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PARENTS' DAY AND OUR PATH



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Translator: Dr. Bo Hi Pak

IN THE TRADITION OF THE UNIFICATION CHURCH, WE CELEBRATE many special days during the year. Among them, the most important celebration for the fallen world's sake is Parents' Day, because without the establishment of Parents' Day, there could not be any Children's Day, Day of All Things, or God's Day. Because the restoration of this day is so momentous for the beginning of a new history, God Himself honors this day with great importance and joy.

Without the installation of Parents' Day, the fallen world would have no hope for the future. Why is that? Because of the fall, the very roots of humankind became rotten. Therefore, without going all the way down to the root, there can be no real restoration. Out of that fallen root, a tree has grown up with lots of branches as well as a lot of fruit. However, none of those branches or fruits bring joy to God; they have nothing to do with God's providence.

DISCOVERING THE ROOT OF SIN

The original root was taken away from God's position to the satanic realm. Since the root was begun from the evil action of the fall, all that grew from it brought suffering, not glory or joy, to God.

It was false love that produced this fruit. Man, consisting of spirit and body, was supposed to receive the true love of God, but because of the human fall, contradiction came to reign in human life between man's mind and body. That was not meant to be and is not natural. It is abnormal and wrong. The correct order of love has not been established. Since the fall of man came during the indirect dominion of God, we must go through that same course to obtain the direct dominion of God, the reign of true love. Unless we fulfill human responsibility in the indirect dominion, there is no way we can achieve perfection.

The original ideal of creation is that men and women would be born in purity within the true lineage and grow up through the indirect dominion of God. During this time, guided by the Principle as well as human responsibility, men and women would mature into perfection. Ultimately they would be united, centering upon true love, and enter into the direct dominion of God. You know this from the Principle of Creation. When we enter the direct dominion of God, we inherit the true lineage of God.

Yesterday there were many couples matched. However, I want you to realize that even though you have been matched and are ready to be engaged and receive the Blessing, getting out of the false lineage and transferring yourself into the true lineage is not an easy task. Before we can return to the original state, we must go back to zero—the original starting point. Therefore, each of you is destined to search for the place where you can totally erase the false lineage of Satan and the original sin. Unless you can

find such a place, there is no hope for the restoration of the true lineage. The first step toward that goal is the recognition that we are born into the fallen lineage and are from the wrong root. We have to come to that heartfelt realization as the first step.

Why do we learn the Principle of Creation and the Principle of the Fall of Man? Because we want to know the original blueprint of God and the root cause of what went wrong. Unless you can discover where the wrong root began, you can have no hope of cure or restoration. The most astonishing thing in the life of the Unification Church under True Parents is the discovery of this truth.

A PERFECTED PERSON

How shall we go from the indirect dominion to the direct dominion of God? There is only one way—by going through the true love of perfected Adam. Adam and Eve were to perfect themselves individually and then achieve the direct dominion of God. Once they were perfected vertically, they could become united horizontally.

People want to know what a perfected person is. Most people have absolutely no idea what that is, simply because they do not know the Principle of Creation. Only through the True Parents has the whole truth been unfolded for the first time, particularly the importance of the indirect dominion of God, human responsibility, and the way to achieve perfection.

The path we are to walk is very clear. Men and women must individually walk the path, reach perfection, unite with each other, and become the direct heirs of the lineage of God. By doing so, they represent the perfection of the universe. The realization of the ideal of men and women is to ultimately know true love—to unite in that true love, to become one body, one spirit, one unit in the sight of God and thus enter the direct dominion of God. Once that perfection of love is completed, no power can ever infiltrate or defile that realm. Not even the entire wealth of the world can buy such preciousness. This is a priceless accomplishment.

Each man and woman is striving to be able to stand on that foundation and declare, "No satanic power can ever have any influence over me." When a man and woman reach that level, they become a central point of the love of God. The dignity and holiness that such a man and woman impart can never be defiled.

If a representative of one of the underdeveloped nations wanted to meet with the President of the United States, he would have no chance unless that person knew exactly which route to take and precisely how to reach that high goal. Compare the difficulty of a person trying to meet the President with someone trying to find the path toward the true love of God. Which way is more difficult? The important difference is that there is a way to meet the President, although very difficult, while for an individual fallen man

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or woman trying to find the true love of God, it is virtually impossible. That is because no amount of your own effort is enough to find that path.

