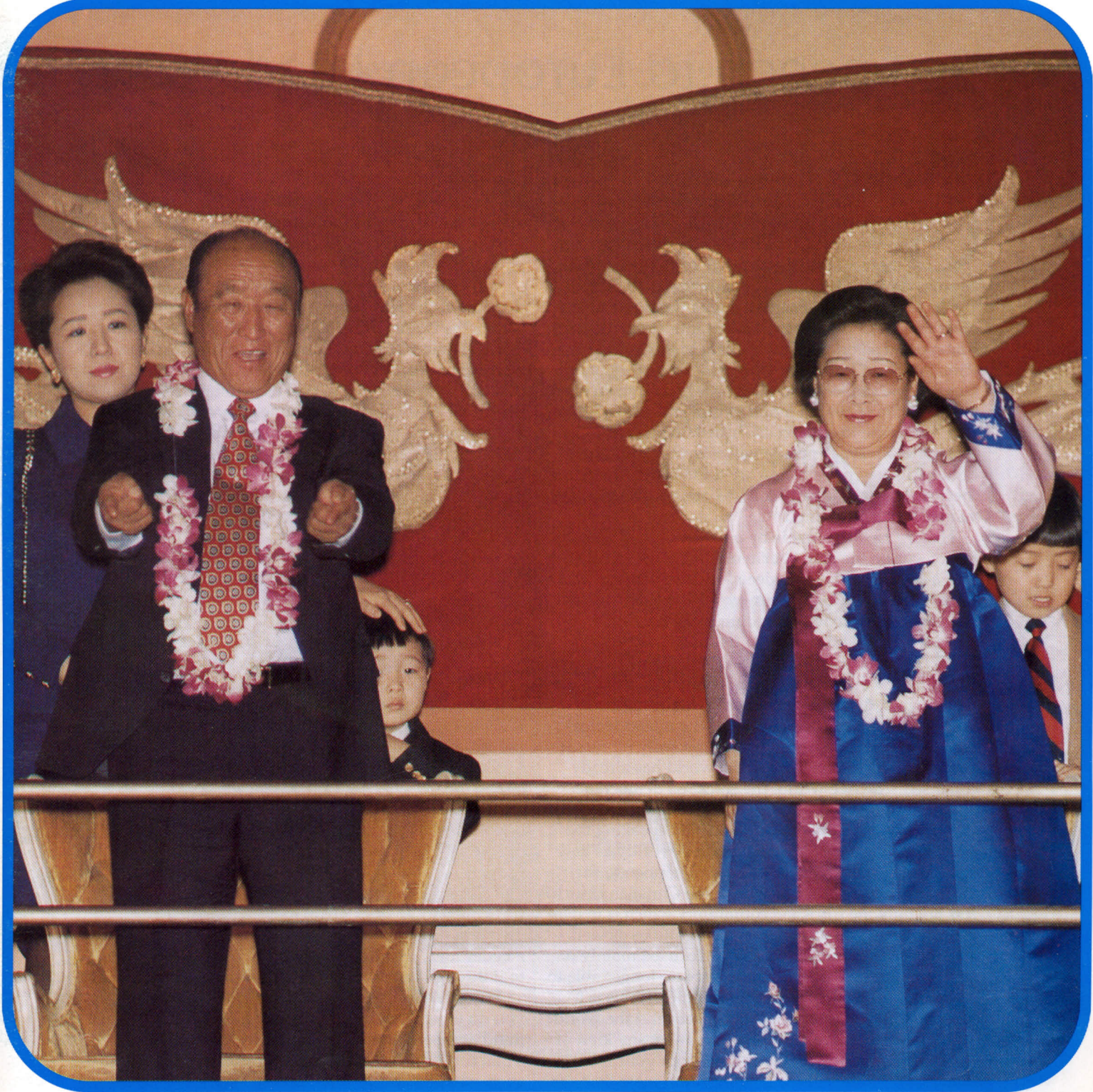


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Speech to European Leaders

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GOOD morning! Did you enjoy the Blessing Ceremony yesterday? We have to be able to explain to the world True Parents' vision of true families and the Blessing. We have to be proud, because we have so many precious things to share.

I have talked to VIPs more than a thousand times. I have spoken to presidents, cabinet ministers, religious leaders, and so on. I openly explain to them about True Parents' vision for the Blessing and the history of the Blessing. We can testify to them based on our own experience. In the sphere of moral values and family ethics, they will come to appreciate Father's teachings more and more. The wise people will follow us, without a doubt. The key point is how to guide people so that they can understand and follow Father's direction and vision. This is not simple.

History has been made by great leaders. If we carefully focus on the mainstream of history, we can always find a special vision and ideals. History was not made by simple people, but by people with vision. History has always developed according to such vision.

What is the main vision today?

Until now there have been so many visions and ideologies, including religious ones. What is the main vision? In modern society, what is the main ideology; what is the religious thought that can truly represent modern history? The communist world has already collapsed. The free world, the so-called democratic world, has no vision. Can we find the main vision within the realms of Christianity? Honestly speaking the practice of Christianity in the modern world has become primarily ritualistic. What will happen to the 2,000 year history and tradition of the Christian church? It is not only the Christian community which is in danger; this affects other religious communities as well. These existing churches which are focused mainly on carrying out their external rituals are no longer able to effectively guide their own communities. If this is true, how can they influence outside society and the world?

Please go out, even tomorrow, to meet any kind of person in any place. Please testify about your family and about the ideal of the Blessing, even more than me. No one will deny you. The conscience of all humanity is ready to accept us. All humankind will come to follow Father's vision, especially the Blessing. What more

can we expect? Heavenly Father and True Parents have already laid such a victorious foundation. We have such an incredible and precious mission; we have such powerful resources.

You heard my speech yesterday in front of the participants at the Blessing. Their understanding about Father, the Divine Principle and the Unification Church is very limited. Among those in the audience, there were representatives of the media with very critical minds; they were trying to find something wrong. Many people were just looking to see what would happen and to find out what the Unification Church Blessing is. But we were completely open in what we said.

We should be completely open

How did you feel about my speech and about the guidance I gave in front of such critical media people and an audience with that level of understanding? I spoke with confidence and pride! Why do you not do the same in my place? I always speak very openly when I give an explanation about the Blessing. When I meet someone from a high position, I really enjoy sharing about this great Blessing ideal. This is much easier compared to giving a Divine Principle lecture. True Parents have given us such an amazingly victorious foundation which we have to inherit. Why don't we use it?

If you become like a second Rev. Kwak through yesterday's experience, and if you become my representatives and explain the truth in the way that I did, the entire 500 million people of Europe will join us and receive the Blessing. Do you now have more confidence? Do you have little confidence, or a lot of confidence? If you are confident and find a way to explain to the people what we can offer them, they can easily become members. They can easily join with us because we have a better idea; we have a better example and can testify to it through our own lives and our own families.

European leaders, do you have faith? What shall you do when Taiwan fulfills its goal? What is God's mind and heart towards Europe, compared with this small country? I think you did not consider to make even one more couple than Taiwan! Where is your faith? What shall you do after November 29? If Taiwan accomplishes 700,000 couples, I hope Europe can at least

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TRUE PARENTS' BIRTHDAY

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
PLEDGE SERVICE
FEBRUARY 13, 1997
NEW YORKER HOTEL

WHEN you share rice cake with True Parents, make sure your mind and body become united into one. Between husband and wife, there should be absolute unity; among parents, family, nation and world there are different scales and ranges of unity. Absolute unity should be obtained in order to share in this kind of food.

THE SACREDNESS OF PLEDGE SERVICE

As Unification Church members, particularly blessed couples, every Sunday morning we have pledge service with our family members, and after the pledge service, we are supposed

to share holy food among our family members.

Originally, Adam and Eve should have shared this kind of holy food with their family members centering on God, but because of the fall this did not take place. Therefore, Unification Church blessed couples should do the original will of God which was bestowed upon Adam and Eve's family. Do you have this kind of pledge service every Sunday morning? Do you share holy food? We have to learn how to unite as family members and with nations and with the world. Thus we have to spread this kind of tradition to the entire world. As blessed Unification Church members, we should anticipate each Sunday because that is the day when we can worship God, give our pledge to God, and share this holy food. By doing so, we



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can expand our territory and spread our God-centered tradition to the world.

The Sunday pledge service originated with True Parents, and you hold it every Sunday with True Parents; whether you are with us physically or spiritually, you are doing it together with True Parents. That is the preciousness. As blessed couples, particularly as parents, you have to make sure you bequeath our tradition to your children and your children's generation. Through Sunday morning pledge service, you have to show your children how much you respect True Parents and you bequeath our tradition to them so they can learn from the way you respect and worship True Parents. By doing so, centered on God, this heavenly tradition will be inherited generation after generation. Your most earnest desire should be to keep this tradition in your family, worshiping as a family together with our True Parents by doing pledge together. This is a precious tradition.

No matter what the circumstance, whether you are in the hospital or traveling, you should always be alert to keep this tradition, centering on True Parents. For example, even if you cannot physically do Sunday morning pledge service, you should remember that moment and spiritually set that kind of condition.

On each major holiday, we come here and celebrate almost exactly the same way. We wear holy robes. Many people fly thousands and thousands of miles to attend this ceremony. As we scatter and go back to our mission and our homeland, our mind and body are usually divided, people are divided, there is conflict all over the world. However, on the major holidays, you have to cleanse yourselves internally and externally, come here and, centering on True Parents, build unity and harmony, horizontally as well as vertically with True Parents, centering on God.

It is an amazing miracle that through paying appropriate indemnity, you are in a position to connect with True Parents, to build this relationship with us, and restore this entire world beginning with the family, tribe and nation.

PREPARING YOUR OFFERING

God created Adam and Eve to build ideal individuals, families, nations and world but they failed, and that is why you are in this position to pay indemnity and have the privilege to join with True Parents in building the original world in place of Adam and Eve. On major Unification Church holidays, it is your greatest honor to attend this ceremony as representatives of your tribe or your nation. You should prepare for a month or even a year. Cleanse yourselves by taking cold showers and making all kinds of conditions in order to attend a major ceremony. By doing so you can inherit this tradition to your coming generation. You should prepare your offering, not just overnight but over the months and years, even if you have to skip meals or skip buying good clothes. Whatever you have to sacrifice, save the money and prepare your offering. That offering money will be used to develop the public mission and be used for the public purpose. That is very important.

The Old Testament contains strict commandments. Even when people spotted a dead worm or insect, they had to some-

how purify themselves. Based on many stages of growth in the Old Testament era and New Testament era, finally True Parents came to this world. Now True Parents have liberated you from all these restrictions and laws. Therefore, blessed couples are in the position of an offering.

True love is the key, the model, the way we reach the Kingdom of Heaven. True love is the meaning and purpose of our life. Once we are centered upon true love, whatever we connect with centering on love becomes holy. A mother never feels dirty when she has to touch the baby's waste; we should have a similar heart and love to offer the entire world. That is true love.

In the Old Testament, when they made an offering, they usually killed the animal, drained out its blood, and burnt the offering. People made burnt offerings in the Old Testament era, waiting for God's children. In the New Testament era, the children offered themselves in expectation of the True Parents. When the True Parents came, now you should be able to offer everything as a holy offering; then True Parents will gather everything they received from their children and the entire world and will offer it as a holy offering to God. That is how the entire world will be liberated. That is the order.

THE CULMINATION OF HISTORY

The Lord of the Second Advent was supposed to come in glory and be received by every human being in the world with praise. However, in reality, the Lord of the Second Advent has received incredible persecution and mistreatment. This is a tragedy of humankind. The countries that persecuted and imprisoned me will be remembered with shame in human history. This includes North Korea, South Korea, Japan and United States. Those four countries are the worst places, from God's viewpoint. Those countries are now going through difficult times. Look at the family destruction and breakdown in America and Japan. The youth problems are uncontrollable, just as at the time of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden when they fell. True Parents came to restore true sons and daughters for God and true families, but instead of receiving and welcoming True Parents, these central nations persecuted them; they must repent. True Parents came to restore children and families. This is our main purpose. Do you understand? How can those countries make restitution? By paying indemnity. Those countries are in a miserable situation. In a way, Korea is probably the worst country, worse than the Mafia organization. Japan as well. America also. The Mafia is in America, Korea and China.

