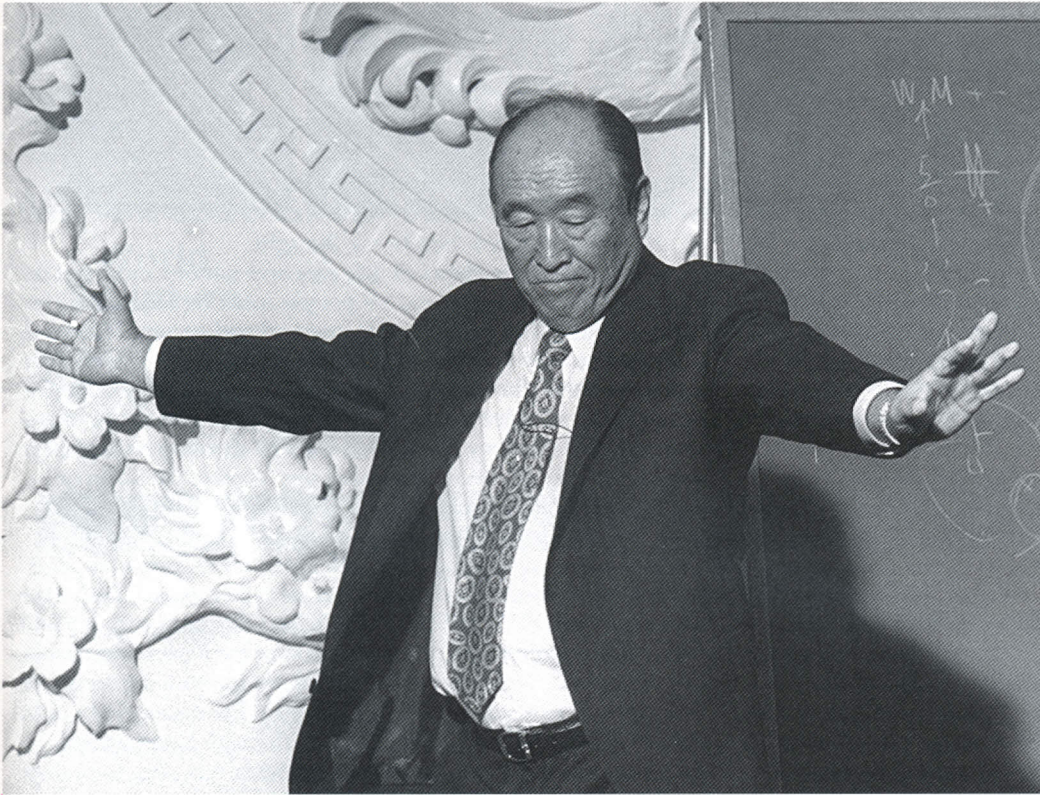


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If I announced that I was offering a billion dollars to feed the world's hungry people, many foreign ministers would line up in front of the gate at East Garden. When they find out that Unification ideology has the power to rebuild their nations and give rebirth to their people, they will ask us to help them. "That's easy," we can reply. "We will send some lecturers. Bring your president, your prime minister and all the cabinet members to a three-day workshop." After that, let them attend a seven-day workshop. In no time they will begin to change.

When we bring victory at Yankee Stadium rally and the Washington Monument, the entire world will come into our arms. We need a foundation to influence the world that includes money, people and spiritual power. I have all three in ample amounts.

You happened to be born in this particular age. You happened to meet me. Are you lucky to have met me? Then you won't mind if I push you out to do hard work? [No!]

MAKE A NEW COMMITMENT

After liberating God and humanity, what more is there to do? If you die, you are dying with honor. Actually you never die; you will live forever. I know that this world is only a shadow compared to the original world of spirit. Once I have accomplished his mission here on earth I will have no attachment to this world.

Even at this moment, I am fighting at the risk of my life. America is a jungle of crime. You can buy a gun for just \$10. I was told that one can hire a man to kill somebody for only

\$170. \$170! Despite these dangers, I am teaching the truth to America's youth without any hesitation or reservations.

Furthermore, the communists will conspire to assassinate me. They will send agents to infiltrate our ranks. This is the most dangerous moment in all my life. I have never risked my life to such a degree. Why can't I stay in the background and relax? The Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument rallies are the showdown with the satanic world. The 6000 year-old desire and dream of God will be at stake. I cannot retreat one inch!

Today's message is entitled, "Let Us Go over the Mountain with Hope." That mountain is the Yankee Stadium rally and the Washington Monument rally. We must go over that mountain with a victorious spirit.

The Madison Square Garden rally was a formation-stage crusade, and Yankee Stadium is the

growth stage. According to the Divine Principle, the growth stage is always the most difficult. Washington Monument will certainly be the perfection-stage crusade.

Jesus' first year of ministry was rosy and full of optimism, but in his second year he hit a stone wall. If Jesus Christ had been able to shatter that wall he would not have been crucified. We must shatter the stone wall and be victorious. Then we can certainly open the door to a new heaven and earth.

Let us be strong and courageous. We cannot sit still! We must stand up and march forward! This is an emergency for God, for Jesus Christ, for all the saints in history, for all humankind, and for the Unification Church and me. You courageous members of the Unification Church have been hand-picked by God for this task. To mobilize the power for victory, each of you must become a representative of God, Jesus, and True Parents.

Let us welcome the first day of 1976 with a fixed resolve. Next year will decide the destiny of America and all humankind. You, the members of the Unification Church, hold the key to this destiny. Today we will make that commitment in front of heaven and earth. We will pledge to God that we will bring Him the glory and victory which He has desired for 6000 years.

Remember, the more hardships we encounter the greater the joy of victory. Let us shatter all obstacles and bring the victory! Those who pledge that commitment, raise your hands! Let us go over the mountain with hope and bring ultimate joy and comfort to the heart of Heavenly Father. ■■

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Let Us Pioneer at the Front Line

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DEAR ladies and gentlemen, and representatives of the Youth Federation for World Peace (YFWP) in Korea. I am very glad to have this general meeting of the YFWP Korean chapter's national representatives with so many honorable guests who long for world peace and Korea's re-unification.

As the president of Women's Federation for World Peace, I deeply appreciate your efforts to establish the Korean chapter on the national level with sincere heart and effort. I am sure that your hard work is the driving force for YFWP to establish local chapters throughout Korea and march forward in such a short period of time.

Dear representatives from all over Korea: As you know well, humanity and the world are at the turning point, about to enter the 21st century. Shall we end the age of division and struggle and construct the new world of peace, prosperity and unification, or shall we continue the miserable history of division, struggle and war? It surely is a serious problem.

So many problems occur throughout the world, including struggles between nations, races, religions, ranks and sexes. The deterioration of ethics, family breakdown, drug problems, AIDS, starvation, and disease all obstruct the realization of the human ideal of a true world of peace and unification.

This is because human beings at the beginning of the world lost God's love. God wanted the first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, to become the ideal couple and ideal parents, centered on God's true love, and establish the ideal family through which human beings would be able to realize the ideal race, nation and the world.

Unfortunately, because our human ancestors, Adam and Eve, betrayed God and His ideal, human history has taken a tragic course. When people denied God and lost the absolute value centering on God, they fell to the bottom of hell in greed, struggle and confusion.

However, people's original nature has continually pushed them to seek a better world, and God has worked His providence to save fallen mankind through numerous seers, prophets and religions. But sadly, mankind has been wandering about, having lost its way, with no central figure to lead it out of this suffering world of crime and sin. Today, we must be able to jointly present a hopeful new vision of the 21st Century to mankind.

Dear representatives of YFWP: You are in the leading position to give hope to this world. Historically speaking, youth has been the hopeful light in difficult times; young people are the pioneers and forerunners who will create a new history.

Now YFWP has the historical mission of leading and encouraging mankind's efforts to end the unhappy human history and to construct the new century abounding in peace and happiness. We should promote a new viewpoint of values and create a social system which can save mankind, recognizing that the dominant ideologies and systems have not been able to do so. Moreover, we should develop a campaign to construct the true family based on true love and ethical principles.

We are called to construct the world of true peace and unification for the coming 21st Century. We will promote a peace campaign based on the ideology of the great human family; embracing all of mankind as brothers and sisters in one family, under Godism and headwing thought.

