

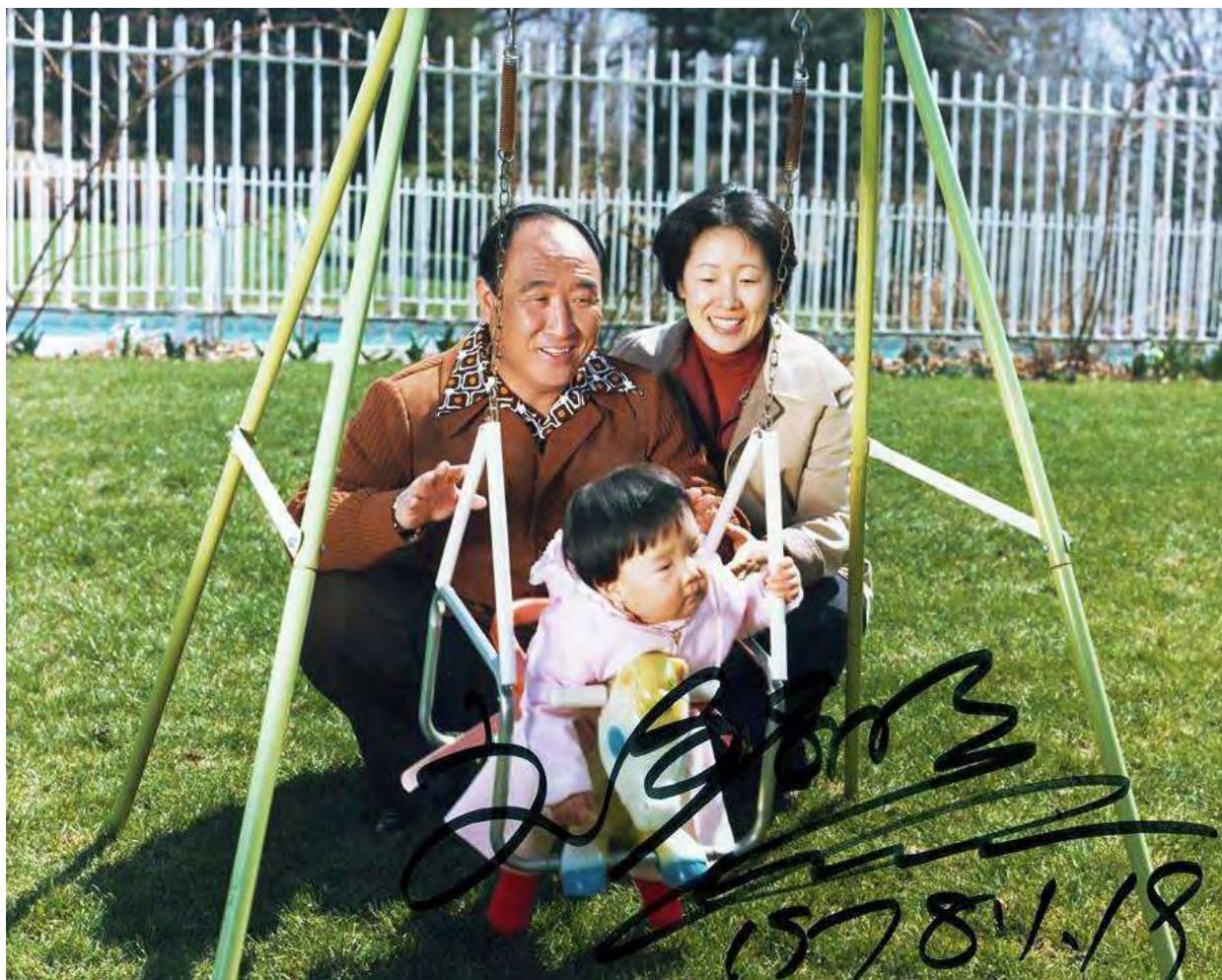
The Value and Significance of the Family Pledge

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Beloved blessed families:

Today, on this meaningful occasion, I would like to explain about the providential value and significance of the Family Pledge. It serves as Heaven's most precious and blessed guideline, given to us to guide our lives.