DO YOU DESERVE THE BLESSING?

For you to join the Unification Church and work for only three and a half years and then come and be matched and blessed by me is, in a way, unspeakably easy. It is almost too cheap. Do you think you have worked enough to deserve the Blessing after three and a half years in the church? Absolutely not. No one comes even near to deserving that Blessing from the True Parents. In order to find the formula for giving the Blessing to humanity, God had to suffer unspeakably for an incredibly long time. True Parents suffered to an unimaginable degree. Can you come here and try to take that accomplishment freely, thinking you deserve it?

chosen, hand-picked, can enter the palace.

Within the perfected Garden of Eden, which is truly the Kingdom of Heaven, only the joy of true love between God and Adam and Eve has value. None of the secular glories would have any meaning in that place. There was only one assignment given to Adam and Eve: Fulfill your human responsibility. There was no requirement to gain a lot of education or social honor in the Kingdom of Heaven. All Adam and Eve had to do was fulfill their human responsibility. By doing that, they could grow up and open themselves to true love.

All of you, even including the 36 Blessed Couples, do not come near to fulfilling the True Parents' wishes and standard. You think about attaining a certain position or privilege within the Unification Church, but none of those positions have anything to do with heavenly qualifications. As you are gathered here together for Parents' Day, you should not have any such concepts as, "I am a well-educated person," or "I am a first-class citizen of America." People who have that kind of impure thinking always hamper God. The only thing He wanted in the Garden of Eden was purity and total fulfillment of responsibility.

A NEW SEED WILL SPRING FORTH

The ultimate goal of men and women is to enter the direct dominion of God, the dominion of true love. In growing up through the indirect dominion, men and women must demonstrate human responsibility. Once you reach the true love of God, you join that root of God; you yourself become the root. From that root, new offspring can come. New generations and traditions can spring forth and bring great prosperity.

When you become that root, giving the tree new life, then the branches and fruit—the children—can grow up to perfection. They will be harvested into the heavenly storehouse, the Kingdom of Heaven. To put it simply, you have no other or more important life goal than to become a bearer of true love and be qualified to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. In other

words, you must become men and women who are united as one couple to give seed to God's true lineage and posterity. If you accomplish that, you can do nothing more precious. Once you become part of the true lineage of God, then the more children you have, the better. If you have 12 children, that represents the 12 gates of heaven, as well as the completion of the four seasons.

Those who have completed their responsibility have nothing to worry about, including what to eat or wear or where to live. You will come into God's direct dominion. Think about it: God is almighty and all-capable. If you



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Let's look at an analogy. Suppose a king and queen were giving a festive banquet in the palace. Do you think somebody who was dressed in dirty rags, all smelly, carrying a beggar's cup, could be admitted to the palace and be considered worthy to become a prince or princess of the kingdom? That is impossible. Suppose you say, "Since I am a citizen of the United States, the first-class country of the world, I carry great status with me. I can enter that king's palace and claim the role of a prince." Would your American citizenship or a Ph.D. from Harvard or high social standing buy you such a position? No. Only those who are specially

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were on the verge of starving to death at the edge of the ocean, God could make an instant bridge over that ocean and bring down food and help to you. God is capable of doing anything, supplying you with anything at anytime.

Today, our job is to focus ourselves properly. Even for you elders of the church, such as the 36 Blessed Couples, the important thing is to reflect upon your own life. During your 30 or so years in the church, have you really done what I have said today that true men and women must do? Have you been living up to this definition of true men and women? Your basic understanding is very important: You must not have confusion in your mind but a clear concept. When you are firmly standing upon that clear understanding, then strive toward the attainment of true love. Then declare to the world, "Nobody can take this true love away from me." When you have that kind of confidence and commitment, you men and women will be standing together like strong pillars, even to the degree that God Himself cannot shake you and Satan must testify to your achievement.

THE BUILDING BLOCK OF HEAVEN

This understanding is truly a priceless treasure, one which could never be traded for anything else. Once you truly understand it, that is the beginning point of your success. That is what your mission is all about—becoming men and women standing upon the fulfillment of responsibility and obtaining the lineage of God. Then you will want to change your environment, beginning with the individual environment, then the family, clan, society, and national environment. Ultimately the mission of the Unification Church is to change the worldwide and universal environment. This one principle will ultimately prevail throughout the universe.

