## God's Ideal Family and the Kingdom of the Peaceful Ideal World I Dr. Chung Sik Yong, March 31, 2023

#### **Key Points**

- Because of the Fall God's misery is that he lost the ownership and right of lineage and never had the opportunity to see Adam and Eve become true father and mother of humankind, to welcome them with joy, and to be pleased with them.
- During 6,000 years of suffering alone he had no one to console him.
- Ever since the fall and the Cain-Abel conflict, we have experienced conflict on many levels from that between mind and body to wars among nations and the global conflict between materialism and theism.
- God's 6,000-year providence of suffering laid the foundation for True Parents to pay indemnity on behalf of all humankind and achieve victory on the cosmic level.
- Only after many years will the true value of True Parents' hardships, sacrifices, and victories become apparent and be shown.
- We who have learned Chapter Two will only be able to graduate from the Last Days if we overcome all remnants of obscenity (fornication?) in ourself.
- The liberation from obscenity is the true inner conversion of lineage through God's way of liberation.
- Satan seeks to confirm his Chapter Two blood lineage through our culture, our thinking and our attitude.
- If we divorce Satan and his spirit of fornication completely, we will pass the top of the growth stage and enter the foundation of heart. Then God can come to us and live with us.
- In this time we should "cross the worldwide Golgotha of tears," shedding tears not for ourself, our family or our country but for the world "while grasping God's will."
- We need to share God's passion for total global salvation.
- We need to become a "divine" person who "carries God's Golgotha in his stead."
- Since God's deepest concern in the Last Days is to save the world, we must carry a global cross with a passion for world salvation, dedicating all of our projects, lives, and ideologies to it.
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- We may be tested by people we admire and trust but also by those we hate.
- God tests us to refine our faith, to help us grow and to free us from Satan's accusations. We must prepare for his tests.

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Today is already the last day of this month. Wow!

Today I'd like to talk about "God's Ideal Family and the Kingdom of the Peaceful Ideal World I" from *True Mother's Anthology, Book 2.* 

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Due to the Fall God lost the ownership and right of lineage. For that reason, God has never had the (opportunity) to see Adam and Eve become true father and true mother of humankind, to welcome them with joy, and to be pleased with them.

God has led the providence for 6,000 years since the fall of Adam and Eve, and so far, he has never met anyone who could console his pain and comfort him for even an hour, let alone a year.

How much do you (offer) comfort each day for the sake of a sorrowful God? Is it 1 minute? Is it 10 minutes? Is it 30 minutes? In the end, God also finds a person who recognizes him, thinks of him, and comforts him.

We need to be filial sons (and daughters). Filial sons always need to recognize their parents' situation and always console them, comfort them, think about them and recognize them. In order to become a filial son or daughter do we have that kind of attitude to spend a lot of time to console them, comfort them, recognize them, take place literally or whether the verses are symbolic. think about them and love them?

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#### LIVING DIVINE PRINCIPLE: Chapter 3 -**Eschatology and Human History 1 - Introduction**



• We dwell in ignorance of history, uncertain about its origin, the direction in which it is heading, and its final destination.

• Concerning eschatology, or the doctrine of the Last Days, many Christians believe literally what is written in the Bible: "The heavens and the elements will melt with fire" (II Pet. 3:12); "The sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light and the stars will fall from heaven" (Matt. 24:29); and "The dead in Christ will rise...to meet the Lord in the air" (I Thess. 4:16-17).



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Let's study Father's word.

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> What judgement will happen in the Last Days? This is the time like when Lot lived in Sodom and Gomorrah. What was the reason for the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah? Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of obscenity.

> In the Last days, people will eventually perish through obscenity. Therefore, the biggest problem in the Last Days is the issue of obscenity. If we do not solve this problem, we will never be able to overcome the Last Days. Have we graduated from the individual dimension to the end of (the) individual level? If fornication still remains in us after knowing its meaning, it is proof that the remnants of the end still remain.

> The way to forever overcome Satan's end is to be liberated from obscenity. The liberation (from) obscenity is the true inner conversion of lineage. The way to be liberated from obscenity is God's way of liberation.

> Therefore, today, in the Last Days, we must entrust everything to Heaven and become a person who can live according to Heaven's commands. If not, we will be in the same position as Lot's wife, who was swept away in the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah.

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> How can we overcome Chapter Two? How can we overcome that spirit of fornication (from) our ancestors (who) fell because of Chapter Two? How can we really purify ourself? This is really the issue.