The Family Pledge: the guiding principle and constitution of God's kingdom

The fact that we now have the Family Pledge is truly the greatest of all blessings. It came from Heaven as a gift to all humanity on May 1, 1994, the day when the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) was inaugurated. The Family Pledge was given when the Completed Testament Age was proclaimed, bringing fulfillment to the Old Testament Age and the New Testament Age. It is to serve as a milestone, a guiding principle that pierces through the darkness of the Era before the Coming of Heaven and opens a new heaven and a new earth in the Era after the Coming of Heaven. In this time, when we are to create a new heaven and a new earth, it is the blueprint for building of God's kingdom of peace and unity.

The True Parents of humankind had emerged victorious from the battles they had fought throughout their long course of indemnity lasting forty years from the time I founded the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC) in 1954. On that foundation, we were no longer required to recite "My Pledge" as individuals. Since then, we have been required to recite and practice the Family Pledge instead. We do so together as true families. True families are the basic units that can enter triumphantly into the kingdom of heaven.

This Family Pledge is drenched with the pain and suffering of God and True Parents, and it needs to be recited with tears. It is something that people must recite forever, long after they discard the mask of religion in the fallen world and attain liberation. This is because the family is the basic unit of the kingdom of heaven.

Ladies and gentlemen, have you ever heard the words “Family Pledge,” anywhere in the world? It has appeared for the first time in human history. In the beginning, God lost the true family through the Fall of the first man and woman. He had created the first ancestors of humankind to be His children. That is the absolute standard for fulfilling His ideal of creation. Since God has the providential mandate to fulfill His ideal, He proclaimed and instituted the Family Pledge.

It is God’s blessing that you are the ones who can become models of all true families, of ideal families on earth, and return eternal joy to God. This is what you can establish with the Family Pledge. It is an essential tool for building the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven, where your families can live while directly serving and attending God.

The precondition to properly recite the Family Pledge is first and foremost to attain a state of complete mind-body unity, which is the state of “one heart, one body, one outlook and one harmony.” To do this, we have to reach the standard of perfecting our character by absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Our body needs to fully obey our conscience, which was given to us as our first parent, teacher and owner.

Furthermore, all of our family members have to perfect the basic framework for the unity of mind and body, the unity with True Parents, the unity of husband and wife, the unity of parents and children and the unity among siblings, centered on God’s Will. In other words, all of us are to perfect a sphere of unity in true love. Only then, can we recite the Family Pledge. That is why the Family Pledge serves as the absolute standard and the constitution for creating the kingdom of peace and unity in heaven and on earth, as we go beyond the Completed Testament Age.

From now, people will succeed in life not only as individuals but also as families. This means that only true model families that acquire the recognition and respect of all people can stand in a position to lead the world. The perfection of the family is Heaven’s greatest and highest blessing and a fearsome responsibility. It is the cornerstone for building Cheon Il Guk. Creating true families is the shortcut for acquiring citizenship in God’s kingdom.

Beloved blessed families, the Family Pledge is the greatest of all prayers. It is the record of True Parents’ complete victory. It is the code of law that reveals the teachings of the Completed Testament Age, the age of “justification through attendance.”

At the heart of the Family Pledge is the true family, which exists within the framework of true love. The Family Pledge serves as a bridge connecting our lives to God. To recite it is like an explosion of true love that completely captivates God. The Family Pledge is the energy and wisdom that brings true love to the center of the connections between the vertical and horizontal, north and south and front and back, initiating eternal spherical motion. The Family Pledge is the key to the gates of the kingdom of heaven. No key made of gold or silver can open the gates to the kingdom; only the key of a true family perfected through true love can open those gates. That is why all eight verses of the Family Pledge have as a primary clause, “Our family... centering on true love.”