The important point is that the center line is always the family. The family is the building block of the Kingdom of Heaven. No matter how many millions or billions of years may pass in human history, this central line of family purity, centered on the true love of God, is unchangeable.

If you Unification Church members truly want to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, you have to go from the world into the core, which is the True Parents and their family. Inherit the tradition of love of that family. Then duplicate that tradition within your own family, clan, tribe, nation, and world.

The problem in the beginning was that no true seed was formed in the Garden of Eden, no perfected Adam and Eve. Therefore, the satanic pattern came to exist. It is the same pattern as God's, but exactly reversed, so the opposite world from God's ideal came to be the reality. Satan planted the evil seed, so the satanic clan, tribe, family, and world came to exist.

Now we have division between the satanic world and the world of God. When the end of the world comes, the secular world becomes totally chaotic and confused. People lose

their sense of direction. This is one important sign of the end of the world. That is because they have no seed. But on God's side, it is very different. You have the true seed and the true central point at every level of development. Most fallen people don't take any thought for the nation or the world. Their everyday life just becomes more and more individualistic, and they pursue more and more sensual pleasures and desires, trying to have fun. They don't really know how to make plans for tomorrow.

A TIME FOR REPENTANCE

There are 4 billion people in the world, but the important thing is each individual. Whether you are Bo Hi Pak or any one of you here in this room, you have to create inside yourself the growing seed. Everyone in the world has the same basic shape, everyone looks like a complete human being; but most do not have that inner seed and substance. Wherever you go with that seed, it is spread around. How much have you become that seed of the True Parents? Inside you, is there that seed with God at the core? You must be able to say, "I'm not an ordinary individual. I'm the carrier of God and True Parents' seed. Inside of me there is true love." That is the kind of conviction each of you must have.

It is time for repentance and new beginning. We must restore that original place. During Jesus' time, the first thing he told people was, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." After we repent, what do we have to do? We have to take responsibility and create true love.

During this last matching, I learned much about you. There were so few, virtually none, who really thought, "Yes, Father, whatever you think. I am here to marry only for the sake of Heaven." Rather, you were feeling, "Oh, please let me have someone a little taller." Or, "That woman is too fat for me. Can't you give me someone a little prettier?" You were completely looking at something else. You are lucky we have Parents' Day today, to get everybody straightened out!

In 1960 when the True Parents were installed, it was the most important time of beginning for our movement. During that time, I was working on the family level dispensation, and the entire weight of the world opposed me. By 1976, the entire world came to the realization that, "Unless we can stop Rev. Moon now, we'll never be able to." Actually, the seed of Danbury was begun in 1976; the culmination of that desire to destroy Rev. Moon and his movement was the Danbury dispensation. Rather than rotting in Danbury, however, we were resurrected from that point on. Danbury became the site of our resurrection, the birthplace of a new seed for our movement. New leaves and branches came out of Danbury.

Normally anybody who goes to prison is finished. But in the case of the Unification Church, prison became our new birthplace. Now a new seed has sprouted and is spreading

*You are carrying the banner of God's love,
so hold it up high and never let it fall
to the ground or be stepped on.*

quickly throughout the world. The entire world is responding to that new dispensation. Since Danbury, we have been moving at the speed of light.

THE TRUE CENTRAL MODEL

The gate to the Kingdom of Heaven and perfection has been opened up. The Korean word "Moon" means gate. The letter M looks like the Korean word for gate. If anyone is sincerely seeking perfection, he must pass through that gate of heaven. Not only those living on earth but also those who are already in the spirit world must pass through this gate. That is the only way anyone can be accepted into the Kingdom of Heaven. What is the content of the gate? It is the fulfillment of human responsibility and the fulfillment of true love.

After passing through the gate, men and women can join with each other and together reach the true love of God. This fundamental point, this basic formula, was first begun in 1960. That was the beginning point of Parents' Day. That is when the original seed was made. For the first time in history, there was model of a perfected man—True Father. Then perfected woman appeared—True Mother. All men should be masculine and powerful like Father. All women should be charming and beautiful like Mother.

The Unification Church is providing for the world a mold for the true man and woman. The mold for a true man is Father and the mold for a true woman is Mother. You can imprint yourself from that mold. However oddly shaped you may be, it doesn't matter. The Unification Church will remake you, and you will become a new person. You will be pressed down into the mold until you come out shining like Father or Mother.

