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Rev. Hwang's Sermon given on December 10, 2000, at the Headquarters Church, during the final weeks before the blessing ceremony. Rev. Hwang read a section from the speech, "A Day When We Welcome the Blessing" (from the section found on page 457 of God's Will and the World).

ABOUT forty years ago, there was a boy called Young-suk in Hae Nam, South Cholla Province. All of his friends entered middle schools but he could not. His family was too poor to send him to middle school. He had to carry an "A-frame" to carry wood on his back instead of carrying a bag full of books. He had to climb hills to gather wood in the morning when his friends walked to school and he would climb down the hill in the afternoon when his friends walked back home from school.

One day he prayed to God, "If you allow me to go to school like my friends, I will do anything I can do for You." He constantly prayed like that but he did not receive any answer. So, he finally wrote a letter to God. He wrote, "Dear Heavenly Father, please allow me to study, then I will work very hard for You." On the envelope he wrote, 'To God.' And he put it in a post box.

This letter actually found God for Young-suk thanks to a postman. When the postman saw the letter, he wondered what to do with it. After finishing his day's work, the postman was sitting on Hae Nam Bridge, thinking about the problem, when all of a sudden, he heard a church bell ringing. He ran to the church and handed the letter over to the minister there. The minister brought Young-suk to the church. The church paid the tuition for his education. Young-suk became a well-known theologian in Korea. He was actually my advisor for the thesis I did in graduate school.

God's responses can come very subtly. I was called by God while I was in the army. There were five hundred and twenty new soldiers in the training program. I wanted to do something meaningful without letting anyone know. So, I started cleaning the toilets at five in the morning. Sometimes a tall man would come and help me out. We did not know each other then, but I thought he must be someone special. After the training was over, out of the entire 520 men, only two of us, the tall man and I, were assigned to the same unit. He was a member of the Unification movement and eventually I came to join the movement, too.



All of you must have had this kind of experience, too, to varying degrees. For unknown reasons, God put all of us here on this path. Sometimes, we hear God's booming voice, but at other times, it is so faint we hardly notice it.

Moses never dreamed of guiding all the people of Israel to the land of Canaan. After

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True Parents pray at the November 19, 2000, joint birthday celebration for Shin-chul nim (first son of Hyojin nim and Yun-ah nim), and Shin-ah nim, daughter of Kookjin nim and Soon-ju nim, at East Garden. Shin-chul nim was celebrating his first birthday, and Shin-ah nim her second.

The Motto for the Year 2001

解放은天地父母의子女가一心一체가되어
 참사랑의로体性인 絶对불변의뜻을 完成하시어
 二千年元旦

May the absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal will, which is the subject nature of true love, be accomplished through the liberated Parents of Heaven and Earth and children uniting in one mind and one body.

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True God's Day Midnight

Prayer and Speech

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

JANUARY 1, 2001

CHEONG PYEONG HEAVEN AND EARTH TRAINING CENTER, KOREA

Father's midnight prayer for the 34th True God's Day celebration, held at Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center.

Midnight Prayer

LOVING Heavenly Father, we have just entered the year 2001, ending the year 2000 and beginning the new millennium, heading to the year 3000. Father, the entire cosmos is watching us at this precise moment. Passing through the ages of indemnity and hardship of the first Israel, the second Israel and the third, and now with the conclusion of the year 2000, You have maintained Your will to build Your victorious kingdom on earth as well as in heaven. All things in the cosmos that are related with God's love want to find the way to fulfill Your long-cherished desire. You promised to send the Messiah, the True Parent, to the first Israel. They failed to serve him, and instead crucified him. Christianity, in place of the first Israel, which had failed, tried to build the world-level Israel as the center of all the nations and of the world.

Due to the victory of Christian nations during World War II, the second Israel, centering on the United States, made the condition of dividing heaven from earth, East from West, peoples from peoples, nations from nations, families from families and individuals from individuals. This division was preparation to fulfill Your promise to send the True Parents. It was the condition of separating the Cain side from the Abel side. We understand that the purpose of Jesus' thirty-three years of life was to fulfill Your will of liberation, with that victorious foundation penetrating Rome. Jesus had to establish a family foundation in unity with Zechariah's family and Joseph's family that could have been the starting point of building the Kingdom of Heaven and of liberation. But the first Israel failed to fulfill its mission as the messianic nation. As a result, Jesus could not escape the regrettable history of the cross. Over the two thousand years since then so much blood has been shed. No one on earth could liberate God's sorrowful heart. While God has been enduring painful situations over and over again, two thousand years have passed. Although history has been like that—with our having crucified our own parents, though we are God's children, and with God having had to endure the pain resulting from our betrayal and ignorance, up until the end of the year 2000 no one has truly understood God's heart.

In this world of death, Heavenly Father's will has always been to find the new fountain of liberation for humanity. While some people were waiting for the Lord to come down to the earth on a cloud, no one clearly understood that the Second Coming had to be born again as a person. God had to regain what He had lost through the conditions people made through acts of indemnity and restoration. However, neither Christianity nor any of the other religions have understood God's will;

they have constantly been in conflict, fighting each other to the death, forgetting the unifying force behind them. After World War II, the Cain and Abel providence was substantiated. The physical and spiritual worlds were divided. Jesus in the spirit world took parental responsibility, spiritually.

True Parents, taking parental responsibility on earth, tried to establish world unity. With the perfection of the spirit world as the standard, True Parents built a victorious foundation on earth to make the condition to give substance to the actual perfection of the physical world. True Parentship was meant to have been established on the unified foundation of Catholicism and Protestantism after World War I. True Parents were meant to inherit the spiritual foundation of the Holy Spirit and Jesus. If that had been successfully accomplished, True Parents could have erected the victorious foundation on earth within seven years after World War II. That would have liberated not only God but also all of God's dominion on earth. Humankind would have finally been free from its sorrowful history. With True Parents' authority of liberation, the foundations for the liberation of individuals, families, tribes, and nations could have been realized. All of what was lost due to the false parents would have been restored through the True Parents.

We could have realized the era of perfection fifty years ago, but we had to pass through a sorrowful forty years centering on a sorrowful family in the wilderness. We greet the fortieth year as we end the year 2000, which was the year that True Father turned eighty. As Moses left Egypt at the risk of his life to build Israel and to liberate God's nation based on the ideal of cosmic liberation, we should determine to work to liberate families, tribes, peoples, nations, the world and the cosmos and then to break down the walls in the spirit world based on the free realms of the eight stages. We should pave the road to make all the necessary conditions enabling us to actualize God's innermost desires.

True Parents came to a world of deep sorrow. They came to bring the blessing to the physical world and the spirit world, liberating the spirits in hell and in the spiritual realms lower than paradise. Both worlds should center upon one heart of God. Based on God's absolute love, absolute life and absolute lineage, in God's victorious realm, we could free the world.

Satan surrendered himself on March 21, 1999. We have hastened to clear up the spirit world by the last day of the year 2000. On the first day of the year 2001, the initial year of the thousand years leading to the year 3000, we greet the liberated world of the new millennium, having liberated the sorrows of the Old Testament, New Testament and Completed Testament ages. No one knew how sorrowful God has been until we announced the liberated realm of heart of the fourth Adam. In the name of True Parents, under Your command, we have tried to fulfill the duty of children of filial piety, of loyal servants, of holy men and of saints, as

undeserving as we are. We dare kneel before You, Heavenly Father. Following Your guidance, we begin the glorious year of the new millennium, opening up the new Completed Testament age with the glory of victory. Our responsibilities are to bring about God's liberation through the unity of the Parents of Heaven and Earth and the children. We are truly grateful for all Your work to realize Your absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal will in this world.

Father, Your children have gathered here. They are mostly blessed families. They should understand the implication of being blessed. They should understand how fearful a thing being blessed can be. Heavenly Father's desire, the ideal of creation to build the true family, was lost. It caused unimaginable agony for thousands of years; throughout all of human history You have had no one to whom you could communicate Your pain and loneliness.

As a young man, I came to understand Your situation. Since then, I have walked a path of investing everything I had, whether or not people around me recognized it. I am truly grateful that You have allowed us to greet the first day going towards the year 3000 having realized the standard of unification to liberate not only the physical world but also the spirit world, beyond national and religious boundaries. No one can deny that You have created the position of victorious supremacy based on unifying authority.

Twelve days from today, blessed families of the Unification community in the physical and spiritual worlds who have determined to liberate God so as to actualize the purpose of God's ideal of creation will hold a ceremony that can eventually break down all the walls in hell on earth. Please accept our sincere heart to realize the world of victorious liberation and independence, and please allow this new year to be a celebration of a new beginning, moving toward the year 3000. You have even made the clear cut-off line so that we can end the year 2000 on December 31st, a Sunday, and start the new millennium with the beginning of a new week, a Monday. This is the liberating dawn of a new millennium. We are truly, truly, truly grateful for Your grace in giving us the chance to greet this blessed time in which we can set forth Your authority, Your victorious glory and dignity.

Father, I realize the time has come for You to take care of the tasks remaining from the last millennium. Please forgive Your inadequate son who, shamefully, still has to ask for Your help to fulfill his own mission.... However, my love for You has never changed. It has been the same in the past, as it is in the present and will be in the future. I also pledge and swear that my filial heart of solemnly accepting my path to fulfill Your will has not changed. Please guide me as You will, to settle Your victorious supremacy on earth, the independence of Heavenly Father's land, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

I sincerely pray and pledge that all the blessed families will make the best possible conditions for the next ten years, transcending differences in nationality. Please accept our new determination. For two thousand years, Father's glory has been revealed in hell on earth, in the deepest, widest, and



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highest places, even in the spirit world.

We are making a new determination in the name of True Parents to have one unified realm of heart with True Parents as the center of all the families and the providence, so that You can dominate all the nations and the entire cosmos while presiding over the conditions we have made. We proclaim that we can go forward, go forward and go forward to establish the realm of liberation, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

May Your will be done. Amen, Amen, Amen.

Father's Words

What do you think our motto is going to be? The most important word in the Family Pledge appears in the eighth part of the pledge. What is it? It is "liberation". What it means is that we can build the liberated realm of the Heavenly Kingdom on earth and in heaven by establishing unity between God and people. Do you understand? The liberated Parents of Heaven and Earth and the children become one heart, one body. The subject nature [*juche-song*] of true love... You must live with true love's subject nature. What goes into this subject nature of true love? The perfection of the absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal will. This is the motto. Parents and children together must build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth in this millennium.

Not just God, or myself, but all the children of the liberated Parents of Heaven and Earth [are to realize] one heart, one body, true love's subject nature [*juche-song*]... This subject nature is the essential point. The subject nature of God's inner nature is to seek for absolute love, and to realize His will based on unique, unchanging and eternal love. Do you understand? I predict that the mainstream ideology and the ideal of creation will be given substance during this millennium. We should thus make a new determination that is different from that of yesterday.

The two thousand-year period up until yesterday was the period of global indemnity centered on the second Israel. Time has passed and a new dawn has come. In this new, Completed Testament era, the time of universalizing the ideal of the blessing has arrived. Therefore, our motto is not only for now but for eternity. You should understand that this is a task you will have to carry on even when you go to the next



world. You should single-mindedly try to realize the will of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, united in heart and knowing the precious value of our families. Do you understand?

Perfection itself is quite simple. To gain dominion over the world is not that complicated a matter. All the families of the Parents of Heaven and Earth must shape the vision of a nation built on the true love ideology of eight stages, centering on God's ideal to restore the family, tribe, people and nation. It is the responsibility of the blessed families to perfect the ideology of the nation True Parents have in mind. Your prayers should be different from now on. Do you understand?

What is the victorious realm of True Parents? You cannot participate in the True Parents' victorious realm without going through the blessing. Why? Since you have made blood ties with True Parents, since you have made the connection that was lost, you are related to True Parents as if you are children to us. Do you understand? You broke the blood ties with Satan and inherited God's blood. If you have received the blessing of God's eternally unchanging true love and life connecting your lives to the substantial realm of unfallen Adam and Eve, you will be included in the first generation of the family of the true Adam and Eve. You can expand God's seeds in the realm of God's love and life. Due to the fall, the seed of God's lineage did not pass down to the third generation.

Your situation is like this: I am the first generation and you are the second. If you raise your sons and daughters improperly, they cannot rid themselves of the habits and life-

style of the fallen lineage. You must understand this. I look at the members of our movement, and you are so stained by fallen habits.

Do you know how hard I worked to set up our schools? Your children must go to our schools. In spite of the fact that they should go to either Sun Moon University, the University of Bridgeport or the Unification Theological Seminary, they choose to go elsewhere for economic or external reasons.... You all love the well-known universities that have been Satan's stages. The well-known universities are merely Satan's base camps. Some of you are trying hard to get your children into schools so far away from the life of faith in which you are supposed to expand the foundation of original heart and strive to establish the foundation to create God's ideal and kingdom. There are too many of you ignoring the responsibility of building up the base for the ideal of God's Kingdom in an attempt to look for a good way of making a living.

Starting from today, you must change all that. Do you understand? Especially Koreans are stained with the fallen habit of thinking of excuses because of financial hardships. There is a saying in Korea that even a beggar has enough pride not to warm his body over the heat from someone else's fire. Even if you have to starve to death, you must not be shameful individuals and families before God. Do you understand? You have to determine to go bare on the coldest winter days if you have to. Please think about that. You absolutely need the Messiah.... It took six thousand years to

restore the lost Adam. You would have no pathway if I hadn't created it. Without True Parents, there is no way to fulfill God's will and to perfect the path of the blessing. It is a complex matter. At the risk of my life, I let you pass over all the hills. There will be the most fearful judgement if you act as people who eat and drink at a king's feast immediately after emerging from a gambling den, without understanding the hardships behind the preparation of the feast, and without any gratitude for having been invited there. Even the food you eat at the feast will know that you do not deserve to eat it. The food will be your judgement. It will be worse than poison.

You must understand that those of you who live selfishly are contaminating the environment. You must understand that your families are not representing the mainstream idea of the Unification movement. Even if you have lived such a shameful life, so far, you have been able to keep your dignity to some degree when you pray. What is the victorious realm of True Parents? How do you inherit it? [Through the blessing.] It is not your achievement. Even if you had fasted and prayed for ten years or forty years, you could not have gained what you have. You are given the privilege of the blessing to change your blood lineage. How well have you understood its value? Have you understood one hundredth of God's hardship or of my own? Words are easy, aren't they? Since God lost his kingship He has no position, no authority, no people, no nation of His own, no land and no sovereignty. In order to return the sovereignty to God, you need to make conditions until God can establish His own sovereignty. I had to make the condition of perfecting the foundation to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth on the family, national and worldwide levels and then I could pass them on to you. The registration blessing? Even I feel ashamed before God to stand in the position where I am standing. Did I not mention that in my prayer just now? Do you understand this?

You will find out how inadequate you are through studying my words. You must know, since you have been doing *hoon dok hae* for almost two years, how far you are from the mark. You have no idea how hard I had to work to come this far. My own children have no idea either. They live as they please.... Have I been taking care of my own children, whom you see here, or not? [You have not.]

Say it clearly. For whom have I been working? To save the children of the Cain side. God has done so. To save the world, He had to sacrifice His only begotten son and the Christians. I took sacrificing my own family naturally, without even think-



ing twice about it, investing everything I have in order to save you. I invested everything. What are the results? It was all done in vain; it was lost. There is no one who is qualified enough to register. Everything has ended in failure so far.

I have taken responsibility for it again. And since the matter is connected to the spirit world, I handed the responsibility over to Heung-jin gun, so he is responsible now in the spirit world. All I have to do on earth is to give the grace of blessing for Heung-jin gun to forgive all the sins in the spirit world.... You must understand that I am carrying the cross on the very front line.