"You are my child" and always provides that spirit of fornication. Wow! This is Satan. He wants to confirm his Chapter Two blood lineage in terms of the culture, of thinking, of our attitude, everywhere. How can we really graduate from that kind of environment? This is our struggling point, right?

Did we already graduate from the Last Days? Are we completely separated from Satan? Have we divorced Satan? If we belong to God's sons and daughters, it means we have already graduated. How many of us have graduated from the Last Days? Graduating from the Last Days means (that we have) separated from the spirit of Chapter Two and fornication. This is important. Still something remains, right? Still some spirit(?) remains, right? That is the real issue. If we really overcome the Chapter Two issue, the spirit of fornication, we (will) have already reached a different dimension. We have already passed the top of the growth stage. We can enter the foundation of heart.

Can you imagine? For 6,000 years Satan has continuously invaded. When we open the window, wind comes in, right? When we wake up, everybody is struggling with this issue(?). It does not matter if we are an old guy or a young guy, a professor. That is why we really need to be serious. How can we really kick out that kind of Chapter Two spirit and really become a pure guy? (If we do,) then God can come to us and live with us.

#### Time to Cross the Worldwide Golgotha of Tears

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At every moment, every second Satan confirms, wants us to become saints who hold on to God's will and shed tears for the sake of the world. This is because God's final goal is world salvation. God's greatest concern is the total salvation.

> That is why we need to think of the world. (There must be) no one missing. It does not matter if we are a black guy or a white guy or a yellow guy, or what (our) nationality (is). God's concern is not only a tribe or a nation. His concern is the whole world - nobody missing. Total salvation. God's final goal should be our goal which is world salvation.

> Therefore, in order to cross the world-wide Golgotha, we must shed tears over the liberation of God and the salvation of the world, not just our nation, our tribe, or our family.

> To do so, we must inherit the tears that Jesus and True Parents shed for the world and have the spirit of ownership to take responsibility for the world.

> A filial child is someone who carries their parents' Golgotha in their stead, a patriot is a person who carries the nation's Golgotha in its stead, a saint is a person who carries the responsibility of Golgotha on behalf of the world, and a divine person is someone who carries God's Golgotha in His stead.

> Our way is very clear. We have to be a filial son in the family, a patriot in the nation, a saint in the world and a divine son or daughter in the cosmos. Who teaches this so clearly? Our Family Pledge says very clearly what the way is. We should not just be a filial son or daughter, not just a patriot, we need to love the world, but not just the (physical) world, the spiritual world as well. We need to liberate Heavenly Parent. Wow! Our True Parents are really the messiah who teach us in detail very clearly where to go.

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Since God's deepest concern in the Last Days is to Since this is the time of the end of the world, we save the world, disciples who follow True Parents must carry the cross of the world like True Parents. No matter what we do, we must think of world salvation from one to ten.

The Last Days are the days when all of our projects, God has been working for thousands of years and lives, and ideologies must go forth for the salvation of the world.

I am really concerned about our second generation, our third generation and our young generation. How can we show a vision for the sake of the world?

because God thinks of the world, of all humankind. We need to create not just an external pledge; we need to create one family under God. A global family and global citizenship which is Cheon Il Guk citizenship.

### **TODAY'S YOUTH MINISTRY: The Reason God Tests Humankind**

This content has really inspired me.

#### Matthew 15: 21~28 The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

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22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

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This is an incredible Bible verse.

#### **Canaanite Woman's Faith and Jesus' Test**

A Canaanite woman came to Jesus to cure her daughter from being possessed by a demon, but Jesus said, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs" (Matthew 15: 24-26). Seeing that he said this, outwardly, he acted coldly to test her faith. But the Canaanite woman really respected Jesus, and Jesus treated her as a dog. When he treated her with condescension, such as, 'How can I give you, a foreign woman, the blessings that are given to Israel?' 'How can I give bread to dog when it's meant for a child'? To put it to the extreme, the Canaanite woman was in such a position that she could misunderstand that Jesus was the same (kind of) discriminatory person as the people of the world.

#### Independent from the Environment, the Canaanite Woman who Kept her Faith and Motive First

2. From the woman's point of view, she went to him Our final stage is the world, not just America, thinking that Jesus was not the same as ordinary Jews and would treat a stranger as the same. However, the foreign woman, the Canaanite woman, did not change her motive at all and was thorough with her motive.