The autonomous rights of all races and nations must not be violated for any reason, and all people must be recognized as having equal membership in the international society. However, the major powers have been trampling on the lesser powers here and there throughout this world. Such things must necessarily be corrected in order to construct the peaceful global community of the 21st Century. Therefore, we will develop a campaign of peace and unification, opposing any kind of invasion or war. Moreover, we shall encourage the unification of nations and races, ending the present state of suffering and division.

Dear representatives: YFWP will foster world peace by accelerating the pioneering role of youth for world peace, under the cooperation of FWP, IRFWP, WFWP, etc. Furthermore, we will pour all our strength for the unification of the Korean peninsula, our fatherland, which is the only remaining divided country on this globe. Furthermore, we will develop the mission of youth in relationship to the United Nations through international exchange and cooperation among students working to realize world peace. We will create all kinds of organizations for the preparation of a new cultural age in the coming 21st Century.

In order for all humankind to be able to experience freedom and equality and enjoy a proper life, YFWP will campaign to bring people into oneness with God's true love and to construct the ideal world in which everyone can live together in peace and prosperity. We will promote a democratic society with equal distribution of economic resources.

Numerous people in many underdeveloped countries on this globe are still dying in misery. This is not just the situation of someone else, but it is our situation too. Therefore, we will not just look at the miserable tragedies of our brothers and sisters in this global village, but we will develop the ultimate worldwide campaign to give them practical help.

From now on, YFWP will stand on the front line in relief work to save our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe, through following the will of our founder.

Dear representatives: Today, we should once again be aware of our need to receive the absolute help of God and heavenly fortune in our historic calling. You are voluntary participants in this campaign. Although numerous righteous people have been killed while trying to make a better world, their great footprints have been brilliantly and elaborately engraved in human history and in God's heart.

You should become the forerunners for this new age. I want you, as representatives of YFWP, to stand in front and pioneer this way, joining with me as we sincerely and passionately strive to bring about a new world of peace and happiness.

In conclusion, I pray God's blessing and protection will be with YFWP and you. Thank you. ■■■

Let Us Be Proud of Our High-Dimensional Living Faith

spirit self goes to the other world they do not know what is going to happen, because they do not know the laws that govern it. They do not know what the entrance looks like, whether there is a guard at the gate, and whether they will be guided by someone. They are not sure how they will move around in that world, whether they will travel by airplane or by bicycle. They are not aware of how things are organized, what there is to eat, and where the center is. There are people who have made much effort to find out about the spirit world and they may have even visited parts of it, but how much could they have seen in that vast, limitless world?

I lived in New York for eleven years, but I have



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never visited the Statue of Liberty. However, all tourists go there. You see most famous sights when you go somewhere for the first time, but once you settle down somewhere you do not see as much, because you think, Anyway, one day I will get the opportunity to go there.

On my first trip to the United States, everything appeared so mysterious, big and wide that I was speechless. Later on, I recognized how inaccurate and incomplete were my feelings and concepts about America. The more I have come to know about America the more difficult it was to say something about that nation. In Korea we say, "An unqualified shaman kills people," which means that someone who knows a little about something pretends to know a great deal, but someone who really knows a lot tends to say nothing.

The same is true with the spirit world. Those who manage to visit the spirit world through

prayer and meditation may receive deep inspiration, but they do not actually see more than a small section of that world. Although they may speak a lot about what they have seen, they do not know the whole. If those who visit the spirit world all went to the same place, they would tell similar things, but usually their reports differ. They have not been able to see it in its entirety, because they have been taken to different places by different guides.

The question, however, is who knows the essence of that world. Without question, it is Unification Church members. We have been attending True Parents, who have freely taught about heavenly law, at the cost of years of devoted offering and hardship. No other denomination or church teaches about the spirit world as it is taught in the Principle or in Father's speeches. Everyone preaches about the Kingdom of Heaven, Paradise and the next world, but only the Principle gives a true explanation.

If we learn about the spirit world while we are on earth, we will be less confused when we have to go there. However, even after joining the Unification Church many members are rather shaky in their lives of faith because they still do not understand deeply about the spirit world. Intellectually they have some knowledge, but their lives of faith are unstable if they cannot really feel it.

Once we really understand about God and the spirit world, our paths become very clear, no matter what complicated situations or circumstances we may face. We would never go astray or hesitate to advance; we would always walk straight forward.

Life of faith and living faith

The third reason why people have been wandering in darkness is their ignorance of the fundamental questions of life. We should not be satisfied merely with the basic knowledge of God's existence and the existence of a spirit world. We need

to go further and ask questions such as: What is God's essence? What is the essence of the spirit world? How is my relationship with God established? What about the spirit world and myself? What determines my place in the spirit world?

This core of existence is true love. Through true love, God is my Father and I have to establish my position as God's son or daughter. We pray in the morning when we wake up, and we pray and meditate at night before we go to sleep. When we call upon God, we should ask what our relationship to Him is all about.

Christians often pray, "Lord, take pity on your servant." Church leaders many times pray, "Lord, I am your servant." Why a servant? How can I be a servant if the relationship between God and I is one of true love? The relationship between a master and servant is not a true love relationship, but an agreement between a wage-giver and a

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Can we keep up with Father's words, deepen

special effort to attend God. When we embody the Principle, we will be able to communicate with God and become one with Him, achieving divinity. We will naturally attend God in our daily lives, and that will be the true way of attendance. Maybe we would not even know what attendance was, but life itself would be attendance.

What I call a living faith is actually nothing other than life as it should be. A life of faith is different from a life of complete attendance to God. People may try to show off with their lives of faith; but in fact, living in this satanic world, they commit sin, ask for forgiveness, commit sins again and repent again—as regularly as they eat and drink every day. People's lives of faith are a repetition of sinning and repenting. In contrast, when life itself is faith, there is no need for such a process.

Therefore, we Unification Church members should feel proud of being the first people in history to go this way of living faith. How precisely and how profoundly our Principle teaches about God! After you hear the Principle, God is no longer so far away. We automatically conclude: "Ah, God is right there in my heart! I see now, God has been calling me throughout history! God and I have to live like this!"

Depending on their degree of faith, many brothers and sisters experience the opening of their five spiritual senses after hearing Principle, and they have some contact with the spirit world. The gates to the spirit world open and many things happen; for example, they might hear spiritual voices, smell spiritual fragrances or even receive a revelation. Many Christians and other religious people pray under severe conditions in deep mountains, but for them it is not so easy to communicate with God and the spirit world. That is a privilege of our Unification Church members.

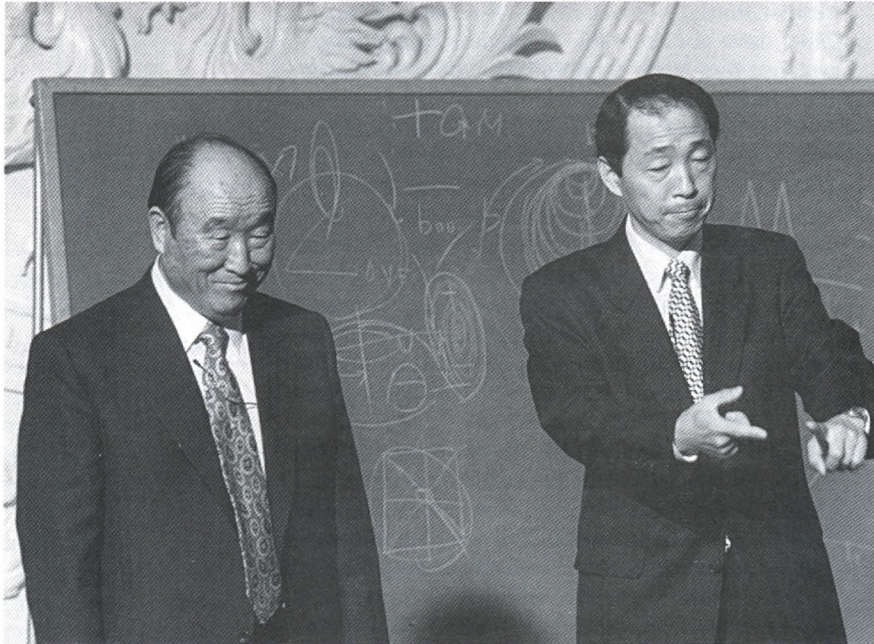
Communicating with the spirit world

Father explained that if humankind had not fallen, we would be able to converse with God, and the physical and spiritual worlds would not be separated. There would be give and take between both worlds. The physical world then would be like the body, and the spirit world like the mind. They would have give and take action just as our mind and body do. When our mind and body have give and take, the mind can instruct the body to raise or lower the arm, to speak or look at something, and the body will respond.