As I was willing to sacrifice my own family to save the world, the lives of Heung-jin gun and the other four children in the spirit world were cut short: They were unable to live out their own destinies. Accidents took them away. Who drove them to death? You have to understand that the conditions you made drove them into the situations where they could be killed. Because of that, even if they went to the spirit world with less understanding of God's will than you have, they can directly be in the realm of liberation. True Parents have the responsibility to open doors for them, too. Do you understand? You have to understand that you have shamelessly burdened God and True Parents who are carrying the deepest sorrows of having to walk the path of indemnity for restoration. You have to understand how unqualified you are to register in front of Heung-jin gun. If you don't know this.... Do not make me angry.

There will be no forgiveness from now on. I will separate from my own children, too. They cannot just come into my house as they please.



DAY OF VICTORY OF LOVE

The main celebration for the 18th Day of Victory of Love, marking the 17th anniversary of Heung-jin Nim's ascension, was held at Sutaek-ri auditorium on January 2nd, attended by members of the True Family, leaders and several thousand others. Photo: True Parents are seated while Rev. Kwak gives testimony to Heung-jin nim's life and work.

You women, especially, must collect your minds. There are so many things to be done. As I liberate you, I still have to pray so hard, hiding by candle light in a back room. There is still so much to be done on the path of historical sorrow. You must not forget that you are still responsible to pioneer the road. You cannot follow me if you do not understand God's will. You cannot dare come. Such a time has arrived. The time of salvation through restoration has passed.

The age of direct dominion has now come for the first time since the fall of Adam and Eve. The age of direct dominion will come to my family, too. That is why, when I look at my own sons and daughters, as they all sit here right now, I have to look at them with compassion. If I look at them without compassion, I know what is going to happen to them. I know how difficult it will be for them in the spirit world. Being their father, I have to take responsibility. It is a very serious matter. I cannot position them better than those who have strong faith in the Unification movement.

Starting from today, you (True Children) have to make a new determination. You must not treat me as one of your friends. Do not think of me as a regular grandfather you see in the world. Do you understand? Do you understand what your father is saying? Omma! Do not worry about our children any more. Do not cry over them whatever happens, do you understand? The time has come that you must treat them as they deserve.

I am a frightening man. You cannot fool around with me here and there....What is wrong is wrong. What must be cleaned up must be cleaned up. When filthy water runs into the sea, all the dirty elements sink down to the bottom and the water clears. Do you understand? When the water runs to the sea, it seems to stay in one place as if it takes a rest for a week, but it is busy working to purify itself. Now that you have passed the year 2000 mark and are headed toward the year 3000 you cannot carry on with dirty elements in your lives.... You must repent. You must understand this.

You are doing *hoon dok hae* to repent. This is not a children's game. I am the one who does *hoon dok hae* the most sincerely. You must study my words at least ten times. I proclaim only the things I have actually secured. How little you have thought of my words and how carelessly you have observed my actions. You have done as you liked. Do you understand? I don't see you as some regional leaders or anything else. I just look at whether or not you can go straight to heaven. If you go wrong with that... The age of the providence for salvation will pass. Do you understand?

Since we entered the age of the realm of the fourth Adam, when we pray we should not say the words "True Parents' realm of victory." Since your families have inherited the serious position of True Parents who have struggled so hard to save the world, you must pray "in the name of so and so, a central blessed family." If you go wrong in your new position, your registration must be canceled. When you think what an amazing implication the registration blessing has, you cannot even pray without having done any actual work in your daily life. Do you understand? Those who understood raise your hands. Well since you say you do, I trust you. You must repent. Repent to your bones. What was the last teach-

ing I gave you in the year 2000? We will offer ourselves with the heart of True Parents, in the position of servants, shedding sweat for the land, tears for humanity and blood for heaven as a living sacrifice. That is the conclusion. That is the total living offering.

To be that, not only your skin but also your flesh and bones and even the marrow should sweat, shed tears and bleed. With our blood, sweat and tears, we must liberate God. Our sins are heavy, we have to sacrifice everything we have—our skin, flesh and blood; we do not have the right to hold any resentment.

What you have are all afflictions for you: your land, your house, your money and your savings. In the last days, what you love the most becomes your gallows. Those who love you are your enemies and those whom you love are also your enemies. They all block your way.

People say not to go to the Unification Church. You were driven out from your homes. But you must go back to your homes and offer your families, tribes and nation before God. If you sacrifice everything you own before God, they do not just disappear. They will return to you as ten times or one hundred times bigger blessings in heaven. It is similar to needing good bait when fishing!

I do not spend a penny just for my children. I do not even need to say this. Do you understand? With the heart of true



parents in the body of servants, sweat for the land, shed tears for what? [For humanity!] and blood for what? [For heaven!]. If I have tears, they are not for me but for heaven. If I have sweat, it is not for me but for heaven. If I shed blood, as long as I live, that blood is not for me but for heaven. When I started my mission, my parents, my wife, my

children and my teachers opposed me. How lonely I must have been, opposed by everyone I cared about. I have no friends or teachers. You must understand this. Do you think that True Mother really understands my path? Not really. That is why she has to absolutely obey me.

I have taken on all the responsibility so far. Do you understand? There is no way I can pay the debt that I owe God even if my bones and bone marrow shed sweat, tears and blood. You are robbers. You have lived so selfishly. I cannot bring you to heaven before I cut you open to operate on you to put things in their rightful places. You are rags. You are infested with maggots. So I have to clean those rags and make them into the carpets that can be put in the palace of Heaven's Kingdom. That is what I have to do. You must strain your nerves. Starting from the year 2001, times have changed.

Do not report to me who has died or who is doing what. I cannot just come without there being any conditions established. When we have our own nation, there will be very strict laws. There will be ten times stricter laws than the strictest laws in the world now. You have to pass through that in your lifetime on earth. Since you have such a path ahead of you, you really have to collect your minds. From now, do not just believe in me. Do not even pray for me. The age of prayer has passed. Do you understand? Prayers were answered in the time of the Second Coming. Since the Second Coming has guided you to the liberated realm, prayers are not necessary. Today's tasks are to make unity with the Parents of Heaven

and Earth and to realize the absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal will, the essential nature of true love. We must cooperate. If you do not wholesomely unite, you cannot even pray or report. We will expunge the word "prayer". You cannot come to a place like this if you do not have something good to report.

Until now, there are people who have sucked the blood of the members by using their positions as regional leaders and so on without any achievements of their own—no witnessing results of their own—and who spend public money as they please. When there are meetings, they are so glad to come, forgetting what they actually have to do. There are too many who have lived for free in the movement. If you have no achievements, you should not come to my meetings. If you do not have anything to report, do not come. Do you understand? Do not even greet me. I will not receive your greetings any more. What good is it? I have given you everything I can give you. Since I entirely understand God's will, I do not even pray. I have never really prayed for the past twenty-four years. Why should I pray when I understand everything? What should I ask for when I am given everything? Mother must have thought of me as strange.

In the new age, centering on prayer, I have worked to liberate God's direct-dominion authority by breaking down all that blocks the way. I have overcome them all. But you have not yet done so. Do you understand? For the ocean providence I used to fish from five in the morning until dark. These days, the fishing era is over, so I fish only for a couple of hours. And others also follow me and fish just for a couple of hours when they are supposed to do more. You rascals!

Since you are registered, you are tribal messiahs. If you are a Kim, you are the messiah to the Kim tribes. You must not be indebted. I do not like to owe anyone....

Chung Hwang Kwak, you are traveling around the world being welcomed everywhere you go on behalf of me. You are playing the top role. Who ever gave you a crown? You never dreamed of this, did you? You did it because I told you to. You did it because you had no other way. But now that things are starting to work, you are going around with a big smile on your face. Are you going around with a big smile or with tears? [Rev. Kwak: I have walked around with a big smile.] When you walk around with a big smile, have you thought of me? [Yes.] But I am still going around with tears, even now. I told you to be independent. I will have to cut down one third and then half of the fund. You have developed a bad habit. If you give free help to anyone, they can never make it on their own. They will want more. Hyun-jin must understand this point. You can push these second-generation people and give them one tenth or one hundredth of what they need. Even if they bleed, they still have to be grateful. What you have been accustomed to, especially your habitual way of thinking, will be crushed and thrown into utter chaos. Do you think you can do whatever you want to do? If it is okay to do whatever you want to do, don't you

think I would have taken such a road a long time ago? I was slandered and persecuted throughout this world. I have been chased here and there in the United States for the past thirty years. You must know this. You must understand what I am saying and be able to really discipline yourselves. That is why I push you and chastise you. I am telling you: If you don't like the way I do things, just pack your bags and leave.

Do you women here understand? You are all seminary graduates. Do you seminary graduates want to rise in this world? I am trying to save you from getting caught in Satan's traps. Hyun-jin, do you understand? You must understand this clearly. I have to get angry at you, push you and step on you. That can be the condition through which I can forgive you. Do you understand? If you accept such harsh insults gladly, the door will be open for you. If you do not accept them gladly, you will be blocked.

The spirit world will take many so-called distinguished people from now. Think about the Pacific zone. I might have you all go there. I might assign those who are in important leadership positions to be servants in the Pacific. Koreans, too, of course. If you don't like it, just leave. It is that simple. I do not ask you to do things to become indebted to you.

I know that I can pay you back more than a thousand times, that is why I am asking things of you.

Now, raise your hands. Open your mouth and laugh "ha, ha, ha" and clear up everything. You should be able to digest everything with joy in your heart. The time will come when you can report to me joyfully. The time to pray "in the name of so and so who has inherited True Parents' realm of victory through the blessing" has passed. Do you understand?

Now you say, "I report to you in the name of so and so, a central blessed family."

They should no longer be prayers, but reports.

You must have your own good achievements when you report. You cannot just ask for things like a beggar. You have to be able to give proud reports. You cannot pray without any achievements. Do you understand? Those who understand may put down your hands. Now you are laughing. You have been kicked and scared. But have you still laughed?

With joy or with sadness? [With joy.] Yes. Yes. Good for you. Good for you. There are some forty characters in the motto. Shall I make two lines? If I make two lines, it will be messy. Let me write here...◆

Father then wrote the motto for the year in one long line of characters.

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Photos of the True God's Day entertainment: Facing page, A choir made up of second and third generation blessed children who were attending a two-week workshop at Cheong Pyeong performs for True Parents on True God's Day evening; this page, above, True Parents grace the stage; accompanying photos, True Sons reveal their heart through song: from the top, Hyo-jin nim, Hyun-jin nim, Kook-jin nim, Hyung-jin nim

Coronation Ceremony for

January 13, 2001, Cheonseong Wanglim



The Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God was officiated by True Parents On January 13, 2001, at Cheonseong Wanglim Palace at Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. True Parents had arrived in Cheong Pyeong three days previously to direct the ceremony preparations with great enthusiasm, taking an interest in every detail.

Two separate offering tables with chairs were prepared on a tiered stage. An upper one for God, and below, chairs for True Parents at a separate offering table. The preparation of every minute detail meant that teams of people stayed up through the night making sure everything was perfectly arranged.

True Parents officiated at the ceremony. Participating in person were: the four True Children in the spirit world centering on Heung-jin nim; members of the True Family on earth: Hyo-jin nim, Hoon-sook nim, Yun-ah nim (Hyo-jin nim's wife), Dong-sook nim, Shin-il nim, Shin-mi nim's couple, Shin-sook nim (Sung-jin nim's wife and children); the four great saints' couples; four thousand family members in the main auditorium and perhaps equal or greater numbers in other rooms and hallways.

Music heralded the start of the ceremony just before 7:00 a.m.

A hundred and twenty couples, eighty of them Korean national messiah couples, lined the sides of the center aisle that led from the rear entrance of the hall to the stage. They wore robes in light and dark pink.

At 7:20 a.m. it was announced, "True Parents will now enter."

Hoon-sook nim and Yun-ah nim came in first, carrying crowns and royal gowns. Just behind them was Rev. Hwang Sun-jo holding a golden scepter. True Parents then entered the hall. Midway down the aisle, True Parents stopped to offer the first of three prayers during the ceremony.

The First Prayer

BELOVED Heavenly Father: Today, on the 13th day of a new millennium, as we hold the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother, may all the creation in heaven and

on earth and all blessed ancestors in the spirit world and their descendants on Earth become one in mind and body. As we are in the era of heart, the realm of the fourth Adam, going over the time of indemnifying historical grievances, we have entered an age in which we can open the gate to the Kingdom of Heaven by connecting a new heaven and new earth.

Because of the false parent, Satan, men and women have endured self-centered marriages. Thus, throughout human history You have been toiling and undergoing a shameful experience of grievance in which true love, true life and true lineage have been opposed and rejected. As a result, although You are Jehovah, the Lord of all humankind, our Father, Teacher, Master and King, until the present time, You have endured a course of indemnity and a path of restoration.

However, after True Parents came to earth, they took responsibility for all the wrongdoings of the false parents. They established conditions of victory on eight stages by traversing the history of indemnity, all the while looking forward to the day of hope. Through this, God could claim everything that was the sphere of activity of the false parent, Satan. Now, centered on True Parents' victorious foundation, through the blessing ceremony that changes the blood lineage from the lowest stage to the highest, we have linked that victorious foundation to all nations and the cosmos. Due to the grace of the blessing bestowed out of love, we laid foundations for the liberation of the struggling mind and body, the liberation of husband and wife, the liberation of siblings, and the liberation of a nation. And through this, we tore down all barriers between the spirit world and physical world. Now, You are standing on the victorious foundation after having paid all indemnity and are looking at the world of freedom and liberation [that is to be fully realized]. Now, a new Kingdom of Heaven can be united from the Earth to the spirit world through a true family, tribe, people, nation, world and cosmos. Through connecting the authority of the victorious True Parents and True Teacher, who linked Your Kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven to the True Master who is the Creator of heaven and earth, which represents the entirety of

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true kingship, I again would like to offer everything to You through this ceremony, and I plead with You to accept this with joy.

The spirit world has established a relationship of siblings centered on earth, between all the heavenly soldiers, angels and blessed families in the spirit world, and all blessed families connected to the central families that are linked to True Parents on earth. As we have restored the elder-son-ship, the elder son now has possession of the earth. Centered on the special authority of True Parents, the fallen world has inherited a triumphant realm of liberation, reversing dominion on every level from the individual to the cosmos. Through this, the liberated True Parents, centered on the True Parents of heaven and earth, and the liberated True Children on earth have become one in mind and body. Now to indemnify and liberate Your will and desire, which has the absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal subject nature of true love, we, as True Parents attending You, would like to offer You the ceremony of joy in which we can enthrone You according to the original standard.

With a joyful heart, please forget the history of human sin, and stand on the victorious foundation of liberation. Centered on the realm of victory, where we can be united as one by heart in the ideal of love, we offer You this congratulatory ceremony. Through this You can exercise Your authority upon the nation and the entire universe. This is to liberate Your transcendence, immanence, full authority and almightiness, and restore You to Your original position. And thus wishing that You would rejoice in accepting this, I sincerely report all of this in the name of True Parents. Amen! Amen! Amen!

At 7:11 a.m., Hoon-sook nim and Yun-ah nim received the scepter from Rev. Hwang, and placed it, and then also the crowns and royal gowns, on the chairs reserved for God. True Parents said, "Now God will come down and sit on His throne, attended by Heung-jin nim, blessed relatives of True Parents in the spirit world, the saints and their families." True Parents took seven steps for-

ward to light the holy candles. There were two special holy candles and the seven traditional holy candles on God's offering table. They then offered full bows to God, followed by a proclamation prayer:

The Second Prayer

BELOVED Father! In order to restore what was lost in the fall of Adam and Eve, the True Parents traversed the hills of indemnity on the eight stages from the level of the individual to that of the family, tribe, people, nation, world, cosmos and God. Going beyond the national level that Jesus desired to establish, we even went over the level of the world. And now, centered on the United Nations, based on the foundation of non-governmental organizations, representing all humanity, through which God can reign, the course of education is completed. Centered on the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (WANGO), we connected the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) and established sovereignty, a people and a land that represent the Heavenly Kingdom on earth. By so doing, we prepared a foundation for the restoration of Your fatherland on earth and in Heaven.