> She answered Jesus, "You are right. Even dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table" (Matthew 15:27). Regardless of how the other person treated her, she respected Jesus regardless of circumstances, and even though Jesus ignored her, she overcame the environment.

What a Bible story!

One of the reasons why we easily stumble in our life of faith today is when we are disappointed in Abel, whom we respected. If there is an incident where our Abel disappoints us, we often lose our initial motivation.

However, even though the Canaanite woman in the Bible was treated like a dog and ignored by Jesus, her faith in Jesus did not change at all. Despite being ignored and disappointed by Jesus, her initial motive and determination to heal her demon-possessed daughter and her faith in Jesus did not change at all.

Today, there are many of our ancestors who, while following the path of the will, were disappointed by True Parents and stumbled in the middle of the test or left the church. When we walk the path of faith, we often easily become disappointed and despair.

However, what we learn from this foreign woman, the Canaanite woman, is that her motivation has not changed at all. Regardless of how others treated her, she respected Jesus regardless of circumstances, and even though Jesus ignored her, she overcame the test she faced.

This is amazing faith. What if we were in that situation?

This Canaanite woman was blessed by Jesus because she was not disappointed in the place where she would have been, and her motives did not change at all. She was thorough in her motives.

Amazing faith!

#### God Who Tests Humankind's Faith

3. Despite Jesus' ignorance, she was victorious. Her motive to heal her own child remained unchanged, and she won the victory without being governed by the results of the words of Jesus. Jesus was moved by that and said, "Be true to your faith." He confessed, "I have never seen such faith since I came to Israel." He praised her faith. Although Jesus ignored her once, her motives and beliefs did not change.

Even God sometimes ignores people in order to help them grow. He took the wife away from Abraham and made Abraham try to offer Isaac, the son he had acquired after 100 years, as a burnt offering. Why? It was God who wanted to see how thorough the center was in the motive Abraham had in the first place.

If we want to keep our first motivation and first resolution, we must not become disappointed. Even if we see our Abel's shortcomings, don't be hurt by them. Think of Abel's shortcomings as our own, and have the mindset to go further and take responsibility for Abel's shortcomings as well.

However, what should we do if we find ourselves in an environment where we cannot help but be disappointed because of Jesus or True Parents?

We can overcome some test from Abel, but how about a test from Jesus? A test by God? A test by True Parents?

God always refines humans by giving them tests and trials. Therefore, we must be prepared to overcome countless trials and tests.

To overcome the trial of True Parents, we must first have absolute faith in the Divine Principle. Second, through prayer and spiritual experience, we need absolute certainty about who True Parents are.

We must have the conviction, spiritual experience, and evidence through principles that cannot be denied even if one tries to deny that True Parents are messiahs. Otherwise, when there are tests and trials, we will stumble. However, God and the spirit world cannot budge on those who have absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience.

Many people are in a difficult situation. When a trial comes - maybe we can overcome a test by our Abel. Sometimes spiritual temptation or Chapter Two temptation (comes), maybe we can overcome it. Gradually maybe there is a test by True Father; maybe we can overcome it. But a final test by True Mother? Many senior blessed couples lost their faith because they could not overcome True Mother's leadership.

was a test by true children. Some were so disappointed by true children because of this or that case - all kinds of cases. Especially many second generation followed person I hate, and sometimes there are trials through the (them). Seeing the shortcomings of true children was such a disappointment (for them). They distanced admire. Look at Jesus testing the Canaanite woman. themselves and completely left the church. No more Jesus put her to the test to see if her motives were contact. They even cursed the Unification Church. This thorough. How surprised God must have felt when

happened in Japan and even in America, right?

How do we overcome tests? Many trials come (to us). Look throughout human history: Noah's test, Abraham's test. They received so many tests and trials. Our life of faith is challenging and overcoming tests and trials.

Then God (may) give us other tests and trials. How do we overcome (them)? A life of faith is overcoming. Any test (can) come – tests by Abel, by True Father, by True Mother, even by true children, by materials, by women.

We need to make sure we have the conviction and spiritual experience and evidence through the Principle that cannot be denied even if people(?) deny that True Parents are the messiah. We need to have absolute conviction that the Divine Principle is the eternal truth. We need to have spiritual experiences (that show us) "I cannot deny that Father Moon and Mother Moon are the messiah." We need to have that kind of conviction. Then any trial that comes to us we can overcome.