By the installation of the True Parents, we have a true family model for the first time in history. One central model came to exist. From that, it has expanded to the tribal model; then the model should expand to the national, world, and cosmic levels. I came to the United States to teach this model, to tell the people where true life and salvation lie so that this country will not perish.

EVERYTHING WILL BE UNIFIED

The movement of the True Parents is spreading from the center outward to the world and cosmos. But at the same time, the world is coming toward the center. When this cycle is completed, there shall be new seeds, a new core. Thus a new breed shall spring up throughout the world. No power can stop the spread of that new seed. When the era of the new seed has dawned, the spirit world and the archangelic world, which were in the position to assist Adam and Eve in the beginning, will have to come down here on earth. True Adam and True Eve will be residing on the earth again, and the angelic world will be working at full power to help the earthly dispensation.

The environment will begin to change. So far here on earth, the evil spirits have been all-pervasive. They have most grossly dominated the environment. But now all the good spirits, including the great saints, will be able to come down and change the environment so that everything will push forward the movement of the True Parents, spreading the new seed. Furthermore, another phenomenon will occur—that of unification. Everybody will be drawn to the center, desiring to unify. That has already been occurring.

One ideal centered upon one God and one world will become real within the minds of all people. This is why there are two most important aspects of unification: the unification of language and lifestyle, and the unification of love. All these aspects of the restoration process have been begun through the effort of the True Parents, the pioneers in opening up all these gates.

It has taken me 43 years to accomplish this entire cycle because of the incredible opposition I had to face on every level. But for you, because the environment is changing, the angelic world is coming down to earth, and hostility is being transformed into welcome. Under these circumstances, you can accomplish the cycle in less than seven years.

I began my dispensational work from the Adam nation—Korea—and then went to Japan, the Eve nation. Then I came to America, the archangel nation. When these three nations are united, we will go to Moscow, the core of Satan's evil empire. The goal of the Unification Church and Rev. Moon was made abundantly clear in 1976—that is, to hold a rally in Moscow and liberate that land. That work cannot be done by dropping a bomb on Moscow, only by working here in the United States. If this country is united and awakened to that goal of liberation, this can be achieved very quickly. Then the entire world shall be liberated and united. That will be the external consummation of God's will.

TEACH MY TRADITION

You shall be trained according to my pattern, so you must be able to work in four different countries. You will start in your own country, then go to another land, then move to another, and then another. You should be able to digest those countries culturally. First of all, you have to learn more than one language. You must take care of the people of those countries as their parents, helping to raise them up, so that you can have spiritual children all over the world. Otherwise, you will not become a good citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We sent out missionaries to more than 120 countries, and they all went out with True Parents' ideal, learning the language of those countries. They are teaching the people there the heavenly tradition. In that way, the True Parents' heart is spreading throughout the world. In the same way, as an individual, you have to at least set such a condition in order to go in my footsteps. When you are in a foreign



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nation, it is most important that you be able to teach the people the mother tongue of the Kingdom of Heaven, as well as the model lifestyle, which is that of the True Parents. Otherwise, when you enter spirit world you will encounter barriers. Unless you overcome those barriers in your life on earth, you will have to overcome them in the spirit world.

The fallen world doesn't have any gate, so we have to open up the gates. They have only chaos and confusion, so we have to establish the gate according to the True Parents' tradition. Satan is trying to block that gate as much as possible. For example, before I came here to the United States, Satan worked very hard to try to defile this nation before the True Parents had a chance to save it. The satanic forces wanted to destroy this nation beforehand, trying to eat it up. Now the time has come when all those who are embodiments of individualism and secular humanism and materialism must come and repent before God on their knees.

Now you have to inherit this mission of mine. The only difference between you and the True Parents is this: When Mother and I began our work, there was no path ahead of us. We had to pioneer on every level and encounter opposition everywhere. But in your case, you have no opposition and the highway has already been laid.

THIS IS OUR MISSION

We have already taken on all the persecution; now people around the world are looking up to and respecting us. Our movement has spread all over the world, and many highly intelligent people have joined with us. The Unification ideology has been taught around the globe. Now if you are strong and stand up with great confidence and proclaim, "I have a teaching that will bring salvation to the world," you will be able to move in all four directions. Why? Because the spirit world is helping so much now. Many thousands

of your ancestors from the spirit world are following you and helping you. When you work with a serious attitude, you will immediately receive assistance from them. No matter how difficult the situation you may encounter, you can overcome with that kind of help.