The Bible tells us that Satan has seized power without being qualified. With this unearned power, Satan has separated people from God and stands between us and God. He has also divided the spirit world from the physical world and stands between both worlds.

Because of Satan, communication from the physical world to the spirit world is so difficult. If we make the wrong kind of spiritual conditions, we can be possessed by evil spirits.

Since Satan has seized spiritual power, low spirits are filling the spirit world as evil spirits.



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our understanding about God and the spirit world, and grasp the three-fold relationship between God, the spirit world and ourselves, based on true love? We have to learn how true love is achieved and how such a relationship can be formed. Once we know that, our life of faith becomes a living faith.

A life of faith and a living faith are fundamentally different things. In a life of faith, people rely on God, plead with Him, ask Him, hang on to Him and look for Him, while they live in pain, tears and suffering, perpetuating their sinful existence. It is a life of belief. However, according to the teaching of our True Parents, people were not originally meant to merely believe in God. If Adam and Eve had not fallen, would they have erected a church in the Garden of Eden? Would Adam and Eve have needed morning prayers or prayers of repentance in the Garden? No life of faith is needed in the Garden of Eden. There is no need for church, repentance prayer or Sunday service. It is a place in which one can talk freely with God and live together with Him.

True attendance takes place when we attend someone without feeling that we are attending him. Children living with their parents may think: I have to greet my parents in the morning; I have to prepare a good breakfast for them and then make something for lunch. If they always live with such concerns, attendance is a formality. Children of true filial piety attend their parents naturally in their daily lives. Dutiful sons and daughters naturally love their parents, serve them and want to live for them, because parents are the source of true life and the lords of life.

Adam and Eve would not have had to make

Setting the wrong kind of spiritual conditions can create a base for low-level spirits to come and take hold of people, driving them insane or influencing them to perform evil deeds.

It is very difficult to connect with high-level spiritual beings. If we in the physical world want to get in contact with high-level spirits we have to first pass through the realm of low-level spirits, who are like the hands and feet of Satan. Only then are we qualified to meet good spirits and angels in their own realm.

Our task, therefore, is to transform satanic power, which is like a dark cloud, into the light of God's providence. In the same way that blue sky and sunshine appear when clouds disappear, the good spirit world will help and work on the earth after Satan's power has been destroyed. The time will come when good spirits will be able to help without any restrictions. They will then clean up the world completely.

When good ancestors come down, cooperating with and guiding all their descendants, there will be no way for people to turn toward evil. Those descendants will be unable to help doing good things.

We must be proud that we can lead lives of attendance here on earth; this is a living faith. I will give you one example to show that we Unification Church members are living a high-dimensional living faith.

Missionary Chieko Sasamoto

Our late Unification Church president, Hyo Won Eu, wrote a letter of gratitude to True Parents. In his letter he said something like this: "We are celebrating here in the spirit world, because for the first time the spirit world and the physical world have been united centering on the ideal of God's creation. Because satanic power, which has no qualification before heaven, is being completely washed away and the spirit and physical worlds are uniting completely centering on God's ideal, all good spiritual beings have come to celebrate, centering on Heung Jin Nim. This time has not arrived just by chance. True Parents have paved the way and built the foundation for such change to come about."

I recently received a similar letter with very moving content from Chieko Sasamoto, a missionary to Africa. She is the wife of one of the three missionaries who became martyrs and received awards for meritorious service on May 1 [*the fortieth anniversary of our church*], together with late president Hyo Won Eu.

After the blessing in 1975, Masaki Sasamoto was assigned as a missionary and Chieko continued her work in the Japanese church. Finally she joined her husband in his mission country. However, they had not even spent one month together as a married couple when he was martyred in Tanzania. He was taken away one morning by ignorant communist government forces and was killed.

I felt such pity for Chieko that whenever we met I asked her whether she would like to receive a comfort blessing one day. For those who do not

understand what "comfort blessing" means, I will say a few words of explanation. Through the blessing in the Unification Church, husband and wife are bound together by true love for eternity. It is an eternal relationship that cannot be broken on earth or in heaven. Thus, the principle for an ideal blessing is that, even if one spouse goes to the spirit world early, the remaining partner continues living alone and meets the spouse later when he or she goes to the spirit world.

However, life on earth can be complicated. One spouse could remain alone with the children, facing many difficulties in life, and many have need of support. Two members in this situation may receive permission to live together to comfort and support each other on the family level, but only while they are on earth. This is called a "comfort blessing." It is, however, a special situation.

When I advise members in such a situation, I usually do not suggest a comfort blessing, from the viewpoint of Principle or the world of shimjung. According to my understanding, although it might be helpful for someone to receive a comfort blessing for a limited time on earth, such people would have to resolve certain things after re-joining their eternal partners in the spirit world. This is because they would have lived for some time with a partner who was not the original eternal true partner, sharing love and building a relationship. Therefore, until now, I preferred to suggest to such persons to remain single if possible until the end, to ensure that their true love and shimjung not become "wrinkled."

However, since Chieko was still so young and appeared so pitiful, I as a leader could not avoid asking for her opinion about the comfort blessing. Her answer was, "No, I never considered receiving a comfort blessing. Because my husband died for the will of God, I will remain single until the end, however difficult that may be." I was so happy about her answer that I told her to do as she had said. She wanted to go back as a missionary to Tanzania in place of her husband, but as she cannot enter Tanzania, she is working in the neighboring country of Kenya.

About two years ago, she submitted an application for a comfort blessing. As I knew that she had an adopted child, I was surprised and asked her why she had done so. She told me that her husband had appeared to her in a vision and persuaded her to receive a comfort blessing. He said to her: "Even in the spirit world, my heart constantly aches because I remember that I was never able to make you happy on earth and that I could not give you much true love. My wish is that you ask True Parents for a comfort blessing and that you can then receive all the love I could not give you while I was on earth."

When I heard this I realized something new, Ah, this is really true love. From the Principle point of view we think that a true love relationship is

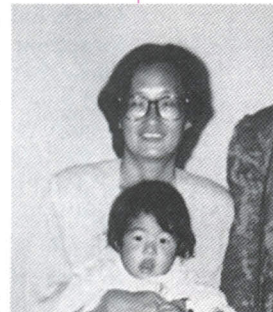


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Chieko Sasamoto with her daughter, December 1992.

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an eternal relationship for the couple and that it would be best to preserve it without any "cracks" or "wrinkles" until the couple is reunited in the spirit world. In reality, true love is living for others: giving and forgetting that one has given. We know that true love means to give and give, even after one has given already one hundred percent.

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True love

Although we have heard with our ears and have known in our heads what true love should be, we have not understood the content of all those speeches. True love is to live for the sake of others. Therefore, the missionary in the spirit world wanted his wife on earth to receive more love, so that she, a person of true love, could experience more happiness. He wanted her to have a happier life, to see her living joyfully with someone together on earth. This was his strong request, pushing her to submit the application for the comfort blessing. Thus she submitted the application.

However, would it be easy to receive a comfort blessing? To find the right partner would be even more difficult. It is easy to make a new jar, but to make a new part for a broken one is very difficult. A member who wants to receive a comfort blessing must, therefore, be very determined to go through difficulties. It would be wrong to expect a truly comfortable and happy life from a comfort blessing. Therefore, Chieko has been living alone, as there was yet no suitable partner.

Last month she sent me a letter that surprised me very much. She asked to cancel her application for the comfort blessing, because Masaki went to a higher level in the spirit world after receiving the award in May. After that, the spirit world and the physical world came closer together and now Masaki is visiting Chieko almost every night. Since they can share their love every night, she is no longer interested in the comfort blessing.