I am no ordinary individual. I am connected to the entire human history of thousands upon thousands of years. The culminating point of history is True Father. The Christian culture represents the bride culture which was supposed to create the family culture. The bride culture and the bridegroom culture combine to form the family culture and then the children's culture. Do you understand? Do you understand how important blessed couples are? You represent the entire universe. That is why Satan has been desperate to attack and get rid of me. That has been his total effort.

On November 1, 1996, a special ceremony was held in Uruguay

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to declare liberation of indemnity. On eight different levels, Satan has been attacking and trying to destroy True Parents and all blessed couples. That is over. One basic difference between Jesus Christ and True Parents is that Jesus Christ came to establish a national sovereignty and True Parents represent the entire world. Therefore, blessed children are in the position of national messiahs too; when they are on the national level, Satan still can attack and find some reason to criticize them, but once the Lord is on the worldwide level, Satan cannot attack or do any more harm to him. That is why even our blessed children on the level of national messiahship are subject to Satan's attack. I may be attacked indirectly, but not directly. Jesus Christ was supposed to establish his family which could support him and help him become the national-level messiah and eventually march into Rome, which represented the entire world, and conquer it. But that didn't happen. Because of that failure, Satan put Jesus on the cross.

Now True Parents made a strong enough foundation that Satan cannot destroy. Also True Parents have accomplished each level of responsibility and are now the worldwide-level Messiah. True Parents also united the major opposing countries—America, Japan, Korea, Germany—and brought them under True Parents' wing. That is why Satan cannot attack me directly. Even if I didn't have my family foundation, Satan cannot destroy me, because I am on the worldwide level. I passed the national level. I obeyed the call from God and established the foundation that goes beyond the boundaries of denomination.

Remember that I have been going through these eight stages single-handedly for the last 40 years. Nobody could help me, nobody else could have done it. Without these 40 years of accomplishments, nothing could have been done. Do you understand? I went from the individual level to the family level, tribal level, national level, worldwide level and cosmic level. Satan was against me. But, Satan cannot occupy my position. Throughout history, the restoration course has been a strategy of being hit first and then taking back what belongs to God. That has been my strategy.

THE EXPANDING CIRCLES OF THE BLESSING

I have been carrying all blessed couples with me. These couples cut off their relationship with Satan and were engrafted into the heavenly way through the Blessing. Beginning with three families, the Blessing has expanded to 36, 72, 430, 777, 1800, 6000, 6500, 30,000 and 360,000 couples. I created twelve stages of blessing history. The Old Testament era and the New Testament era involve the restoration of the elder sonship. Upon that, we can begin to restore parentship.

After I won the victory over communism, I declared True Parents and the New Testament era. Along with communism's demise, I harmonized the democratic world and the communist world. In fact, after the demise of communism and even the destruction of democracy, all that will be left will be True Parents and the family system centering on True Parents. That is what is going on now. No matter where you look, no country can solve the fundamental family problems and youth problems rampant all over the world. Families around the world

are collapsing. We have to restore the individual family center, the tribal family center, the national family center and the worldwide family center, centering on True Parents, connecting the blessed couple. Do you understand? With the declaration of the Family Federation for World Peace, a new traditional time period has started.

Only True Parents can solve the family problems all over the world. That is why these are the Last Days. This is the time like the exodus from Egypt. No matter how desperate their situation, they had to inform the members of their tribe and leave the country together. That kind of responsibility is upon our shoulder right now. We have to make sure that our tribe members get this truth. Do you understand? This is the time you are responsible to make sure that all your tribal members participate in this year's Blessing. Even if they don't want to come, it is your responsibility to make them come to the Blessing. Once they receive the Blessing, their attitude will be totally changed.

Satan has been shedding blood for thousands of years in order to prevent this heavenly period of the true family. This year is your golden opportunity. You don't have to shed blood. Just do your absolute best to bring your relatives and tribal members to this Blessing. If you cannot do it, you will very much regret it. This is a turning point in time. All families can enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Do you understand? This is the mission of blessed couples. Do you understand? (Yes) You American families are especially troublesome!

LIBERATING YOUR FAMILY AND NATION

Is there anybody who really cleansed yourself, from your hair to your toenails, for months and even years in order to come to this ceremony? God has been preparing Himself for tens of billions of years for this kind of holy day. Can we lower God's holy standard? Can you take a break from your mission while God keeps marching day and night without a break? Can you claim a vacation as Unification missionaries? Where is our vacation? All families have been under Satan's control. No matter how difficult it may be, you must liberate your family and nation. Blessed couples have lacked this absolute family foundation, so how can you build a Kingdom of Heaven? Does anyone have the absolute individual and tribal base? Then how can you have the national base?

You cannot come to this kind of holy ceremony with the same attitude that you go fundraising to a bar or take a vacation. When you travel to this kind of holy ceremony, you should be more serious than when you visit a dying parent, spouse, or child. I am giving you this clear message on my 77th birthday.

What has been the nature of your life of faith? When you carry this kind of mission on your shoulder, can you push it up even higher so you can carry True Parents and even God to a higher position instead of being crushed down by the weight of the mission? If you don't you will become extinct.

Do you all have holy salt? The world where we have to use holy salt is not the Kingdom of God. We have to create the world where we don't need holy salt. There has never been that kind of world. At the Holy Matrimony of True Parents,

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the rest of the world could have been burned because it was so stained; it was so dirty it didn't have to exist. At True Parents' Holy Matrimony, who else besides True Parents was qualified to be present? Nobody. Although the unqualified people deserved to be burned, True Parents couldn't do that to them. Because the rest of humanity has a different lineage, it must be turned to the proper side. These major holidays are your opportunity to turn yourselves towards the heavenly lineage. You have to seriously understand the significance of True Parents' Day, True Parents' Birthday, True God's Day, and all those major holidays.

FOLLOWING TRUE PARENTS' TEACHING

I have been so serious in announcing these major holidays throughout these years, so you have to live up to True Parents' expectation and standard. When you look at yourselves, you are stained, but True Parents cannot become like that. True Parents have to indemnify and restore the foundation that Adam and Eve destroyed because of their fall. During these years of walking the course of indemnity, do you think I cried out, "Oh it is so hard, so difficult"? No. I have been walking this course smiling with confidence. That is why Satan could not attack me. I have been teaching you with the heart of parents and the body of a servant, so you can shed your sweat for earth, blood for heaven and tears for mankind. That has been my lifelong course. By doing so I set the model for becoming a son of filial piety, a patriot, a saint on the worldwide level, and a holy son of God on the cosmic level, centering on true love. Without love, nothing can be connected. You know the formula, but can you say that you paid indemnity on the individual level, family level, tribal level and national level?

Just as God commanded Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit of good and evil, True Parents are giving you this warning. Once anybody has absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience, how can they dare to eat the fruit of good and evil? God did not give the commandment to Adam and Eve without having practiced that standard Himself. God already applied that standard when He created this entire world, particularly Adam and Eve, and He gave them that standard so that they could become His love partner.

I declared absolute faith, absolute love, absolute obedience in Jardim, Brazil, a few years ago, initiating this second generation's 40-year course. This means that God and I want to make sure that through offering absolute faith, love and obedience, we build the original family and world which Adam and Eve lost because of their fall. Just as God gave the commandment to Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, now True Parents are warning you to have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience to God and True Parents. Without this absolute standard, you

cannot enter the Kingdom of God. Blessed husbands are in the position of restored Adam, not the archangel.

Since you are in the position of restored Adam and True Parents are in the position of God, you must heed this warning, no matter how difficult it may be! As tribal messiahs, as restored Adam, you should restore your tribal members and relatives. You must be able to unite the Cain and Abel types and even the archangel and satanic types and restore them to Adam's family system. You need to bring even the worst family on Satan's side to heaven. That mission is upon your shoulders. Centering on the restored Adam's family, you should be able to restore two archangel families and then the satanic world will disappear. That is why the satanic world is always opposing and attacking to prevent this.

LIVING WITH GOD EVERY MOMENT

In 1992, I blessed 30,000 couples; this was the formation stage. The 360,000 Couples Blessing was the growth stage. Now the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing this year will be the perfection stage of the worldwide level vertical course. This Blessing will connect heaven and earth and open the doors to all 360 degrees in the physical world. Nothing is blocking us. With the vertical connection between heaven and earth, the people in the spirit world can receive this blessing too.

At the Blessing of 3.6 million couples, I am allowing Heung



Mother bows at Pledge on True Parents' Birthday.

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(l. to r.) Hyo Jin Nim, Shin Won Nim, Kook Jin Nim, Young Jin Nim, Hyung Jin Nim, In Jin Nim and her new born son, Shin Pyung Nim, and Sun Jin Nim.

Jin Nim to exercise the Blessing in the spirit world so that all of the people who could not enter the Kingdom of God before can receive the Blessing there in heaven, stand behind Heung Jin Nim and Adam and Eve, and eventually enter the Kingdom of God. That is the course of restoration through indemnity.

Originally Adam was supposed to be on top and the archangel was supposed to be at the bottom, but because of the fall the order was reversed. Now True Parents came to this world and put everything right side up. Therefore, you have to be absolutely united with True Parents with the standard of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. That is the only way you can be connected to True Parents and God. That is the only way you can be qualified eventually to enter the Kingdom of God following True Parents. It requires family unity and a lifetime of dedication to enter the Kingdom of God. Live with God every moment—morning, noon, evening, 24 hours of each day—feeling God's presence, working with God, talking with God, loving God, and connecting with the angelic world and God. This is the Kingdom of Heaven. No matter how difficult your restoration course may be, there is no other way except to follow True Parents with absolute obedience. This is my conclusion this morning.

ASKING FOR MORE RESPONSIBILITY

I am 77 years old. No one knows how busy and hectic my schedule has been. Every time I gave leaders a heavy mission,

in their mind they were struggling, "Oh, on top of this responsibility, another project, another project." Yet they constantly followed me. Now they realize that was the way it had to be done. I never found any son on earth who could say, "Father, give me more responsibility, I will do more than what you asked me to do." Which is the indemnity way? None of you really understood the course of indemnity. None of you really paid the proper indemnity to do your mission. That is why you have no choice but to stand behind me, holding on to the string which originated from me. Some of you are about 1,000 miles from me, still hanging on to this rope.

Think of all of those ardent Christians, Protestants and Catholics, who do not know Divine Principle yet. Once they clearly understand my true teaching and the Divine Principle, how eager and enthusiastic they will become to follow True Parents and to work with True Parents! You are in the position to lead those people, to even be ahead of those people, but you are not worthy because you have not done it. Therefore, when the time comes you will be trailing behind and the order will be reversed.

Today, on this 77th birthday of True Parents, I am giving you this message because this is the turning point, the transitional time period. Make sure you give absolutely everything to God and True Parents and follow with a standard of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Even if you have to sell your house and all your assets, even if you have to sacrifice your family and tribe, make sure that you are with God and True Parents. You have to be determined to hang onto us. That

kind of determination and conviction is required.

What kind of Blessing do you belong to: the true Blessing, a mediocre Blessing or the worst Blessing? After hearing my talk this morning, can you imagine how serious my life has been? This is not a children's game. Think how busy and hectic my life has been. It's like building a railroad, a locomotive, and all the boxcars in order to carry all these people and the dispensation. You do not truly understand indemnity. Therefore, you need to hang onto me.

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When I selected the four major national messiahs for Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil, I blessed even their younger children and arrangements were made for their debts to be paid because I wanted them to come to South America and work with me. As national messiahs, you shouldn't have any debts. When your children reach the Blessing age, if you don't give them a chance to be blessed you cannot go out as a national messiah. So I set up a paradigm, or an example, that national messiahs should follow. Therefore, make sure that you are absolutely united with me. Can you do that? (Yes)

The course of indemnity is not a record-taking formula, but is very scientific; there is not even a small crack where water can leak through. In my own family, for three generations the

Suppose there are no more public holy day ceremonies with True Parents, but I delegate to you the right to hold such ceremonies with your own tribe: my teaching this morning is to help prepare you for such a time.

second son of each generation was killed. I was the second son of my generation. When I was born, my entire family and tribe was attacked. All kinds of incredible accidents and things happened. The invisible Satan exercised physical power to destroy my family at my birth. The first son, my elder brother, and my elder sister suddenly became crazy; all kinds of phenomena took place. Five out of 13 family members died the year I was born. It's like a dream. In the law of indemnity, there is no exception. My second son, Hee-Jin Nim, died by accident, and Heung Jin Nim died by accident. On the church side, the late President Hyo Won Eu died in the hospital by accident, because he was the second son of the three disciples. Otherwise, the first son would be naturally grabbed by Satan. By the same principles, Ye Jin Nim and Hyo Jin Nim are on the hook now. So we are responsible to restore them.