Based on this foundation, at Cheong Pyeong in Korea, blessed families on earth are inheriting their ancestors' merit and are receiving the grace of the registration blessing. This takes us over the boundary of the division of South Korea and North Korea, transcends the level of Jesus' victory on the realm of Israel, and allows a world-level registration that takes us beyond the world and its history of offering material (the Old Testament Age) and sons and daughters (the New Testament Age). Now, centered on the blessed families, we have separated from the world of Satan and, as the heavenly lineage, we have entered a new age. In this new age we can become a model and set the standard of ownership centered on the standard of Your love expressed from the individual level on up through the eight stages.

Through this, the True Parents have restored through indemnity everything that the false parents destroyed on

earth. They have opened countless doors that had been closed on earth and in the spirit world. And by True Parents being equipped with the authority of liberation, all humankind, including individuals, families, tribes, peoples, nations and the world, have come to one point, connected to the True Parents in a relationship of heart. We are so grateful that we could offer everything to You on this 13th day of the new millennium, in the name of the True Parents, centered on the condition of the Total Living Sacrificial Offering, in which all of the lost creation was restored through indemnity.

Heavenly Father, You can now settle in peace. You can exercise Your authority, not just in the position of the master who has dominion over the creation. You also stand on the foundation of kingship, transcending the spirit world and physical world, and the past three ages. You stand in a free and autonomous position through the foundation of accomplishing all You wanted to fulfill in Adam's family. This accords with the original ideal of creation, at the point where heaven and earth became one. In the coronation ceremony of kingship, let the blessed families belong to the realm of Your love and authority. As we enter the age in which we can be liberated, Heavenly Father, please receive the glory of the ages and fill the entire cosmos with the glory of Your victory. I sincerely, sincerely, sincerely wish and pray for this in the name of True Parents.

At this hour, the True Parents have restored through indemnity the authority that comes with coronation through the coronation ceremony of kingship. We offer it to You in the position of Your original standard of authority. Father, we are grateful that we could offer You this ceremony. We plead with You that through this day; the self-governing, liberated Heaven may be connected within the realm of Your love. Here, True Parents can act and exercise authority in every way in accord with the promised and proclaimed standards.

Again, I express my gratitude that You joyfully have accepted everything that has been prepared during this ceremony. Please guide all the blessed spirit world and blessed families on earth to unite. I offer everything directly to You, centered on the tradition. It is the tradition through which God's will—whose subject nature of true love is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal—is fulfilled. It is centered on three conditions: the True Parents' blood lineage that will continue for ten thousand generations, all relationships among people, and all things that are public. I proclaim that you are the King of Kings and that You can bring peace and prosperity for eternity, as the lord of the coronation ceremony of kingship, with the heart of the True Parents transcending ten million years of history. I plead that You would let the proclamation be fulfilled as proclaimed.

With an earnest mind and heart of True Parents, I am reporting and proclaiming all of this. Amen!

At 7:30, True Parents said, "Please be the Lord of Kingship, in the name of True Parents" and offered bows before God. They then lit the holy candles on True Parents' offering table. True Mother then offered a full bow to True Father.

At 7:37, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak spoke as follows: "The first part of the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God has been concluded. No one other than True Parents fully understands this ceremony, and no one other than True Parents could have fulfilled it. Since no one else is qualified to officiate, True Parents have supervised the entire ceremony themselves.

On the foundation of the lives of True Parents as filial children, as loyal servants, as saints and as a holy man and woman, they have held this ceremony and liberated God. As sinful and wanting as we are before the Parents of Heaven and Earth, we are not qualified to participate in this ceremony. Thanks to the tremendous forgiveness and love of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, however, we are allowed to participate. Therefore, we must bring limitless honor to God, who has regained the original Kingship, and pledge to resemble the Parents of Heaven and Earth in our absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

We will begin the second ceremony, through which we will offer our deepest thanks to our honorable True Parents who have enabled God to regain His throne as our almighty and all-capable God."

At 7:39, representing heaven and earth, Hoon-sook nim and Yun-ah nim offered bows. Heung-jin nim, Young-jin nim, Hye-jin nim and Hee-jin nim in the spirit world, and Hyo-jin nim's couple and the other True Children came out before the offering table to make full bows. These were followed by full bows from the Old

and New Testament age representatives, 72-couple representatives, 124-couple representatives, Completed Testament age and future "Sadu" [a special priestly position conferred only by Father] representatives, representatives of the central nations in God's providence, representatives of the six continents, representatives of the major religions in God's providence, representatives of the world mission countries, representatives of True Parents' relatives, representatives of the Abel realm, representatives of the Cain realm, and finally by all the participating members. Everyone then recited the Family Pledge together.

The Third Prayer

WE stand in front of the Beloved Heavenly True Parent. Humanity on earth is united as one, and the True Parents on earth and the blessed families both in spirit world and on earth are united with the True Parent as one mind and one body. This is centered on the year 2001, which is the beginning of the third millennium. This was expressed through this year's motto: "May the absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal will, which is the subject nature of true love, be accomplished through the liberated Parents of Heaven and Earth



and children uniting in one mind and one body." It was also expressed in the speech given on True God's Day. Let all beings accept these words as the words that are spoken by God and the True Parents on earth, united in one mind and body before all humanity. Since the physical world on earth has received the time that became a root in which God can now be crowned as King, blessed families at the present time have come to stand in the position of perfected Adam from the direct lineage of God. They can attend the kingship of heaven and earth. Therefore, from the standpoint of the people of all nations, as this report is being made we receive a new historical age in which we can close our prayer by reporting in our personal name as a central blessed family.

When we look back, we understand the lamentable situation of the Old Testament Age, in which God and Satan had to share physical materials together. We understand the lament of the New Testament Age, in which the mind and body of Jesus Christ had to be divided, leaving still to be united the spirit world in the position of mind and the physical world in the position of body. After World War II, the spirit world and the physical

world should have been united, restoring this fallen world as an original ideal world, through indemnity. Further, in the name of the True Parents, the coronation ceremony of kingship should have been held then, liberating the Heavenly Parent thereafter. The disunity of the Protestant churches and Catholic Church, and of the oriental and the occidental worlds immediately after World War II has now been indemnified. On that condition, after I reached eighty years of age, in the year when two thousand years had passed, and in



the first year of a new third millennium, the history of Jesus' grievance is now erased through the number thirteen. The number thirteen comprises the number 12 (Jesus' 12 disciples) plus the center number, one. However, not just because it has passed over the level of Rome and even of the world, but because this ceremony of coronation has also been held by determining the center number thirteen, it sets a condition to bring liberation to both heaven and earth.

We now have the last stretch to go until the year 2010 or 2012. During this period, we are making the Total Living Sacrificial Offering in order to [symbolically] return everything that we have received on earth. We do this until You, Heavenly Father, can claim Your homeland, by bringing the planet earth into unity and proclaiming the restoration of Your fatherland. Until then, we are in the breathtaking stage of investing every ounce of our energy and heart to bring the unification of South Korea and North Korea. Through this we are to organize our final days, in which the unification of the United Nations and of the spirit world and physical world connect on a lineal axis.

Because we have crowned God through the coronation ceremony of kingship, please mobilize the entirety of the religious realms of spirit world. As You have entered the age of

self-disclosure—in which we can receive the blessing of peace on earth—exercising transcendence, immanence, full authority and almightiness, let the True Parents on earth keep the self-disclosed authority over the spirit world and physical world. As You look forward to the age of victory and liberation that aligns heaven and earth, let the newly blessed families this January throughout the world and in the spirit world become one body and mind centered on You. We have now entered the age of a new creation. It holds the position of the [fourth] elder son, based on the earthly foundation of Adam's realm. Now the settlement on earth and the spirit world in the position of the parent and kingship can restore eldership and youngerson-ship and thus enable the authority of the younger son to replace that of the elder son in relation to the standard necessary for connecting their generations.

God was cast to the farthest corner. The True Parents have now raised Him to the highest pinnacle through the Coronation Ceremony. Further, all of the words that You desired to speak were finally proclaimed, and all matters from the salvation of the Heavenly Kingdom to the unification of the

individual, family, tribe, people, nation, world and cosmos are known. Thus, please exercise Your full authority and substantiate Your realms on earth. And in the name of True Parents, please allow the blessed central families, who obtained the authority from the final victory, to enter the age of liberation on the cosmic level, the final stage that consummates everything.

Centered on the sovereign nation of the True Parent in heaven and the True Parents on earth, through this opportunity, the True Parents wish and pray that the children

of the direct lineage, as the royal family attending God with everyone in the spirit world in accordance with Your original ideal of creation, would bestow the same blessing upon the earthly blessed families, through the triumphant condition of kingship that is now established, and thus bring eternal peace and prosperity to humankind. Accordingly, with Your own authority and privilege as the One sitting on the throne of kingship with the power to give blessings to all humankind, we earnestly, earnestly wish and pray that You would realize all of this, and Your promise as well.

Starting from the first year of this new millennium, from tomorrow, in whatever we embark upon, please allow all of the Unification blessed families to wave a flag of victory. In the name of heavenly ambassadors and heavenly governors, who can govern all nations, let them become liberators achieving victory upon victory. While humbly and earnestly requesting all of this, as being united as one between the Heavenly Parent in heaven and the True Parents on earth, through this opportunity, we report, report and report, and proclaim, proclaim and proclaim. Amen! Amen! Amen.

At 8:07, the Parents of Heaven and Earth were presented with

the congratulatory telegrams, plaques of appreciation and gifts from various present and former heads of states and other dignitaries, from WANGO (World Association of NGOs) and other organizations, and from the representatives of the mission nations.

At 8:09, second-generation 36-couple Chung Jin-hwa and Lee Hye-un offered flowers as an expression of gratitude to the Parents of Heaven and Earth. After True Parents cut the celebration cake, everyone joined in three cheers of Mansei, for God's Coronation, the victorious Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the Liberation of the Cosmos.

At 8:13, there was a ceremony for God to receive what was on the offering table. True Father said, "In that the ceremony of God's coronation is being held, God's Kingdom on earth can come about. Do you understand?" True Father gave rice cakes first to Mother, then to Hyo-jin nim, Yun-ah nim, Hoon-sook nim, Dong-sook nim, Shin-il nim, Shin-mi nim and Shin-sook nim. From the offering tables, food was then shared with the men and women attendants and with all those in attendance.

Father's Words (Excerpts)

WHAT ARE we celebrating today? (The Coronation of God!) Who did the coronation? (God!) Can True Parents do this by themselves? We can hold this ceremony

because all the people on earth and in heaven were blessed and form a homogeneous nation.

Therefore, to do that, religions from Judaism, to the second Israel centering on Christianity, to Korea, went through the realm of the first, second and third Israel and the Old, New and Completed Testament eras. The Completed Testament is the era of the blessing of all. Because of the fall of the human ancestors, the creation made by God in the beginning could not stand in the realm of blessing. God taught people by establishing numerous religions, leading them through the salvation providence and raising them step-by-step to the era of the Completed Testament.

The people of the peripheral religions were not aware of this. Only Judaism and Christianity paved the road of serving God as our Father. And in the failed history of Adam and Eve, only one son was born on earth whose blood lineage God could love. The elder son was born. Although the son was born, no "only daughter" appeared. God struggled greatly throughout the four thousand year salvation history. It can be said that God created Adam again. After making Adam, God created Eve as Adam's counterpart. God created Eve by imitating Adam, applying the same principle and blueprint used when creating Adam.

The Bible says that God created Eve by taking the rib of Adam. It means that God adopted the core of Adam to create Eve. God found His only son through the direct lineage of love, but did not find His only daughter. After finding Eve, God would have restored fallen history through a family. God prepared Jacob, twelve tribes thought of as the chosen people and Israel, to establish the nation. Jacob's twelve children gained ground and expanded the area of victory. This was the nation of Israel and Judaism until Jesus' advent.

The nation of Israel was external and Cain-like, while Judaism was internal and Abel-like. The mother would be

chosen on the foundation of Cain and Abel. After that, by serving Jesus, Israel and Judaism would unite as Cain and Abel. Then, centering on the blessed family, a clan and nation would have been established. Nobody can deny this. Even though Rome dominated the world, it would have been no match for this. External things are like flesh, while internal things are like bones. Flesh cannot defeat bones. Centering on Israel, the unity of all nations and the liberation of God would have been achieved two thousand years ago. But, because Jesus couldn't form a family by restoring Eve, Israel and all prepared things were destroyed.

Because the foundation of people was lost, Israel perished. And in the seventh century, the religion of Islam emerged among the central people. Muslims were brothers but became adversaries. Ishmael and Isaac were direct descendants of Abraham. But they became enemies and fought throughout history. They fought centering on Jerusalem, and Israel was lost.

If Cain and Abel had achieved peace in Jesus' time, the history of war between the left wing and right wing on the national level would have been solved on earth and in the spirit world. But because the prepared nation, Israel, failed, Christianity became the second Israel. Because Jesus lost his body, Christianity representing the spirit world expanded its influence worldwide.

After World War II, Christian culture unified the world. By unifying the world, the era in which the mind and body can become one arrived. Satan was completely conquered. The allied nations and opposing nations could have been restored to God. Centering on this foundation, if Catholics and Protestants had become one representing Christian

culture and welcomed the Second Advent of the Messiah; the world would have been united by 1952, seven years after 1945. The Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God would have been held at that time...

So, who can bring order to this world? God could not interfere with the fall as it took place in the Garden of Eden. Further, God could not interfere with Satan's marriage. Likewise even in the Last Days, there is no way God can interfere. If one is sick, one cannot survive without eliminating the root source of the disease. Since false love, false life, and false parents were created, True Parents have to reject these and restore love, life and lineage through indemnity. What does it mean when one says, "those who seek death will live"? Until the indemnity is complete, those who live in the world of death and who walk to the edge of death with the spirit and energy to say, "even if I die, I will still have the energy to live," will live. There is no resurrection for those who find death sad and fearful and run away.

That is why the Bible says that those who seek death... (... will live!) And those who seek life (...will die!). That doesn't sound too good. Then, what about God? What if God takes the position where He seeks death? (He will live!) He will live. If God seeks to live then there is no consummation. What about me? It is the same. If I decide to live, I will die, and if I seek death...? (You will live!) That is the case. Do you think about whether Reverend Moon of the Unification Church thinks about being the Messiah or True Parents? If I did, I would



have to die every day. What do you think? If we seek death, there would be a huge commotion everywhere, everyday. But it makes sense to say we should seek death, even in the environment where it is not possible. Those who seek death should form ties that are closely associated with Heaven and Satan, according to the time periods of three stages....

What about those who want to enter the Kingdom of Heaven? Is it the same? [Yes, the same.] Because I wore a heavy crown this morning, my head hurts, so please answer quickly! In order for Him to save even one man, even God must go through circumstances of death. He must throw down a rope and pull up the one who has fallen off the cliff, with all His might. For God and us to live, we must have that standard.

God has gone through death so many times. Those who want to go to the Kingdom of Heaven must be able to go through such hardships. So in the end, God must tire out before you. Who is older, God or you? God is the oldest, right? We must cling to the rope and reach the highest ground. How difficult would this be? By the time we make it to the top by climbing up the rope, God will collapse from the exertion. Then what should we do? Should we carry Him on our backs and take Him to the hospital? If there is no hospital, we must do whatever we can on our own to save Him. We can pray, or we can go over the hill of suffering.

Who is the Messiah and Savior? Should he relax and enjoy life, or should he go through suffering so that God can rest? Can a person who enjoys life and allows God to die as a result be the Messiah? So, if I suffer, should Unification Church members play around and enjoy life? Should people who play around go to the Kingdom of Heaven or to Hell? [Hell.] Life and death are at hand, and they just want to live a comfortable life. We should say that we all will die together. If we do, then we all can live. A person should not say that only he should live.