I want to say a few more words about conjugal love, because those of you who have not yet started family life may not understand about such a relationship. Chieko had not experienced family life with her husband for even one month. She did not know the deep affection and love between husband and wife. She did not experience the joy



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of deep love. Now when her husband comes and loves her she can feel, "Ah, true love is like this! Oh, it is such a wonderful thing!" She said that these days she is so amazed by the joy, happiness and grace she is receiving that she is completely at a loss as to what to do.

There are many things we can learn and feel through this letter. You should know what a great thing is to be recognized by True Parents on earth, to be awarded and praised by them. As Chieko said, her husband went to a different place in the spirit world after he received the award.

Here in this world there are also many people who have never, for example, gone on an airplane to go to a foreign country in their lives. In contrast, there are also situations in which a whole airplane is mobilized to take a head of state abroad, accompanied by a staff of several hundred people. Thus, we see that there are people who can go and come back whenever they want, and there are others who cannot. The billions of people who have gone to the spirit world want to come back to the physical world and visit their descendants. Once you have gone to the spirit world you have to live according to the laws of that world, which prohibit certain people from moving freely back and forth.

If we want to cross the border to enter another country here on earth we need a passport and a visa, and we have to pay the travel expenses. In the spirit world, however, there are additional

heavenly laws. To go before God and ask His permission to go back and forth between the spirit world and the physical world, a person must have laid very special conditions during his time on earth and must enjoy very special recognition by God.

A prophet is a person who receives revelations and instructions from God which enable him to predict the new age and coming history, unknown to the ordinary people. Therefore, a person who knows things before others come to know them is a prophet. How often did the biblical prophets communicate with God? They may have received revelations only once or twice, in the form of heavenly messages or instructions from God. People have looked up to the prophets because they devoted their whole energy and lives to teaching and spreading the messages they received from God.

Even prophets and religious leaders cannot communicate with God at any time. That shows us how the spirit world and physical world are separated. However, the more True Parents advance the unification of the spirit world and the physical world centering on God's ideal of creation, through fulfilling their responsibilities and by devoting their lives, the more heaven and earth will become one, centering on heavenly law and the ideal of creation. Previously, bad spirits and evil people have been the masters in the world Satan controls.

We are now living in an age in which good people can become one with good spiritual beings and righteous people and saints can come freely to our physical world. Profiting from this grace, the martyred Masaki Sasamoto can now freely come to earth and love his wife every night under the blessing of God and True Parents. Does it not seem like a dream or fantasy story? No, it is something that really happened in our Unification church. What a wonderful inspiration it is! How lonely this one blessed sister must have been, and what a tearful life she must have had.

The pride of a living faith

We can take pride that our brothers and sisters can see the spirit world, which cannot be seen with ordinary eyes, and that they can feel the spirit world, which cannot physically be felt. In the past, there have been stories of spiritual marriages—people living together with spiritual beings, but we did not understand the underlying principles. We did not know why such things occurred or what they signified. We are very blessed to be in the position of knowing the Principle, attending our True Parents who have taught us that Principle, and having the hope and ability to experience or witness similar things. We are really living in the realm of “amazing grace,” aren't we?

We should remember once more that we are attending the person who has thrown wide open the gate of the spirit world. We are attending the person who has the power to drive away Satan, along with the billions of evil spirits that function as Satan's hands and legs. We are attending our

True Parents, who are guiding us with so real a Principle that it can actually be experienced. We have been blessed by them or we are preparing to receive the blessing from them. How much grace we receive!

The electricity of love

We have to realize this again. Therefore, I want to read some words by Father about the spirit world: “Humankind needs to have the concept of living for others. For the subject it means to give and give and give. What comes back when one gives like that? The electricity of love is generated in return. The electricity of God's love comes. The greater the vacuum that is made, the stronger it becomes. Isn't that wonderful? On the other hand, if this does not happen and there is no such flow in the cosmos, the realm of equality and ideals can be destroyed. That is the conclusion.”

People talk about ideals and equality among all people, but how will these things be realized? If we ask for things for ourselves first and become our own center, the ideal of equality for all humankind cannot be achieved. This means that if we always think of others first and give to others, love will be returned and the give and take of love will produce equality.

“I think that all the things we are excited about today, such as electricity or the universe, are like a spiritual lubricant to smooth the way to the realization of an ideal world of love. We can conclude that the world is a world filled with the electricity of love.”

Father seems to indicate that the spirit world is a place in which the electricity of love flows abundantly. Electricity always involves plus and minus energy. Similarly, the spirit world is a world in which everyone is interconnected through the electricity of true love.

“The spirit world is an eternal place that requires eternal elements. Thus, a spirit man who has experienced love here on earth will surely be pulled automatically by a magnet into that world. We are going to a place which responds to our feelings. The spirit world is a world of harmony in which everything is full of love and love is to be found everywhere.

“What happens when we throw a switch? Because of one switch, millions of families in New York can have light instantly. Even though New York is very big, when a certain switch is thrown in the electric transformer substation or at the electric power office, light will come on all over the city. The same happens in the spirit world. If the button of love is pushed, the universe moves. It sounds like a lie, but it is true. Push the button of love and everything is filled with the electricity of love. This is the ideal which God originally created. The Kingdom of Heaven on earth is, therefore, a place in which all the light bulbs of love are switched on. The place where all the light bulbs of love can be switched on completely is the Kingdom of Heaven in spirit world.

“If you have a heart filled with love and pull at the rope of love, people will be pulled in. If you

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pull to the back they will go to the back, if you pull to the side they will go to the side, if you pull this way they will enter like this, if you pull that way they will go up like that. You can decide. Everything happens not reluctantly, but spontaneously.

"We must know that the spirit world is a place filled with the air of love. The place filled with the air of love is the spirit world. What is good and what is evil are judged by the depth of love one achieves on earth."

Thanks to the work of Heavenly Father and True Parents, the good spirit world has now been opened. Depending on the object of love on earth and the degree of love that person has achieved, the spirit world can make an approach. However good the spiritual being might be, it cannot work on earth unless its object on earth has achieved love. I spoke before about Sasamoto's couple. The reason her husband could come to her every night was not only because of his motivation. It was also because Chieko, on earth, loved her husband and took over his mission in Africa. She also embodied true love and set the standard as a partner with her husband. If she had not made the preparation on earth, he would not have been able to come, even though he would have wanted.

Even in a world that is filled with the electricity of true love, even when the right quantity of plus and minus electrons is present, and even when the button is pushed, electricity will not flow if people are not prepared to receive the electric current. That is the content of Father's teaching.

We Unification Church members must live with gratitude and joy that we can see and experience such things. Billions of people have longed for the Kingdom of Heaven, but even those who have claimed to know what true love meant have not

one cannot receive the blessing. You should know the preciousness of the blessing that you have received almost for free. Not only by words but in reality, you must accomplish the blessing of love. All blessed couples should know this and live with a grateful attitude.

A high-dimensional living faith by way of true love

High-dimensional living faith consists of true love. This applies to how we attend God. You may have prayed, "Heavenly Father, I will attend You today, because today is Sunday." You may have thought: "Today is Sunday, I have to go to the early service at the headquarters church. Otherwise, Reverend Kwak may say something if he does not see my face." Such expressions do not come from true love. True attendance is when you feel pulled to go on Sunday by God's love. True attendance is when the flow of true love makes you desire to worship God.

The same applies to attending True Parents. If you bring True Parents to mind, you will feel tears in your heart before they come into your eyes, and you will hear an explosion in your heart. Such a relationship of true love grows in our hearts as we become men and women of living faith. Living faith is not related to external growth. Living faith is connected to the growth of our inner selves.

We feel grateful to True Parents for having trained us to realize that the faith of the Unification Church is a faith of attendance and true love. This should enable us to live with confidence.

The good spirit world has opened up now, which means that good and righteous people on earth can spread their wings. Previously, this was

an age of suffering for good people, when evil followers of Satan came down to earth and worked as the masters of this world. Now the evil spirits have been swept away like dissipating clouds and good people can spread their wings.

Members of the Unification Church have been worrying about other members losing faith. You do not need to worry. I believe that the final clean-up will be done by the good spirits in the spirit world. What will the good spirits and righteous ancestors tell their descendants when they come down? I think that the time will come when they will punish them with a spiritual stick.