Satan can no longer accuse you when you stand up for God's purposes. He has no more condition to do so. There is no one in the whole world who can stop the work of God that we are doing. This is because of our powerful foundation. Why doesn't the spirit world sleep? Because they desperately want to extend the foundation on the earth—your foundation. That is the purpose of God and the spirit world—the purpose of all your ancestors. You must understand clearly that they are constantly working for your benefit. Now that time has come. So the cry is, "Move forward, march on!" God is always giving us the right kind of environment. You have to have a large viewpoint. How long God has worked to see the time that is now at hand! We must grab this moment and march forward with it. This is our mission.

No matter how difficult your situation may appear, always remember that you have the victorious formula God has given you. Why do you hesitate? Don't think you can be proud that you are a citizen of the great nation of America, or that you are a graduate of some university such as Harvard. God doesn't need that kind of accomplishment, and Satan doesn't recognize or fear such a thing. All you need is to learn to embody God's loving heart, that simple rule. Until now, people didn't understand that point, but through the teaching of True Parents, you have come to know this precisely.

Make this foundation a part of your own tradition and custom. Don't listen to Satan's temptations. Always say, "I make my decisions about what I do based on what True Parents have taught me from God." You are carrying the

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Holy Wedding of Hyun Jin Moon and Jun Sook Kwak

"LOVE THAT TRANSCENDS ORDINARY DAYS"

by Marcia de Abreu

I HAD WONDERED THE NIGHT BEFORE, "What kind of weather will there be on this special day?" Early the next morning I saw the rain just pouring down, as if heaven were purifying all the channels between the spiritual and physical realms. I said to myself, "This is the day of the Holy Wedding of the third son of our True Parents, Hyun Jin Nim, with Jun Sook Kwak, Rev. and Mrs. Kwak's third daughter. It's a day of celebration! This rain must be an expression of God's desire to clear His way down to earth to join our True Parents and rejoice with them."

The holy ceremony took place in the Grand Ballroom of the World Mission Center, which had been regally transformed into a chapel with bright blue, pink, red, and gold decorations. An aisle of white and brightly striped cloth led up to a

broad altar covered with deep-red carpeting. Profusions of flowers graced each side of the altar. Huge lengths of bright blue fabric were draped along the walls and caught up atop the pillars with multicolored bouquets of flowers.

Sisters serving as ushers for the ceremony kindly guided all the guests, asking them to sign the guest book and leading them to their seats. Women wore all-white dresses for the occasion, and men wore dark suits with white ties.

For the first time at a wedding of the True Family, about 20 distinguished VIPs from outside the church were invited to attend. World representatives of the Unification Church had also been invited, and altogether over 500 people were gathered together to celebrate this significant event in God's providential history.

A few minutes past 10 a.m., Dr. Bo Hi Pak, the master of ceremonies, announced the beginning of the wedding. The audience became silent with reverent expectation for what was to unfold.

Dr. Mose Durst, the president of the Unification Church of America, offered the invocation, expressing gratitude for our being able to gather as a holy community to honor and support the wedding of Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim. He prayed that the bride and groom might form a sacred family as an example to the young and to the old. "We pray that through this ceremony, each of us can be uplifted and filled with the goodness and the love that transcends our ordinary days."

Twenty-four of the older blessed children entered the ballroom as bridesmaids and groomsmen—the



The bridegroom and bride walk slowly toward the altar, flanked by the bridesmaids and groomsmen.

Ceremony Program

Master of Ceremonies
Dr. Bo Hi Pak

Greeting

Invocation
Dr. Mose Durst

Entrance of the Bridesmaids and Groomsmen

Entrance of the Officiators

Entrance of the Bride and the Bridegroom

Recitation of the Wedding Vows

Benediction by True Parents

Exchange of Gifts

Proclamation of the Blessing

Congratulatory Address
Rev. Young Whi Kim

Congratulatory Hymn
Tokiko Richardson
and the New York City Symphony Ensemble

Greeting the Bride and Bridegroom

Three Cheers of "Mansei"

Recessional March

Recession of the Officiators

Closing Remarks

Presenting the Bridegroom and Bride

Hyun Jin Moon

- May 25, 1969** Born in Seoul, Korea
- Dec. 1973** Arrived in America
- Jun. 1980** Graduated from Hackley Primary School
- Jun. 1983** Graduated from Hackley Junior High School
- Jun. 1987** Will graduate from Hackley High School

Hyun Jin Nim is a fine horseman who has competed in many equestrian events, including the 1985 Grand Prix. He is currently preparing to compete in the 1988 Olympics.