If it is absolutely certain that a father wants to give his life to his son, that son must follow that father to the end. If he does not, in the end they will separate. If the father wants to die and the son wants to live, what will happen? Will they separate or not? If the father's act is different from the son's act, it becomes an act of Hell. The grandson born through that kind of son cannot even come to his grandfather to give him a kiss.

Among the Unification Church members, is there anyone who wants to suffer more than me? Western members in particular must desire to receive more persecution than I have. Did you come here to go sightseeing? Or did you come here to listen to me and go through a suffering course?...

What is today's topic? The coronation of God's kingship. The speech before the coronation is finished now. No matter what, you must go the way of suffering. You must learn what the course for you is after God's coronation. So the problem is lineage. Say "*Pit-chul*" [*Pit-chul*] What does it mean in English? Blood lineage. Say "Blood Lineage." [Blood lineage.] That is the most important. Kingship is not important. Parentship is not important. Society and government are not important. School is not important. The many nations of this world still belong to Satan and not God....

From now on, whether you like it or not, no matter how you look at it, whether you are oriental, a westerner or black, you must listen to me because you are having a lot of trouble. You decided not to stand in a place of difficulty. Today you

decided to stand with me and your determination should not change. You must have affection.

The clothes you are wearing (light and dark pink gowns) look like the color of the flowers in Jesus' paradise. This symbolizes Jesus Christ. White symbolizes God. Green symbolizes the Holy Spirit. That is why nature is green. The ocean is blue and the mountains are green. The sky is blue. Pink flowers and white flowers look fine together. You are wearing such a symbol. You should not be ashamed of yourselves. You must have strong shining lights so that bees and butterflies are attracted by you. This is my sincere wish. (Amen!) Please try!

A person who prays, "I pray in the name of a central blessed family" must resolve all the problems with families, tribes, people, the nation, world and cosmos. Centering on my clan and tribe, we can guide our nation.

If there is a palace in Satan's nation, we must build a better palace. Don't you agree? [Yes.] The blessing offering fund cannot be touched. Even I will not touch that fund. I will spend that money to build a palace where all your descendants and all people can freely settle, and a place of government, a parliament...

What is a filial son? He is a son who dies for his parents. What is a patriot? He dies for his king. It is the same for



saints and sages. You should write this important teaching in your notebook. What is this year's motto? The liberated Parents of Heaven and Earth, True Parents and liberated children tightly unite into one. There is no gap in this union, no gap for water to enter. There is no gap for air to seep in. There is no gap for light to come in. After uniting into one, then what? [True love.] Indeed, true love comes next. After the Parents of Heaven and Earth become one and parents and children become one, true love can come alive. True love is one mind and one body. Within true love, the center is the

subject. May we accomplish the center of subjectivity. This is not only one year's motto, but every one must practice this truth for a three-thousand-year period.

Do think this motto is good or bad? Am I dumb? Through this time, blessed families have the registration ceremony for the transition of the four-position foundation over three eras and three generations. This is all you need. Today all things of the new millennium are liberated, but God is not yet liberated and True Parents are not yet liberated. Nonetheless, the Parents of Heaven and Earth and children are liberated, so you should not be afraid. Even if you are locked up, you must not be afraid. I am so curious about heaven that I want to go to the Kingdom of Heaven as quickly as possible....

Today, by having God's kingship ceremony, the nation has changed. For the providence, should we be worried or not? (Not.) Then who should be worried? God has been pained with resentment. We need to be the supporting force so that God can do whatever He wants to do. Why does God do that? This morning I had a very busy schedule so you should have wakened me and come with me. Sons and daughters should prepare for parents to have the kingship ceremony. Now God must have full authority centering on this kingship...

You should not follow your bodily desires. "My body, my body." Even if my body bursts into tears, you should just be grateful. Why tears? If you don't want to die, pray to be willing to die. Jesus went the same way...

From now, you have to abide by an immutable law, even

to the point of dying. This is the law that one must not stain the blood lineage.

The second point is not to infringe upon human rights due to a mistake in the area of personnel changes. Male or female, black or white, everyone is equal. One must not discriminate or violate human rights. For this reason, the leaders of the Unification Church have convened here. Regional leader or national messiah status doesn't mean that you have the right to change someone's position according to your own desire.

There are plenty of people whose ancestors are better in nature than the ancestors of the regional leaders and national messiahs. Hence, I hesitate to move people around. When I do, however, I select from the highest level. Do not infringe upon human rights. Wherever I go, I do not discriminate against blacks or those who did not complete college. The person who practices true love, realizing human rights in the correct way, possessing love for the sake of others, is in the mainstream. The creation of heaven and earth began from that point. I cannot forgive the act of diluting and squandering this main current of thought. This is the second of all sins.

The third point is to refrain from stealing public money. It means not to use public funds to fulfill selfish desires. There are three types of sin, and of those who go to jail, at least 70 percent go for this reason. Will you understand this only after being put into jail? Human rights infringement and lineage violation are problems concerning men and women. Then come the money problems. Following these are the problems dealing with power. Money, knowledge and power have ruled.

Article I of the constitution of the Kingdom of Heaven is that you will not stain the blood lineage. The purpose is to preserve the lineage, keeping it completely clean. It means to maintain the purity of blood lineage for eternity. From this point, the blessed blood lineage that has been inherited through God's love and God's life cannot be contaminated by actions immersed in the habitual pattern of the fallen world. Can you abide by the rule? (Yes.) All those couples that are certain to follow the rule, regardless of whether you're a man, even if you are not sitting with your spouse, all those who are willing to keep your lineage from being stained, close your eyes so that only God can see you and make a determination. Raise your hand firmly and pledge.

You must not forget this memorial day. Even if there is a quarrel between a husband and a wife, if you provoked it, you must resolve everything by January 13th. Once you understand this, you must abide by this principle even if you have to die one thousand times. Think of this moment as a time of making unbreakable, impermeable determination.

The second point is not to violate human rights, and the third point is not to steal public money, using public property for yourself. When you see something you desire, even if gold falls from a building, you're committing this sin if you use it to purchase something. You cannot use it for your own desire. It is public money. Even if you bring it to me as a church offering, I would not accept it. Even if I received it through Mother, I would not spend it. This is more fearful and terrible than poisonous drugs. You will surely be caught when you go to the spirit world.

If there is anyone here to whom this applies, you should repent for everything before this year passes. The most fearful thing is Article I of the constitution, which is to maintain the pure lineage. You must not stain it. There are many

possessions of women that can be taken away (but not that). If you women carry a knife, you must stop the act by stabbing any part of the enemy's body within reach of your hand. Don't take his life, but if he still continues the behavior, defend yourself strongly. Lineage is more precious than life.

What's the first? Purity! Second? Abuse of human rights! Third? Misuse of public money! On this memorial day, in order to maintain the sovereign power, the kingship of heaven, and to stand before it as a people, parents, wife

and children, and brothers and sisters, this is absolutely necessary. Therefore, you cannot neglect your older brother. You cannot neglect your younger brother merely because he is handicapped. You cannot neglect in-laws or relatives. The world neglects everyone, doesn't it? You who graduated from a university neglect those who only completed high school. This violates human rights. Following that offense is the misuse of public money. The misappropriation of national property! This is a sin having to do with public money.

You already took a large amount from the public funds, didn't you? You all don't do work yet are hoping that I will allow you to go home once a month, or once a week, right? The poor new Unification Church members. They come to this place and what is it to which they are contributing? All the troublemakers gather here seeking a comfortable place to sleep, without even following the rules and regulations. That completely destroys the public environment. This is equivalent to misuse of national property. It is horrible. Those who lead such a lifestyle will not succeed regardless of how much they try to live a good life. Try living such a way. No matter how much you pray to God, you will not be able to evangelize effectively. Even if you bring a guest, he or she will come as far as the front door and turn back and leave.

The whole universe dislikes those who incur a debt. Do you like to be in debt? Within your clan, if one person from



the Kim clan induces a problem for everyone else and causes the clan to fall into debt, who would like it? Later on the Kim clan will nail him upside down. This time will come.

So do you understand the three points? (Yes). Count the number of determinations you have made in your heart, one, two, three... one, two, three... one, two three... try it a several times. Do you pledge to do that? Purity, equality for all people, and never misappropriate national property. You must understand everything well and make it your habit. You will avoid such mistakes only when you reach the stage in which, as soon as your mouth and eyes open, these words come out.

There is no doubt you will face these challenges in life. There will probably be many such circumstances, but if you make an effort to abstain from violating the law, the challenges will turn you into a victorious person; therefore I won't have to tell you anything. Amen! [Amen.] This is the conclusion.

So, what do we do next? Where are you going to reside? You want to live well, right? Do you consider living alone to be a good life? (We have to live together.) Of what does a life lived together, a happy life, consist? I ask you, for a good life built based upon the official law of God, with what group of people must you live and in what kind of environment? It is simple. There are three answers. The parent-child relationship, conjugal relationship and brother-sister relationship, with brothers and sisters in the position of children to the parents.

This is why one's family has a mother and a father, then from that couple there are sons and daughters. Therefore you have the brother-sister relationship because you stand before the same mother and father. In my eyes, third cousins, the in-laws and all the cousins, and so on including all people are related, having a brother-sister relationship.

Therefore, once the parent-child relationship and conjugal relationship are connected, brothers and sisters will automatically come to exist. The relationships within this wide range of humankind may be called brother-sister relationships. They must live a good life in harmony. To live a virtuous life, guidance is necessary. Each person has to be an example for the others. That defines virtuous living. If you cannot become a model for others, you are not leading a true life. This turns your life into a debt. If you serve as a good model, if your life can serve as an example before the mother and the father, the husband and wife, and children, then you are living a virtuous life.

The day will come when the king of heaven and the king of the earth will visit the family that is living an exemplary life. The time will come when the nation will recognize the family within its borders living the best life. The family receiving recognition will have three generations that form a perfected four-position foundation.

The time will come when the president will present an award in a family's home. There are three relationships, those of parent and child, husband and wife, and among the children. Brother-sister relationships are a consequence of the harmony of all these relationships. Therefore, whether in a brother-sister relationship or children's relationship, to become a person standing in the position of subject, you influence others



positively such that not even one person can live without you. If it is true say "Amen" and if it's not true say "No-men". [Amen!]. Raise your hands and say it again. [Amen!]. A-men! A-men! Mansei to the enthronement of Heavenly Father!

No matter what you may encounter, even if you are confronted with death, even if you are accused as a traitor and executed, if you keep these things absolutely, then your family will belong to the heavenly royal family that possesses unabated freedom, unity and liberation. I want you to remember this clearly. Keep these as a motto. In the motto of the third millennium, I mentioned pure lineage, then the equality of human rights, and next the preservation of national public assets. That means do not be thieves. What is next? Be an example! Be an exemplary parent, exemplary spouse, exemplary children and exemplary siblings. If your cousins, nephews, relatives are doing well, then your children will follow their example. If you form such a family, people in your village will say, "We should follow that person. I want to live with him." Then that person is surely a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven and Heaven will remember him.

I am also living that way. Wherever I go, whenever I see a grandpa or grandma, I want to serve them and buy them a meal, because I was not able to attend my own grandparents. So, it is not an easy life, but my foundation becomes bigger and bigger because God is on my side. More and more people flock around me and are concerned about me wherever I go. Many years have passed and now even grandpas and grandmas, old people who are almost about to die, await me. Even the village dogs do not bark but want to follow me around.

If you live a life of goodness to the degree that dogs do not bark at you but want to be coddled by you, then people will be close to you also. Why would people oppose the master of love? They want to be close. You have to make it so. Even the passing birds would feel the same. Am I right or wrong?

I explained to you on this historical day, the day of the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God, the three most important things that humankind must uphold and by which you can be truly liberated in your family and in your nation. Thus, I hope you can remember these memorable points and keep them as the goals of your life. [Amen!] (Applause.) May you realize all the things to which you say "Amen." Amen!◆

Photos: facing page, True Parents sing at the coronation day entertainment; below, the cultural celebration featured entertainment and musical arts from around the world

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On Taking Ownership

Hyun Jin Moon

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Hyun-jin nim asked us to carry some of the content from this speech in Today's World, and we are pleased to offer an excerpt from this heartfelt message to leaders from last year. We believe these words reveal some of Hyun-jin nim's deepest concerns and the course he is steering toward the future. They are especially relevant in light of the greater mantle of responsibility he is assuming.

BECAUSE of Father's absolute obedience to and faith in Heavenly Father, we are standing victoriously at this new age. At any one point, Father could have lost hope. How much weight must have been pressing down upon his shoulders! Only based on his absolute dedication to God's will can we stand here today.

This new age could not have been ushered in without the single-minded focus and dedication that True Father had. We can never forget our root. This is the root of our movement. Although, these are difficult times, it is because of that past period that we are able to stand here. I am not going to be apologetic. God's providence is victorious. The only way from now is upward: victory after victory!

But, if we are to harness our efforts, we have to be willing to let go of our cynical attitude and pessimism, to look up and see the possibility, and to not hold on to the heavy weight of the period of restoration. It was steadfast determination and dedication that brought us to this point.

The theme of my inaugural tour [as CARP president] was "Inheritance and Development." Inheritance means what, though not the original plan of God, was necessary because of the failure of Christianity. As members of the second generation, we have to understand this, because it is the firm base upon which we will build. Without a base, without an axis, we cannot build for the future.

In America, do we understand the vertical foundation? We make the mistake of being disjointed from history, God's providence, and the course of God's will and expectation. This vertical tradition is absolutely important, because we have to know our axis and root. We need to know the vertical tradition of heart, which is based on the familial model.

The settlement age is the age of the family. Other religions are from the time of restoration. They focus on an individual's path, because Adam and Eve fell when on an individual base. Even the Unification Church, during the past era, focused on an individual's relationship with God. The original purpose of creation was to establish an ideal family. Yet, before that was to be established, restoration of the individual was necessary. Only through Father's revelation can we understand that our spirituality is not individual but familial. This is meaning of the settlement age.

People from the second generation said, "The first generation messed up. We can do better!" Also, in the same way, we had our own national perspective; our focus was on our

own individual nationalistic perspective: "We can solve all the problems if only these Korean and Japanese leaders go back to their country." This is the time of settlement. The first generation are the parents to the second generation. The second generation are the children of the first generation. Our destiny is absolutely tied together. If we look at things from a family perspective, it makes perfect sense. If we look at them from an individual point of view, we create separation, interest groups and division. Division and conflict not only between generations but also horizontally.

Can we deny our brothers and sisters? We are tied together by blood, which is what gives us our identity. Isn't that why there is a providence to restore the blood lineage that connects and binds us? We can't change these relationships, which are absolute and immutable. Can we say that we don't like these people because we don't like this and that? We can't criticize them because they are our family, from which our identity springs.

Because the advent of True Parents was not firmly recognized, what should be the brotherhood of mankind has instead been a state of constant fighting: People have not recognized that their blood lineage, their identity, is from the same source and shares the same essence.

If we look from the perspective of family, can we have these divisions? That is why the age of settlement is the time to change from an individual to a family perspective.

Unlike other denominations and religions, we focus on the four realms of heart and three kingdoms. The whole point of

establishing Abel was for the sake of Cain and the whole. But so many religious leaders focused on individual salvation even at the expense of others. Can we have this kind of exclusive understanding of spirituality in this new age? If we have a family perspective, then spirituality becomes inclusive. This goes back to the ideal of true love, living for the sake of others.

Father said we go through three life stages. In the womb, the essence of life is water, which maintains life there. Once we come out, the essence of life is air and the shell that maintains life is the body. In the spiritual world, the essence is true love and the shell that maintains eternal life is family.