DEALING WITH WORLD PROBLEMS

Satan is still clinging to Japan, America and Germany, because I gave them a chance to be restored; he is attacking me all the time. Are Japan and America centered on Christianity? Is Germany? In those nations, the most serious problem is the family breakdown and the youth problem. The Mafia is trying to destroy me, and eventually the gays and lesbians will realize, "We need a family too." They may be at the end of the line following me in the future. God cannot subjugate this world right now, but I have the right to have a grip on this situation. Satan doesn't have power to do that. True Parents alone have the authority and the right to deal with world problems. Do you understand? (Yes) The seeds that Satan sowed in the Garden of Eden are prospering in these Last Days. We have to root them out and burn them in order to cleanse everything. Evil fruits are being harvested from the evil seeds, so we have to burn them too. Also, we have to engraft them to the good tree now so that we can harvest good fruit.

In conclusion, you have to know our church tradition and keep Sunday morning Pledge Service, which is so important. I saw some second generation children who do not know about Sunday morning Pledge Service at all. They never heard about it! How can we say that they are from blessed couples? True Parents have been keeping this tradition for 40, 50, 60 years, so can you comfortably sleep on Sunday morning while other couples and True Parents are doing Pledge Service? What do you think? Do such lazy people deserve punishment or an award?

How many thousands and tens of thousands of years has God been waiting for True Parents' Day? "True Parents" is not a simple term. It has thousands and thousands of years of history of the tears and sweat of God. The goal of creation was to find True Parents.

Do you really consider True Parents to be as important as your father-in-law or your uncle in the next village? (More) You have lived for yourself. In order to attend this kind of holy ceremony, you should be able to fast at least one day a month and save that money to bring as a holiday offering. If such offering money is collected, I will never spend it personally. Your offering represents yourself, so by offering this small amount of money, you are offering your entire body and mind. That

kind of prayerful preparation is necessary.

I have stood before God to offer myself as a living offering dedicated to God, and God says, "I receive you." When we do this with true love, everything is liberated. Suppose you prepare for an entire year, fasting and setting all kinds of conditions in order to attend this ceremony and offer a prayerful *gyung bae*. These seven major holidays are like seven bridges to help you approach the heavenly standard. Do you understand? Evaluate how you follow the stepping stones of these seven major holidays, and you will realize whether I am two steps above you or 10,000 steps above you. It is up to you.

You have to sacrifice yourselves to come closer to me. As you know, when I first started this church I told the early members not to go to college. Later on, I allowed them to continue their college education, but I never allowed them to go to graduate school. Many of them went to graduate school without my permission and gained their degrees. They set a bad spiritual condition. Even some of the 36 couples boast about their children having a Ph.D., but it is a mistake to do it without my permission. That creates a bad spiritual condition.

DEVELOPING MESSIANIC STRATEGIES

This is the era of kingship. This may be a time of fear, but for those who are prepared and don't make mistakes it is a time of peace and joy. That is why I am telling all national messiahs, "Go out to your mission country, even if you have to leave your wife and family." Some of the national messiahs are appealing to me, "I cannot get a visa into my country, so can I be dropped off the list of national messiahs?" As the worldwide Messiah, I never make compromises even though the entire world opposes me and makes all kinds of crazy noises against me. I just keep marching on. Some nations may have a population of only 320,000 people; if that small country opposes its national messiah's entry, should the national messiah give up? There are many different ways to accomplish things. Jacob came up with a strategy, during his 21-year wilderness course, to please his uncle and accumulate wealth, and eventually he won his victory. By the same token, if our national messiahs are really serious and desperate, they can find some way, either directly or indirectly, to accomplish their national messiahship. National messiahs should develop better strategies than Satan's.

Please understand that these holy ceremonies are very fearful. If you are not properly prepared, it will affect you and your family. Many people with critical missions in the Unification Church died from cancer. My heart goes out to those people to cure their disease. I experimented with *moksa* and am spreading this method to the entire world through the national messiahs. On God's Day in Brazil, I announced this method of treatment and gave a gift to each national messiah so that they can buy all of the necessary equipment to offer the mugwort smudge treatment in their nations.

Suppose there are no more public holy day ceremonies with True Parents, but I delegate to you the right to hold such ceremonies with your own tribe: my teaching this morning is to help prepare you for such a time. You have to inherit the tra-

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dition from me. This is a serious issue and Father is telling you the truth.

RESTORING KINGSHIP

Father is now driving the entire universe, the spirit world and the physical world, through one direction, because I am going to give the Blessing upon the worldwide scale. Each nation has been allocated a certain number of couples to bring to the Blessing this year. Each nation must carry out its responsibility. The wealthiest countries may be the last to accomplish their responsibility. If you are living in an advanced country, think how much sweat you have to shed in order to achieve that goal.

I am leaving you so you can accomplish your own individual level, family level, tribal level, national level and worldwide level. I have to go my own course in order to restore kingship successfully. Do you understand?

A king cannot meet just anybody. That is why I don't go back to Korea now. In a way, I left Korean Christianity, both Protestant and Catholic, and am working with Protestantism and Catholicism on a worldwide level.

The worldwide Christian base is in South America and North America. South America represents the Catholic side and North America represents the Protestant side, the shimjung. I cannot think any more about the nation or family, because, by today, my 77th birthday, I completely fulfilled all the necessary conditions. Now, even if I hide deep in the mountains, sooner or later Christians will come and beg me to lead the unification of Protestantism and Catholicism. Even if South Korea and North Korea turn their backs to me, all 70 million people on the Korean peninsula will eventually come and beg me to lead the reunification of their peninsula. Do you understand? Eventually people will come and ask me to solve the cultural conflicts between East and West.

Does this mean that from tomorrow on I can take it easy and rest? Even if I stop helping the South American church and our different projects, eventually the world will be restored. Don't you think it is time for Father to rest? (Yes)

If I take a break, all the nations have national messiah teams and blessed couples, and I have bequeathed everything to them. So now, even without me, God's will shall be accomplished in this world. Do you understand? (Yes)

If my physical involvement with you ends, the whole spiritual world will come and work directly with you. Such an era is coming. Do you understand? (Yes)

Your ancestors in the spirit world are in the position to support restored Adam's family there upon receiving the Blessing from Heung Jin Nim. They will eventually come down and support you in the position of restored Adam in this physical world. However, if you are not aligned with the Divine Principle your ancestors will cut you out. How many people throughout the world who are above elementary school level have not heard about Rev. Moon at all? Not many. Virtually everybody above middle school age has heard about me. Those who do not understand Divine Principle are at the end of the line, but as soon as they learn Divine Principle, they will

become the first.

If I had never exercised my right to give the Blessing, do you think I would have received as much opposition? Thousands and thousands of parents got angry because I matched their children. The arranged marriages between Japanese and Koreans and between blacks and whites caused a lot of opposition. I knew that when I was doing it. I knew that none of the Korean parents or Japanese parents would agree with me, but I did it anyway. However, when the time comes for Korea and Japan to be united as one nation, they will select a leader of mixed lineage. Suppose Great Britain and France become one nation: instead of selecting a leader from pure English or pure French background, they will likely choose someone of mixed blood. The same principle applies to Germany and France. I knew from the beginning that in order to prepare for the future world, I had to do this no matter how severe the persecution.

RAISING THE STANDARD

In America there are tens of thousands of interracial, international couples who married outside of Unification Church, but their children do not always maintain a higher standard of life. In some cases, they are the ones who are exercising homosexuality, are drug addicts, alcoholics and the like. Eventually they will recognize the value and standard of the Unification Church marriages, the international, interracial couples, and they will bow down and follow our couples. When two extremes meet, whatever was in between will naturally merge. We can go out and invite those international, interracial couples to join the Unification Church and guarantee the security of their marriage. We can launch a campaign to receive these international, interracial couples into the Unification Church. The time is coming now.

Suppose you have a younger brother or sister who is doing all kinds of crazy things like prostitution: do you kill your brother or sister and send them to hell or do your absolute best to restore them? (Restore them.) This is truly the time of Blessing, the time of grace from God. Even if your brothers and sisters have been living a garbage life, sleeping with any number of men or women, if they learn Divine Principle and sign membership, they can participate in this Blessing and be forgiven. So this 3.6 Million Couples Blessing means the liberation of couples and families. Among the 3.6 million couples may be some murderers, robbers and swindlers. If we have to deal with the individual circumstances and crimes of the 3.6 million couples, it would take tens of millions of thousands of years to cleanse them, but because of this time of Blessing grace, because of this particular Blessing time, and through this one prayer of mine, everybody will be cleansed. This is true love power. (*Clapping*) Once this true love power has been activated, no matter how strong the attraction of satanic love is or approaches, it will be eliminated.

Church leaders who officiated the pre-blessings in Korea, Japan and America, report: "Father, we never expected the Blessing power to be this great." Regardless of the degree of their preparation, people who receive the Blessing become

So this is truly the time of women's liberation. This is the way that you women can create an ideal husband. This is the time.

changed, sometimes 180 degrees, sometimes 90 degrees, sometimes 120 degrees. After the Blessing, the wife takes her husband's arm and says, "You have been fooling around all these years, but now that you received this holy Blessing, can you do that again?" Then he said, "No, I'm not going to do that again; please forgive me." And the wife says, "True Father is my elder brother now, so you cannot do that; if you do I will report you to my True Father." So this is truly the time of women's liberation. (*Clapping*) This is the way that you women can create an ideal husband. This is the time. Do you understand?

FOLLOWING TRUE PARENTS' DIRECTION

As a woman, what position do you desire? Do you want to be my younger sister, elder sister, aunt or grandmother? Which position do you feel the closest to me or most comfortable? Aren't the positions of younger sister and grandmother the most comfortable? Then what about your husband, what position is he in? The younger brother's position or grandfather's position? Archangel position. So you husbands must understand that no matter what direction I give to your wife, you have to be happy because they are in the position of my younger sisters. When you offer yourself completely like that, she will then return to you and take the position of your wife. In the Garden of Eden, Eve was in the position of Adam's wife but she was taken away. By the same token, in the time of restoration, now, even if your wife leaves home to undertake a mission, you cannot complain. That is the only condition which will completely restore yourself. Why? Because the archangels cannot have partners. That is why women from all over the world are being mobilized because the women are on my side. They are like True Mother's younger sisters. Do you think I created this theory right now to please you or is it from the restoration providence? It is the restoration formula.

So what is your preference, particularly you Western women? Do you want to follow your husband's direction, listen to your children, or be united with True Father? (Father) Well, you Western sisters, look at me. My hair is a different color and my face even looks different. Are you still willing to follow me? (Yes)

Satan has done all kinds of tricks on us throughout history. Restoration through indemnity is serious. People say they don't need women, or men,

or children. The satanic world is now doing that. Men don't want a wife or children. But the heavenly side needs everybody. Satan created the environment, and now heaven will harvest it. Suppose a woman or girl who practiced free sex for many years joins the Unification Church, learns Divine Principle, is matched to a virgin man, and they become a couple: do you think God will punish them? No matter how dirty and terrible the environment created by Satan is; without knowing, Satan even contributed for that purpose, when the time comes for God to restore the entire world at once, the entire world will be restored no matter what people's situation may be.

You could say that the Blessing is gold-plating our sexual organs. Suppose we have to plate this entire sexual organ with 24-carat gold. You can't tell by looking at gold whether it is pure 24-carat, 23.999-carat, or 18 carat. People go with all kinds of fake gold, and many of them don't care about the quality of the gold of their spouse. Of course, God is not going to say, "Oh, you are 24-carat gold, you are 18-carat and like that." Only True Parents have the right to stamp someone 18-carat, 14-carat, or pure gold. But there is a catch. Even if you are not 24-carat



Father lights the candles to begin Pledge Service.

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...those national messiahs who start from the bottom, sweat with the local people, cry together with them, and pour their hearts and love into the people in those nations will become like the fertilizer for that entire nation and its people; they will become victorious.

gold, at least you should have the same color. (*Laughter*) In other words, your family must resemble my life. We must try our absolute best to become 24-carat pure gold; that is the life goal for your entire family and your descendants. If you are 18-carat gold or 14-carat gold, I will eventually put you into the furnace again and melt you until you become 24-carat gold. So, make sure you give proper and bright education to your children for the future of your lineage. Do you understand?