The Unification Church has to go through a process of cleaning up, putting things in order, getting rid of all the dirt. We then must proceed to the next level, washing one step after the other. We cannot continue with our habitual faith, doing things today in the same way we did them yesterday, and continuing tomorrow as we have done today. In the spirit world, a



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Father offers a prayer at the Main Pledge Ceremony, February 5, 1995.

understood these principles. Therefore, to receive the blessing on earth is so precious. That is why the Unification Church is so precious.

Without going through the Unification Church,

strong wind is now blowing. How eager the good spirits must now be to work on earth!

Let us embody true love and live for others, because the faith of the Unification Church is truly beautiful, great and precious. Let us pray.

Prayer

Beloved Heavenly Father. We have come here on this holy day and reflect on how much You must have suffered wanting to advise us, wanting to wake us up—we, ignorant people on earth—and embrace us as Your sons and daughters. We are grateful that You sent True Parents to us, enlightening us through the Principle and showing us the way of true love while guiding us with Your words. We thank You again for giving us ignorant people the tremendous grace of the blessing, although we will never be able to repay You for this precious blessing You have given to all blessed couples.

Please pour out Your grace on all Your sons and daughters here among us who desire to receive Your blessing, and guide all other people to us who want to be blessed. Let not only us, but all people in this world, enjoy the blessing, because only through the connection of the blessing can they inherit the true love of our True Parents. Although people dream of the ideal and happiness of Paradise, they will not be able to go there unless they receive Your blessing of true love.

Please, take pity on this world and give Your true love to this nation and all the world's people. Guide the world toward Your way and enable us to testify to Your true love and to that of True Parents.

We know that the more we keep true love in our hearts, the more the good spirit world can cooperate with us and the more it is possible for You and True Parents to dwell in us.

Help us, please, to become apostles of the Completed Testament Age, so that we may attend You and True Parents forever. Come and abide in us and help us understand Your heart. Wash all the sins in our hearts away. Make us realize that You have the desire to experience things with us, that You want to think about good things with us, that You want to practice good deeds with us, and that You want to bring good results with us.

Heavenly Father, do not leave our hearts, As we want to attend You forever, help us be aware of our shortcomings, dwell eternally in our hearts. We beg You to become our Lord and use our bodies to accomplish Your work. When we stand in front of people, help us to look different from others. Let us have a holy appearance through which we may testify to Your righteousness and true love.

Father, the problem is not the evil in the world, but that we are unable to keep up with Your good-

ness. The opposition of the world is not the problem, but our inability to properly attend You and True Parents in our hearts. Hear our prayers, please, as we are repenting again. Open our eyes as we are begging You in tears. We earnestly wish that You may accomplish Your desire through us, and that You may embrace all people of this world. While feeling the heart of a shepherd who spent sleepless nights in front of his sheep's enclosure, we want to give our love to the people of this world, establish righteousness for this nation, and give our lives for all people.

Heavenly Father, scold us for our laziness and for not having become the embodiment of Your goodness. We pray that wherever we go, wherever we are, we may become the substantial expression of Yourself and of True Parents.

On this holy day, please bless all of our brothers and sisters in faith who are longing for Your righteousness and who are looking everywhere for You. Make us fight harder, so that they may quickly learn to attend our True Parents and Your heart. Remember all members of our Unification family, especially our missionaries who are doing Your righteous will, while attending our True Parents.

We have heard the news that many Unification Church leaders and blessed members have become victims of the tragic situation in Rwanda. [See the November/December issue of *Today's World*.] Please console their spirits. Please take care of the souls of all the members who died there while going the difficult path of working for Your will. We pray sincerely that on the foundation of their righteous tears, work and prayers Rwanda may be saved and may receive Your blessings.

Let the prayers and efforts of our family members in the coming week become testimonies to

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Your and True Parents' will. We offer our thanks and pray all these things in the names of our True Parents. Amen. ■■

[Translated by Karl-Heinz Schulz.]

Mother offers a prayer (with Father) at the Main Pledge Ceremony, February 5, 1995.

Whole Churches Wait for the Blessing in Nigeria

Kathy Rigney

A YEAR ago [1993], Mother gave us the goal of finding candidates for the next blessing. We thought she must have felt there was a great potential in this country when she visited. We came up with a plan for creating a financial foundation through a bakery business that could support pioneer work on a massive scale. In this way, we could bring the candidates through the normal type of witnessing and public relations activities we were accustomed to doing. The country went through a terrible economic and political crisis that ruined our business plans and seemed to push us further away from our goal than when we first began.

Under extreme circumstances we saw that heaven could mobilize people during our 42-city Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) rallies in September 1994. [See the article in the January issue of *Today's World*.] As we struggled to open 42 new centers around the country, we began to see how heaven has prepared candidates from Nigeria in places and ways we never dreamed of.

Whole churches are waiting to be blessed! Some pastors have received rev-

elations about the Unification Church, True Parents and the blessing itself, while others are ready to listen and learn. Even as we started meeting these groups, we heard a rumor that our people were expecting as many as 40,000 candidates from Nigeria and later we learned our goal had been raised to 100,000—but now we understand why. In December and January alone, we met pastors and founders of indigenous African churches that represent more than seven million believers. The more positive ones have pledged to mobilize more than 15,000 candidates, while other churches are open to holding blessing workshops for their leaders—through which we might be able to mobilize their previously married couples to participate.

Calabar in the Southeast

Pastor Olumba Obu, founder of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, began his ministry at the age of four when he was credited with healing the sick. While growing up, he performed many miracles which are said to include raising someone from the dead. He received the rev-

elation that he was the earthly incarnation of the living God. He eventually started teaching that he was God, rather than understanding that the revelation meant that God's spirit could dwell in him, as with any other righteous man. The group's name, by the way, means that all people are brothers under God when they practice sacrificial love for others (the cross) and bring glory to God (the shining star).

Our members have met Pastor Obu personally, several times over the years. He is a very warm-hearted person who tries to express love and kindness and God's grace to everyone. He does not concern himself with practical things. His son, Bishop Roland Obu—referred to in the brotherhood as, "King of Kings"—takes care of the practical business side of the church. Some say he is not as spiritually gifted as his father and they wonder what will happen when the father dies, but the son seems to love and respect his father deeply.

We really never could get anywhere with the brotherhood in the past, perhaps because we concentrated too much on the father, who is very spiritual. Obu would admit that Father was the Lord of the Second Advent; "I know, I sent him!" he would say. He insisted cooperation should start with Father coming to pay his respects to him (God.)

Bishop Roland, on the other hand, always kept his distance, wondering what we wanted. This time when we suggested he might participate in an international, inter-religious forum representing his seven million members, he responded, "Now you're getting serious," and listened more carefully. We are suggesting that members of other churches could mobilize their married couples to participate in a worldwide demonstration of the sacredness of the family and publicly renew their dedication to God on the family level through the blessing. We are offering to organize one-day seminars



Rev. Oriaku and some members of his congregation pose for a picture with Kevin Winter (seated second from right) outside their church.

with church leaders to explain the full meaning of the blessing. Bishop Roland was interested, but would not make a decision right away.

Umuahia in the mid-South

Reverend Oriaku of the Holiest of Holies World Unification Church met our church in 1980 and participated in a forty-day workshop after receiving revelations about True Parents for many years. Before he met our church, Oriaku had received a revelation, in prayer, of the birth of Father in 1920 and the Holy Wedding in 1960. Unfortunately, we lost contact with him in 1983, as he stays most of the time on his farm in a remote village outside Umuahia. He continued to teach his members about the Principle, the law of indemnity and to pray in the True Parents' name as he performed healings through prayer and preached about world peace. Out on the highway, he placed a big sign with his church name and the symbol of the Unification Church. They even recited My Pledge on Sunday mornings until we brought them the Family Pledge two weeks ago.

Reverend Oriaku wants to receive the blessing with his wife and he says he has 10,000 members whom he can mobilize for the blessing. We expect maybe at least half that number might actually be possible. He is now contacting his pastors to organize a blessing workshop for them.

One very pious woman in the same town started her own church when she began having revelations and healing people through prayer. She calls her



An outdoor workshop is held for Rev. Oriaku's church in Umuahia.

group the Saint Michael's Believer's Church of Christ and her name is Apostle Madam Theresa, better known as "Madam Power" because of her powerful prayers. Her dynamic character lives up to her nickname, but she is truly a humble and good-hearted person.