There are many ways of learning, but one that gives you ownership of knowledge is experience. Who knows more about raising children, a woman who has twelve children, or a woman who has a Ph.D. and has read many books? The Principle is not conceptual, but it absolutely can be substantiated. That is why our dream is not a conceptual dream but is an unquestionably substantial dream. By having the experience of true love, we can realize this dream. If you come from a stable loving family with all the proper relationships of parent to child, brother to sister, and husband to wife established centering on true love, then you can say, "My family is the Kingdom of Heaven." That is not conceptual but concrete.

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The family is the substantial school where we gain insight into and experience true love. Don't we have to experience this and substantiate it in our blessed families and in our movement?

What is the first experience of love that we feel and experience and have ownership over? It is vertical. Yet, somehow in America and in many parts of world, that was lost. We appreciate the horizontal more than the vertical. Was it like that forty years ago when Christianity was still strong?

Now families are separated, fragmented. The most fundamental relationship, the vertical, is being lost. That is why I emphasized Inheritance and Development. Not development at the expense of inheritance, because we have to understand our root and who we are. Having grown up in America, I know popular culture. Young people commonly act as if they can create their own identity. And as though they can cut something off if they do not like it. But we should think about this carefully. Is our identity something we can create or something that is given to us? Did we choose to be man or woman, son or daughter to our parents, or the first, second or third son? No, we did not. Our identity, who and what we are, is given to us. It is our responsibility to take that challenge and accept our destiny.

I told young people, the second generation of our movement, "No matter how much you would like things to be different, the fact is that you are a blessed child and your essence cannot change. Don't run away from who you are! Accept your destiny. With the rise of the settlement age, the age of youth is coming. Instead of being timid and afraid, embrace your destiny in the context of God's providence and move forward with courage."

God does not move at random or in response to circumstances. God had already planned out what it means to be a man and what it means to be a woman. God had already planned out the structure of a family: parent, child, husband, and wife. What is it that the Principle teaches that other denominations do not talk about? Why did Father talk about ideal family for fifty years and explain clearly what the ideal relationships should be?

It is because there is a clear expectation for each position. There is a clear expectation in each position of our identity of who and what we should be. I know that modern society has confused everything. Instead of recognizing value in terms of true love, which God sees, we look based on position, wealth, career, etc. What has happened to our society, to our fundamental moral value system? To our institutions? What institution is being rent asunder? It is the family. The priority is no longer placed upon true love but on extra-curricular, non-essential values and that goes directly to the core of breakdown of the family.

Isn't that why we have so many problems between men and women? I have never been able to understand this, even though I grew up in America. When the value system is centered on true love, our differences are not the essential point. The differences between a man and woman are devalued. There is nothing more precious than the value of a mother, a wife, because she becomes the center of the family. Isn't that the case? From my own personal experience, I am much closer to Mother than Father. Don't children feel closer to their mother? Isn't the mother the educator of the children? Isn't she making an investment in the future for that family and society?



She is playing a tremendously crucial role! Who has the greater ability to do that? Women. Because they are more "heartistic" and less rigid, they can relate to characteristics that are more diverse; and because they are more nurturing of character and ability, they can nurture in the realm of love. Many times, I've heard that a woman can do things just as well as a man. Maybe she can. Who cares? Value is determined by distinction. If man and woman are not different, where is the value?

Instead of educating them in this way, however, what are American parents telling their daughters? "You are just as good as a man." They are comparing them to men, taking away their unique sense of being a woman, daughter, wife, and mother.

The institution of the family is being rent asunder here in America instead of being maintained. True educators are no longer taking time to educate children in proper values. The center of unity, the axis, is no longer there. So young people suffer. When you talk about true love, it is not just something between a man and a woman. Only thinking in terms of similarity is totally missing the point. Value is derived from differences. Isn't that why every child is different and unique? Isn't it from that uniqueness that we derive value and recognize the contribution that is being made? This is something we have to reflect upon more deeply.

The family should be resurrected. We have to resurrect these values here first before we can create the right type of movement to move the nation of America, before we begin the ideal family revolution in the world.

When I went to *hoon dok hae* conferences and spoke to world leaders, I wasn't apologetic and didn't fawn over them but went straight to the point: Look at the reality of America today. Although we have entered the twenty-first century, although we say America is the greatest nation, if you look at every community and part of society, you see types of crime and breakdown that you did not see twenty or thirty years ago. Now we hail the Internet age and the booming

economy, while reaping the fruits of prosperity. But do not be ignorant, do not fail to see the problems lurking under this thin veneer.

Who is driving this new economy, this Internet economy, and who are the leaders of new politics? Even George W. Bush and Al Gore are second generation politicians [their Fathers were also politicians]. In Korea and Japan, too, younger and younger people are taking leadership. Yet, if we look at young people and reflect deeply, we see something that is tremendously disconcerting. Drugs and violence have come to suburbia. They are affecting, plaguing, every single community and every single race. There's been an influx of drugs and immorality among young people.

Young people are void of social conscience. Their only interest is their immediate gratification. Where is it that we learn about social conscience or about living for something greater, about moral values? In classes? Do we learn from our friends, in horizontal relationships? No. We learn and develop our social conscience in the family. However, it is the family that is being destroyed. These young people are growing up with divorced parents and their values are being shaped in that environment.

Fifty percent divorce... There is a tremendous amount

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of psychological burden and pressure on those kids. Love is something that everyone hopes for. If a family is broken, then we are wounded, carrying scars, which will remain into adulthood. In the family, you learn to respect older people and people of authority, respect people different from you, of different sex, of different background. The first school of love is family. Yet, it is the family that is being broken up. Isn't that why we see so many problems?

The problem is not economic. Many say it is social welfare. Well, I can cite many wealthy people who have problems with their children. It is not politics. It is not who has more say. The fundamental institution that teaches about love and about human relationships is broken. So I challenged these leaders, "Isn't that why you face these difficulties? Yet, who has preached for fifty years about this ideal family? Who has been bringing together people of all different nationalities? Who has been calling all married couples to recommit themselves to their marriage vows and to value the institution of the family? Who has not only been teaching but laying the substantial foundation?" True Parents.

When these leaders heard this, they expressed their wholehearted agreement. Many of us have been under persecution for many years. The attitude about us has been changing because people realize that problems have spread because Father's words have not been heeded.

Sometimes, members speak harshly about the True Family. I challenge them, too. Don't think True Children living in East Garden were divorced from reality. My most vivid memories are from the seventies and eighties, when I was going to school. I had to fight because I was Father's son, and Asian. Don't tell me Father's children were not standing on the front line, at an age when we did not know why people were against us. Don't tell me that we have been living in an ivory tower. When you see the second generation, your kids, growing up and having difficulties in school, think about the 1970s when there were fewer Asians in America. I was the only Asian in my class. I was not only the only Asian but also the son of Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Parents were afraid to send their kids to my class because they were afraid this eight-year-old kid might brainwash their children. How do you explain that? How do you get over that? Yet, often, when I hear some members talk, they come across very harshly without knowing the true reality. You know, everyone is like a book. Unless you have read that book, don't pass judgment. Isn't that why Jesus said, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone"? Do not pass judgment so quickly. Many times people have a tendency to look at things from their own individual perspective and pass judgment without understanding the whole story. That is why I gave two pieces of advice to leaders of Korea and Japan.

First, leave the baggage of the past behind. Leave all the resentment, all the cynicism, and all the pessimism behind. Second, if you truly want to be a leader, somebody who can lead God's providence forward, don't think of everyone else

as the problem. Think of yourself as the problem. Because you are the enemy, you are the person whom you have to conquer over and over again. Follow that simple rule and you will not go wrong. If you are an individual who thinks of others as the problem, then you will be a source of division and separation. If you are constantly overcoming yourself and digesting greater and greater difficulties, then you will be a source of strength that others will congregate around.

In all honesty, it is not easy for me to stand here. Reflecting back upon my life, I could have tremendous resentment against this movement, my parents and my family. Yet, these are my roots. This is who and what I am. Therefore, if I criticize this, I am criticizing myself. This is the same identity you should have. If we think about family, centered on God's ideal, we have to be able to go beyond the individual level. We have to be able to sacrifice. We have to understand where our roots are.

I said this in every country I went to: "Don't be one who creates separation, who creates division. Recognize that you

have to conquer yourself, overcome yourself. Only then can you stand in a public mission, willing to live in accordance with and abide by heavenly law and tradition."

I know that many times, we have the tendency here in America to look at things politically and think that whoever has the largest constituency is the one who has the truth. Truth doesn't work that way. It is not something *we* decide upon.

If we live for God's providence, we have to constantly fulfill God's will, not our own will. So, the reason we joined this movement in the first place, the reason

we have given our lives to True Parents, is that we recognize Father as the son of God, as the True Parent who is leading us to do God's will. That means we have to inherit True Parents' tradition, not force our tradition upon them.

Because we have a culture that wants to put blame on others, whether it is in Korea, in Japan, or in America, we never have ownership. Because we never take ownership, we never feel that this is our providence. We have a "renter" mentality. If something happens in your apartment you blame the landlord. If something happens to our foundation, we blame others. We have never taken ownership.

I believe that if we take ownership, if we are willing to be responsible and accountable, this mentality will fundamentally change. To do that we have to start with a clean slate. We cannot fulfill that if we constantly have this mindset of blaming others. We cannot. It will not work.

So, I hope that we start on a fresh new footing. We have to recognize that we have to look forward, look to the possibility. Holding resentment and grudges is not part of the solution. Take ownership over the providence. I am telling you that you will begin to see tremendous changes come about.◆



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Awakening the Islands of the Pacific

Island Nation Providence: Special 40-day Workshop for Second Generation Brothers

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As the reader may know, True Parents are working on a new initiative in Oceania, and an energetic group of core young leaders are about to dedicate themselves in the island countries. [See Father's speech in Hawaii in the Nov./Dec. 2000 issue]

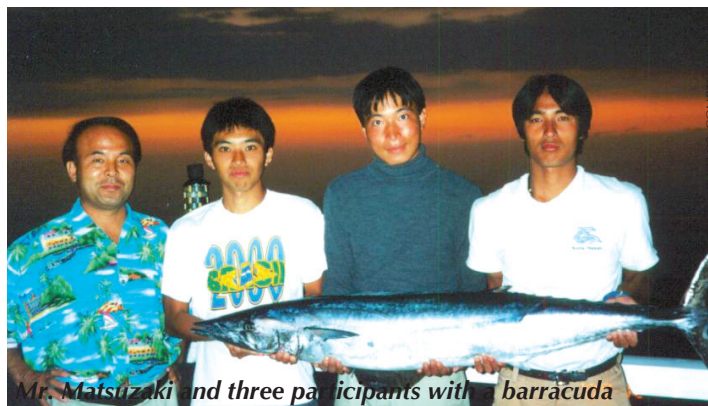
ON October 30, 2000, True Parents instructed the Japanese and Korean churches to start a special educational program in Kona, Hawaii, for young leaders who would serve on the islands of the South Pacific. The aim was to train young people to fulfill the oceanic providence within ten years, before True Father turns ninety. We are also to restore, with true love and a total investment of blood, sweat and tears, the nations of a region that has been forgotten in the providence, and to connect these islands to the UN providence.

The participants, five Korean and thirty-five Japanese young men, gathered for the forty-day special training on November 6, 2000. True Parents waited with special anticipation in Kona for the arrival of the Japanese participants, most of whom are in their twenties. Their desire is to create indemnity conditions to heal the suffering experienced throughout this region during World War II. Through a special sisterhood ceremony, True Parents connected the four main islands of both Japan with those of Hawaii. In addition, they established a sisterhood relationship between the 47 prefectures of Japan and 47 island nations of the world. With this, True Parents made a foundation for Japan to fulfill her mission as the mother nation and to help her restore, by the work of these young people, her crimes perpetrated during World War II.

The South Pacific has many islands that were invaded by other nations. As

the True Parents, Father and Mother are concerned not only about the developed countries but also about poor countries and those in difficulty.

Considering the geographical location and the special setting of Hawaii, whose inhabitants and culture are a blend of East and West, in particular the influence from the many of Japanese descent, and, of course, a strong Polynesian presence as well, it seems natural that True Parents chose it as the



center of the island nation providence. Hawaii is also the place where True Father prayed before embarking on various historic missions, such as True Parents' landmark visit to North Korea.

An important aspect of this oceanic providence is that it is based on the providential number four. First, the providence started within era of the fourth Adam. Second, prior to visiting Hawaii, True Parents were in the Marshall Islands, where they caught only four kinds of fish: marlin, tuna, wahoo

and mahimahi. (Fishermen call catching these four types of fish in one single day a "grand slam.") Third, is the sisterhood relationship between the four main islands of Hawaii and the four main islands of Japan. Fourth, True Parents were accompanied by three other couples: Hyo-jin nim, Hyun-jin nim, and Kook-jin nim and their wives, four couples in all. Fifth, there were exactly forty members participating in the training. Sixth, the training lasted forty days. Finally, True Father taught the participants to inherit the forty years of (one day representing one year) achievements of True Parents.

After the training, True Parents assigned two people each to fourteen island countries in the Pacific and eight others to Hawaii, to promote the oceanic providence. True Parents personally decided who should make up each pair and who was to be the leader for each country, taking into consideration the age, academic background, length of time in the church and physical strength.

True Parents have plans to send two boats, and to build junior and senior high schools, in each of the fourteen islands nations selected, as well as a college in Hawaii. Father says with regard to the boats, the smaller the better, because small boats run fast and turn quickly. They are also better for training activities.

True Father often spoke joyfully to the participants while smiling. But he also encouraged them with heartfelt tears and deep prayers. Hyun-jin nim, also, came to the training center to encourage the young men to bring victory in their mission.

The training was guided by True Parents, and was co-directed by Los Angeles church regional director Rev. Ku Paek-joong and myself. ♦

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West Africa: A Time for the Truth to Be Told

Interaction with the participants of IIFWP-sponsored conferences

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Even if a lie is using the elevator and the truth is using the stairs, the truth will ultimately catch up.

FOLLOWING the example of other countries, *hoon dok hae* seminars for dignitaries took place in Benin and in Togo, on December 23rd and December 30, 2000, respectively, answering our True Parents' wish to conclude the year 2000 with the international education program cosponsored by IIFWP and WANGO. This program was very successful and opened a new era in God's providence for this region.

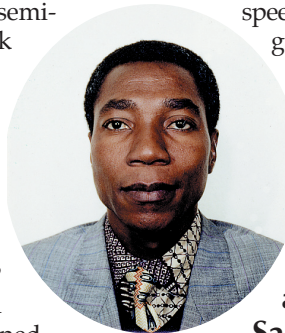
Giving good testimony

In Benin, the program took place in two stages. First of all, on December 23, at the Sheraton Hotel in Cotonou, 457 dignitaries and guests (ambassadors, former government ministers, members of parliament, religious leaders, and four ministers' representatives, army officers and generals, university professors, educators and students) stormed the big conference hall, which suddenly looked very small. On December 30, another seminar took place for the political and administrative leaders of the northern region of the country.

These seminars were the stage of many revelations and allowed the participants to recognize the power and importance of True Parents' words for the future of the world.

The seminar in Benin was cosponsored by the Benin National Commis-

sion for UNESCO, whose president, Mr. Damien Zinsou Alahassa, is Minister of National Education and Scientific Research. Mr. Alahassa was represented by his secretary-general, Mr. Rigobert Kouagou, who was a commentator after the reading of one of True Father's



speeches. The secretary-general gave good testimony about our movement. He had, in the past, heard negative words about our Father, but confided to me that "One needs to be close to someone in order to really know him."

Reverend Moon acknowledged as a new Saint Paul

All the commentators were former ministers and university professors. From time to time they used scientific demonstrations to show the truth of True Parents' words. One former government minister Kogblevi Aziadome, who had participated in a *hoon dok hae* seminar in Washington, DC, brought together many pieces of evidence and thus declared that Reverend Moon was a true apostle of peace. One participant, responsible for a youth organization, donated money so that True Parents' speeches could be reprinted and handed out. He requested that all government ministers dealing with education, family justice and human rights publish certain *hoon dok* materials with which to educate the general population.