Suppose you have five children and you are willing to offer them for an international, interracial marriage. Then your descendants will be purified in a much shorter time because they will have to go through a lot more heartache and suffering than ordinary couples. Suppose you have five sons and each of your five daughters-in-law comes from a different enemy country. Think about the hurdles involved in harmonizing them as they live together; that is the training ground. Once you digest five different nationalities and win a victory, then you have conquered five nations.

I deal with Unification Church members of five different colors without any discrimination, on an equal basis. That is why I can fly from one corner of the world to another at will at any time; there are no boundaries for me. Centering on true love, there are no boundaries—only living for the sake of others. That is the Kingdom of God. Do you understand?

PREPARING FOR HOLY DAY CELEBRATIONS

On my 77th birthday, I am giving you this clear explanation. Before you celebrate this kind of holy ceremony, you should feel like a sinner of sinners, shedding tears, sweat and blood in order to prepare for this kind of holy ceremony. This is the most serious moment, because if you are not properly prepared for this ceremony you will be attacked by Satan in some way. The law of indemnity still exists, and this law applies even to my life. Of course, it applies to your life too. When we turn 360 degrees, we shouldn't have any speck on our conscience; it should be crystal clear.

Last year alone, I invested incredible effort and resources in South America. Who else in this world does that kind of work? Among the 33 nations of Central and South America, can any head of state do that? Can any religious leader dare to do that? I am the only one who makes that kind of sacrifice; that is why God blesses me. By receiving this blessing from God, I could lay a strong foundation in South America within one year and accomplish as much as I did in America over the last 20 years. In North America I started from the bottom up, but in South America, I started from top to bottom. Going down is easier.

No one can compete with me in loving and sacrificing for the 480 million people in South America. Therefore, eventually the entire population of South America and Central America will have to follow me and be united with me.

All Christians like true love. With true love, I am touching everyone's heart so that every preacher and all mankind will ultimately follow; even those on the opposing side will follow me and connect with me.

Those who work harder and offer more will become the

central people in God's providence. National messiahs who try to keep their position as a messiah will not be successful and will fail, but those national messiahs who start from the bottom, sweat with the local people, cry together with them, and pour their hearts and love into the people in those nations will become like the fertilizer for that entire nation and its people; they will become victorious.

In conclusion, what is this year's motto? The fact that we established a family means that we sowed a seed for a nation. The individual doesn't matter so much now; what matters is the family unit. I have been harvesting the family-level seeds from all different races and continents all these years. You just have to focus on your own tribe and your own neighbors and harvest these 160 families. Your family doesn't have to face continuous persecution. Make the right relationships centering on true love. Those who have confidence that you can do your mission to accomplish the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing this year, show your hands. (*Clapping*)

Make your determination and commitment to do your absolute best to accomplish the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing. Suppose one person fasts one or two meals every day and faithfully does his mission in order to gain the victory, and another person takes it easy and enjoys life while still accomplishing this mission, where will God's sympathy go? Who is more valuable, the hard worker or the easy worker? I like hard work, and you like easy work. So from now on, will you take the hard life course or the easy life course to accomplish your goal? Easy life is lazy like. It is no good.

Since you pledged to take responsibility for accomplishing the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing, I will take it easy and relax because I trust you. You may think, "Well that old man always pushes us to the extremes." Make sure that the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing is accomplished this year, then you may think that way. Okay?

After we achieve the goal this year, even if I pass into the spirit world, Heavenly Father's will shall be done. When the time comes, I will take my hands off the physical providence and rest somewhere. Then many of you may come forward and beg, "Father, we need your push; please come and give us another push like you used to do. Make us work hard." But I will say, "No." Because once this Blessing foundation is done, your own physical parents will have to work. If the children work harder than their parents, that lineage has hope. Should the second generation children work harder than the first generation parents, or less hard? Hard work means more good fruit. In the autumn time, good fruits come.

This teaching is my 77th birthday gift to you. Also I am asking Rev. Kwak to read to the general membership the speech I gave on January 2 of this year in Sao Paulo, Brazil. In that speech, I went into deep explanation of the heart of restoration and our attitude. God Bless you.■

[*The Day of Victory of Love speech given on January 2, 1997 will be published in the next issue.*]

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Dr. Bo Hi Pak Visits Washington DC

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DR. Bo Hi Pak has been in charge of the Unification Church in Japan for nearly two years now. He arrived in Washington DC for the Thanksgiving holiday and for a celebration of his own 43rd Wedding Anniversary on November 29 (congratulations!) on his way to Japan from South America. On Sunday morning right after pledge, he felt "moved by the spirit" to attend church not knowing about the special service he would encounter there.

For Dr. Bo Hi Pak, it felt like a "homecoming." He was the first Unification Church missionary to America's East Coast and he was the first pastor of the Washington DC community. He was also instrumental in the purchase of the Columbia Road church building, put in the carpet, and encouraged the New Hope Singers to polish everything up.

Dr. Pak acknowledged the good-quality leadership which is growing in the American Unification Church, particularly in the nation's capital. He then expressed his gratitude and admiration for Rev. Kevin McCarthy, who will be relocating to his hometown in North Carolina, and Rev. Phillip Schanker, who was being welcomed that day. Dr. Pak said, "Rev. Kevin McCarthy is a man of God, a man of great character and simply a fine human being. I admire his oratorical skills, being able to speak direct-

ly to the heart of people with joy, relaxation, and a sense of humor, truly a great gift." "Rev. Phillip Schanker and his family have been close to my life. Rev. Schanker is passionate and kind, and he uplifts the soul. He also has a very dedicated Korean wife who spent many years on the front line. He is a lucky man because Korean wives are hard to come by these days!"

Dr. Pak continued saying, "This is the most important year in the history of Washington DC. The Providence is coming full circle. The Washington Monument Rally in 1976 marked the culmination of True Parents' crusade here in America, followed by the predicted rally in Moscow which was attended by 1,000 journalists and 100 former prime ministers and former presidents."

"I cannot reveal the private conversation between Mikhail Gorbachev and True Father, which I was asked to translate, because Gorbachev is still alive. Father persuaded Gorbachev to become a prince of peace. When I saw Mr. and Mrs. Gorbachev a year later in North Korea, they both were wearing a cross; they had become believers! Now the mission has come back to Washington DC. You are the hosts and the principal players of this event!"

Dr. Pak continued, "In January of 1995, I became the leader of the church in Japan. As you have heard, many Japanese sisters have been asked to go to Montevideo, Uruguay, and join True Parents

to launch the final global crusade and become missionaries to the Latin nations as well as in North America. One hundred twenty of them will be coming to the Washington DC/New York area (25 to Washington DC). They have not only separated from their families, but in South America they stayed in very simple accommodations for fifteen days with no complaints, but rather with a joyful and grateful spirit. They see themselves similar to Isaac's offering." Dr. Pak said there is no doubt in his mind that no one can surpass the standard of sacrifice and dedication of the Japanese members.

"The Japanese Unification Church has the goal of bringing 2.1 million people to the Blessing. America and Japan are crucial countries in filling the RFK Stadium. Africa or Oceania are not questionable because they already fulfilled the number of 3.6 million couples." He called for a goodwill competition between the two nations to fill RFK Stadium.

Finally, and very importantly, Dr. Pak implored us to pray for the safety of our True Parents, who are truly on the front line and exposed to all manner of dangers.

"Father is determined to launch an unprecedented declaration. Just like Jesus 2,000 years ago, he is telling the world that this is the time for purification. He is uncompromising. Wherever he goes, he gives the two messages that you have heard from True Mother. But as you know, it is not easy for Christian churches to hear this message. The Completed Testament Era will not be ushered in easily!"

"I truly feel that the forty years of my life in the Unification Church have been a preparation for this upcoming challenge. Those who are willing to give their lives for True Parents will find them. I want to bring victory in Japan. The media and television are even worse there than in Washington. There is extreme goodness and extreme evil. Let us have the winning spirit! Thank you very much." ■■■

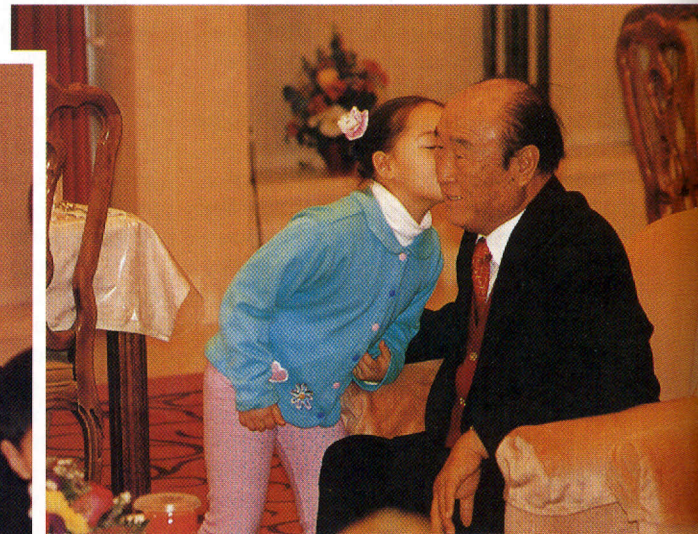
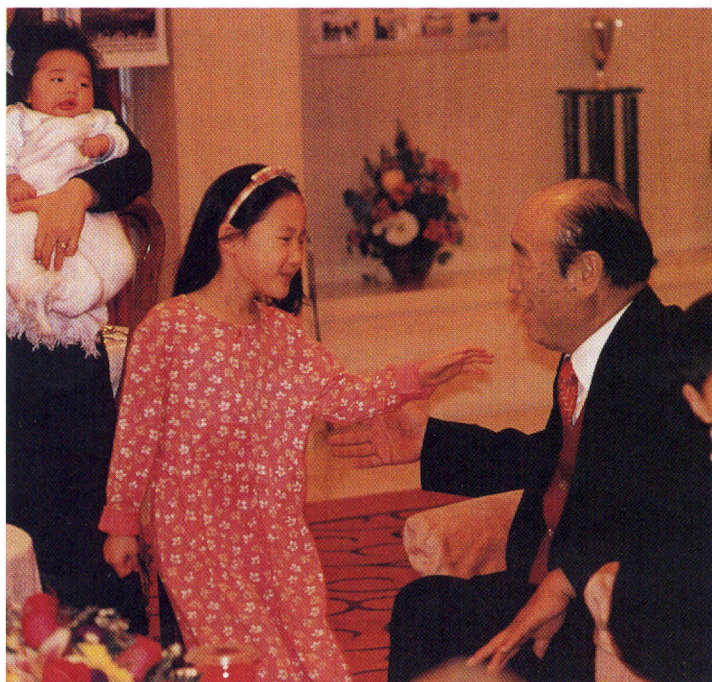
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Welcome Home True Father!



FATHER IS LOVINGLY GREETED BY KWON JIN NIM AND LEADERS AT EAST GARDEN ON SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1997.
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TRUE GRANDCHILDREN GREET FATHER WITH A KISS UPON HIS ARRIVAL. SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1997. HE WILL HOLD A MARTIAL ARTS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON DC

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"EVERY SUNDAY MORNING WE HAVE PLEDGE SERVICE WITH OUR FAMILY MEMBERS, AND AFTER THE PLEDGE SERVICE WE ARE SUPPOSED TO SHARE HOLY FOOD AMONG OUR FAMILY MEMBERS." TRUE PARENTS' BIRTHDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1997.
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(R. TO L.) KWON JIN NIM, HYUN JIN NIM, IN JIN NIM HOLDING SHIN PYUNG NIM, JEUNG JIN NIM, YOUNG JIN NIM, KOOK JIN NIM AND SEVERAL TRUE GRANDCHILDREN WELCOME FATHER.
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A New Curriculum for Education in the Four Great Realms of Heart

Rev. Zin Moon Kim
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YOU must learn Korean as quickly as possible. What is the heart of children, brothers and sisters, husband and wife, and parents? I do not intend to explain the four great realms of heart, but the content of the education of heart.

We have four responsibilities centered on love. Because of irresponsible love there is so much confusion. People love without responsibility. Because there are four great realms of heart, then there are four areas of responsibility.

Even children, whom we normally think are not responsible, have their own realm of responsibility. As children begin to walk, they should begin learning responsibility. Because the mother takes care of children, the husband does not know so much about this early development of responsibility.