When she first met one of our sisters she did not take her testimony too seriously, but she prayed to know for sure and God revealed to her that "the Unification Church is strong and can never be overcome because God is with it." She

asked to meet with our leaders.

She met with our area leader and brought forty of her followers together for a one-day workshop. She wants to be blessed with her husband, who is a city councilman, and she wants her members to participate in the blessing. She says she has twelve branches to her church in the area, each with about 200 members, making 2,400. She is so enthusiastic that she burst out that she would bring "seven—no—nine—no—10,000" to the blessing! She also has two pastor friends with their own churches to whom she is witnessing.

Eket

Eket is a beautiful paradise on earth where many of our early members were born and raised. While ancestor veneration is a strong African tradition, in this particular area, people bury their parents directly in front of their homes or even under the floor of their rooms when they die.

In this town, we met Prophet Asua of the King Jesus Chapel. He is enthusiastic about studying the Principle and participating in the blessing. He promised he would mobilize his 10,000 members to take part in the blessing.

In the same town, we met the traditional ruler of the township, who is president of the council of chiefs over the whole region and a former advisor to former President Badangida, Chief Odungide. He has studied the Divine Principle and believes Father is one of the most extraordinary people ever to live. Now he has pledged to organize a meeting of



Kathy Rigney (seated, second from left) and Kevin Winter (standing, far left) pose with the elders of the Prophet Asua's King Jesus Chapel in Eket, Nigeria.

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120 top-level members of the society in Eket at a beautiful hotel so that we can introduce them to the blessing.

Port Harcourt, the second largest city in Nigeria

Our city leader met two groups whose founders are interested in participating in the blessing with their members. The Holy Michael Church is a popular group reputed for its miracles. Their founder said they will organize a meeting in which we can teach the church's pastors, who can then mobilize their 4,000 members.

Another newer group called the Holy Rock Church of Christ was founded by a former popular musician named Tonyman Esonugua. Only a year old, because of his healing gift he assembled more than 6,000 followers. He is also interested in participating in the blessing with his members.

Our church leader in Port Harcourt has also read Mother's speech to more than thirty pastors of one "mainline" church called the Christ Ascension Church and he is working with the local heads of three branches of a large indigenous church called the Cherubim, Seraphim Church whose members number in the millions.

The area around Lagos

Although he is under much pressure from the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) which has persecuted our church in the past, we still hold out some hope for Reverend A. Bada, leader of the Celestial Church of Christ, which is said to be the

Our WFWP branches teach that the answer to family problems is the blessing.

largest single indigenous African church with about ten million members. We met him again last November with Taj Hamad, who was surprised to discover that Bada was the very person sitting next to him on a tour to southern Sudan when Reverend Kwak announced "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age" in Sudan. Taj invited Bada to come visit our church in the United States with some of his elders.

A pastor of a much smaller church in Lagos, Reverend M. O. Oyatoki, became so enthusiastic about our church when he heard Mother's speech that he gathered about twenty other pastors and launched a new organization called "The Family Federation for World Peace" and proclaimed Reverend Sun Myung Moon,



The Unification Church members pray outside the center in Eket, Nigeria.

the founding president. Before we knew anything about it, they had already printed up their own letterhead and organized a meeting in February, in which they want us to speak about our movement and the blessing. They are expecting about 500 guests.

The northern city of Minna

On January 14, 480 people, including 311 women community leaders listened to two hours of lectures on the Divine Principle and blessing sponsored by the Christian Association of Nigeria and WFWP. CAN organizers had heard WFWP was going to meet on women's issues. Since they were holding their own seminar on the same day, they invited us to use the same location—the Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA), an offshoot of Sudan Interior Missions and the main church in Minna—and split the time between their program and ours. The CAN organizers did not realize WFWP was associated with the Unification Church and was shocked when our area leader Shelly started talking about Reverend Moon. Our WFWP branches teach that the answer to family problems is the blessing. Shelly summarized chapter one, chapter two, restoration, blessing and ideal families. A video on the blessing and True Parents had a very strong positive impact on the audience.

The main speaker of the ECWA part of the program was a pastor who persecuted us during the September tours by telling people he had heard from America that Reverend Moon hypnotizes women

to come into our church. He had sent letters to all ECWA churches warning them of this, so that their members would not attend our rallies. When he heard the truth about Father and Mother, he publicly repented for what he had done and he is now enthusiastically inviting many to come to the next CAN-WFWP meeting to be held at another major church. Shelly will speak again on the blessing. The pastor also offered his church for a meeting on the blessing. He will invite his own pastors from ECWA to attend.

In the same city, Shelly is scheduled to have a workshop with 25 unmarried military officers. This is being organized by Army Maj. Philip Iwodi, a man in his mid-thirties. He has a Master's in political science and studied Godism under Dr. Okoli of the Nigerian chapter of the Professors World Peace Academy, who had it on the curriculum of the University of Nigeria at Nsuka, Anambra State. He is currently the head of firing squads and has executed many criminals, but he is spiritually troubled and has a low standard (he is not married). He finds the Principle to be the only thing that gives him some peace of mind and is trying to change his lifestyle using the Principle. He really likes Shelly and comes to see him every week. ■■

Kathy Rigney is regional director of Midwest Africa and national leader of Nigeria. She and her husband, Jim, are members of the 1800 Couples' Blessing. They have one daughter, Ivory.

In Memoriam

SUNG SOOK KWAK LEE was born August 28, 1964, in Taegu, Korea to Chung Hwan Kwak and Jung Un Yoon Kwak. She is the second daughter in a family of six children. No matter what took place, she was always happy. She was stubborn and had an unbelievable endurance. She would grab onto some point and not let go, like a bulldog.

She came to the United States with her mother and brothers and sisters in April 1980. She was sixteen years old and had completed the last year of high school in Korea. She received honors in high school and in America. She went on to study women's clothing design at the Parson's School of Design in New York City. Dur-

ing her studies at college she had won numerous awards for her work including a J.C. Penny award. After college, as Sung Sook pursued her career, she was also sought after by some prestigious companies.

Everything she did was always done in the most Principled manner. Her favorite things were to listen to or read Father's words on tape. She was always focused on sacred things. She was seldom interested in going to movies or hanging out at the mall. Her daily life was focused on work, studying Divine Principle and Father's words. She was proud of her parents and their dedication to True Parents. Her first concern was True Family.

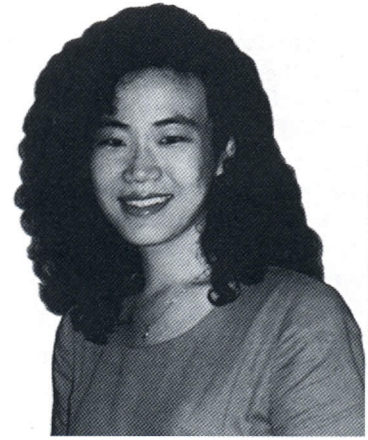


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Sung Sook Kwak Lee

August 28, 1964 — January 31, 1995

No matter how busy, Sung Sook would always prepare gifts for everyone of the True Family's birthdays and for other special holiday. She would prepare them with her whole heart, sometimes spending an hour preparing the card with just the right words.

She was friendly with everyone. Everyone felt her caring heart, always very sincere. She taught Sunday school for the second generation, until her work schedule made it difficult to do so. She was never afraid to correct people when she felt it necessary.

No matter the difficulties, she would give the best she had, never spending much money on herself.

Married life

She was blessed with Jin Bok Lee in the 36 Couples' of the Second Generation Blessing on April 12, 1986. They have three children, one son and two daughters. She was eight months pregnant with the second daughter, when the automobile accident took place.

Her daily life was always kept busy. Before working at United Vision Inc. Sung Sook worked for several clothing design companies. Along with her jobs, she also taught Sunday school at Belvedere. On Saturdays, she would take her group along with other second generation members to go witnessing on the streets of New York City. A month before the accident, she had commented about witnessing saying, "As I read Father's words, I am so grateful we have such words. As I get older, it is most important to spread these words to the people. This is life and truth for the people. Witnessing is the most important thing in our life." She always had a deep and consistent prayer life for which every night,

My Pledge

This pledge was found in Sung Sook's desk by her elder sister, Shin Sook Kwak Kim. It was read in Korean at her Seung Wha Ceremony. Later at the Won Jeun Ceremony, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak requested its publication so that all can learn from her attitude of heart.