Ladies and gentlemen, the age of justification by attendance means the time when we attend God in our daily lives. Doesn’t the first of the Ten Commandments revealed in the Bible teach about loving God? In the Era after the Coming of Heaven, God is revealing Himself in front of all people through the True Parents. That is why the movement that attends the True Parents represents Heaven’s authority and power and is superior to any force in this fallen world. We need to become people who live lives of attendance; this enables us to see the living God with our own eyes and experience Him with our own senses.

Because of the Fall of our first ancestors, this is the first time history in which True Parents can govern. The True Parents have emerged as the original root, and through an inward relationship with them we are able to enter the new world. That relationship can bring Satan to submission. It is the center that will liberate even God. You all need to offer thanks for the amazing grace of being able to live together with True Parents and directly receive their instructions.

When you are completely one with True Parents, you will prosper. The same applies to your nation, people, tribe and family. The True Parents are the embodiment and encapsulation of all glory in heaven and on earth. Once you clearly understand their value, would you exchange the True Parents for all the money in the world? Their value is such that they cannot be replaced even at the price of your life.

Explanation of each verse of the Family Pledge

The first verse of the Family Pledge is “Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to seek our original homeland and build the kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, the original ideal of creation, by centering on true love.”

You should know that reciting this verse of the Family Pledge is proclaiming one of the greatest pieces of

news in all of history. The “ideal of creation” refers to the ideal world with God at the center. It was God’s ideal of creation that humankind build the kingdom of God on earth and in heaven. However, since that ideal could not be attained due to the Fall, we have to achieve it through restoration. Thus, centering on our original homeland, we must build the kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, the original ideal of creation.

Because the family was lost due to the Fall, we need to build God’s family through the course of restoration. This is not one individual’s task. It is rather the task of families, the owners of Cheon Il Guk. This is what it means that by centering on true love, our families have to “seek our original homeland and build the kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, the original ideal of creation.”

The “original homeland” referred to here is the homeland centered on families. That is why all of you have to return to your hometown and establish God’s kingdom on earth and in heaven there. Once you restore your hometown, your nation and the world will be unified naturally. Then there will be nothing further for you to worry about.

Once the kingdom of God on earth and the kingdom of God in heaven are one, people who have lived on earth in a united family centering on God’s true love will continue living in that family in the heavenly kingdom. We no longer live in the age of individual salvation. Religions, Christianity in particular, speak to the salvation of the individual, however that will not suffice. God’s Will is for the salvation of the family. Restoration has to occur in the family because the Fall destroyed the ideal for the family. Now for the first time in history all this can be resolved. The family has finally entered the era of settlement.

It is as families that we must build the kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, the original ideal of God’s creation. Because the kingdom was lost due to the family, we have to restore it as families. The original homeland is centered on families, not on a nation. That is why I tell you to return to your hometown. If you still have a family there, go back to your hometown and build God’s kingdom on earth and in heaven there. Once we restore our hometowns, our nations and the world will naturally harmonize. We will establish the heavenly kingdom on earth and in heaven automatically. It will unfold centering on true families.

“Our family... pledges to... build the kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, the original ideal of creation.” Here we say, “build.” Why do we use that word? It is because we must create God’s kingdom; it will not come about by itself. We ourselves must build it. This current world is already hell on earth and it is connected to hell in the spirit world. We are to create a world that turns this world around 180 degrees.

Again, it is the mission of all families who have received the marriage Blessing from True Parents to seek the original homeland and build the kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, the original ideal of creation. We complete the building of God’s kingdom not as individuals but as families. This is your first pledge as blessed families.

The second verse of the Family Pledge is, “Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to represent and become central to heaven and earth by attending God and True Parents; we pledge to perfect the dutiful family way of filial sons and daughters in our family, patriots in our nation, saints in the world and divine sons and daughters in heaven and earth by centering on true love.”