One religious leader, from the church of Heavenly Christianity, declared that Reverend Moon is the "Saint Paul for the Millennium" and that everybody should follow his

words. He emphasized that Rev. Moon preached the truth and that the content of his message could only come from God.

Truth will win over falsehood

One person in the audience who was unable to ask questions or have a say during the main lectures asked me, "Why is it that all the people that spoke (more than a dozen) spoke positively about Reverend Moon? Did you select them ahead of the seminar? Besides, the comments given about Rev. Moon's speeches at the UN in August 2000 seem to be saying that only Rev. Moon can save the world. Why is that so?"

My answer was that, as one cannot hide smoke inside a basket, one cannot hide the truth that has been revealed by True Parents. That is why all people who hear Rev. Moon's words and are true to themselves must recognize them as the Word of God. He bowed and said that I had been well educated by Rev. Moon, and he did not venture to intervene anymore.

Those who completed the seminar were awarded a certificate signed by Rev. Kwak, international president of IIFWP. The number of participants being greater than we expected, we ran short of certificates. Later on, we received many phone calls from VIPs begging us to send them their certificate which they felt they could not go without, such had their interest been stirred. All participants expressed their desire to create a national network for IIFWP, a national committee for a culture of peace with the aim of furthering the education of the people.

During the seminar, one NGO leader, who had previously participated



The Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace is the central external organization for the realization of world peace. As such, it was Father's guidance that IIFWP work in support of the UN.

IIFWP has a history of barely two years, but it is working as the final organization among many erected on the foundation of Father's forty years of relentless hard work and sacrificial effort.

- Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, IIFWP International President, January 2, 2001

Hoon Dok Hae Seminar in the Democratic Republic of Congo



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Left, the head table includes Congo Minister of State Pierre Victor Mpoyo, the Minister of Information and the head of national television and radio; above, the Minister speaks with IIFWP Chairman Willy Lukanga

in a *hoon dok hae* conference together with the secretary of WANGO, Dr. Wallis N'Dow, testified to the value of WANGO. It helped the participants to believe in our True Parents' worldwide activities and their concern to bring a solution to humankind's problems.

A renowned spiritualist testifies to our True Parents

One spiritualist in her sixties confided to me before the *hoon dok hae* seminar that God had revealed to her that before the end of the year 2000 an inter-religious meeting would take place during which one would be able to listen to God's word. God revealed to her that she should organize a national interfaith conference for peace and unity in Benin. When she heard about the *hoon dok hae* conference she felt that it was God's will for her to go. She attended, and as she is also a famous singer, she sang one of her first songs of peace and praise to God during the December 23rd *hoon dok hae* seminar at the Sheraton Hotel.

She started to study the Principle and acknowledged that the Principle was a revelation from God.

She is very well known in Benin and close to the political authorities. Many people tried to dissuade her from being involved in our activities, but until now, she has been very committed. She said she has no doubt our True Parents are the Messiah. Our meeting was really guided by the spirit world. I had heard about her and even seen her on television. She had heard about us

and about our public activities. She was introduced by one of my acquaintances and came to our headquarters. She expresses her thoughts and revelations through works of art. Even though she has not received formal education, she has published writings and she also has a great knowledge of the Bible through dreams and revelations.

She will organize an interfaith conference in Benin and asked for my moral, intellectual and spiritual support. She also requested to make a presentation.

She started to testify to several personalities about the importance and the need for a movement like ours to bring about peace and unification.

In conclusion, the *hoon dok hae* seminar served as a starter, a kind of moral and spiritual awakening in the heart of VIPs, as well as the general population.

A positive response in Togo

As I had been asked to support missions in neighboring countries, I ended up as general moderator and coordinator for the seminar in Togo. On December 30, 2000, at Hotel 2 Février in Lome, the capital, a 130 dignitaries participated in this conference with the support of the Ministry of the Family, as well as the Togolese Commission for UNESCO. Their representatives played the role of external (non-member) commentators.

Many NGO and religious leaders participated. They expressed their wish to create a national network for IIFWP and WANGO.

One striking incident took place

during the seminar. It was the answer given by an imam (Islamic religious leader) to an ill-motivated participant who wanted to know about Rev. Moon's life and personality. The imam's answer was, "Why do you want to know about Rev. Moon before knowing what he has to say? Rev. Moon's words are true. The Bible and the Koran confirm that his teachings are true. Mohammed said that even if God's truth were to come from Satan, we should receive it. We need the truth, and Rev. Moon preaches the truth."

One participant gave me a note during the break time, on which he had written down a question. He told me that he didn't want to ask his question in public as it could have a negative impact on the audience. The question was: "Is this the Rev. Moon whom the media have spoken about and who is presumed to have done bad things, or is it someone else?" He had discovered a totally different image of our True Parents after hearing our True Parents' words.

I replied, "If you pour some very smelly water on somebody's clothes, wherever that person goes, the smell around him will be awful, but if he removes his dirty clothes, his original fragrance will permeate the air."

Participants testified to the need for this kind of seminar to be repeated. ♦

Paterne Zinsou is national leader of Benin. He and his wife Alphonsine were blessed in the 30,000 couples blessing. This article was written during Paterne's recent visit

Major Korean Monthly Features Dr. Bo Hi Pak

The following is an excerpt from an interview Dr. Pak gave toward the end of last year with the Korean Wolgan Joongang news magazine, answering questions about his visits to North Korea and the resultant difficulties he experienced. Following are translated excerpts from what he said.

ON April 11, 1990, right after meeting with [then Soviet President Mikhail] Gorbachev, we'd come out of the Kremlin Palace and were inside the car. Rev. Moon told me, "Bo Hi, the end of the Soviet Union has now come. I can see the end of communism. From now, what I have to focus on in the Korean peninsula is the prevention of war there. I will do anything to meet Kim Il-sung in the North." He was known worldwide as an anti-Communist leader then. But he was telling me to prepare a meeting with a world-famous communist dictator. His instructions were to make it happen by the end of 1991, or it would be too late. In the beginning, it was very hard to find the right contacts, but as they say, where there is a will, there is a way. Since I was determined to make it happen, I could finally meet one of the close associates of Kim Jong-il.

We entered North Korea on November 30th, and were taken sightseeing in Pyongyang and in rural areas. On December 5th, a day before the meeting with Kim Il-sung, we visited Rev. Moon's hometown, Jeongju, where the house he was born in and spent his childhood in still stood. The main house was more than a hundred years old, so we did not expect it to be there. Moreover, Rev. Moon was known around the world for his strong stance against Communism. We were surprised by the fact that they hadn't harmed it in any way during the Cold War. The house was still there, but a detached building had been destroyed during the Korean War. The next day, when he met Kim Il-sung, Rev. Moon thanked him. Kim-il sung responded by commanding that the house be reconstructed and treated as a historic site.

The day after our arrival in North

Korea, we had been taken around the Man Su Dae Parliament building. The North Koreans had us sit at one point and started to talk about the Korean War having been provoked by the South. And they also introduced us to their *Juche* (self-reliance) ideology. Since we were in enemy territory, one would think we had no choice but to keep silent. However, as soon as their speech was over, Rev. Moon went up on the stage saying that he had something to say. He said that North Korea had attacked the South first and that North Korea must apologize to the entire world. And he continued that the *Juche* ideology has no future and that they must believe in God. With that, he start-

think the meeting with Kim Il-sung is impossible now." But Rev. Moon calmly told me, "God would be upset if I came here and did not say what I was supposed to say. If Kim Il-sung does not want to see me because of what I told them today, he is not worth meeting." This discussion somehow found its way into the ears of the North Koreans. It created a huge debate among them. But I heard that Kim Il-sung was quite impressed by Rev. Moon's broad views. Although his entourage advised him several times not to meet with Rev. Moon, Kim Il-sung insisted on meeting him, so the meeting did take place.

When Kim Dal-hyun, the deputy prime minister, led us to the mountain known as Man Mool Sang and the Koo Ryong (nine dragons) Waterfall, Rev. Moon told us that it was his first visit to the Keumgang Mountains. I thought that was strange, because he was from North Korea. He said, "I did not think I deserved go to beautiful places. I had made up my mind to go to the Keumgang Mountains only after the liberation of my country. I am very happy to climb this mountain as the beginning of the reconciliation between South and North Korea." The deputy prime minister seemed quite impressed. It is very possible that Rev. Moon's remark influenced Kim Il-sung's decision to suggest that Rev. Moon officially take charge of developing the Keumgang Mountains, which was the

beginning of the Keumgang Development project.

Other than Pyeonghwa Motors, the construction of a peace park in Jeongju, and the Unification Church building in Pyongyang are the major projects we have ongoing in the North at present. The peace park comprises not only a park to commemorate the birthplace of Rev. Moon but a research facility and training center to promote world peace. We are planning to hold international academic seminars to contribute to the process of world peace.

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“김일성 뵈뵈 때
안기부와
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1991년 12월 김일성 주석-문선명 총재 단독회담을 성사시킨 박주인공. 금강산 개발계획을 기획하고 김주석의 비준을 받아냈으며 1994년 7월 김일성 주석이 사망하자 평양까지 날아가 조문한 문총재의 그림자. 초창기 통일그룹의 대북사업을 개척해온 주역 박보희 이사장이 말하는 통일그룹 대북사업 10년의 비화.

ed to preach on his conviction regarding unification. Because it happened so fast and he spoke with such a firm resolution, the North Koreans seemed too confused to do anything about it. It was before the meeting with Kim Il-sung. I thought it was all over and we would be arrested or only kicked out if we were lucky. Either way, we were doomed. That moment cut ten years from my life.

After lunch, I said to Rev. Moon, "You could have told them after the meeting with Kim Il-sung. Did you have to say it before the meeting? I



COURTESY TONGIL SEGYE

North Koreans from Japan Korean Cultural Foundation Invitational Performances of the Keumgangsán Opera Company

THE Keumgangsán Opera Company, a professional arts troupe affiliated with the Pyongyang Federation of Korean Residents in Japan, visited Seoul to give performances at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center from December 15th to 17th. Though they are second, third and even fourth generation Japanese residents, they are not eligible for Japanese citizenship. Their passports are North Korean—a significant obstacle to obtaining a visa from the South Korean government. This was the company's first visit to South Korea.

The invitation was on the initiative of the Korean Cultural Foundation, which contacted the Keumgangsán Opera Company from Seoul. Welcoming the company to Seoul at a banquet held in their honor on December 11th, KCF president Dr. Pak Bo-hi said, "The Keumgangsán Opera Company, which has upheld Korean pride and tradition on foreign soil, will be thoroughly welcomed by their forty million fellow

countrymen [here in the South]. Their performance will be a milestone for reconciliation and eventually for Korea's peaceful unification." Also present to welcome the entertainers was Kim Hangeil, Minister of Culture and Tourism, who was accompanied by his wife, television actress Choi Myung-gil. Minister Kim remarked, "If we reflect on the fact that the Keumgangsán Opera Company was founded in 1955, their first performance in South Korea is surely long overdue." Family Federation international president, Rev. Hwang Sun-jo,

then proposed a toast. The evening continued with a special performance by the Little Angels Arts Troupe.

Political loyalties aside, the Keumgangsán artists are ambassadors of the Korean musical arts and have helped them be introduced widely throughout the world. Though many of their performances have been in Japan and North Korea, their travels have brought them to many other countries, including China, Russia, Germany and the United States. Over the 45 years since the founding of the company, they have performed on 6,500 occasions, an average of three performances a week for almost half a century. Fourteen million people have seen their performances of traditional Korean dance and music.

Though they live in Japan and are well aware of the situation of South Korea, the artists have strong ties to their native North Korea, both emotionally and politically. Nevertheless, the Korean Cultural Foundation went to Japan in August 2000 to finalize the invitation of the company to Seoul. They were motivated by the fact that the Little Angels had held a successful series of performances in Pyongyang in 1998, and the Pyongyang Students Art Company made a landmark return visit to Seoul in May 2000, paving the way for further cultural exchange between South and North Korea.

The Keumgangsán Opera Company was invited to the South in that same spirit—with an eye toward hastening the day of unification. ♦



Photos: top and left, the superb performance is not only opera...; below, the company on a visit to a historic palace in Seoul



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The Unification Church building will be important for our church members as well as for North Koreans. They have official churches and Buddhist temples run by the party. However, they have no real freedom of religion. For North Korea to take part in international society, they must be able to convince the world that there is freedom of religion.

The reason that North Korea allowed us to build the church, and provided the land for it, is that our church has that kind of significance. If a religious group, such as ours, with its somewhat radically active membership, settles in North Korea, it will show the world that North Korea actually has freedom of religion.

Obviously, the church is very important to us. The Family Federation for

World Peace and Unification was founded in Korea. To our members, Korea is the homeland. If we have a church in Pyongyang, many international members will want to come to the homeland. In that respect, the construction of our Church is landmark project.

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Book Review

Bob Selle

In *Messiah: My Testimony to Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Volume I*, Dr. Bo Hi Pak undertakes a first-ever autobiography that provides a wealth of heart-touching descriptions of never-before-heard details about the lives of Dr. Pak and the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. It frequently had me in tears.

Volume I of *Messiah* is entirely different in content and character from Dr. Pak's previous two-volume work, *Truth Is My Sword*, which is a collection of his speeches over the course of four decades.

One of the anecdotes in *Messiah* relates the tale of a young lieutenant of the Republic of the Korea Ninth Army Division, 28th Regiment, who visited a house of prostitution in Seoul during the Korean War, after the Chinese army had been pushed north of the 38th Parallel.

Such a visit was hardly unusual, for streams of soldiers on leave were constantly cycling in and out of South Korea's capital city to take their pleasure in the profusion of bars and bordellos that had sprung up since the war's onset.

The young lieutenant, who had been ordered by his superior officer to come with him and a group of other officers to the *kisaeng* house, participated with the group in a sumptuous meal in a warm, multi-room house, one of the relatively few that remained standing amid the rubble of Seoul. Then the lieutenant was ordered by his boisterous commander to go to a private room with the prostitute who had been assigned to him.

The *kisaeng* and Lt. Bo Hi Pak—for the young officer was indeed the future Dr. Pak—retired to a room together. The woman tried to coax the young man into an intimate relationship, but he had taken a personal vow to remain pure until he could offer his virginity to his future wife. That night, the two slept in the same bed but didn't touch each other.

Messiah: My Testimony to Rev. Sun Myung Moon (Vol. I)

University Press of America, 405 pages
by Dr. Bo Hi Pak

This is just one of many fascinating stories told by Dr. Pak in his new book.

He starts with tales of his youth—his life on a farm, his relationships with his mother and father, his occupation as a schoolteacher, and the miracles it took for him to enter the Korean Military Academy.

Then he tells of the horrors of the war and the marvels that surrounded his wartime life. He says it all prepared him to hear and understand the teaching of Rev. Moon.

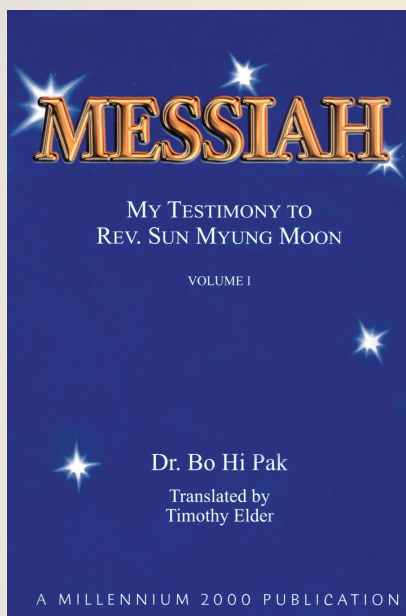
Dr. Pak relates how he was introduced to the Principle through meeting Miss Young Oon Kim, a former theology professor who worked as a secretary on Dr. Pak's military base, and the thunderbolt experience it was for him to hear the new teaching.

