

## The Meaning of the 7-Year Course at the Last Days

Sun Myung Moon

May 1, 1977

Excerpt

God's Will and the World -- God's Preparation for Our Church, and Its Early Days

Unofficial Translation



In order that you should become victorious over the 7-year course, you must first feel it to the bone. Then you pray, "God, at this moment I pledge to You that I will begin my 7-year course. I shall no longer follow the course of Adam and Eve who failed, but within 7 years' time I shall finish the path of perfected Adam and Eve." With this showdown prayer with God, you must begin your 7 years with such conviction. The Bible predicts that in the Last Days there will be the Great Tribulation. The Bible prophesied that very few will survive this period of suffering. This prophesies can also be true for the Completed Testament Era. Why? The only ones who are truly dedicated to God will endure and become victorious over the 7-year course.

As soon as you undertake that 7-year course of your own, you will automatically draw opposition. Nothing will occur according to your desire. If you want to go this way, then Satan will be trying to block every inch of your way, and inevitably circumstances will drag you down to the lowest possible level. You will be deprived of all honor and left with nothing, feeling completely naked. This is because God even uses Satan to push you down to the lowest place where you can only be servants. Then you must digest the worst and lowest circumstances and conditions, otherwise you cannot move to the next step.

*"He who loses his life for my sake will gain it."*

What is the method to be elevated to the position of adopted son or son from the lowest place? You must become a person who is ready to sacrifice yourself for the sake of a servant. At every step of the dispensation you have to be willing to give up your life. That is the quickest way to meet the heavenly requirement. Our bodily life is fleeting away as quickly as dissipating early-morning mist. So, let us joyfully give our life as a sacrificial offering!

When I discovered the entire meaning and secret of the dispensational history, I felt the teachings of Jesus all the way to my bone. I felt so deeply such words as, "He who finds his Life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it." Not just once but many times you must totally give up your own life. This is the only way for victory. It is best that you give up your life from servant to parents positions, while you go through this path. When you give up your life and thus go beyond the 7-year course victoriously, all of a sudden the universe will go through a sea-change and you will discover you are protected by the entire universe.