

## God's Homeland and One World

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In this meaningful venue, as the founder of the International and Inter-religious Federation for World Peace, I would like to convey a message concerning God's original ideal, "God's Homeland and One World...."

Without a nation, there is no nationality. That means no grounds exist on which you can have your name entered into a national family registry. Therefore, what we need to do in this current world is to find that nation. We must form the heavenly kingdom, and with that nationality, we must live on the earth as the victorious sons and daughters who have inherited the lineage of true and good parents who love their nation and their people. As such, we must lead our family and our clan so that we can enter the kingdom of heaven in the heavenly world. That is the principle.

Only when we have a nation will we have a tradition that we may peacefully leave behind for our descendants for all time. Only then will all our efforts of shedding blood and sweat remain. Only then will a commemorative tower appear on the earth to congratulate God for his hard work. Only then will traces of all glory remain on earth. If we cannot establish a nation, everything will be for naught.

Please understand that seeking and establishing God's nation is the most important issue. Always have the conviction that "our family is a family that protects the nation that can receive True Parents' love. Therefore, I must become a dutiful child of True Parents and fulfill the duties of a patriot to the nation." This means that you have to receive God and True Parents' love.

However, you cannot receive God's love freely without a nation. This is because the heavenly nation's establishment takes place after Satan's kingship has been defeated. We admire God's nation because it is a place where there is love. It is not a place of momentary love; it is a place of eternal love. It is a place where each person can be raised to fulfill his or her potential and each person's value can be acknowledged one hundred percent. In other words, it is a place of eternal happiness. Therefore, people long and yearn for the heavenly kingdom.

The path that we have to traverse is a path that we truly want to follow, and the nation that we have to seek and realize is a nation where we truly want to live forever. Our possessions belong both to the cosmos and to ourselves; they belong to this age and to the past, and we must make sure that we can guarantee them for posterity and we need to have the authority and knowledge that will move heaven and earth to cry when we cry, and to rejoice when we rejoice. It will be a world of one heart, where God's love and his truth are actualized through his children living as a one family under God. This is the greatest desire and hope that fallen people can realize in the current age.

Every person must live in his or her own nation. That is an absolute condition bestowed on each one of us. Each nation would exist in harmony with all other nations, and every person, without exception, would live a righteous life full of hope for the sake of God's kingdom. I am saying that we have to long for the ideal hometown and establish the rules of righteousness through our lives as we live for the sake of God's kingdom and his righteousness.

### Where do we stand?

Do you have that nation? Since you do not, wouldn't you seek to realize it? What kind of nation did I say it would be? It would be a nation of our ideal, a nation of unity. It would be a nation that all people could go to. There can be no exceptions in realizing this nation. Families will cooperate, as will tribes, peoples and the entire world. Thus, individuals can be united; moreover, families, tribes, peoples, nations and the world can be united.

God certainly must realize his providential will on earth. Then what will be the result of his will being

realized? All the people of the world will be saved and God will be able to govern them. God's providential will is rooted in his desire to see that day.

If you are unable to restore the nation completely on earth during your lifetime, even when you go to the spirit world, you will not have the value of someone who is a part of the heavenly kingdom. I am saying that you must go to the spirit world with the record of having been governed within God's dominion, because that is the original standard of God's creation.

I envy nothing in this world. I have no interest in the things of the world. My life's wish is only this: "Can I die in a nation where God can protect me? If I don't live that way before I go, will my life not have been a miserable one? Therefore, before I die, I have to seek that nation and live within that nation, even if only for a single day."

I am going forward with the mindset of investing the sacrifice of thousands of days for that one day. I am going forward, even if you who do not understand are resting. If you cannot do it, then I have to inspire foreigners to do it, and if this nation cannot do it, then I have to use the strategy of encircling this nation with other nations.

Ladies and gentlemen, what is the goal of our faith? It is to become a citizen of God's nation. If we cannot become citizens of that nation, the path to freely express our pride to all people and to the natural world and thus to be loved will not emerge. A person without a nation will always be attacked. They will be in a pitiful position and can easily be caught helpless. Therefore, the question is, "Where is the nation God desires?" In other words, where will we find the nation that God can use as his foothold?

