

10 One Family under Heavenly Parent

True Parents' Words

The unity of the world as a global family is essential for heavenly fortune to come. Astonishing developments in science and technology bind humanity together through a revolution of information, communication and transportation. Thus, international cooperation is needed and a shared commitment is necessary in order to protect the earth's fragile environment. But what can bring the power to change people's tendency toward selfishness and their attachment to a self-centered perspective of the world? What can fundamentally resolve the problem of nations competing to satisfy their own interests? Each one of us must find the answer in Heaven's law, and by means of a fundamental awareness of God, who is our origin and root. The nature of God's true love is to give and want to give more, to give and forget what He gave, and to love His object partner more than Himself. God's love is the only answer. We can get answers when we realize that all human beings are brothers and sisters under one set of True Parents. When all human beings form one family under God and True Parents, live for the sake of one another and are united, all problems can be resolved. Throughout my life I have practiced the way of true love and educated people about it. I have lived for the sake of others and created a worldwide foundation. I have raised young people in each nation to live unselfishly for the sake of others. Not only that, I have also conducted international Marriage Blessing ceremonies in order to establish ideal families of true love that are international, interracial and interreligious. This is the work that changes the history of human culture. Centered on true love, we have brought down national barriers and have gone beyond racial barriers to overcome hatred. We have fought to give birth to ideal families that live for the sake of one another. As a result, we are forming a new world culture. [CBG 4.1.1:12]

With the start of the new millennium, we are rapidly heading toward one world. We are leaving behind the era of "One Nation under God" and going toward "One Cosmos under God." The world of one great family and one global village, which I explained already, is emerging. However, there are two serious obstacles to realizing this ideal: racial discrimination and religious discord. In particular, conflicts among religions represent the most serious impediment to a peaceful world. God did not create denominations and sects. Religion itself is a byproduct of the Fall. The movement to break down all varieties of national boundaries and head to a world of peace, which I already clarified at the U.N., is rapidly developing. [CBG 11.2.2:14]

Sharing Thoughts

Peter was a mere fisherman when he became a disciple of Jesus Christ. He used to pray like this on his journey to spread Heavenly Parent's words: "Grant me the courage to mend the things that can be mended. Let me accept the things I can't mend, and give me the wisdom if there are things that can be mended in this world with others. The sins of my flesh have received your judgment, but I am grateful to you for guiding my spirit to live as Heavenly Parent does. We will resemble you and practice love more than anything, and this love covers all the sins. Let me serve others without reserve, and be

the bearer of Heavenly Parent's endless grace, which I received. I will let my tongue speak the words of my Heavenly Parent and serve others through the power given to me by Heavenly Parent." We can see from Peter's short prayer his strong desire to realize love and prosperity for his neighbors.

People have been building barriers throughout history. These barriers have many names as well. Today we see barriers in national borders, language, race, culture, religion, gender, place of birth, and "haves" and "have-nots." These barriers affect not only our hearts but also the societies we live in.

How did these barriers come about, and why have we created them with our selfish hearts? That is because people have forgotten what it's like to be brothers and sisters, which comes from a concept of one family under Heavenly Parent. Since the Fall of Adam and Eve, humanity has been divided into Cain-type people and Abel-type people. This type of conflict still exists today. The human ancestors, who were like brothers, fell from their position and began to fight. If this is so, then they can unite only centering on their parents. This is because fights between brothers cannot be resolved within that realm of siblings. They can be solved only when their parents appear, embrace them, and help them to make unity. By uniting thanks to their parents, humanity can restore their status as one family under Heavenly Parent, as it was envisioned by Him in the first place.

We human beings are brothers and sisters with one common set of parents. Tracing the root of humankind leads to one absolute cause, the creator, our Heavenly Parent. We were created by Heavenly Parent and are all equal beings as brothers and sisters under Heavenly Parent. That is why we should never pass judgment lightly, based on other people's external conditions. We have to discover the essence of Heavenly Parent within others that makes us all equal.

We can slowly break down the barriers that surround us when we regard our neighbors and people around us as our own brothers and sisters. How can there be barriers and racial discrimination within the realm of heart that connects brothers and sisters? As we often say, "We will be able to establish a new world through demolishing barriers and overcoming conflicts with true love, creating a culture of living for the sake of others."

Some people say that today's world is a global village. This means more than just the fact that we can go anywhere in the world within one day, thanks to technological advances. It also should mean that humanity realizes that we are brothers and sisters of one family under Heavenly Parent. Based on this revelation, we should strive to create a world where people live for the sake of each other. When we can interact with this world with Heavenly Parent's viewpoint, we will be able to discover the visage of Heavenly Parent within each other's face and restore the heart of brothers and sisters.

*** Points for contemplation**

- 1) Reflect on your life and think if you have created barriers in the past. Think of what you can do to break those barriers.
- 2) Draw a picture in your heart of the world where everyone is "One Family under Heavenly Parent."