What is the difference between humans and animals? Responsibility. If children are taught responsibility at three years of age, they will be responsible until they are 100. A Korean and Japanese proverb says that what is taught during the first three years will make a difference for one's whole life.

After spending twelve years in America, I can see there are so many family problems between husband and wife. Children are like toys for the parents; parents care for their children during the day, then they set them aside and are by themselves at night. In the Bible God first gave mankind responsibility, then freedom. In the Garden of Eden He first commanded them, "Do not eat." Later they would have been given the freedom to eat.

If children are not given responsibility early on, their reason will not develop. In the four areas of responsibility, that of children is the most important. Second is that of brothers and sisters. Then comes conjugal and parental responsibility.

The theme of this sermon is the con-

tent of education. Based on these four areas of responsibility, there are four types of education. Education of children is the curriculum of elementary school. Education in the responsibility of brothers and sisters is the curriculum of junior high and high school. Education of conjugal responsibility is the content of university education. Finally, education of the parents' responsibility is the content of adult education.

The irony in speaking about the content of education is that today the more educated people are those who cause the

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most problems. The less educated people do not know how to make problems as well as educated people do.

For example, a person may kill another person. He then can be put in jail or hanged. But if the presidents of two countries who are highly educated fight and kill thousands of people, no one puts them in jail. Their education has given them the capacity to commit much greater crimes than less-educated people, but they often escape any punishment at all. Thus, the content of education is a big problem. So often it is just about how to make money.

Developing one's humanity should be the primary point of education, but in reality, making money is the main point. If the child needs money, he can kill his parents and take the money. However, in human life there are things that are more important than making money. If people focus on making money, then social problems will continue.

I was in America for twelve years, in Africa five years, in Europe one year and in Japan two years. I experienced

that America emphasizes making money too much and, therefore, has many problems. A criminal report in America reveals how serious the problems in American society are. The two main problems in America are money and freedom.

Why aren't there more blessing candidates in America than in Africa? Africans have no money and no choice. Americans have so much money and freedom without responsibility, so they have many problems and few blessing candidates. People so easily seduce women and leave the children and wives

to fend for themselves.

So, the content of education is a problem. As it is now, it does not teach living for the sake of others. Some of our members are upset if children don't go to school. To leave school is not a problem; the problem is not going to church. That is a serious problem.

Many educated people are the biggest problem makers. They easily hide their problems with the talents they developed in school. So education, as it is, is a major problem. It is far from ideal. Now I want to explain the content of the four kinds of education.

I. Elementary School: Education in Children's Love

The content of the elementary curriculum should be the education of heart. Especially, children must be united with parents centered on parental love. They should be educated to understand the four types of love. That is vertical education along the axis of parental love. The parents have already experienced all types of love. They already under-



Rev. Zin Moon Kim accompanied Mother during the South American speaking tour, Chile, September 21, 1996.

stand this realm step by step. Elementary education in children's love should include four main points:

1. Children should be educated to be able to feel all kinds of love when they become one with their vertical parents.

2. Children should learn how to connect to higher positions, including elders and parents. The family is bigger than the individual. They must be taught to connect to the higher realm.

3. They should learn to love not only themselves but other people. They especially must learn love for elders.

4. Finally, they should learn that the family is the foundation and base of society. The family is the most important institution.

Current elementary school texts contain nothing about these four points.

II. Junior High and High School: Education in Fraternal Love

Junior high and high school should teach love of brothers and sisters. The content of their education should be:

1. How to embrace all of humanity. That is critically important. All students of junior high and high school should learn to think in terms of all humanity.

2. Horizontal love. They should learn to think of themselves as a representative or microcosm of the whole world or global society.

3. Live for the sake of others. That is the most important content of the curriculum at this level.

At the 40-day workshop in Chung Pyung, I experienced how a deficiency

of education in living for the sake of others seriously affected the workshop experience of several otherwise very capable second generation participants. They were students at top universities. In the beginning of the workshop, they seemed to be having a good experience, but within a week they were having a hard time, feeling down about the workshop. I felt some strange feelings from them. They clearly did not know how to live for the sake of others, and this was seriously affecting their workshop experience. They knew how to receive from parents, but they did not know how to give. There was an individualistic lifestyle. Because their parents did not teach their children to live for the sake of others, they do not have the standard of living for others.

Daemo-nim took bad spirits (along with their bad habits and customs) away from workshop participants and sent them to Heung Jin Nim. After a short time at the workshop a tense atmosphere developed. Among the trainees, the self-centered people especially, these second generation participants were attacked by bad spirits. The spirits were looking for a chance to invade someone or to maintain their abode in their host. Finally, the attacks became so strong because of the poor conditions established by some participants. You must teach blessed children to live for the sake of others. This is a big problem and challenge.

In the Sutaekri training center in South Korea some fifth or sixth grade school children were asked, "Did you do pledge

service every Sunday?" Some of them raised their hands. They were honest, as they usually are at this age. They were not accused because they are the fruit of their parents' inadequate standard and training. Babies are so cute, but they become bad because of their father and mother, especially their mother. True Father advised the children to have pledge service every Sunday. A child raised his hand and said, "I want to do pledge service on Sunday, but my parents never wake up on time."

Living for the sake of others is the most important content of junior high and high school education. These children will soon be candidates for the blessing. After high school they are at the age of marriage. But among our blessed children there are so many problems. Such children are not well prepared for the blessing because the parents did not educate them properly. We ourselves never learned such content in high school.

III. University: Education in Conjugal Love

The curriculum of university education should focus on how to love husband or wife. It should include these points:

1. Unity between husband and wife. That is unity between heaven and earth. We should teach that marriage does not mean a single man and woman coming together for their own sakes. It is also the marriage of heaven and earth, of the macrocosm and microcosm.

2. The vertical axis of love from parents to children.

3. The horizontal base for receiving this vertical love.

True Father teaches that the foundation of unity between husband and wife is not just external. Instead, they should be united on the foundation of God's love.

IV. Adult Education: Parental Love

[Pointing to one sister] She has been embracing her baby during the whole service. Who gave her the baby? (God did.) That is easy to forget. We should always say, "Thank you, God." If you embrace your baby, you feel so good. But we have to check ourselves whether we are spiritual thieves and remember to say, "Thank you, God and True Parents." Before doing our job we also must express such gratitude. Then Heavenly Father will always be beside us.

The content of adult education should focus on parental heart, the love of parents for children. There are two main

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The FFWP and FSNN Inaugural Tour in Africa

Notes from a Spiritual Safari

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Washington DC*

REV. Chung Hwan Kwak accompanied True Mother on her worldwide tour for establishing the Family Federation for World Peace and the Federation to Save the New Nation. During the time that True Mother spoke in America, Rev. Kwak, representing True Parents, launched the FFWP and FSNN in several countries in Europe, the CIS, Africa and Asia. Mr. Neil Salonen accompanied Rev. Kwak during most of the tour, but when preparations for Mother's address at Bridgeport on October 27 became a pressing concern, Mr. Salonen returned to the United States and I was invited to accompany Rev. Kwak during the African portion of the tour. From October 23 to 31, 1996 we visited Mali, Benin, Malawi and Zambia.

For me that was both an honor and a precious opportunity for a variety of reasons. On the one hand, I was able to assist directly in carrying out a major providential activity for our True Par-

ents. Perhaps the greatest benefit of being on this tour was the opportunity to attend several readings of Father's and Mother's speeches, "In Search of the Origin of the Universe" and "True Parents and True Family." These speeches contain so much rich content, so many heavenly secrets, and these come through more clearly with repeated hearings and readings.

In addition, being on the speaking tour in Africa, I was able to experience first hand the kind of daily schedule and standard that True Parents and Rev. Kwak live on a regular basis.

Finally, I could see first hand the growth and development of our church in Africa, and I could meet wonderful brothers and sisters working sacrificially in missions in Africa. In what follows hereinbelow, I attempt to communicate some of my experiences while assisting Rev. Kwak in Africa.

Mali

Our journey into Africa began in Lisbon, Portugal, the last of the European cities on the tour. Five of us traveled

together: Rev. Kwak, myself, and three staff members from the cultural and public affairs department for our church in Korea, Dae Yeol Kim, In Bong Lee and In Seung Nam. We departed from Portugal on October 23 and, after a three-hour airline delay—an experience that came to be a consistent feature of our travels in Africa—arrived in Mali, the first African country on our tour, late that same day.

Mali is a large, landlocked country located in central western Africa. The Sahara covers the northern half of the country, with rolling grasslands spread across the southern part. Bamako is the capital city. From about 300-1500 A.D., several powerful empires ruled in what is now Mali. The famous city of Timbuktu, once a center of Muslim learning, is in Mali. In the first half of the twentieth century, Mali was under the rule of France, but in 1960, independence was achieved and the Republic of Mali came into being. French is still an important language in Mali. In terms of religion, 65 percent of the people are Muslim and five percent are Christian, with the rest practicing some form of traditional religion.

When we arrived at the Bamako Airport at 8:00 p.m., we were met by a delegation of government officials, including Mr. Mamadou Kanoute of the Malian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and one very important Muslim leader, His Excellency El Bekaye Kounta, former ambassador of Mali to various countries. We passed through customs and went straight to Bamako's Grand Hotel. As was the case during every spare moment and every meal time throughout the tour, Rev. Kwak spent time that evening meeting with members, including missionaries, national lead-



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Tom Walsh poses with Rev. Kwak, Kathy Rigney, and other leaders and staff members during the tour in Africa.

ers from neighboring countries, Japanese WFWP sisters, and newly arrived national messiahs. Mrs. Kathy Rigney, continental leader for Africa, met us in Bamako and stayed with our group until the end of the tour in Zambia.

Our first official meetings began the next morning. Rev. Kwak first met for about one hour with H.E. Ali Nouhoum Diallo, the president of the National Assembly. Rev. Kwak urged Mr. Diallo to cooperate in bringing all the people of Mali to the next Blessing, and he agreed to lend his support. From there we went to visit the former president of Mali, H.E. General Amadou Toumani Toure. Rev. Kwak spoke to the former president in a very gracious yet straightforward way about the work of our True Parents and especially the Blessing. Rev. Kwak invited former president Toure to the Blessing, and he promised to attend in November, 1997. That afternoon the formal program was held in the assembly hall of the National Congress, a new, beautiful and elegant building situated on the bank of the Niger River. Over 1,000 guests, including many VIPs, attended the program.

In the evening, Rev. Kwak presided at a victory celebration with members from Mali and neighboring countries. After much singing and cake-cutting, Rev. Kwak spoke to the members for about two hours. The following notes from his talk contain points which Rev. Kwak often made in speaking with members and guests throughout the tour.

This day is a very historic day

This day is a very historic day, the day of the launching of FFWP in Mali. On this day, the people of Mali received education from both Father and Mother, True Parents; their speeches contain so many profound secrets held so long in heaven's heart, never before having been shared. But now True Parents are speaking about Jesus' life, Mary's life, and the purpose of the sexual organ.

Mali was the first Muslim nation where these speeches were presented. Many people say that we are a heretical cult, but Father's teaching cannot be opposed. We have already won the battle, and what causes God the greatest anguish is that we members have not realized this. We hold our heads down when we should be so bright and full of joy and hope.

Father mentions the term "sexual organ" 27 times in his speech. Most ministers never speak about the sexual organ. The content of Father's speech is somewhat shocking to many, but he is cutting off Satan's head. Father has destroyed

Satan's head. We need to take back the sexual organ from Satan's control. The sexual organ is so holy and Satan destroyed this. Satan knew God's plan and worked to undermine that plan by seizing control of the sexual organ. Father does not present this speech to be diplomatic, but to declare the truth to all the world. The sexual organ has been Satan's throne. That is why people, even parents and grandchildren, have been ashamed to speak about it. Has anyone spoken to you about the sexual organ's true purpose and value, as Father has done?

This teaching is the heart of all Father's revelation. Father paid such a heavy price to receive this truth. Do not take it lightly. You should read Father's speech three times your age. If you are 40, read it 120 times. The more you read this speech, the more you will be purified and cured. Read it every morning and every evening.

Mali's Blessing goal is 400,000. No one, neither educators nor religious leaders, can solve the world's problems, especially the family problem. Father alone is bringing the solution. You have such a great and precious gift to offer to people. Do not be shy or ashamed. The greatest problem is yourself—your shyness, timidity, lack of courage. Never stop talking about the Blessing.