But if we are still doubting and disappointed, then Satan has a chance to invade us. "Yeah, yeah, yeah, come! You belong to me!" Even senior blessed couples who have followed for 40(?), 50 and 60 years, in the end because of Mother's leadership are disappointed and don't come to church any more. Oh my goodness!

Even God sometimes ignores people in order for them to grow. He took the wife away from Abraham and tried Abraham to offer Isaac, the son he had acquired after 100 years, as a burnt offering.

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God blessed Abraham and Sarah, "I will give you a son," and they had Isaac after 100 years of life. Then God all of sudden asked them to offer their only son as a burnt offering. Can you imagine?

Why is that? It was God who wanted to see how thorough the center was in the motive Abraham had in the first place.

#### The Reason God Tests Humankind's Faith

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God even denied (abandoned?) Jesus on the cross, but Jesus' faith never changed.

When True Father discovered the Divine Principle he went through all kinds of tests (in which the Principle was) denied by some spirits and saints and sages. The most difficult things was that in the end even God denied it. But Father had unchanging faith and even convinced God logically and heartistically and finally God surrendered.

God tests our faith. So, through Abel or through the center, God ignores us or gives us an incident in which we have no choice but to feel sorry for ourself. It's just like Jesus ignoring the Canaanite woman.

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God was so surprised; "Does this guy really want to kill his son, really wants to offer him?" That is why God surrendered and consoled him; "Now I know that you revere me." ... "From now on I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac." Oh my goodness! God surrendered because of absolute faith.

Do you have such absolute faith in True Parents? Or not? Do you have that kind of absolute faith in True Mother? Yes or no! How can we separate True Father and True Mother? We cannot separate our mind and body, (so) we cannot separate Father and Mother. We need to absolutely believe in True Parents. When we have that kind of motivation at first, then until the end (we need to) keep absolute faith (in them) no matter what! (We must) never betray True Parents! Right?

The reason why God gives humans tests is to refine our faith, second, to free us from Satan's accusations, and third, to grow ourselves.

Today I spoke about "The reason God tests humankind."

(Testimony Hebangja Kisile, Young Adult

(Response to sharing) We are (tempted) by materials, Chapter Two, Abel, even Father, even Mother and true children. Anyway we need to overcome.

(Father said,) "What a great opportunity you have to be tested by True Father and True Mother? I don't have it because I am True Father. We are True Parents; we don't have that kind of test. You are a lucky guy to be test by True Father and True Mother. You are tested by true children; you are a lucky guy. I don't have that kind of experience. I have been tested by Heavenly God many times and finally I overcame."

#### Wow, that is really great!♦

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28 Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

## Canaanite Woman's Faith and Jesus' Test

A Canaanite woman came to Jesus to cure her daughter from being possessed by a demon, but Jesus said, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs" (Matthew 15: 24-26). Seeing that he said this, outwardly, he acted coldly to test her faith. But the Canaanite woman really respected Jesus, and Jesus treated her as a dog. When he treated her with condescension, such as, 'How can I give you, a foreign woman, the blessings that are given to Israel?' 'How can I give bread to dog when it's meant for a child'? To put it to the extreme, the Canaanite woman was in such a position that she could misunderstand that Jesus was the same discriminatory person as the people of the world.

Independent from the Enviroment, the Canaanite Woman who Kept her Faith and Motive First

- 2. From the woman's point of view, she went to him thinking that Jesus was not the same as ordinary Jews and would treat a stranger as the same. However, the foreign woman, the Canaanite woman, did not change her motive at all and was thorough with her motive.
- She answered Jesus, "You are right. Even dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table" (Matthew 15:27). Regardless of how the other person treated her, she respected Jesus regardless of circumstances, and even though Jesus ignored her, she overcame the environment.

## God Who Tests Mankind's Faith

3. Despite Jesus' ignorance, she was victorious. Her motive to heal her own child remained unchanged, and she won the victory without being governed by the results of the words of Jesus. Jesus was moved by that and said, "Be true to your faith." He confessed, "I have never seen such faith since I came to Israel." He praised her faith. Although Jesus ignored her once, her motives and beliefs did not change. Even God sometimes ignores people in order to help them grow. He took the wife away from Abraham and made Abraham try to offer Isaac, the son he had acquired after 100 years, as a burnt offering. why? It was God who wanted to see how thorough the center was in the motive Abraham had in the first place.

## The Reason God Tests Mankind's Faith

3. God sometimes coldly tests people in order to motivate them more. Before Satan can accuse them God puts such a test on human beings. He did so with Abraham to see the result then said, "Now I know that you fear me" (Genesis 22: 12).