Jun Sook Kwak

- Jan. 23, 1968** Born in Taegu, Korea
- Feb. 1980** Graduated from Young Ma Primary School
- Mar. 1980** Entered Little Angels School
- Apr. 1981** Came to America
- May 1986** Graduated from Julliard Pre-College program
- Jun. 1986** Graduated from Irvington High School
- Sep. 1986** Entered the University of Michigan

Jun Sook Nim is a classical pianist and has won several competitions in both Korea and America.

women in pink dresses, the men in dark blue suits—and lined both sides of the aisle facing each other. The guests were asked to stand and face the center as True Parents, the officiators of the wedding, entered and slowly walked down the aisle, wearing their ceremonial white gowns with gold trim. The familiar sound of the "Song of the Banquet" was heard, being played on the balcony by the New York City Symphony Ensemble conducted by David Eaton.

True Parents' faces were serious, yet I felt joy and inner peace emanating from them. They mounted the platform, and Father lit the two seven-candle candelabras on either side of the stage. Then True Parents took their seats on the two stately chairs in the center of the altar.

Dr. Pak offered a brief explanation of the Unification Church tradition of

weddings. The entrance of the bride and bridegroom is very important, he said. It expresses the whole process of the restoration of God and man's growth to perfection. The couple has to stop 21 steps before the altar and take a bow from the waist. Then at every seven steps, they take another bow. These three groups of seven steps, he explained, represent the stages of formation, growth, and perfection. They also represent the Old Testament, New Testament, and the Completed Testament Eras. The three steps of the altar that the couple mounts again symbolize these stages. The one final step up that the bride and groom make before the officiators symbolizes man's perfection in ultimate union with God.

At the sound of the traditional "Wedding March" by Mendelssohn, the procession of the bride and groom began.

First down the aisle came True Parents' youngest son and daughter, Hyun Jin Nim and Jeung Jin Nim. Holding little baskets of white, red, and pink rose petals, they strewed the petals on the aisle as they walked, creating a heavenly sprinkling of color for the bride and groom.

Behind them, arm in arm, the bridegroom and bride walked serenely towards the altar. In his ivory-colored suit, Hyun Jin Nim looked noble and handsome, an outstanding example of a son of the True Parents. He did not smile, showing that for him this was a most serious moment of commitment toward God and True Parents. Jun Sook Nim's dignified and gracious face showed total faith, humility, and gratitude for the Blessing being bestowed upon her. She looked beautiful in an ivory gown of satin and alençon lace, with





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a chapel-length veil and a long train. Together they looked so young and pure and yet at the same time so mature!

The bride's elder sister, Shin Sook Kwak, attended the bride diligently, straightening her train as she walked. The bride and groom mounted the stage and bowed before True Parents as they made the final step.

Father and Mother then sprinkled holy water over the bride and groom, and even far beyond them. Everyone was invited to join in a moment of meditation, whereupon Father read the wedding vows. Following that, True Parents placed their hands on the couple's heads as Father gave a long benediction, in a very loud and strong voice [see p. 14].

The bride and groom exchanged rings as a symbol of everlasting life and then bowed to each other. At



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BELOVED HEAVENLY FATHER!

Today is March 31 (lunar date, March 3). Today, the new bridegroom Hyun Jin and bride Jun Sook are standing before the Parents to begin a relationship as eternal husband and wife centered on the love of God, True Parents, and the universe. I pray that You may bestow the grace of Your blessing upon them and guide them in the witness of heaven and earth, thus sanctifying the environment and blessing everything centered on You.

Father! We know that Your ideal of creation was for You to be the internal Father and for Adam and Eve to be the external father and mother centered on love, thus enabling You to have a lineage centered on love. However, You have been walking the path of infinite suffering due to the tragic mistake, the fall of Adam and Eve.