The people of Mali are tall and elegant people. Mali has a great fortune for the future.

True Parents' victorious foundation

Satan hates the Blessing; it means he is losing power. This is painful for Satan, but Satan cannot accuse True Parents.

The formation stage of world restoration was the 30,000 Couples Blessing in 1992. The growth stage was the 360,000 Couples Blessing in 1995. The completion stage will be the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing in 1997. The Blessing is being globalized. In the past there were so many conditions attached to receiving the Blessing, but based on True Parents' victorious foundation the Blessing is now easily given.

Malawi

Malawi is a scenic but poor country in southeastern Africa. The land is mountainous and Lake Malawi runs the length of the country. English and Chichewa are the main languages spoken in Malawi. Most people practice traditional African religions, while about ten percent are Christian and five percent are Muslim.

Our trip from Benin to Malawi was extremely difficult. We departed Coto-

nou in the evening for Abidjan, Ivory Coast, where we were to connect to a flight to Johannesburg, South Africa. From there we were to fly on to Malawi. Unfortunately, the flight to Johannesburg was six hours late, which meant that we departed at about 3:00 a.m. Since this meant that we would very likely miss our connection in Johannesburg for Malawi, we had to contract a charter plane to take us from Johannesburg to Blantyre, Malawi. This whole situation was very stressful, for it not only meant significant inconvenience and discomfort—waiting in a rather uncomfortable airport for hours and hours after midnight with no place to rest—but more importantly the FFWP program which had been planned for weeks and scheduled for a specific time might have to be postponed or canceled. In the end, however, we made it to Malawi late, but in time for Rev. Kwak to present Father's words. The audience of about 800 people, including numerous VIPs, had waited patiently for nearly two hours.

On the next morning, Rev. Kwak met with the members at the HSA headquarters building. The headquarters is a beautiful home situated in the mountains outside Blantyre in an area that looked very similar to rural Korea. Rev. Kwak met with several government officials and later spoke to a group of 500 Christian ministers and members.

Zambia

Zambia was our last scheduled stop in Africa. Zambia is west of Malawi. Its name comes from the Zambezi River, which runs along its southern border. Formerly known as Northern Rhodesia, Zambia was a British protectorate which gained its independence in 1964, when Kenneth Kaunda—a frequent participant in Summit Council meetings—became its first elected president. The majority of Zambians, many of whom speak English, are Christian.

The FFWP program was held on October 30 at 2:00 p.m. in a very large hall which seated over 2,000 people. The hall was filled to capacity during the entire program. That same evening a banquet was held for a group of forty VIPs, and on this occasion Rev. Kwak was asked to speak. Then, on the next morning, the official victory celebration took place at HSA headquarters with about 400 members in attendance. After the celebration, Rev. Kwak made a tour of the various projects our church has initiated in Zambia. We then made our way to the airport. At this point, Mrs. Rigney, who

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A Spiritual Treasure in Far East Russia

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Khabarovsk

THE families and missionaries of Khabarovsk, Far East Russia, wish to express our appreciation to those who have generously and prayerfully supported our mission throughout this year, helping to make it possible for us to go forward in God's providence.

Since the Blessing in August of 1995, we have been working to further develop our Unification foundation in Khabarovsk which also serves as the regional headquarters of six other cities in Far East Russia. In preparation for the recent blessings, many seminars, lecture training sessions and blessing workshops, followed by a satellite blessing, have been held in Khabarovsk in spite of rigid regulations regarding public events.

At the International Blessing of 1995, historical frictions between Russia and China were transcended as Khabarovsk's first Russian-Chinese blessed couple pledged to realize a God-centered family of true love.

Working in Khabarovsk is very challenging. First, the harsh winds and below zero temperatures during the freezing winters and the very hot, humid summers take a while to adapt to. Then there are the rigorous regulations, restrictions and requirements placed upon all religious and cultural organizations other than the Russian Orthodox Church, keeping us always on the alert and requiring that we work with courage and wisdom. Just before the presidential elections held earlier this year, there was uncertainty as to whether foreign, religious and cultural organizations, including ours, would even be allowed to remain in Russia.

These internal and external circumstances motivated us to deepen our commitment to God and True Parents. Someone once said, "Khabarovsk is a hidden treasure in Far East Russia." If this is so, perhaps it is because our brothers and sisters who are working there are absolutely determined to bring a victory for God and True Parents.



Regional Director, Nate Windman and members at the Holy Ground in Khabarovsk.

Khabarovsk, a port city on the banks of the Amur River, is known as the stepping stone from Russia to Asia, being located close to Japan, China and North Korea. Because of this strategic position it is so vital to the establishment of a lasting and invincible foundation for the greater providence. The missionary families and members work with this awareness in mind and heart.

When the Chung Pyung providence began to call the missionary families from Khabarovsk and the Far East region, our regional director, Mr. Nate Windman, his wife Mieko, and the two Japanese missionary sisters, Mikako Miyazaki and Hisami Umeno, were both happy and deeply concerned. Communications from Chung Pyung stated that the missionaries were to prepare for new mission countries after the forty-day workshops in Chung Pyung. What would now happen to the missions in Far East Russia?

Renewing their strength through prayer, indemnity conditions and loving service to the members and families, a new plan of action was soon devised. Efforts were consolidated by calling some responsible members from neighboring

cities to work together in Khabarovsk. As the missionaries left for Chung Pyung, the Russian brothers and sisters united closely with the regional director and missionary sisters from Japan. A small and bright-spirited IOWC team arrived from Moscow to join them and the summer witnessing program began with eager anticipation.

Thanks to their concerted dedication and efforts and to all of you who responded to our special request made earlier this year, the Khabarovsk mission has been able to maintain the witnessing center which is located near two important universities, a teachers' college and a medical university.

Another timely opportunity arose to acquire an actionizing center located in the heart of the city near the famous Lenin Square. Once the actionizing center was freshly painted and the witnessing programs set up, spirit world could be mobilized. Many new quests came daily to hear the lectures. Those who completed the initial 21-day study program graduated to a second 21-day seminar of deeper education and actionizing experiences

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Speech to European Leaders

bring 700,001 couples.

Heavenly Father is counting on blessed couples, centered on His desire, to always lay a good foundation. The past history will not work in the future. Heavenly Father's ideal is always to absolutely restore all of humankind. We are establishing new people, heavenly people.

You think that because you are European you are different. Until last year, many of you were thinking that I was making some kind of propaganda about Africa. You think that Africa is different from Europe. What is Europe? Do you think that Heavenly Father is only concerned about Africa? Europe is still under Satanic dominion, even though you are proud of the history of Europe. Can you keep such an attitude in the future? No! First, the European leaders should change from now on. After receiving my guidance, all European leaders should get rid of their arrogance about being European or about being European leaders. Your attitude is not correct. Is European society different from that of Taiwan, or Africa, or other countries? Your attitude does not work. You have to understand this!

Blessing Ceremonies around the world

Many people have already received the Blessing in Korea, Taiwan and Africa. In some places there will be a Blessing Ceremony almost every day! In every country, in every corner, there are still many obstacles. In other countries, victory could only be achieved through overcoming such difficulties and obstacles. Already more than 10,000 couples could attend the Blessing at the end of last year in Korea. Taiwan had a ceremony for more than 3,000 couples and there have been many more ceremonies in Africa. In fact, in some parts of Africa, whole areas or villages have been blessed. This year such numbers will increase a lot! This year, in all the 37 regions of Korea, there will be a Blessing Ceremony every day!

Recently, the national messiah of Taiwan reported to Father about his exciting experience. The government has agreed to arrange a Blessing Ceremony in each region, in each area, and in each city. The only problem is that they changed the name for the indemnity stick ceremony. It is very difficult for them to call it that. The government officials were asking the meaning of the indemnity stick ceremony. I do not know how we explained it, but it now has a new name in Taiwan. They named it "the wonando stick ceremony" (after some sort of bird - a female bird that has a very good relationship with its mate). That means that the husband and wife, the male and female, should quickly forget the past and should love each other from now on, just like this bird.

Because of such large numbers of Blessing participants in each city and region, two or three

Blessing Ceremonies are held in five different locations in just one day! You think this is possible in Taiwan, but that in Europe it is more difficult for such things to take place. Don't you think these kinds of things are possible in Europe? I tell you that this will finally come to Europe.

In Taiwan, because of the determination of just one person, such kind of things can occur. His determination and his understanding are absolute. This man understands that Rev. Moon's Blessing ideal, Blessing vision and Blessing practice are necessary for Taiwan's society. This is for the sake of Taiwan, for the sake of the Taiwanese families.

The education about the Blessing in Taiwan is for the sake of the country. I believe that in Europe, among the 36 nations, there are many important, righteous and deep-thinking leaders. If you can reach out to just one or two such leaders, they will take on the initiative. These kind of things will happen. Three months before the 360,000 Couples Blessing in 1995, 10,000 couples were able to attend the Blessing according to the determination of this one person.

The preparation for this year's Blessing already started last year and this individual decided by himself to bring thousands of couples. He has worked silently throughout the whole country and he did a lot of advertising. There have been a lot of negative reactions, but because of his strong belief in the significance of the Blessing, he could overcome. He challenged his partners and colleagues to show him an alternative way if they could!

You must have confidence

Your only problem is that you did not have confidence. Your explanation was not enough. I met so many great leaders and I was never defeated, not once. I always won the debate centering on family issues and presenting the world situation. They always agreed with me of the importance of the Blessing. Why can't you do the same?

During Mother's last speaking tour, I visited forty nations and testified to many important spiritual children. I met one Catholic Bishop and listened to him. He is a good person. After listening about his foundation, I sincerely asked him to receive the Blessing and marry. He was so shocked because he is a Bishop!

Our Unification Church members need to understand the heart of the religious leaders who have lived a single life. I had a unique experience in Uganda with one prince who is also a priest. I have been urging him for the past five years to receive the Blessing. We have a very close heartistic relationship. He always said that he could not attend the Blessing. Whenever I met him, I continued to ask him and, after three years, he shared one side of his feelings. He said, "Whenever I listen to you about your Blessing ideal, I always dream about it, even when I sleep, then I suddenly wake up and cannot sleep again." He explained to me that he always sees a woman with him. I never imagined how serious single life is and how many difficult obstacles one has to overcome.

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There are the physical desires, environmental obstacles, and not just for a few years, but for twenty or thirty years of single life. The mind of such a person is one of strong vision; it is the mind of a person who has determined to live a high standard of life. To even think of being together with a woman was so shocking for him.

Still I insisted that he attend the 360,000 Couples Blessing and finally he did! He has a Japanese wife and is now very happy. He could never experience a conjugal relationship before, but now he has changed so much. We have to understand the saintly lifestyle, and respect them.

The Bishop I already talked about was also very shocked about the idea of attending the Blessing, but I clearly explained to him that there is no other way. After a long time of listening to me, he asked one question: "In the Bible, St. Paul says that it is better not to marry, but that if it is difficult, then it is better to marry." We talked about this point and I explained to him that there is only one direction, not two. Heavenly Father wanted to share the way of truth with St. Paul. How could Heavenly Father give two ways? The way of truth is only one way. If the single life is the way of absolute truth, if all humankind followed St. Paul's guidance to live a single life, there would be no one left on the earth. Was this really Heavenly Father's expectation, His way of truth? No! Our fallen life has not been directed toward Heavenly Father. God's ultimate goal is the salvation of fallen man - to return man back to His original ideal, not to pass on the fallen relationship anymore.

Many religious people will receive the Blessing soon

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Until True Parents appeared on the earth, all marriages could not be accepted in front of God. Since Adam and Eve married on their own, without God's permission, marriage in the fallen world has been without God's Blessing.

The time will come when Blessing participants will come in great numbers. This is happening not only in the Catholic and Protestant communities, but also in the Muslim communities. I met one Muslim leader who has 3 million followers. He worked as a Muslim leader for nineteen years in his country and he is a respected and well-known leader. After the FFWP inaugural meeting, he wanted to discuss more with me and waited to invite me to visit his towns and meet his followers so that I could directly talk with them. He arranged a special party for me with the main church leaders. He wanted to show me

his followers, but I have no such mind for such kind of meeting, so I asked to talk with him alone. Everyone left and I strongly encouraged him to attend the Blessing. Usually a Muslim leader has the right to have four wives, but fortunately, he had only one wife who accepted to receive the Blessing. Even though I did not ask him, he made a confession. He explained to me that before his marriage, he lived a pure life and after his marriage, he only had a relationship with his wife. Many beautiful women proposed to him, but he always refused. God really prepared him. He will come to Washington DC this year for the Blessing.