Dr. Pak moves on to how he experienced the "miracle" of being chosen as the assistant military attache in the South Korean Embassy in Washington, D.C. He describes the support and send-off he got from Rev. Moon as the young army

major went off to the embassy in America's capital city.

Once settled in his embassy duties in Washington, Dr. Pak began to hold lectures on the Principle in the basement of his home. The room soon became crowded with listeners. This eventually stirred controversy in the American Christian community, which spilled over into the Korean Embassy and then into the press in Korea itself. But Dr. Pak was able to come through it all unscathed. His evangelizing laid the foundation for the Unification Church to be established in the eastern part of the United States.

After a three-and-a-half-year tour of embassy duty, Dr. Pak, by then a lieutenant colonel, retired from his beloved military. But he soon returned to America and Washington, this time as a full-time Unification Church missionary.



Dr. Pak gives amazing behind-the-scenes details about Rev. Moon's first American visit in 1965 (Father stayed three months in Dr. Pak's home in Arlington, Virginia), Rev. Moon's arrival in the U.S. on December 18, 1971, his 1972-1974 speaking tours, and the providentially pivotal rallies at Madison Square Garden, Yankee Stadium, the Washington Monument and Moscow.

The author translated for Father during his public addresses—and, indeed, for most of his private talks to Western church members as well over the course of twenty-five years. Of his trials as a translator, he says: "Because Reverend Moon was not using prepared texts, there was no way for a translator to prepare for one of his speeches—except to pray. Honestly speaking, the first time I translated for him, at the 'Day of Hope Banquet' in Baltimore, I doubt that I was able to convey even as much as half of Reverend Moon's message. I could not stop sweating." Over the course of his two-and-a-half decades of translating, he says, the perspiration he shed could probably have filled several big barrels.

Dr. Pak also gives an in-depth account of what went on in private during Rev. Moon's involvement in the Watergate crisis and in his meeting with President Nixon.

The waves of persecution set off by Father's Watergate stance are also spotlighted in Dr. Pak's book. They culminated at one point in former Congressman Donald Fraser's attempt to demonize the Unification Church and use this action as a stepping-stone to greater personal political power. Dr. Pak relates in some detail the "crucifixion" Fraser put him through in forcing his appearance before his House Subcommittee on International Organizations to answer ludicrous charges that the Unification Church was a creation and tool of the Seoul government.

The book closes with Fraser's ignominious exit from national politics. Dr. Pak ends the volume by saying, "The Lord is my shepherd," an apt motto for his entire life.

Volume II of *Messiah*, due out later this year, will provide an insider's report on such milestones as the founding of *The Washington Times* and Father's meetings with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and North Korean President Kim Il Sung. ♦

The book is available from HSA Publications in New York and online bookstores.

Intervention of a Holy Spirit

The good spirit world directly assisting the earthly providence

Angela Signorelli
Rome, Italy

The following account comes from our sister in Italy, who quite to her surprise had a very special visitor from the spirit world. But the visitor had not come for personal reasons...

At the beginning of June 1998, the blessing was approaching, and we were not ready to offer a victory to God. Around June 10th, I started feeling the presence of somebody, and at times I could also see a figure in white, but only from the neck down. I wasn't afraid, but my spiritual senses were opening, and I was becoming more sensitive. Sometimes I could understand things before they actually happened.

On June 13, 1998 [the date of the blessing in New York City] I was alone at home, and I was sorry because we hadn't prepared well for the blessing. The broadcast over the satellite link would begin that afternoon, but we had not prepared to celebrate the event. At that time, I saw the whole spirit body of the person in white for the first time. The person asked me to go and pray near True Parents' picture. She told me that she was Catherine (St. Catherine of Siena) and that we should pray for the special events of that day.

I prayed with her for about forty minutes. Then, she asked me to get something to write with. Thus, she started giving her first message. I was very calm, as if the whole experience were very natural. When I finished writing, I asked myself what had happened, because I didn't know much about her and I didn't know her. When I later looked at a book containing her portrait, I realized that it was the same face I had seen.

Until December of that year she gave me messages that I passed on to the national leader. We didn't give them to anyone else, because I was wondering whether it was really her or whether it was a trick played by the spirit world or Satan—even though the messages were very clear and according to the Principle.

In April of 1999, I received another

message. It was very clear, and it had to be shared with all the members. I became confused, and I didn't know what to do, because, even for myself, it wasn't easy to accept the situation of being one to receive such communications. I worried about what others would say or do. The message, however, was very clear [about creating unity] and even though it was difficult for me I gave it to the national messiah and national leader.

From that moment on, the messages were shared with everyone, and more messages followed. Many brothers and sisters received great benefit from that.



Angela (at right) with her husband with whom she married before they met the church, their daughter and son, at a holy day celebration

[The messages reflected the concern of the good spirit world for the renewal of blessed couples' faith, and for unity on all levels] To hear how the spirit world testifies to our True Parents has allowed some of us to reflect upon the value of our days lived here on earth.

In August, we went to the Vatican to visit the tombs of the popes. At that time, I felt with my whole being the suffering of being secluded in that gilded world that seems to have lost its original spirituality. I felt the spirits of the departed popes were asking for help and prayers in order to be saved. They also wanted Christianity to connect with God's current providence.

After that, we started a forty-day prayer condition with our Korean national messiah, Rev. Song Keunshik, and four other members. Every

morning we got up at 5:30, recited the Pledge, then left for the Vatican. At 7:00, St. Peter's Basilica [the central church of the Catholic faith, in Rome] opens its doors, and we would go inside to pray, and to read the Principle. On Sundays, a lot of members would come, and we had beautiful spiritual experiences.

At the end of the forty days, one prominent Catholic Archbishop telephoned Mrs. Song and asked her if she would treat him with moxa [a herb that is burned so that its healing smoke permeates the skin], because his arm was painful.

While receiving treatment, he also listened to the Principle. It was explained to him about Mary, about the question of whether Jesus was able to fulfill his role as the Messiah or not, and about the providence of True Parents.

What we said about Mary's role was not easy for him to understand. Then Mrs. Song told him that one sister was receiving messages from St. Catherine, and he decided to meet and talk with me, in order to understand whether those messages and my experience were really true.

We met, only the two of us, in a big hall. His face was very serious and full of concentration. In that moment, I felt his spiritual energy and power, and I understood that his knowledge of the spirit world was really powerful. At the same time I was worried, because I didn't know what was going to happen.

He told me that he was going to write every single word of what I said. He said that I did not need to be afraid: Very often the saints come and speak to us, but after that some other spirits may interfere and disturb us. He has the power to understand those things and find out the truth. Then he shut the door and started asking me questions:

"When did the messages start?"

I replied, "June 13, 1998."

"Were they written down?"

I said they were.

"Please summarize the content of the messages." I did so.

After the questions ended, he asked

to talk with St. Catherine, and offered a special prayer. He invoked the Holy Spirit so that it might purify me, and let St. Catherine enter my body. I felt an incredible energy, come from the top of my head, and slowly enter my body. I felt I had to leave my body, and that's what actually happened. (I was aware of what was happening in the room, but I was separate from it.)

St. Catherine spoke about the urgency that Heavenly Father is feeling in our time. She said that all those who have been using God for their own personal purposes could no longer do so. The time has come for us to take responsibility to love our Father with filial love. After that the explanation of the Principle started, focusing on the roles of each central figure in Jesus' time, including the role of Mary, which the Archbishop accepted, because he understood the purpose for which God had sent the Messiah.

At the beginning, their conversation wasn't calm. They were arguing. He was very strong, but she no less so. In the adjacent kitchen, they could hear the discussion. Then the argument cooled down, and the topic centered on the explanation of the Principle and the value of the blessing.

She explained the Principle to him: from the purpose of creation to the value of the blessing and the coming of True Parents; how God fulfills His will through the True Parents; that Jesus' role was not to die on the cross but to realize a central family; that spirit people suffer a lot in the spirit world because they are not on the earth at this time; that before the arrival of True Parents they (spirit people) had not understood God's pain and Jesus' role; and also the long time during which God had prepared so that He could educate a people.

In tears, she asked him to follow True Parents, to study the Principle. She told him that Jesus is with True Parents, and that the Archbishop's ancestors were pushing him to realize unity between Christianity and True Parents. He asked her how he was to deal with his many commitments, and she answered that the top priority was True Parents.

When I opened my eyes, his face was incredibly bright, as if light were emanating from his skin. He was not tired, but, rather, looked relaxed and happy to have listened to these words. Then he started questioning the value of his position in the Vatican, because each individual must unite with God through the Messiah, and True Parents are bringing this world to God through



Pinturicchio's "Pope Aeneas Piccolomini Canonizes Catherine of Siena," a fresco in the Piccolomini Library, Siena Cathedral

the restoration of humanity. The returning Messiah forms the first original family and sets the foundation for the beginning of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven.

He was very happy, and confirmed that it was indeed St. Catherine who was giving the messages. He said she had promised him she would always stay close to him, help and support him, but that he had to take responsibility for the restoration of the Vatican and the unity between Christianity and the True Parents.

Before leaving, I asked him to sign one book of mine about St. Catherine, and he wrote "To Catherine: may the Lord bless and be with you."

After this experience, he talked with her on several occasions before going on a special forty-day seminar in America [after which Father invited him for a day of fishing together.—Ed.]

One of the actual messages the Archbishop received from St. Catherine through our sister

December 1, 1999

HOW much suffering is in your heart and how many tears you are shedding, Monsignor! I am always close to you in the moments you need the most. I promised to help you and I am doing it. Close to you there is your spiritual tribe, and your family is

supporting you. They have met True Parents and they are working so that they (True Parents) may be victorious.

You have given so much. Whoever has knocked at your door has always received words of comfort and help. You have helped so many people, and so many people have helped you! If you reflect back on your life you have surely given much. Now, is a very special time, but it is a time when you can grow internally.

Jesus did not have to die on the cross. God's original plan was for him to get married and build the first family in which Heavenly Father could feel at home, but it did not work out like that. Now, with the True Parents, God's original plan is being fulfilled, and you must be part of it. You must help True Parents in this special time. You have been prepared for something great. Victory will come. Please, unite your heart with Heavenly Father's through the True Parents. Your foundation of the New Testament must now find completion in the Completed Testament.

The blessing was God's original plan. The Ceremony is the external aspect. You know what is now left of Jesus' spirit. The foundation of love no longer exists. Please, help those who are closest to you to change and witness to True Parents. You will be blessed by God for eternity. You feel our support and we listen to your prayers. We can see you when you ask God, "What shall I do? Show me the way." True Parents are the only way of salvation for the whole of humankind. We can think about a lot of material positions or prestige, but you know that those things end quickly. Nothing of that goes to the spirit world. Only your heart will be with you for eternity, and you have given so much love. Please, bring your spiritual growth to completion with God's will and not with the will of external positions. Use your spiritual potential to make True Parents victorious in this nation. We [the good spirit world] will always be with you. Please, accept these words that are coming from our hearts.

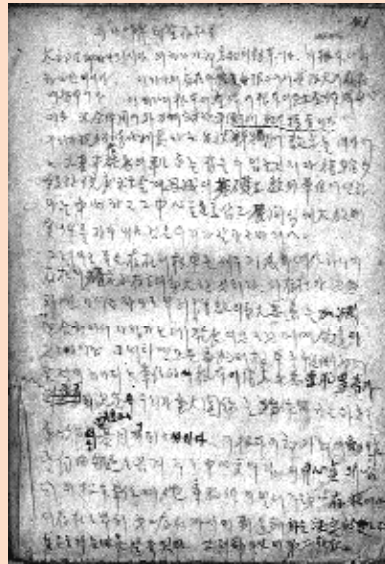
Monsignor, you are blessed by Heavenly Father. Jesus has embraced you so much, but he is now following True Parents. Please follow God's will too according to the new dispensation centered upon True Parents.

May Heavenly Father give you His eternal blessing through the love of True Parents. I am Catherine. I know you have been waiting for this message. Please, receive all my support and

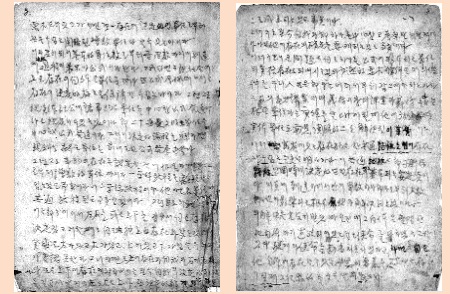
The Original Written Principle



These photographs of the original writings of Father in Pusan in the early 1950s were recently published by the History Committee in Korea. There are five volumes, written in pencil (with later modifications), each with a cover, but not bound. There is no overall title, and no contents page. Each cover's main title is simply the word "Record" and gives the volume number. Father wrote much of the content himself. At times, however, as Rev. Kim Won-pil has testified, Father would wake him up and instruct him to prepare pencil and paper, and to write down what he said. Father would speak without stopping, based on what he had received from Heaven.



Here is the cover, plus the first three pages of the first volume. The cover title is simply the volume number. Below that is recorded that this volume was written between May 11 and June 30, 1951. On the right of the page Father writes he used simple forms of Chinese characters.



the support of the spirit world that is witnessing to the True Parents and to Heavenly Father's love."

Angela on her personal experience with St. Catherine

My experience with St. Catherine began when our nation was at a very difficult point. The spiritual world intervened to steer us away from the worst of this. Without taking an important position itself, the spirit world took the position of guiding us toward the road of the Principle, until the nation could find its equilibrium. The education I received from this is that in the first place, there is God and True Parents. The spiritual world is an instrument working for the realization of God's will.

Many times I was accused by those who thought my experiences were not real but, rather, my own invention, because I could not predict the future, and because I never gave special instructions. But what I understood was that the significance of the messages I received from St. Catherine was not to do with anyone's personal problems. If I asked her about a private problem she always answered that the brother or sister in question must read True Parents' words, and therein would be the solution.

In February 2000, at the time of the blessing, one morning St. Catherine cried so much because she did not have anything to offer to God and True Parents. At that point I understood St.

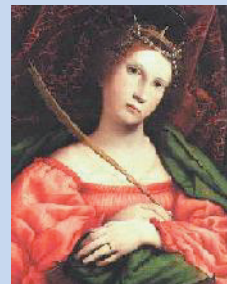
Catherine's heart, and this for me was more important than being able to read the future.

Nowadays, I am responsible to help blessed families, so during my prayers I feel a great deal of help from St. Catherine. I understand that, for the good spirit world, God and God's work come before anything else.◆

Angela Signorelli and her husband Alfio attended the blessing ceremony for married couples in April 1989. These experiences have been reported to Dae Mo Nim at Cheong Pyeong.

St. Catherine of Siena: a biographical note

St. Catherine was born at Siena on March 25, 1347 and died April 29, 1380. She was the youngest but one of a very large family. Her father was a fabric dyer. From her earliest childhood Catherine began to see visions and to live an ascetic life. In her sixteenth year she became a Dominican Tertiary (nun). She experienced many spiritual visitations and direct communication with Jesus. In her daily life, she tended the very sick, served the poor, and witnessed.



Though always suffering physical hardship, and living for long intervals on little food, she was renowned for her great personal charm, which she maintained even when persecuted.

In 1370 she received a vision of Hell, Purgatory, and Heaven, and heard a divine command to enter public life.

She began to correspond by letter with people of all walks of life, including the princes of Italy. She was consulted by papal legates about the affairs of the church, and worked to heal the civil strife and division of her native land. She directly implored the Pope, Gregory XI, to leave Avignon and to reform the church. Catherine was the instigator of a spiritual revival in the country districts around Siena and later dictated her *Dialogue*—a book of meditations and revelations. Summoned to Rome during the great schism of the church, she devoted herself to working for reform, continuing to help the destitute and afflicted. But her strength was rapidly failing.