“Our family... centering on true love.” The words “true love” refer to love that appears where there is unity between mind and body, between husband and wife, and between parents and children. If you do not practice this standard of true love, then you will surely be miserable when you go to the spirit world.

That is how fearsome the Family Pledge is. You must live by it always. In your family, if the father violates even one part of the Family Pledge, then the mother and children become jointly responsible. The entire family would have to take joint responsibility for it. This is the significance of the fact that Eve’s fall brought about the fall of Adam’s entire family.

This verse of the Family Pledge also states, “by attending God and True Parents.” We human beings were originally to attend and honor God and True Parents; however we were driven away as a result of the Fall. Due to the Fall, we lost the value of our existence. By attending God and True Parents, we regain it.

God is the vertical True Parent, and the True Parents, the perfected Adam and Eve, are the horizontal True Parents. We are to be born from the union of these two sets of True Parents. On the foundation of the two sets becoming one, we can also achieve unity and connect to God and heaven. By attending God and True Parents, everything can be accomplished.

What kind of families “represent and become central to heaven and earth”? They are the ideal families that God envisioned prior to the fall of Adam and Eve. A representative and central family in heaven and on earth refers to a family that represents heaven and grows its relationship with God on earth in

expanding circles through eight vertical stages and eight horizontal stages. What I mean is that the family comes to the position where it represents God in heaven and the True Parents on earth united at a 90-degree angle.

You need to become the center in such a family by becoming a filial son or daughter. Not only that, you need to become a patriot who lives for your nation, you need to become a saint who lives for the world, and you need to become a divine son or daughter who lives for heaven and earth. “We pledge to perfect the dutiful family way of... divine sons and daughters” means that each family member, as an individual, needs to attain the position of a divine son or daughter. When such divine sons and daughters gather together as members of the same family, they form a family of divine sons and daughters. This is what we are pledging to do.

In pledging “to represent and become central to heaven and earth by attending God and True Parents,” our family needs to make a resolution that it will fulfill the dutiful family way of filial sons and daughters in the family, patriots and virtuous women in the nation, saints in the world, and divine sons and daughters in heaven and earth, everything that Heaven desires. We are saying that as parents we will educate our children, as citizens we will educate the people of our nation, and as saints we will educate the people of the world. By helping them qualify to become members of God’s family in the heavenly kingdom in heaven and on earth, we become divine sons and daughters and constitute families of divine sons and daughters.

That is why we say, “Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to represent and become central to heaven and earth by attending God and True Parents; we pledge to perfect the dutiful family way of filial sons and daughters in our family, patriots in our nation, saints in the world and divine sons and daughters in heaven and earth, by centering on true love.”

The third verse of the Family Pledge is, “Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, 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.” Adam and Eve would have fulfilled the four great realms of heart and the three great kingships had they not fallen. If not for the Fall, they would have fulfilled these and become God’s royal family. This part of the Family Pledge refers to restoring fallen people and making them into the royal family. Families who receive the marriage Blessing need to fulfill this mission.

In the ideal, conjugal love should only take place among people who fulfill the four great realms of heart and the three great kingships. A man and a woman need to fulfill these before they share love with each other. Otherwise, it is not right for them to love each other. Yet during the course of restoration, conjugal love has been part of what was needed to establish of these realms and kingships. That is because man’s need for woman, and vice versa, is absolute.

You blessed families have to strive every day to fulfill the goals of this verse. However, you cannot fulfill them with only a theoretical faith. It is not enough to imagine that you will be able to fulfill these goals simply because they are set out in God’s Word. You have to work toward them by dealing with practical situations that you encounter directly.

God’s ideal is the formation of a great cosmic family

The fourth verse of the Family Pledge is, “Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to build the universal family encompassing heaven and earth, which is God’s ideal of creation, and perfect the world of freedom, peace, unity and happiness, by centering on true love.”

God’s ideal is that the world becomes one family or household under God. If everyone who recites the Family Pledge actualizes the four great realms of heart and three great kingships, they will not remain separate families; rather, they will become one great family under God. To establish one family under God is what it means “to build the universal family encompassing heaven and earth, which is God’s ideal of creation.”