We all have trials. There are trials through the person I hate, and sometimes there are trials through the person I trust. Sometimes it's an ordeal from someone I admire. Look at Jesus testing the Canaanite woman. Jesus put her to the test to see if her motives were thorough. How surprised God must have felt when Abraham actually offered his son Isaac as a sacrifice after being commanded by God. God confessed in surprise, "Now I know that you revere me." Rev. Hebangja Kisile, Young Adult Ministry, Indiana Family Church





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## **Our Journey**

- Challenge of (re)connecting young adults and young families
- 2. Praying for young adults and young families to come
- 3. "Take care of the ones you have first."
- 4. Share vulnerably, listen and follow up.
- 5. Through our sharings, the idea of a book club came.



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- Deep connection
- Honest sharings
- Friendship
- Fun





Our Heart: to inherit from the 1st generation and grow deep appreciation for their journeys with God and True Parents. .







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I've really enjoyed joining in the young couples gatherings. It's been inspiring to hear the personal stories of each couple, and I'm grateful for the lessons and testimonies we've been able to exchange. Reading the book together has also been a great experience because it raises questions that allows for further reflection on ourselves and our journey as a couple.

~Husband

The young couples group has been a wonderful experience for me. Each time we meet not only do I get to share about how I'm doing with my relationship with my significant other and check in with each other. But I can also learn and read about ways to create an even deeper connection based on the advice and support I get from the discussions. I think constantly allowing myself to go deeper each week has been very meaningful.

Wife



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Through the couple's group meeting, I've been able to increase my awareness with how I relate with my husband. It has given us opportunities to discuss topics that we wouldn't take the time to discuss otherwise, and brought us to challenge ourselves to make intentional efforts toward our relationship. For example, to actively listen to the other person or further asking whether there's more they have to say. Identifying each of our toxic tendencies was also another helpful activity we did. Just having a space where we can share vulnerably and hear honest thoughts from other like-minded couples have been a great experience for the both of us. The Couples Group Gathering proved to be an insightful and enriching personal experience, providing me a profound sense of connection and understanding among the other couples. Despite being married for three years, the interactions with other young couples at varying stages in their relationships revealed the striking similarities and shared challenges we all face. Through this collective exploration of our journeys, I not only discovered a sense of comfort and support from my fellow peers, but also a newfound interest and joy in understanding my relationship with my wife at a deeper level. This gathering served as a reminder that no matter where we are in our romantic partnerships, there is always room for growth, exploration, and the forging of meaningful connections with others who share our experiences.

~Wife

~Husband

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I have absolutely loved the young couples book club. If you are looking for real conversations, transparency, and connections— this is truly the group to join. My husband and I have learned practical tools that have helped increase our communication tremendously. All the while we've made amazing friends and have learned that we are not alone. It's been an honor to reflect God's kingdom in the comfort of Pastor Hebangja's home. So thankful for the opportunity! Excited to continue to expand!

Wife

This small couples group has been every bit of amazing. Honestly, amazing is an understatement but it's an adjective that comes close to describing how blessed I feel to be a part of this community. Being newly married, my wife and I knew that a community such as this one would be essential. By the grace of God we connected with an incredible couple who introduced us to other awesome couples; all who are now our friends. This group has created a safe place where we can discuss accomplishments and challenges within our couple, pray for one another, laugh together, and improve how we communicate with our spouse. I am very thankful for this group! I would totally recommend this type setting to other couples who are seeking community. It takes a village and together this group is just that!

Husband



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I feel the young couples group gives my couple much needed perspective when it comes to our challenges. It helps me to see that our issues are not unique, and it also helps to see the challenges and possible solutions more clearly when there is a group of people to share with. Several times I have left the meeting feeling validated about how I feel, compassionate toward how my partner must feel and hopeful that we can come to a resolution.

~Wife

The young couples group has been a good opportunity for my wife and I to learn and gain a broader understanding of our relationship. I think marriage is a blessing because through it we get to grow our capacity to love, but growth can be challenging and uncomfortable. Therefore, having a group of people who are on a similar journey and seeing the similarities in our experiences has been very encouraging. Through our sincere sharings, we have come to develop a deeper bond of heart that we would love to see grow and share with other young couples.

~Husband

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What we have learned so far

- 1. Prayer does work
- 2. God works where there's a sincere desire to improve
- continued give and take leads to growth and development.





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