1. I pledge to become the best child of True Parents among the second generation, by studying True Parents' speeches.
2. I pledge to do my best to make True Parents' speeches become mine and to become the substance and the incarnation of the speeches, through which I will let my husband, children and other members of my family become a heavenly family.
3. I pledge not to fall asleep whenever True Parents give speeches, and not to miss even one word, through heartistic oneness with them.
4. I pledge to absolutely keep the tradition of pledge every Sunday and the first day of every month, correctly and with a sincere, whole heart and mind.
5. I pledge to bring up my children not to be shameful children to God, but to become a heavenly loyal family through dedicating my whole mind and body, given by True Parents' word as good soil for them.
6. I pledge to pray and dedicate with a sincere heart, heartistically and materially, for True Family, my family, Lee's tribe and Kwak's tribe, without forgetting the importance of tribal messiahship.
7. I pledge absolutely not to be a shameful ancestor who can be accused.
8. I pledge to prepare my internal and external abilities so that True Parents can be proud of me.
9. I pledge to become a humble and consistent wife and mother through leading a heavenly, traditional, exemplary life toward my husband and children.
10. I pledge to, voluntarily, become a living sacrifice to offer sincerely my family and my tribe to God.
11. I pledge absolutely not to let God be disappointed in me.
12. I pledge not to express outwardly my talk and feeling, but to save and moderate them to raise my internal personality.
13. I pledge to offer every meal at my home offering table to God and True Parents at home and lead a life of attendance at home. ■■

—Mrs. Sung Sook Kwak Lee
[Translated by Zin Moon Kim]

with the holy candles burning and Father's speeches in her hands, she would pray for God's providence, True Parents, True Family, and then her inlaws and her family.

From the middle of 1994, she worked at United Vision Sales Inc. as one of the vice presidents handling the theme department. Her schedule there, like many of the members, was long hours, six days a week. Many days she came home at 11 p.m. No matter what she always went to Belvedere for Sunday service with her children. She determined that no matter what she would never miss Belvedere.

Circumstances of death

The lunar New Year came on January 31, 1995. Father invited people to East Garden to celebrate it. Sung Sook was very excited. She had been very busy at work, so she was unable to attend some of the birthday celebrations at East Garden. She went to East Garden with Jin Bok and older sister Shin Sook, and everyone there had a wonderful time.

After the entertainment, True Parents invited everyone to play yute. Several teams were created: first generation men, Western members, Japanese members, members from the Unification Theological Seminary, first generation women, and second generation. Sung Sook was concerned about work, and asked Shin Sook about what to do. Shin Sook told her, "It is your decision. Work is important, but you have not had any rest for a long time. This is a happy day." So she decided to stay.

The final winner was to be the team that won two out of three games. It was clear that this competition was between the first generation men's team and the

second generation team. When the two teams had reached a 1-1 tie, Father came down to the room where they were playing. When the scores were reported to him, he commented, "So the second generation will win." When the second generation heard this, they became even more

Sung Sook had won people's hearts, even Satan's, during her life on earth, so that she had earned permission to go really high in the spirit world.

excited, as they had never won first prize in any yute game. Not much later, the second generation did indeed win first prize, and Father awarded the prizes. Soon after lunch, concerned about the work she needed to complete at the office, Sung Sook left for work.

Sung Sook's car hit a pole, just three blocks from her office. She was still conscious and was concerned about the safety of the baby she was carrying. Following a Caesarian section to save the baby, she died at approximately 6:50 p.m. as the doctors tried to stem the flow of blood.

True Parents were shocked when the news of her ascension was given to them. Father prayed for several hours afterward.

Spiritual experiences

Following the games, Shin Sook also went back home. She was unusually tired and lay down for a rest. She felt cold and strange and could see only darkness around her. She fell asleep for about an hour. Suddenly she bolted upright from her sleep. She was frightened and saw

blood in front of her, she also felt the sensation of gushing blood. She frantically checked herself, but could not find any blood. She was then distracted by her crying son and began feeding him. Shortly afterwards, Shin Sook received a phone call from Phelps Memorial Hospital telling her that Sung Sook had been injured and was there.

Both her brother, Jin Hyo, who was studying at the Unification Theological Seminary, and her younger sister Mi Sook, had experiences in which they had trouble staying awake around the time of Sung Sook's accident and hospitalization.

Mr. Dong Moon Joo's mother had a dream in which Father was building a bridge between the East and the West. In the dream he was looking for the centerpiece of the bridge—the actual point in which East and West would be joined together. The next day she heard of Sung Sook's ascension.

Lady Dr. (Shin Wook) Kim said that all spirits gathered at Sung Sook's Won Jun Ceremony to welcome the "heavenly princess." Usually Mrs. Kim needs to cast away the evil spirits from the Won Jun, but this time it was not necessary. Sung Sook had already won their hearts and all the spirits were dancing and having a party to welcome Sung Sook. Sung Sook had won people's hearts, even Satan's, during her life on earth, so that she had earned permission to go a higher level in the spirit world.

Michael McDevitt had a spiritual experience in which he saw Min Jung Wachna and Sung Sook busy working and leading others in spirit world.

This testimony was written by Kathryn Coman with notes from a conversation with Shin Sook Lee and personal knowledge.

Remarks

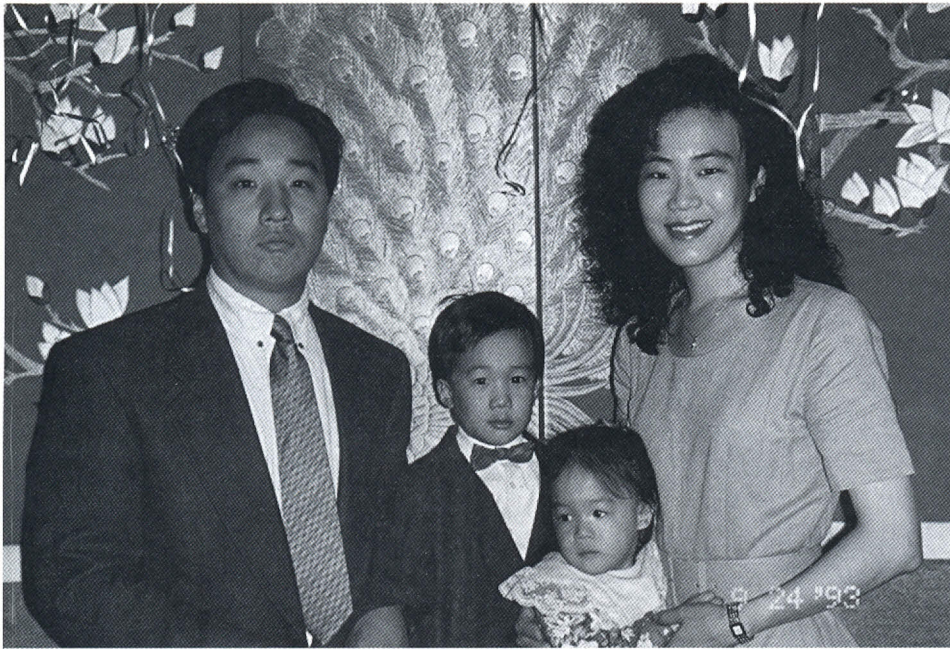
Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak
Sung Sook's Won Jun Ceremony

BROTHERS and sisters, as a representative of the Lee family and Kwak family, I deeply appreciate your attendance and your prayers today for Sung Sook. Speaking as the father of Sung Sook, her physical life was too short. She was born in 1964, and so she was not yet 32 years old. For me, her physical life was really too short.

Today, I am so proud of her. I know very well her daily schedule and how she dedicated herself to God and True Parents and True Family. According to Divine Principle, we will all join the spiritual world, later or sooner. Because of her dedication and pure heart, because of her single-minded attendance to True Parents and God, and True Family, Sung Sook

was well prepared to join the spiritual world.