To give you an example from nature, when there is a low-pressure system with a deficiency of air, air from a neighboring high-pressure system flows in and fills it up. Similarly, water in a high place will automatically flow down to fill up a low place. Balance, to become level, is the ideal.

In the world today there are advanced nations and developing nations. In the advanced nations, people have an abundance of things and end up discarding leftovers, whereas people in developing nations lack many things, especially food. Many even starve to death. Twenty million people die of starvation each year. Do you think that is God’s desire? When advanced nations do not give out of their abundance to developing nations, they block the universe’s natural system of giving and receiving.

If this continues, the advanced nations will not be able to avoid divine punishment. Heaven will not let this go unnoticed. Already signs of judgment are appearing in various places. One sign is the prevalence

of sexually transmitted diseases; another is drug and alcohol abuse. Others are free sex and homosexuality. They are madness; the human race can go no lower. God detests such behavior the most; Satan, on the other hand, praises such behavior the most.

I have been leading projects to save the tens of thousands of people who are dying of starvation and malnutrition each day in the developing nations. I am calling the people of advanced nations such as the United States, who live in a consumer paradise, to willingly go without in order to restore balance. Despite all the disorder of the human race, the natural world is constantly trying to maintain balance.

When we pledge to “build the universal family... and perfect the world of freedom, peace, unity and happiness,” the word “freedom” does not just refer to the freedom of the individual. It refers to the freedom of all people as one family under God. The same goes for the words “peace,” “unity,” and “happiness.” “Happiness” refers to a world where all people live happily. That is why we need to develop movements in villages, towns and cities throughout the world. As they build wealth, we need to inculcate their people with the ethical norm to share it with others.

Ladies and gentlemen, a world of one universal family is a world filled with families who have received the marriage Blessing. When you go to the spirit world, you will find people living together from everywhere on the planet. There, all five colors of the human race are intermingled. Yet, who among those people has truly prepared themselves to live the family ideal that can unite the past, present and future? If you prepare yourselves in that way, you will become central leaders in the spirit world. That is why you must train for this while you are on earth.

The basis of that training is mind-body unity. There are many people in this world who betray their conscience and act according to their body’s desires. They hoard money, commit fraud, come up with schemes and defame others. However, the money accumulated in this way will eventually come back around to strike them, like a rod of judgment.

Likewise, no matter how learned a person may be, if he or she gained that knowledge to use it for their own sake instead of for the greater good, that knowledge will come back around to strike them. In the spirit world, such people will make their way to hell.

We need to live for the sake of the world upholding the ideal, God’s ideal, of one global family. If we disregard the world and live only for our own sake, the world will judge us.

I have not asked you to recite the Family Pledge centering on “my family.” You must offer your pledge centering on “our family” Everyone is equal. I, Rev. Moon, make this pledge representing “our family,” that is, on behalf of all families. That is why we say, “Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to build the universal family encompassing heaven and earth, which is God’s ideal of creation, and perfect the world of freedom, peace, unity and happiness by centering on true love.”

The fifth verse of the Family Pledge is, “Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to strive every day to advance the unification of the spirit world and the physical world as subject and object partners, by centering on true love.”

When thinking about anything, we must first think about the spirit world. It is in the position of the subject partner, while the physical world is the object partner. Do you think there are more people living in the spirit world or on earth? The population of the spirit world is far greater than the population on the earth.

The spirit world relates to the physical world as subject partner to object partner, and yang to yin. In the same way, the mind is in the position of subject partner and yang in relation to the body, which is in the position of its object partner and yin. The mind represents the spirit world and the body, the physical world. If we act in a way such that we do not recognize the mind and the world of the mind as the subject partner, we are bound to go to hell. If previously we lived by allowing our body to lead our mind, now we must live so that our mind leads our body and subjugates it. I am saying that such a time has come.