I explained to him that the blessing ideal and the Blessing Ceremony are not only for the Unification Church, but for the whole of mankind. "You have to share this true lifestyle with your followers." He accepted it. I told him that my desire is not only for his couple, but also for his followers to receive the Blessing and I wanted to know how many couples he could bring. He said that he could guarantee 100,000 couples. In just one day I could find 100,000 couples. You can also do that. He is a very popular and important leader. He pledged to bring 100,000 couples from his Muslim community.

Do you think that this is because of Africa? Do you think that it was because of me? This is not so. The reason is because the victorious foundation is already there. Only because of True Parents' grace am I able to bring such a result. We can all work like this if we try.

When I visited Papua, New Guinea, I was so fascinated because the master of ceremonies for our inaugural meeting was the vice president of the national assembly. He is a very strong person and was very happy to assume this role for us. He is a very well-known leader and he warmly welcomed me.

After my speech at the inaugural meeting, representatives of the media were waiting for an interview, but I excused myself and had a 30-minute meeting upstairs with the national representatives. When I came down, this person was still there like the owner of the meeting. It was as though he was a representative of our community and was greeting the guests on our behalf.

The next morning I invited him for breakfast, together with two former prime ministers who had both attended the inaugural meeting. At the table, I asked him why he stayed after the meeting and what he spoke about with the guests. There were many high level people who were invited to that meeting. He informed me that the guests were very happy. There were just seven or eight ladies who came to him and wanted to know why he acted as the M.C. for such an organization. They told him that what they heard was different from the official statement of the Anglican Church! Father and Mother's speeches are not the same as the sermons given by ministers within the Anglican Church. They accused him of identifying himself with such declarations. He laughed and said, "You know my personal lifestyle.

I have more than one wife. My relationship with women is very terrible, but in these three hours, I deeply repented and have determined to have a new life." After hearing such a testimony, the ladies ran away!

I was so amazed. His understanding of Divine Principle is very limited, but his original mind could speak to him. He only listened to Father and Mother's speeches one time and his original mind was so moved! The vision of the true family movement and the movement of pure love were so incredible for him. He understood how wonderful Father's activities really are.

Many righteous and conscientious leaders can work as True Parents' representatives if they hear Father's speech. You should find these kind of leaders. They exist in all countries. There are at least ten in each country. We need to find them!

Public response in Malawi

In Malawi, more than 200 Christian ministers heard Father's speech. The next morning, 120 of them came to ask questions. When I visited Malawi I saw that our foundation was very weak. There were only ten Japanese missionaries, but they had worked hard and were able to contact many leaders and Christian ministers. More than 200 Christian ministers were able to attend the inaugural meeting. They listened to Father and Mother's speeches directly. I was curious and concerned about their response. After the speech, I asked the national leader to announce that if some of these Christian ministers had questions, they could come the next morning to our church headquarters and I would be happy to answer them.

The next morning, more than 120 ministers came. I asked them what their questions were. One of them presented several questions. The first question was, "You proclaim that Rev. Moon is the Second Coming. Why is he the Second Coming?" The second question was, "You said that Jesus' mission is not fulfilled, that he had to marry and that God expected Jesus to marry. This is completely different from our belief." The third question was, "You told us that even ministers should receive the Blessing, but we are already representatives of Jesus and God and we have already blessed many members in our churches. What is the difference between our blessing and your Blessing Ceremony?"

These are fundamental questions. You need to know how to respond to such questions. I answered their questions as follows: First question: How do you know that Jesus is the Messiah? We are living in a different age than that of Jesus. We never met Jesus himself physically and we never listened to Jesus' speech, but because you accept the testimonies about Jesus and you accept the Bible, you can accept that Jesus is the Messiah. The Christian movement continues 2,000 years after Jesus, but still there are many people who do not accept that Jesus is the Messiah. The Messiah is sent by God, the Messiah is always the Messiah, if you accept or not, whether people accept it or not.

I want to ask you, "Did you meet Rev. Moon? You listened to Rev. Moon's sermon, but do you understand the content of his speech? You now know about Rev. Moon's message. I myself have lived together with him, followed him and testified about him. His dispensational mission, his activities did not simply start from nothing. When he was fifteen years old, on the day of Jesus' resurrection (Easter Day), Jesus appeared to him and told him, "You should inherit my mission."

In the beginning Rev. Moon did not accept; his mind was humble. Jesus continuously asked him many times, "What shall God do if you do not accept? You have to accomplish God's will, you have to accept!" Finally, Rev. Moon accepted.

Since that time Heavenly Father guided him and gave him spiritual power. More and more people started to come to him. He communicated deeply with God and Jesus. At that time we did not know who the Messiah was. Jesus' time was the same. Many Jewish people physically met Jesus, but most of them did not understand his personal communication with God.

Heavenly Father gave constant protection and support to Rev. Moon. This is the way in which Rev. Moon could establish his worldwide foundation. Korea is geographically very far away. Only with Heavenly Father's help could he spread God's word over the whole world, even here! Without God's cooperation and absolute support, this would be impossible. Can you do this centering on yourself? Could you build such a worldwide foundation by yourself in your own physical lifetime?

Rev. Moon's worldwide foundation is actually unique since the beginning of history. No one before could lay this kind of foundation. This is evidence of the Second Coming. God prepared him with His absolute support. You can deny Rev. Moon as the Second Coming. You can deny it as Jesus was denied in his time. After my forty years experience, I can say that he is definitely the Second Coming. You should believe it! He not only inherited Jesus' mission, but he realized it and fulfilled it!

Until now, the understanding of the Messiah has been as a single person, but Rev. Moon said that the Messiah is a couple - the True Parents. This is a revolutionary teaching. Without God's assistance can this kind of revolutionary teaching exist? God created not only a single person, but a man and a woman. The original purpose of God's creation was not only individual perfection, but completion of the family. No one thought about this before. The Messiah is an example of true people, true man and true woman, true husband and true wife, True Parents. Since the beginning of history, God's ideal for the Messiah is True Parents, a true family; how beautiful! That is why you should definitely believe that he is the Second Coming. From now on, if you deny him, it is your responsibility. I testify in front of you!"

Second question: About Jesus' marriage. If the Messiah is True Parents, then it would be natural for Jesus to have his own family. Until now all Christian theory has been based on the individ-

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ual level. From now on, you should accept the family values. Salvation is not for individuals only, but for the whole family. Jesus himself was supposed to become an exemplary husband and ultimately an exemplary couple. No doubt this was Jesus' desire. You should pray and comfort Jesus in his agony that he could not realize a true family.

Third question: Did you directly and personally receive Heavenly Father's order to give blessings; did you receive His permission? Everyone's marriage since Adam and Eve has been without Heavenly Father's blessing and without a heartistic relationship to Him. After entering the spiritual world, people are separated.

The blessing of Rev. Moon guarantees the family union not only on earth, but eternally. Will you accept the Blessing or not? They answered, "Yes, we will accept!" Thus, 120 ministers promised to attend the next Blessing!

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Witnessing to the First Lady in Slovakia

In Slovakia, I invited the First Lady to receive the Blessing. She was perhaps very shocked, but I fulfilled my responsibility.

The First Lady attended the inaugural meeting of the FFWP in Slovakia. I met her before we started. I talked to her only for twenty minutes, but even in such a short meeting I asked her to receive the Blessing. Maybe she was very shocked, but she reacted in a very diplomatic way. Unfortunately I did not get her promise, but my mission has been fulfilled. Can you imagine someone with a whole life of experience, suddenly meeting a stranger for twenty minutes who asks her to attend the Blessing Ceremony? I believe that she will receive the Blessing of 3.6 million couples.

You should talk with everyone about the Blessing. They will receive it sooner or later. Even when I met the First Lady, I still talked with her about the Blessing. Why did Father send me to Slovakia? Not for a diplomatic mission, but to share True Parents' message, Heavenly Father's core message. What is the core message of the Unification Church? It is to proclaim the Blessing.

We have now held the inaugural meeting for the Family Federation for World Peace in 185 nations. When I arrived at the airport in Benin it was 7:30 p.m. It was already late and there was no cabinet minister waiting for me with a presidential car. However, the president was waiting for me in his office, even though it was late. I went directly to meet him. He was a communist before, but he had become a very strong Christian. After greeting him, I explained why I had come to this country.

From personal experience, when I meet national presidents, they usually give me only fifteen minutes. This is normally the time allowed for a

presidential meeting. I was also expecting the same amount of time this time. Presidents usually like to talk and show their pride, but he did not say a single word. He listened to me and my testimony about Father for one hour and five minutes.

He then asked me some questions. He told me that the Family Federation and similar organizations should not be only Rev. Moon's organizations. Their country needs such organizations as well. They had already made a committee to welcome me and they had already prepared to attend the meeting. This is only one special example. The government organized the FFWP meeting. They provided the pamphlets and the staff to assist with the inaugural meeting. They organized the national conference hall with 550 seats. Among the 550 guests, 450 were VIPs.

We have to invite former presidents and cabinet ministers, members of Parliament and presidents of universities. In this particular meeting, the leaders of the whole country came. The first seats were for the president and the cabinet ministers. No one left the meeting and everyone listened carefully. This is an important example of how we should have a meeting in each country in the future.

The time will come when each country will invite True Parents. After the inaugural meeting, I became famous in Benin in just one day. In the evening, the welcoming committee invited me to stay at the presidential hotel. I can live in any place, but this committee took care of me as if I was a government-level minister. If True Parents go to this nation, you can imagine how they will be welcomed. In the future we have to expect this kind of reception.

You should explain about True Parents' Blessing ideal and practice even more than me. There is no more opposition. If we work, we can become the victors. The world situation is crumbling more and more. The situation of the families is becoming more miserable. There are more problems with the younger generation. Our Blessing is the only solution to the problems of today's society.

In many countries, there is a Blessing every day, but Europe is still sleeping and cannot realize what is going on! What shall you do? Now is the era of kingship. True Parents will visit any country that wants to welcome them on the national level. You should no longer be proud of European history and culture. You should forget secular traditions and follow Heavenly Father's tradition, True Parents' tradition.

Many people think that in Africa it is very easy. It is not true! Only because of the determination of the leaders is there progress in Africa. Without a strong determination from the leadership we could not work in Africa. This year, not only in Taiwan, Korea, and all of Africa, but because Father himself is working in Central and Latin America, I expect that there will be a good result from Latin America. The goal of this year is the accomplishment of the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing, but my goal is much bigger. My goal is 5 million couples. I originally asked Africa to bring 1.8 million cou-

ples, but they changed their goal to 3.6 million couples. The African continent itself will reach this number. My goal for Africa is a minimum of 3 million couples. If we can fulfill the 5 million couples Blessing, you can imagine what will happen.

How do you think you can reach the goal of the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing? You think that this is too far from you and that it is not necessary to listen. Last year I visited forty nations and met with many leaders, mainly religious leaders. When they saw the activities of True Father, they were so moved. The biggest influence for the leaders is the Blessing. Political leaders are usually very sensitive about the numbers of people. They always have the same question as to how Rev. Moon could bring so many people together from all different nations, religions and cultures to receive the Blessing. They cannot understand this point, but this is the reality of the Blessing. Even the blessing of 360,000 couples was shocking as everyone thought that this was the maximum number of couples possible. The 3.6 Million Couples Blessing in Washington DC will be incredible!

The whole world will be focused on Washington DC

The world will be completely focused on Washington DC on November 29, 1997. Last month I had a meeting in Washington DC with a committee for the Third World Culture and Sports Festival. I explained our strategy. All the world-wide media will be focused on our Blessing Ceremony. They are so curious about such a miracle. For them it is very difficult to understand and accept. The media will definitely come to Washington DC. Not only the media, but all world leaders will be very interested to see what happens. My plan is to be completely open and to share with them all the details. Europeans, you have to make a list of names of those who attend the Blessing Ceremonies. By November, I will have built up a worldwide computer database from each continent and each nation and I will share all of this information with the VIPs.

The main celebration will be in the RFK stadium with about 35,000 couples. We will mobilize 20,000 couples to this stadium from all over America, and 15,000 couples from other countries. If possible the Blessing participants at the stadium in DC will be the young couples and newly matched couples. This stadium will be open for the media to come and see, to testify to the world.