However, in the 1960s You were able to establish a new world of the ideal of creation centering on the True Parents, by restoring the history of misfortune and re-creating Adam and Eve. Following the path of tribulation on the individual, family, tribal, societal, national, world, and cosmic levels, You entirely indemnified the sins that all mankind and all nations committed. You allowed us to have the same foundation of victory as the True Parents, a victory that was brought about in 1985, the day of the new era of history. By going through the worldwide persecution and the hill of indemnity, You allowed us to experience that providential year of hope so that we might build a foundation leading to heaven. I thank You for all of this. I also thank You for letting the sins of fallen human beings be redeemed. By blessing the True Children, centering on the restoration of the lineage of the True Parents, You have given me the opportunity to bless Your secular sons and daughters.

When I think of all this, I thank You for allowing this day, March 31, 1987, to be a holy day and for consummating the foundation of this Blessing, which represents eight members of the victorious family freed from the fallen sovereignty.

Through this, You have built the ark of Noah on the family level. Now the history of joy, when all mankind can sing in happiness, has begun, thereby moving all mankind into the world of heaven. I thank You for allowing us to enter this era. Now all the children of the Unification Church can

FATHER'S BLESSING AT THE HOLY DAY



form a nation and world by connecting with this Blessing. I thank You for the joyful news of the Blessing of the True Children, which allows for the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world and on earth and the liberation of all human beings. From the bottom of my heart, I offer this day of glory that You have been longing for, which can liquidate all Your grief and lamentation by allowing us to go over the hill of suffering.

BLESSING BY WEDDING



Today, all the family members of the Unification Church are assembled here. I pray that You would allow those who have been attending heaven and earth to have one heart, and I pray that their prayers for this newly blessed couple may reach heaven. By their prayers, let all the people and nations connected with these members have a relationship of love with this Blessing, centering upon Hyun Jin's and Jun Sook's foundation of married life. Let them have the privilege of

cooperating with this Blessing and marching forward towards the realization of the ideal of the return of the Messiah, by spreading the news all over the world.

This newly wedded couple is embarking on a new life as a son who represents all men and a daughter who represents all women. I hope and pray that through their oneness of love You can expand the work of resurrection, so that all the divisions between men and women among the 5 billion people of the world, of all races, can be removed. I also pray that Your love may equally touch all those who are praying for this day.

As You now bless this new couple, please brighten their path of life with bright sunlight, and allow them to build a new family of heaven by overcoming all hardships. Allow them to be exalted as a noble and exemplary family for all mankind. By so doing, please allow them to produce children who can convey God's love to the world.

As they come to be bound as husband and wife, I earnestly pray that You will protect and guide them in their lives. I pray that their Blessing may be extended as a blessing to all mankind. Throughout their entire lives, what they should leave behind them is love. I sincerely hope and pray that Your blessing may allow them to be a husband and wife who can erect the example of love and keep the lineage of purity. I pray that, in sharing love with each other, they can connect with the source of radiant love, which is a moment You have been longing to experience.

I sincerely wish and pray that from now on, You will protect them in whatever they do and wherever they go, and that You can be proud of them. In Your love, I offer all the heartistic effort that has gone into the foundation of the nation, through the cooperation of heaven and earth. I sincerely ask You, before You and this new couple and all of humanity, to guide all of those who are connected in glory with the scope of this victory.

On this holy day, as I offer a new groom and bride to You in eternal Blessing, please accept them.

I pray that You may have dominion over everything throughout this time.

I pray in the name of the True Parents.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Congratulatory Address at the Holy Wedding



President Young Whi Kim

TODAY, TRUE PARENTS, HEAVEN, earth, and the spiritual world have come together to bless Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim on the occasion of their Holy Wedding. It is with great happiness, therefore, that I offer my own deepest, heart-felt congratulations.

True Parents, honored guests, and beloved brothers and sisters: All around the world our family members are joining together with one heart to congratulate the bride and groom. We are overjoyed to see them today, grown up and being bound together in holy matrimony. Korean people have traditionally believed that when their children marry, they inherit the responsibilities of their parents. Marriage has always been considered the most significant event in a person's life. Nevertheless, it is difficult for us to realize the profundity of this moment and the jubilation with which we should celebrate the Holy Wedding of a child of the True Parents. But we can understand at least that this Holy Wedding has a special meaning in God's providence.

The word "Hyun" in Hyun Jin Nim's name means *manifestation*. And the word "Jun" in Jun Sook Nim's name means *wholeness and fullness*. Their becoming one in holy matrimony means that God's ideal and plan will be manifested wholly and fully to the people of the world from here on out.