In our daily life, we need to be aware that the spirit world is the subject partner. This means that our task on earth, the object partner, is to perfect ourselves so that we may establish the foundation for perfection when we pass into the spirit world. There is a direct relationship between the two worlds. The spirit world is linked to us every day of every year throughout our entire life. But only by perfecting ourselves on earth does it become our second sphere of activity and a place where we can peacefully abide when we go there.

In other words, “the unification of the spirit world and the physical world as subject and object partners” means that the two worlds must constantly move towards oneness. To “strive every day to advance this unification” means that we must help the two worlds progress toward this unity. We are urged to do it quickly. We must not stop. If we do, we are already backsliding toward hell and death.

Stagnation leads down to hell, whereas pushing forward leads to development. When relating to God's providence, to sleep long hours and be lazy, gluttonous and self-indulgent are not acceptable. We must keep ourselves busy. Life is short. Run without resting, just as I do. Run even without sleeping. Only then can you be connected to the world that we all hope for. How can you be connected to that world when you are not even thinking about it? We need to always be busy and always concerned; this is how oneness is brought about. We need to think about both the spirit world and the physical world, for they are partners.

The sixth verse of the Family Pledge is, "Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges to become a family that moves heavenly fortune by embodying God and True Parents, and to perfect a family that conveys Heaven's blessing to our community, by centering on true love."

"Our family pledges... by embodying God and True Parents" means that your family is to embody God and True Parents. Families that embody God and True Parents are the families that mobilize heavenly fortune. When we say that we pledge to "become a family that moves heavenly fortune" and "conveys Heaven's blessing to our community," we are not saying that we want to be blessed by God and enjoy a good life just for ourselves. We are saying that God's blessing is for all people, so that all can ultimately become part of God's royal family. We are saying that everyone needs to become a citizen of God's kingdom of Cheon Il Guk.

We are making a vow to become a channel of God's blessing, sharing it equally with all the people of the world. The family of God and the True Parents is one family. Although there is only one set of True Parents, there are many blessed families throughout the world, and God wants all of them to become channels for sharing the blessing of God and True Parents with others. You must work to become such a family. This means that you are striving to bring everyone to receive many blessings.

The seventh verse is, "Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges, through living for the sake of others, to perfect the world based on the culture of heart, which is rooted in the original lineage, by centering on true love."

In our path of faith, the most important point is not to defile the original lineage. That means your descendants must not stain their lineage, as Adam and Eve did when they fell. That is what is meant when "Our family pledges... to perfect the world based on the culture of heart, which is rooted in the original lineage."

The world in heaven, the world on earth and the world of True Parents' heart are all meant to be one with the world of God's heart. That is what is meant when our family pledges, "to perfect the world based on the culture of heart." This is our ideal. The culture of heart cannot be two; it must be one. The cultures of the fallen world are complex and various. Without establishing the world based on the one culture of heart, there is no way for us to connect to God on all levels from the individual to the family, tribe, people, nation, world, and eternal world.

Without establishing the culture of heart, the individual, family and tribe cannot be connected. Without a world based on the culture of heart, there is no way for us to make connections from the individual out to the cosmos.

That is why the world has been going up and down in a zigzag, unable to reach the final destination even after thousands of years. However, in the world based on the culture of heart we can reach that destination right away. This is possible, because true love is there.

Completing the realm of liberation and complete freedom

The eighth verse reads, "Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk, pledges, having entered the Completed Testament Age, to achieve the ideal of God and human beings united in love through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, and to perfect the realm of liberation and complete freedom in the kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, by centering on true love."

You have to make the royal family a reality in your family, by becoming a couple where both of you are united in mind and body. This is God's ideal for the creation, which is fulfilled in the Completed Testament Age. God's kingship begins in the family where man and woman are united in true love. Originally, Adam's family was to have been God's royal family. From there, God's kingship would have emerged in the tribe and expanded to the people and the nation. This kingship would have automatically continued on into the eternal spirit world. From its beginnings on earth, it would have connected with that kingdom for eternity.