Before her death, she asked Jesus to let her bear the punishment for all the sins of the world, and to receive the sacrifice of her body for the unity and renovation of the Church.

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he left the palace, he spent forty years as a shepherd. God called to him on mountain of Horeb one day. Moses thus ended up bringing the Israelites out of Egypt. God also called Paul in such a way. He appeared to him while he was on the way to Damascus, asking him, "Saul, Saul, Why do you persecute me?" That moment was the beginning of Christianity.

True Father's life of faith also started that way when he was fifteen years old, praying on Myo Doo Hill. Two important goals True Father has worked for until now are to save humanity and to liberate God. The fundamental unit through which to realize God's purpose of creation is the family. When God's will is realized in a family, God's kingdom on earth can come about. On that foundation, God's liberation can ultimately be achieved.

The course along which True Parents have guided us

Let me first talk about Father's way to save humanity. True Parents started their family, the unit needed to achieve God's purpose of creation, in 1960, and a forty-year course followed. The realization of God's purpose of creation comes through completing the four-position foundation centering on a family. Providentially, the four-position foundation can be completed through the registration blessing.

There have been many blessing ceremonies, starting from the 36-couple blessings. 1960 was the starting year of the blessing. After many difficulties and hardships, this forty-year providential history was completed through the registration blessing ceremony.

True Parents came to this world to indemnify all the providential and historical sins, and to help the world find God's

The World Peace Blessing in Korea was held at the Little Angels Arts Center, simultaneously with the main ceremony at the UN in New York. Couples watched entertainment from 2:10 a.m., heard Rev. Hwang Sun-jo's blessing sermon at 3:30 a.m., and received the blessing at 4:30 a.m.

original ideal. There are times that they take responsibility for us, but there are times that they cannot. They take responsibility for us until the historical junction at which we become true parents ourselves after having been reborn into the good lineage.

We have all the conditions to reach perfection through having received the blessing, tribal messiahship and the registration blessing. We are all descendants of fallen Adam. But we have been changing. We are changing to be like True Parents. Although we are descendants of the fallen Adam, we can change through the blessing and tribal messiahship. True Parents are Messiahs on the cosmic level, but we are messiahs on the tribal level.

The model course for tribal messiahship was Jacob's course. We had to leave our hometown and victoriously make the foundation in the Cain realm and come back to our hometown to be tribal messiahs. Father told us that we were born different from him. However, the more the providence develops, the more we can resemble True Parents. On *Chil Il Jeol* (July 1st) 1991, Father instructed us to go back to our hometowns. The door was open for us to go back to our hometowns with the authority of tribal messiahs.

Our blood lineage was changed through the blessing ceremonies that started in the 1960s. The next step was to walk the path of tribal messiahship and then to register in heaven as blessed families.

True Parents offer conditions for the providence

The other goal Father has tried to achieve throughout his life is to liberate God on the cosmic level. What this means is for God to have a nation on earth centering solely on Him. True Parents are advancing the providence to build a nation based on the world's blessed families starting from this year. They are also paving the way to make the foundation for the Heavenly Kingdom to settle in the spirit world on the cosmic level.

We completed the first 400-million-couple blessing ceremony in conjunction with True Father's eightieth birthday celebration in February 2000. We also held successful events for the unification of South and North Korea up until May of last year. At that time, Father told us, "After June, there will be a big transition. We need to pass through a providentially important period until August. In order to traverse that period safely, we needed to hold nationwide rallies for the unification of North and South Korea."

At the time of True Parents' birthday celebration, we hosted about forty events. No one ever expected that Father would require us to hold an additional campaign for North and South Korean unification. But True Parents sternly pushed the providence forward.

They felt heaven's fortune. No one ever imagined that there would be such a dramatic change in the relationship



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between South and North Korea. We could understand True Parents' providence only after things actually started to happen. In fact, True Father already predicted in February that the summit conference between South and North Korea would be held in June. Father set a time period and made an important condition that ended in August. And then we had the Chusok [harvest festival] celebration in September.

At that time, I was preparing for the ceremony to honor my ancestors in Korea, when True Father called me just a day before Chusok to tell me that I should come to the United States by Chusok, which was the following day. Fortunately there was a seat on a plane.

True Parents held a ceremony which they called the Chusok of Total Liberation from Resentment. It was a ceremony for organizing a new order in the spirit world. On that day, True Parents predicted that there would be a big step forward toward establishing a new order in all spiritual matters on earth at the coming of the registration age. Father set up a new tradition based on the Korean tradition of showing respect toward one's ancestors at Chusok and made a foundation for True Parents to stand as true ancestors in the spirit world. And then they held a further spirit world liberation ceremony in Cheong Pyeong on October 14th.

The ceremony for the liberation of the spirit world was especially to acknowledge the contributions of all the central figures in history such as Moses, other Old Testament central figures, Jesus, other New Testament figures, and figures from other religions.

After the ceremony, True Parents made a special condition for forty-nine days. In Korea there is a forty-nine day period of sacrificial rites [after someone dies]. For forty-nine days from October 14th to December 1st they made an internal condition, with all their hearts, to liberate the entire spirit world. Then, on December 1st they held a special service at the HotelAmericano in South America. They ended that 49-day condition and then started a 43-day condition, which ended on January 12th. True Parents also asked us to make a special condition for forty-three days from December 1st to January 12, 2001, to prepare for the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God on January 13th. That 43-day condition was to prepare for the providential event that would herald God's kingship settling on earth.

Two principles of change in God's providence

This morning we recited the family pledge. Let's look at pledge number three: "Our family pledges to perfect the four great realms of heart, the three great kingships, and the realm of the royal family, by centering on true love."

The four great realms of heart are the heart of children, of husband and wife, of brothers and sisters and of parents that are the foundation to complete the purpose of God's creation. The three great kingships mean the eldership, parentship and kingship, which Satan stole away and which True Parents have gained back. On that foundation, the royal dominion can settle on earth. It means the ideal of the original world centering on God can be realized.

Father proclaimed the age of Family Kingship at the fortieth celebration of True Children's Day, on October 27, 2000. The proclamation of the age of Family Kingship was possible on the foundation of the registration blessing, which has produced the fundamental units of God's purpose of creation. True Parents held the proclamation ceremony announcing that God's kingship has settled in each family. They said that they would hold a grand ceremony announcing the settlement of God's kingship on January 13, 2001.

Even though we do not substantially feel the changes ourselves, tremendous changes are occurring these days. Some of us might say that they themselves could not see or experience anything of the settlement of God's kingship. You have to know that providential changes do not become visible overnight. The changes are made according to God's law of creation. There are two fundamental principles in that law. One principle is that such a change starts with True Parents alone and expands universally. The other is that such a change starts from the spirit world and then expands to the physical world gradually. Since we are not totally together in heart with True Parents, we cannot experience such changes directly. Our spiritual senses are too dull to experience them.

We have witnessed a lot in the lives of True Parents. They cannot move an inch in a way that is not within the



Principle. If it does not benefit the providence, they cannot move even a single step. What do you think it is the biggest contribution True Parents have made so far? What clear mission do they have? What unique authority do they have? The answer is: to give the blessing. No one can imitate, replace, or achieve the authority of giving the blessing. Only True Parents possess that authority.

And the value of the blessing is exactly the same whether you are from the 36 couples or 400 million couples. The birth and resurrection you receive has the same value and significance. The most important authority True Parents have is that of being able to bless us. And the value of the blessing is just the same whichever blessing you belong to. There is only one thing that is different. What might this be?

One day we had a service for senior blessed families. A man called Elder Chung from southern Seoul asked me a question. He said that he joined the movement in the early days. Although he was qualified to receive the 430-couple blessing, he could not. The only reason he could not receive the blessing was that he had not been able to reach a fundraising goal. In the early days, the conditions to be qualified to receive the blessing were fasting, finding spiritual children, leading a public life and, it seems, for the 430-couple blessing, reaching a certain goal in a fundraising campaign.

Elder Chung's hometown is in South Cholla province. Because of the cold weather that year, the harvest was quite bad and he could not raise the funds. That was the reason he could not receive the blessing. Of course he did not complain about the fact that he could not join in the 430-couple blessing. What he was upset about was that receiving the blessing in the old days used to require such hard work, but now it is so easy to be blessed. In the old days, blessed couples had to live separately for seven years. He could not understand that blessings these days are also real blessings.

Why the value of the blessing remains constant

Today's blessings *are* also real blessings. The conditions upon which one can receive the blessing have changed,

however. Why? The seven year separation period was cut down to three, two and then to nothing. What is behind all these changes? The value of the blessing is the same and the principled standard of True Parents is unchanging, so why are there different conditions upon which to receive the blessing? This is because of the change in kingship.

In the past, under the Japanese occupation of the Korean peninsula, the biggest sin was for Koreans to love Korea. But after the Japanese left the peninsula, one's love for Korea under the severe

Japanese persecution began to be seen as the greatest achievement. It works the same way in the providence.

When Satan holds the position of king, it takes a lot of indemnity conditions for God to restore us. However, once God is the owner, there is no need to set indemnity conditions. Why is the value of the blessing the same, though the conditions to receive the blessing change? It is a matter of whether or not the indemnity conditions are necessary. The change started from the 3.6 million-couple blessing.

In order to confirm whether or not God's kingship has settled on earth, we need to go to the spirit world. Since we probably cannot, we have to have faith. But the more accurate way is to understand it through understanding the Principle correctly. True Parents' lives are a visible testimony of the Principle. We need to understand the providential meaning of the Principle in the very lives of True Parents.

During the year 2000, True Parents completed the course of all the blessings that had begun in 1960, and tribal messiahship, through the registration blessing. On the foundation of the registration blessing, they advanced the providence of liberation to the cosmic level and then will hold the crowning ceremony in January.

We are in the same realm as True Parents

As you know, True Parents never missed providentially important moments. When we were only concerned about True Parents' birthday celebration last year, they were far ahead of us, thinking of how to prepare rallies for Korean unification. And when we prepared these rallies to unify

Korea, they were already preparing the liberation ceremony for the spirit world.

True Father had already talked about tribal messiahship in 1978. But he proclaimed tribal messiahship in 1991, because only then were enough conditions realized. If we had succeeded in bringing the victory in the home church movement and had made the foundation for the hometown providence, Father could have proclaimed it back then, not long after 1978. Since we could not do it, True Parents alone made indemnity conditions and achieved



it in 1991.

Father told us, "You are no longer the descendants of fallen Adam and Eve. You can now be the descendants of goodness in the new realm. Therefore, no matter how much you have to sacrifice, you have to be grateful and not complain. You have a mission to liberate the past, present and future. You have to leave a victorious tradition behind you if you do not want your descendants to suffer."

True Parents told us that we are in the same realm as they are. "The center is the same, but the scope is different. Some of us are in the family range, tribal, national or world range. The center you stand on is the same as mine. There cannot be two centers. As I have a worldwide mission, you have the family, tribal and national level missions. You can expand your range to the degree that you invest your effort into it."

True Parents have blessed us and made us realize who we truly are and given us the chance to leave behind descendants of goodness. So, we are responsible for liberating the past, present and future and for making sure that our descendants do not have to walk the path of restoration through

Photos: above, Rev. Hwang Sun-jo speaks at a hoon dok hae conference for leaders in Korean society; right, the December 10 dedication service for the new purpose-built regional headquarters church for north Gyeong-gi Province, in Kuri City

indemnity. We are in the same realm as True Parents. However, the scope is different.

The contribution we must make

Father told us that our starting point was being the descendants of fallen Adam and Eve. True Parents have pulled us up to the same level as theirs, and blessed us, making us able to liberate the past, present and future. Then what should we do for True Parents?

Each family should bring one couple to the blessing. By bringing victory in the blessing, we can make our mark, taking responsibility for a major change in the providence. That is the providential task we are destined to grapple with. Each family must offer another family to True Parents who have devoted their entire lives for the providence. That is our destiny. Our work is related to a time period. It is most gratifying to drink water when you are very thirsty. When you are not thirsty, a cup of water has no value.

In the Bible, there is a story about Jesus drinking water. I am sure Jesus must have drunk a lot of water during his lifetime. But there is only one single record of his drinking water. That was the water given him by a Samaritan woman. That one cup of water was memorable from the point of view of the providence.

Indeed, we do need to be directly connected to the providence. Only then, can our work have true meaning and value. We found spiritual children in the past and will find more in the future. However, I sincerely ask you to remember our grand providential task: each couple bringing another couple as blessing family candidates during this special period of the settlement of God's kingship. ♦

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An Encounter with Father Prompts Reflection

True Parents' visit to South America

It was during True Parents' visit to South America in November to December last year that Father announced the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God and requested the worldwide movement to offer a 43-day period of preparatory devotions. True Parents themselves were making special conditions, including a prayer that Father explained was to engraft the Pantanal providence to the providence in the Pacific (see page 23). This account of a meeting with True Parents at New Hope East Garden was sent by one of the Seminary graduates Father assigned to towns in the Jardim area.

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TRUE Father and Mother arrived about 9 o'clock in the morning, November 29th. I recall Rev. Michael Jenkins, Dr. Tyler Hendricks, Rev. Peter Kim, Mr. Joo Dong-moon (President of *The Washington Times*), and Reverend Hideo Oyamada being among the many leaders traveling with True Parents. True Father did not speak in the temple to the members in general. Instead he spent the few hours in conference with leaders in the new house built for True Parents.

The thirty-three city missionaries, of which I am one, try to be present at New Hope East Garden when True Parents visit. It is not easy: for some it involves eight hours of travel by public bus. It is rare for us to have an audience with True Parents. But after lunch, Rev. Yoon called us (and spouses present) to Father's house. We went upstairs and waited in one of the meeting rooms,



Photos this page: True Parents visiting the church's new education center in Montevideo, Uruguay, on December 15th

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bare except for two easy chairs and a small table.

I sat in the front row on the end, pondering how honored and unworthy I was to be there, while anticipating a close physical proximity with True Father that did not match the reality of my spiritual state.

One hour passed...an hour and a half. Finally, Rev. Yoon poked his head in the door, said something, and everyone began filing out. Being furthest from the door, I was the last one to leave.

We silently snaked our way to a room on the other side of the building. Father was in the middle of speaking to leaders. Mother was not there. Father sat on a comfortable easy chair at one end of a long, nicely furnished living room. There was ample room

on the floor. The Korean, Japanese and other leaders took up a little more than half the space. At Rev. Yoon's prompting, our group entered and sat quietly behind the others. I squeezed into the last row

in the far corner. The first shall be last.

Father acknowledged our entrance and asked a few questions. How many Japanese? How many Brazilians? How many Americans? Ken Shafto, our British missionary, wisely volunteered as an honorary American. Father wants to know our language preference; he won't ask for the number of Brits. Somehow Father knew that Yasuhiro Ishii was the proud father of a new boy. Father asked him a question or two in Japanese.

Father's talk to the leaders was mainly in Korean, with some interspersed Japanese and English. (Although I studied Korean for three years at UTS, I still cannot carry on a conversation.) I could tell that Father spoke much about unity of North and South Korea, the United Nations, WANGO, and referred several times to fishing and *The Washington Times*.

I tried to stay alert and sense the spirit behind the words. But the language difficulty leaves a painful gap where there should be a genuine and heartfelt parent-child bond. I spent two joyful yet painful hours with True Parents in this way. Then they were off to reveal treasured fishing spots in the Pantanal and test the mettle of our precious leaders. ♦

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Sun-jin nim and In-sup nim at the True God's Day celebration

My love for You has never changed. It has been the same in the past, as it is in the present and will be in the future. I also pledge and swear that my filial heart of solemnly accepting my path to fulfill Your will has not changed. Please guide me as You will...

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
TRUE GOD'S DAY MIDNIGHT PRAYER
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