Even now I am thinking about how to build the stage. In the Olympic Stadium in Korea, we could not use a wide-angle film. Even though they were very important pictures, in some places the film was not good. This time we can use wide-angle film. In this case, even if the stage is very wide, it can be recorded. I am thinking to make the stage only for specially invited VIPs and people who will give congratulatory addresses. The rest of the stage will be completely full of Blessing candidates.

This is a great opportunity. In front of one leader, will stand the whole of humanity. Everyone will understand who True Parents are. How precious is the vision of True Parents. All humanity must follow the Blessing ideal. When we are completely open, no one can deny or criticize us. We have to testify to the whole of humankind about the coming Blessing on the 29th of November of this year.

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Mother cuts the victory celebration cake after her speech in Rome, Italy, on October 11, 1996.

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Since the beginning of Unification Church history, in front of all humanity, in front of all world leaders, it will become clear who True Father is, who the Second Coming is, who the Savior is. The Blessing is a ceremony for all of mankind, for the sake of the country, for the sake of the world. This is a unique opportunity in human history.

After the victorious accomplishment of the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing, everyone will want to learn from us. You should have such a vision.

If you want you can join; you should think about your people's destiny, the destiny of your country. If there is some obstacle or a misunderstanding and you give up because of lack of confidence, what shall your countries do?

You know the motto of this year: "Let Us Be

Proud of True Parents and Love True Parents By Accomplishing the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing." Father himself gave the goal to all members to accomplish the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing. He gave no other goal. We must absolutely reach this goal. Father said that if we reach this goal, you will be able to go anywhere and bring people to your side. We will be able to freely mobilize millions of couples at a time. Satan's foundation will be greatly diminished and the world will move substantially toward God's side. Let us pray.■

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A Spiritual Treasure...

of a life of faith.

By the end of the summer and early fall, the Khabarovsk mission grew three-fold in numbers. The new members gleamed with bright enthusiasm and the older ones were reborn as they took greater responsibilities upon themselves.

It had always been the desire of the previous missionaries to serve the community in substantial ways. The first missionary couple, Ronald and Friederike Buzyc, laid an impressive foundation with the "My World and I" curriculum, working with hundreds of professors and students on moral and ethical issues.

The following missionary family

decided to expand the community outreach through IRFF-related projects. In autumn of this year, with the encouragement and able support of Dr. Kathy Winings, executive director of IRFF, children's clothing was collected in New York for orphanages in Khabarovsk. For a population of 560,000, this city has eight main orphanages and about twenty more children's centers with many basic needs.

On October 25, 1996, IRFF representatives presented the donation of clothing to the president of the Russian Peace Fund. A visit to one of the city's orphanages was arranged. On October 28, IRFF representatives and Mrs. Galina Potava, president of the Russian Peace Fund, presented the clothing to more than 130 beautiful children at the Northern Region-

al Orphanage in Khabarovsk.

The children smiled with joy as they tried on their new outfits. A new friendship was born as well as a commitment to deepen our relationship through future visits and continuous service with love.

October was also the month of the C.I.S. leaders' meeting in Moscow with the continental leader, Dr. Seuk. Mr. Windman was happily surprised when it was announced that Khabarovsk won first place as the top city for the "Summer Witnessing Campaign" in the C.I.S., and second place as the region with the best results. Mikako Miyazaki also was recognized for her outstanding dedication and witnessing efforts.

There have been and there will be many more challenges, hardships and difficulties to face and overcome in

Khabarovsk and the Far East, but now there is an unwavering bright light as God and True Parents' victorious foundation is here to stay!

Thank you all for sharing together with us Khabarovsk's important year in God's providence. May God bless you and your families!■

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Carmela Lim, her husband and daughter, pose with the donations for orphanages.

The FFWP and FSNN...

needed to return to Nigeria, said goodbye to us.

Johannesburg

We left Zambia at midday on October 31 for Johannesburg. Rev. Kwak was scheduled to fly on to Sydney, Australia, that same evening. I had arranged for Rev. Kwak to rest in a hotel near the airport, since he had about seven hours before his flight to Sydney. However, when we arrived in Johannesburg we were met by a large group of South African members who whisked us off to the local headquarters building. Once again, as was the case during virtually every waking moment, Rev. Kwak was asked to speak to the members. He willingly and enthusiastically obliged, speaking to the members for about three hours before having a quick dinner and then departing for the airport. In the Johannesburg airport, I bid a fond farewell to Rev. Kwak and to the three Korean staff members who had become my good friends on the tour. They were off to Sydney and the remaining countries on the tour, and I returned to the United States. I truly received a great blessing and left Africa spiritually enriched. Let

me conclude with a few further reflections on what impressed me most while on this tour.

First of all, one recognizes the basic physical difficulty and the kind of endurance that is required to fly on a daily basis from city to city, country to country, time zone to time zone, without rest. And wherever you land there lies before you a schedule that is packed in at every available moment as the local leaders and members seek to utilize every second of Rev. Kwak's time in the country.

Second, I was deeply impressed with Rev. Kwak's standard of attendance to True Parents and his service to members. He never avoided an opportunity to speak or witness. He used every moment to proclaim the message of True Parents' victory. But, more than this, Rev. Kwak's indomitable will is coupled with a gentle, gracious quality that allows him to mix extremely well with all kinds of people both within our church and outside our church community. I was also uplifted by the thought that Father's lifestyle and tradition can be passed on and inherited by those he has raised up. I felt that Rev. Kwak stands as a powerful example of what we can all aspire to achieve in terms of becoming children of our True Parents.

Third, Rev. Kwak made a point to say, on more than one occasion, that the

age of witnessing as we have known it is over. We are now called to generate a patriotic movement in each country. This patriotic movement has two branches. One is the "pure love" movement aimed at unmarried young people and presents the message to young people to protect their purity and the holiness of their sexual organ which exists for the sake of their spouse to be. The second is the "true family" movement, which is aimed at married people and stresses the need for absolute fidelity in marriage and the pursuit of the ideal of the true family.

Fourth, Rev. Kwak commented at one point that the most important thing about our life and particularly our character is not our education or physical appearance or some professional skill, but the responsible and pure use of our sexual organ.

Finally, he mentioned three points that Unification Church members should seek to maintain: (1) absolute pure love, (2) living for the sake of others, and (3) proudly attending and supporting our True Parents. Amen.■

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A New Curriculum...

aspects of the education of parental love:

1. Parents have already passed through the love of children, brothers and sisters, and husband and wife. Parental love includes the other three, so it is all-inclusive and can be united with God's love. Parents become the substantial embodiment of the love of God the creator. Such people should clearly understand that we are a second God. We have dominion within our family. That is a kind of love. We should emphasize that the whole family should become the realization of God's ideal of creation. There is, therefore, a great deal to learn about the education of parents.

2. The first blessed family in a tribe becomes the center of the tribe. If that family fulfills its responsibility fully, it will be able to possess kingship.

The Unification Church is not a church where we can afford to learn and forget. We learn and then teach what we have learned.

If we go to the spiritual world without these four kinds of education, this is a big problem.

Especially we want to ask the husband: "Did you love your wife only when she was young and beautiful, or did you love her at every stage of her life?" If his wife was educated in all the four realms of heart, then she will always be young and beautiful in the spiritual world. A husband who has been educated in all the four realms of heart can see beauty in both the young face of his wife and the old face of his wife.

True Father said that the first generation may not go to the Heavenly Kingdom. What is the content of hell? The fire-and-brimstone image of hell is symbolic. Hell is the place where we cannot do what we want to conscientiously do. Centered on the four heartistic realms, maybe we will not go to the Heavenly Kingdom.

What criterion of heart is the dividing line between heaven and hell? If we were not educated centered on heartistic love, then we automatically go to hell. Buddhism says hell is fire and snakes. That is a textbook way of teaching peo-

ple not to be evil. It is a symbolic or intellectual explanation of hell.

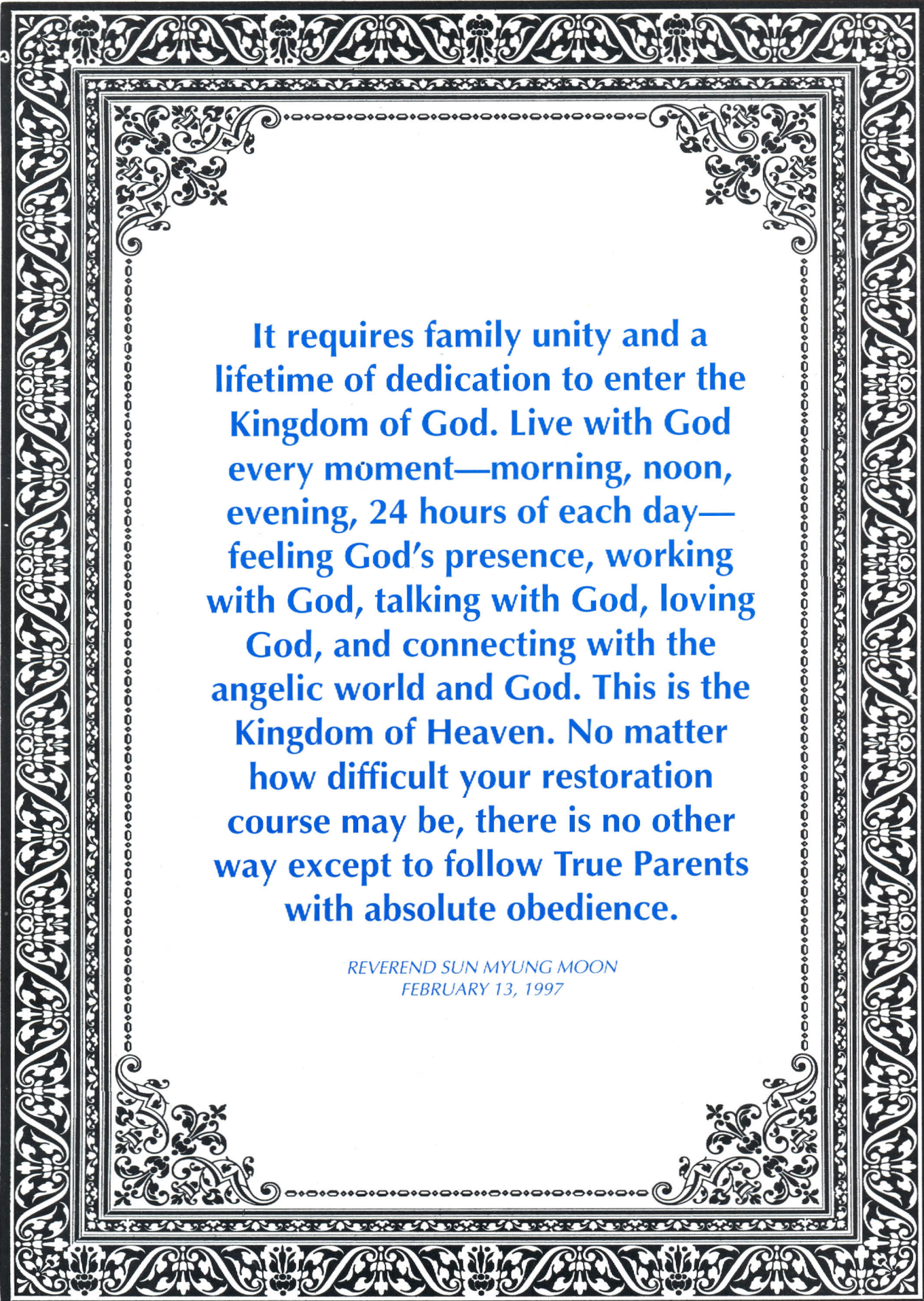
We must ask how we educated our children in the four great realms of heart to prepare them to go to heaven. The education of the Unification Church is much better than secular education.

One husband from the 430 Couples Blessing was proud that his child was going to Harvard. However, this child never visited the church. For him Harvard is absolute! I told him that his children should learn Divine Principle well and practice it in their daily life. That is what is absolute!■

For further reading, see The Fountain of Life, by Rev. Zin Moon Kim.

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It requires family unity and a lifetime of dedication to enter the Kingdom of God. Live with God every moment—morning, noon, evening, 24 hours of each day—feeling God’s presence, working with God, talking with God, loving God, and connecting with the angelic world and God. This is the Kingdom of Heaven. No matter how difficult your restoration course may be, there is no other way except to follow True Parents with absolute obedience.

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