The words "Completed Testament Age" refer to our having advanced into a new age. The Completed Testament Age is the time when the world will unite and create a peaceful world that begins with the

family and progresses to the tribe, people, nation, world, and even to all of heaven and earth. It represents the whole; it is not confined to the family unit. We could only enter the Completed Testament Age once we had gone beyond the level of the world to embrace the whole cosmos. Through becoming new families that perfect the four great realms of heart and the three great kingships, we can go beyond the realm of the world and achieve the model required for the Completed Testament Age. When this happens, the world will become one unified world, the ideal heavenly kingdom of peace.

Ladies and gentlemen, the words “absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience” are essential for realizing God’s ideal of creation. Based on absolute faith, God began creating all things. He initiated creating for the sake of His object partners of absolute love. Absolute obedience means that there is no awareness of self. It is a state of absolute zero, complete nothingness. When God empties Himself and returns to nothingness, a natural circular motion begins. Having given everything out and with nothing more to give, everything will return to you. This principle—that everything returns to you after you invest completely—is the origin of interaction in the universe.

For this reason, do not insist on your own way. If you do, you will be giving yourself to the devil. Do not allow Satan to use anything that comes into you through your five physical senses. Use your eyes, nose, mouth, feet and hands as if they were God’s. Live your life based on this standard of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Then God will always have compassion for you and assist you. When you let go of yourself, God will be with you.

Ladies and gentlemen, when God created you as His absolute partners of love, He totally invested Himself. He created you because He needed you as His genuine object partners of love. As long as God did not have a substantial form, either in the physical world or in the spirit world, He was unable to relate to His children. That is why He needed to acquire a physical form. That form is that of perfected true parents.

God began His creation because He wanted beloved object partners on earth whom He could love. That is why God created human beings as His absolute object partners of love and granted us the ability to reproduce, so that we might live for eternity through our descendants. This is the essence of God’s creation.

God is the root of love, life and lineage and the root of the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven. Had Adam and Eve not fallen, God would have entered their hearts when they married and realized loving oneness with them. God would have become the vertical True Parent and Adam and Eve would have become the horizontal True Parents. We would have been born with the flesh and blood of these two sets of parents. Our mind would have become the vertical self and our body the horizontal self, and that being so we would have led lives based on one heart, one body, one outlook and one harmony.

By perfecting the unity of our mind and body, and achieving unity with God in love, we will become His sons and daughters. Once we are in this parent-child relationship, we will be God’s princes and princesses. In that parent-child relationship with God, we will inherit everything from Him. When we, His children, become husbands and wives and unite totally based on true love, we will become a family that lives in attendance to God. That family is the foundation for peace and the ideal. When a man and woman, each being one half, unite together, they become the base for fulfilling God’s ideal of love as His partners.

Men and women are beings of infinite value. When they perfect true love, God also perfects true love and completes the world of His ideal, where His eternal, ideal love dwells amid the creation.

In the relationship between God and Adam’s family, God was to be the first generation, in the position of the grandparent. Adam and Eve, in the position of parents, would be the second generation, and Adam’s children, their sons and daughters, would be the third generation. In the same way, when three generations are firmly secured in your family, your grandparents stand in the position of God in His kingdom. They also are in the positions of the king and queen of the original physical world and spiritual world. As parents, you stand in the position of the central king and queen representing the present kingdom of Heaven on earth. Your children represent the future; they are in the position of princes and princesses who will inherit the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven.

Adam’s family and clan were to live as the royal clan with God as its center. After their life on earth, its members were meant to go to heaven and live in the eternal world.

We will be able to fulfill this purpose. When we live on earth and attend our grandparents, representing heaven, as if they were God, attend our parents as the king and queen of the present world, and love our children as the future princes and princesses, we will dwell together with them after we go to heaven. In heaven all our desires, hopes and happiness will be fulfilled.