In the end, the reason that we shed our blood and sweat for this nation and for this people is to realize the eternal heavenly nation, the beloved community that every generation of our descendants will praise forever. There is no question that it will be a nation where children of direct descent will uphold God's divine commandments.

In other words, they will govern the nation whose order and kingship represent God. There will be neither democracy nor communism there. Once the nation has been formed, it will remain as an eternal national system. When you think about these matters, don't you feel mortified that you have not become citizens of such a nation? You need to lament that you do not have a single such nation and bemoan that you cannot live in such a nation. We need to repent that we do not have this single, unchanging sovereignty.

People have established nations throughout history in order to build their sovereignty, nation and land. We know that in the process, numerous people died, numerous patriots were sacrificed, numerous nations perished and numerous sovereignties were replaced. Among those countless people who were sacrificed, there is no doubt that those on Heaven's side, the people who were sacrificed for the sake of Heaven's will, want such a nation and world to be realized. There is no question that Satan and not God has governed history since the Fall of the first human ancestors.



### **Building blocks**

God originally was supposed to be the master of the world. If a tribe, nation and world had been realized centering on a true family, composed of children directly descended from God, bound in love with him, it truly would be a world that God could govern, a nation that God could govern, a family that God could govern and individuals whom God could govern. However due to the Fall, everything, starting with the individual and expanding to the family, tribe, people, nation and world, came to oppose God. You must understand

this history of the Fall and the world of the Fall. If God leaves the world as it is, he can never realize the world of eternal love of the original ideal of creation. As the absolute being, if God cannot realize the original ideal of creation, he cannot recover his original authority.

Therefore, with that position as his target, God deals with the evil world and guides us to the original world of his ideal. This is God's providence concerning the fallen world. Although on earth there have been many nations with sovereignty stemming from the Fall, there has not been even one nation of God's desire. In order to establish the nation that could realize his will, God has been moving through the ages of history unknown to human beings. God created Adam with the desire to govern a family, a society, a nation and the world through that one individual being, and he raised Adam toward maturity with that desire in mind. However, through the Fall of Adam, the history that began with one was divided into fours and fives.

The providential history of salvation has been God's work to repair and heal those divisions. Adam is the ancestor of all people, so the loss of Adam, in effect, was the same as the loss of all of humanity.

Therefore, God has to call and establish that one individual being again. The person who will be established again has to be someone who can let go of and forget his tribe, his people and his nation. In other words, he has to be someone who will move forward in complete devotion to God's will and God's will alone. Ladies and gentlemen, all religions have the ultimate common aim of realizing God's will. Let's examine, in the history of Christianity, a good example of which you may be well aware. Although Noah may have been placed in a social environment, he did not desire to be under its sway, and although he belonged to a national environment, he was not tied to it.

Instead, he sought the nation of his own desire. In order to seek and establish that nation, he had to pass through untold trials and hardships. Noah had relatives and a people that he could call his own, and he pursued God's will more than that of his relatives and his people. God's hope was that Noah would seek out God's kingdom and righteousness while subjugating his own personal environment.

Can you imagine the ordeal that Noah had to endure, without skipping even one day throughout the four seasons of spring, summer, autumn and winter, for one hundred and twenty years? Even his own family members ignored him. Yet Noah took all the arrows that came his way and broke through in his decades-long course. Noah was well aware of the principle that he would have to pay indemnity if he enjoyed eating and drinking before he sought for God's kingdom and righteousness.

Later, God chose Abraham and Sarah and had them depart from Ur of the Chaldeans. They did not know that the place where they were heading to live was the land of Haran. They just followed the path as God guided, with unconditional faith and the heart of obedience. Sarah never complained or resented Abraham, even when he let the Pharaoh take her away.

In this way, their minds, which were pursuing the nation of their hope, did not change even in the face of extraordinary trials. Their grandson Jacob had the strong conviction that the nation and people of his hope were promised within the blessing he received, so no one could break his spirit. In this way, the will expanded from the individual to the family to the tribe, and the prophets gradually went forward presenting hope for the entire world.