The spiritual world is not the same as this earth. The heavenly kingdom has a system and customs pertaining to all human relations. But it will not be too strange for her, because of the way she lived during the past 31 years. Her dedication and attendance will enable her to



A Lee family portrait. Left to right: Jin Bok, Joong Seh, Hyang Choon, Sung Sook.

easily adapt to the system of the spiritual world and to heavenly law. I understood her single-mindedness. I was so proud of her, because she inherited most of her nature about attendance to God and True Parents from her mother. Really, even though she is my daughter, I respect her for her exemplary life and standard of daily attendance.

We know how easy it is to love in loving situations and environments. But Sung Sook was able to love regardless of the situation or environment, because of her dedication and her determination. She really tried to love each person. Her first priority always was her vertical

attendance to God, True Parents, and True Children.

I regret that when Shin Sook read about Sung Sook's life at the Sung Hwa Ceremony, she read her statement of determination only in Korean. I urge all Americans and especially the second generation to read it in English. This determination which she wrote reveals how she lived and how she challenged herself. It is a good example for not only the second generation but for all of us. Really, she tried to love people and she tried to attend True Parents and True Family during her short physical life. She showed me many deep examples in very meaningful ways.

Sung Sook's life from now on will be pretty simple. She will keep moving toward Heavenly Father, True Parents and True Family. She is focused on one vertical direction. In this sense, I believe that her spiritual life is now much easier; she is free and liberated.

Today, we are thinking deeply about Sung Sook. However, please do not do so only on this occasion. Sung Sook's loving husband, Jin Bok Lee, and her three children are with us. I hope that Jin Bok's spiritual life, his faith and his daily attendance to True Parents and True Family can develop and deepen. I believe that this is already his inner determination. In this way he will inherit his wife's standard of faith and attendance. We all have to support Jin Bok Lee's family. My prayers of encouragement go to him! He is still young and he needs our support and education. Please all of you, support his family. Sung Sook's love remains on the earth, so we can prayerfully extend our support to his family.

Once again, I am so proud on Sung Sook's behalf that Hyo Jin Nim, Nan Sook Nim, Hyun Jin Nim, and Jun Sook Nim attended the Sung Hwa Ceremony. I never expected this. I know that their attendance here was in honor of her and in honor of Jin Bok's family. This is their eternal honor. I also deeply appreciate it. I have heard even that True Parents prayed for her. Really, I have no words to offer my deepest thanks to True Parents.

Once again, I deeply appreciate and extend our thanks to all of you for your attendance here today. Thank you. ■■

Comments on Today's Educational System

Sung Sook Kwak

On February 5, 1986 some of the blessed children were invited at the CARP center at Columbia University in New York City, for an evening of warm sharing. Following is an excerpt of Sung Sook Kwak's heartfelt testimony.

IN my school, I am the only Unificationist. Sometimes I am lonely and struggling. I kept crying, so my teacher told me that perhaps she should not teach me anymore. I am really envious of the blessed children at Columbia and New York Universities, because there are CARP members there to work with them. Nevertheless, I am planning to start CARP at my school.

Musicians are very individualistic, but I am trying to break through my difficul-

ties. There are 700 students; seventy of those are Koreans, and about ninety percent of those Korean students go to church. For three years I didn't identify myself as a Unificationist, because I wanted to create personal relationships first. Now I can be much closer to them.

The main point I want to make is that although many great musicians lead strange lives and even destroy themselves, still much of their music is very pure and even sacred. Someday I would like us to be able

to create a God-centered opera.

Last year was my first opportunity to entertain for True Parents. It is amazing that Father is so sensitive to music, even though he doesn't have formal musical training! I feel it is so external when we bring in so many professionals for holiday entertainment. In a family, children may not sing well but the parents still love to hear them sing. I wish that we as members could perform more on the holidays. Our purity is what we can offer to



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The Kwak family and the Lee family, as they greet True Family, following the Blessing of the 36 Couples of the Second Generation in which Sung Sook and Jin Bok were blessed. Left to right: Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, Mrs. Joon Un Yoon Kwak, Sung Sook Kwak Lee, Mrs. Mal Sook Lee, Jin Bok Lee.

True Parents. Then some day it will become professional. If there is a chance for CARP to entertain for True Parents, we should do it.

I want to apologize to you for not being close to you. I am very grateful to have a chance to share. As a blessed child I have had a unique experience. I wonder why me. I feel so unworthy to be born into a blessed family. Especially when I consider that Korea was the country where the True Parents were born and I

seeing Father's life in front of me. He is not just giving information, he is living it.

It is scary, when you do nothing and yet you know a lot. It is like committing a crime. Through the forty-day workshop I could see the true me. From now on, I will try to put into practice the things I know, one by one. I want to share what I have with brothers and sisters who do not know so much about True Parents. I could pick up many things because of my position, so I want to help and give.

We need a bridge.

There is an order: True Children, True Parents and God. I also have to be a bridge or a mediator—an example to members—so that we can be united.

When I look back on my life of faith, I could distinguish something.

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think of all the conditions I have, I feel very unworthy to be in this position.

When Heavenly Father gives you life, you have a unique responsibility. I know Father is expecting me to fulfill that. I have to try to fulfill that responsibility. Up until now two years ago I thought that I knew a lot about our church from the books I read and from my parents' journals. I wanted to know everything I could. A year ago, I found that I had a big head with short hands and feet. I knew what I had to do, but I did not do anything. The point was not just reading, but

In Korea, I went to True Parents through my parents, but since coming to America my heart wants to reach straight out to them. When I listen to Father's speech or spend time with True Children, I feel so privileged. It has been such a tremendous blessing to be here in America.

In our first 21-day workshop, Father emphasized CARP front-line work for us. I knew the words were principled. I know that the Divine Principle is the best, but I did not know how to express myself. I have to be a person who can open up; someone who can be relied on and

respected.

This year in school I have realized many things. Everything is so specialized and so professional. Everyone is so busy trying to reach his personal goal. Students do not care about anything else. Being in that environment it is so easy to focus on small things. I am thinking a lot about how to cope and also how to reach many people.

I remember one statement that my father made: "The only difference between Adam and Eve and the blessed children is the environment." We have our physical parents to guide us, which Adam and Eve did not have. They had to live by Divine Principle alone. We are privileged to be guided by our parents. Our parents are not perfect. As the second generation we are in the process of purification, but that does not mean we are perfect either. Satan has dominated the whole of human history. We cannot expect restoration to be instantaneous; it takes time and there are many steps.

No matter what position we are in, we still have to follow the road of indemnity. Even Father had to go that road himself. Father has been clearing up the bloody road. We need to know that we can help.

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Where Tulips Shine

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am home where tulips shine
in fields of red and yellow
checkered quilts of colored land
outlined by green canals
and crooked trees bent over
from the north-west wind,
bent over like my mother
who was always cold
and longed for Colorado sun.

Where are the mountains
in this flat Netherland?
She frowned at the ceaseless rain
and turned up the heat,
Papa turned it down.
The Dutch are infamously frugal.

Sunday mornings...
pattering drops on the red roof tiles.
We all climbed in the squeaky bed,
three sons and two daughters,
and a sleepy mama with cold feet.

We snuggled under tulip fields,
the quilt of checkered flowers;
and baby brother, almost five,
rolled up into a ball and hollered
"I am a mountain!"

Our tickeling hands climbed
little brother mountain;
the tulip fields wiggled
and squealed
and we had no mercy.

Downstairs the kettle sang E flat
and Papa filled the teapot full
and slipped aching feet
creaked up
the stairs above the cellar
where whiskered Puss-ann caught
her brown-eared breakfast
among the crates of potatoes
waiting for next spring's planting.

We had to sit up properly
and straighten up the tulip fields
and sip our milky tea
very quietly.

Papa would ask
"Who left the light on
all night in the bathroom?"
and then he'd open up
the cookie bin and ask us
"Where'd they all go?"
and we sipped our tea
and looked guilty.

*I am home where tulips shine
in fields of red and yellow
checkered quilts of colored land
outlined by green canals
and crooked trees
beneath an ever cloudy sky
where tulips sometimes shine. ■■*

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**We cannot forget our hometown,
because that is where our ancestors' lineage
remains. From generation to generation, our
ancestors lived there and their memories
remain. The role of the nation is to protect
the hometown. We cannot forget our
hometown or nation because that is our
foundation of love. When we live in our
hometown, our nation will protect us. We
must remember our hometown and cherish
the meaning of our nation.**

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

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