The eighth verse of the Family Pledge shows us the way to live in the kingdom of heaven on earth. It is a

path that is possible only through a life of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience. At the time of creation, God totally invested Himself with absolute faith and absolute love based on the standard of absolute obedience.

Ladies and gentlemen, your conscience comes first, preceding your parents, your teachers and even God. Many people do not realize its value because the body has been dominating the conscience. That is how it is in this fallen, hedonistic world, a world in which most people focus on experiencing physical pleasure and having fun. Those who depend solely on money will be lost. Those who live for pleasure end up in reckless love relationships that lead to ruin.

We lost the true love that was supposed to be created by the unity of God and human beings in absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. The first human beings were supposed to become perfect, having nothing to do with the Fall. They were supposed to create that realm of unity with God. Yet they lost everything.

That is why we have to establish the realm where heaven and earth are in unity. We need to dissolve all the sorrow that we caused God for not having done so. Without releasing that pain and suffering, neither God nor human beings can be liberated. I have been resolving all of this, internally and externally. That is why I call this the perfection of restoration. It is the completion of restoration. I am proclaiming this now, so that I can bring restoration to a conclusion in the right way.

The constitution of your family is the tradition of heaven

Beloved blessed family members! The question now is how you will guard the pure and true lineage that you have received from God. Even though Garden of Eden was an undefiled place, still the Fall occurred there. How much more difficult it will be to protect the pure lineage in this evil and corrupt world of sin. So, the people born in this sinful world, no matter how much they suffer, have to take responsibility such that the children of future generations receive and maintain the marriage Blessing. It is their responsibility to create a pure and pristine environment that will never again be defiled.

Consequently, your families must not engage in old worldly habits. What is the best way to live for the future? It is essential to live an exemplary life for the sake of your descendants. It is also necessary to thoroughly educate them. Despite difficulties during the wilderness course, the people of Israel overcame the seven tribes of Canaan. In the same way, you have to gain victory in your own battles, no matter what hardships you have to endure. As parents, you must establish the way of Heaven, even if you have to die doing so. If you live for the sake of Heavenly Parent and the True Parents, your children will be blessed with heavenly fortune and will naturally come to inherit the heavenly tradition.

The people of Israel entered the land of Canaan, and later perished. Why? It is because they eventually succumbed to the prevailing environment and adopted its habits and customs. The Israelites were tempted by the extravagant lifestyle of the Canaanites, who ate better food and enjoyed a more comfortable life than theirs. The Israelites ended up coveting power and began to place their priorities on wealth and knowledge. They even began to marry Gentiles, as long as they were from rich families. In this way, they betrayed the spirit of the chosen nation and ended up losing the heavenly tradition.

The lessons we learn from the Family Pledge come from universal, cosmic principles, not from any form of individualism. We must face the various hardships that befall us in our lives. We need to boldly break through our circumstances and gain victory. To do this, we need to strengthen our families with the tradition of the Family Pledge.

It is not a task just for your family for a single generation. You have to establish a firm and solid heavenly tradition over at least three generations. Your mission is that of establishing a lineage that secures the tradition of the chosen people from generation to generation.

You have to broaden your base of true love and unite the hearts of all peoples. Light a candle, offer incense and pray to become a family that will unite the hearts of all peoples. Live and die to create a bond of true love with all peoples and with heaven and earth. If you live this way, God will protect your family through all ordeals and tribulations. It is God's desire to plant His seeds of love in such families.

Ladies and gentlemen, you have to establish the victorious tradition of a true and good family based on the Family Pledge. The life that you lead in this revolutionary Era after the Coming of Heaven must be one of a victor. The bright light from the Pacific Rim era is illuminating your path. God, the source of true life, true love and true lineage, is with you, whether you are in the homeland of the Korean peninsula or anywhere else in the world. True Parents, to whom God has given the Blessing of eternal value, are guiding you on your path. Be assured that there is nothing you cannot accomplish on the path ahead.

May God's blessings be with you and your family for eternity.