

## Restoration of the Sons and Daughters of God

- A. Originally, God created all mankind as one family with Him at the center.
- B. Through the fall of mankind, man and creation became separated from God, man from man, and man from creation.
  - 1. Man was cut off from God, the source of energy and life. The result was loneliness, insecurity, powerlessness, and lack of fulfillment of purpose and happiness.
- C. All things in creation, especially man, were created for a definite purpose.
  - 1. (Explain purpose.)
  - 2. The purpose of the individual can only be fulfilled through realizing the purpose of the whole.
    - a. Each person can be considered as a cell of a gigantic body, Humanity. As an integral part of the whole, each one has inherent value with certain responsibility and rights.
- D. God has been working throughout history for the restoration of mankind, trying to restore all interrelationships so as to reestablish the original “cell” situation of this body, and reactivate the give and take process between ourselves and all entities.
- E. God wants to reunite man with Himself, the source of love, joy, energy, and unite man and man, and people and societies, to let them fulfill their purpose of creation. It is man’s obligation to participate in this give and take process.
- F. Deprivation of love is the greatest sin. Therefore we are obligated to restore all interhuman relationships in order that the love of God can flow in each relationship.
- G. The family is the nucleus of human society. God wanted it to be His expression of love.
  - 1. Throughout recent decades we have witnessed the disintegration of the family unit, etc.
- H. Evidence in history are wars and strife caused by the separation of God and man, and human societies, races, and religions. To bring peace and heal this situation, to overcome animosity, one must start at home, by bringing God back into the families and becoming exemplary to others to live the will of God. Then we can bring God back into our society, nation, etc.

1. In the family we must learn the respect and love of all age groups – grandparents, uncles and aunts, parents, brothers and sisters, and young children – and to relate to others outside the family as an extension of these relationships.
  2. We need to practice the love of God as an extended family and then go to the world.  
In this sense, the family unit is the basis for the heavenly Kingdom.
- I. In order to create harmony in this world, we need to be able to love and forgive all others and practice the gospel that Jesus brought, and the sacrifice for the greater purpose. Faith without works is dead (James, chapter 3).
  - J. In order for the love of God to flow throughout human societies, all peoples have to be interconnected with each other and have harmonious give and take with God centered on Christ.