The name of True Parents is known to all the world but not always in the best light. This must be reversed. From this time on, True Parents will be manifested as they really are, and the truth and love of God, which has been given through our True Parents, will be fully introduced to and accepted by the world. Therefore, I would like to remind all the brothers and sisters of the Unification Church, all the good people of the world, and all those in the spiritual world to join with us in this place to offer our congratulations on the occasion of this Holy Wedding.

The groom, Hyun Jin Nim, has a very courageous character and a strong masculine appearance. He is also very talented, especially in

sports, and he is exceptionally good at horseback riding. He has, however, a very tender side to his nature, so that the total impression he gives is one of gentleness and kindness. This makes everyone around him feel comfortable and at peace. Hyun Jin Nim's eternal bride, Jun Sook Nim, can be compared to a placid lake. Her character is very peaceful and faithful, and I'm sure she will attend her husband wonderfully. It is my fervent prayer that the abundant love of our True Parents will descend on their marriage, and that their future will be blessed with eternal happiness.

This Holy Wedding is the seventh such happy event for our True Parents. In the *Divine Principle*, seven is the perfection number of heaven and earth. And it is the number upon which the number eight, the number of new start, comes. True Parents must feel the greatest satisfaction today because of the triumph of their great efforts in the dispensation for the restoration of mankind. Today, God's will is being substantially realized on earth, centering on this Holy Wedding. I am certain that from this day forward, God's providence will be able to proceed much more quickly, and more and more people will come from all over the world to join our True Parents' work. I pray, therefore, that God's loving hand will bless this holy couple and all our brothers and sisters all over the world.

On this celebration day, our worldwide family is united as one in offering our deepest love and congratulations from the bottom of our hearts. I pray for True Parents, for the precious four position foundation which they have successfully established on this earth, and for the eternal happiness of Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim and their family.

Thank you.



The new couple is showered with confetti and streamers.

exactly 10:35 a.m. Father made the official proclamation of the Blessing over the couple, with the words: "Bridegroom Hyun Jin Moon and bride Jun Sook Kwak: I, in the name of God and True Parents, hereby proclaim that you are now husband and wife." Everyone applauded.

While the couple still faced True Parents, Rev. Young Whi Kim, president of the Unification Church of Korea, presented the congratulatory address [see left]. He explained the special meaning of this holy matrimony in God's providence:

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be manifested wholly and fully to the people of the world from here on out.

Mrs. Tokiko Richardson sang the congratulatory hymn "Ave Maria" by Bach-Gounod, filling the ballroom with a delicate and celestial quality.

The bride and bridegroom then turned around, their faces sober yet radiant, and bowed officially to greet the audience. Father and Mother led everyone in the traditional three cheers of "Mansei." The invited dignitaries were then invited to come up to the stage and greet True Parents and the bride and groom.

In a final prayer, Dr. Pak asked God that He may bestow upon the bride and bridegroom His profound and intimate love, so that they may become the bearers of True Parents' love and tradition and the manifestation of the divine ideal.

The recessional march rang out as the glowing new couple came back down the aisle, showered with pink and white heart-shaped confetti and multi-colored streamers. Noisemakers were blown loudly in congratulation. Two golden balls hanging from the ceiling suddenly fell open, and red and pink heart-shaped balloons cascaded down upon their heads. Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim could not contain their happiness. All of us were rejoicing with them as they made their way through the streamers, laughing. Father and Mother then rose and followed them out. The spirit throughout the ceremony was of warmth and joy. The divine spirit of God had certainly entered that holy place.

Right away the whole wedding company returned to the altar for dozens of official photographs of



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Above: Ritual bows at the Korean wedding ceremony. Left: The bride and groom feed each other noodles, symbolizing long life. Right: A toast to the new couple! (with McCol, a Korean soft drink)

the entire True Family. Father and Mother looked very happy and satisfied. Father, at times, made everyone break into laughter by shouting loudly, "Smile!" as the photographer snapped the pictures.

An hour later, a traditional Korean wedding ceremony was held in a smaller room upstairs, where an elaborate offering table and a wedding cake awaited the bride and groom. The True Family, now all in Korean dress, with Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim wearing their richly colored Korean wedding costumes, performed the many symbolic bows and gestures of the ancient ceremony. The atmosphere was intimate and joyous, and many more photographs were taken.

That evening, a sumptuous banquet at the Manhattan Center was prepared. The Performing Arts



Department had worked diligently to provide an exciting and moving evening of entertainment to honor the bride and bridegroom.

Before True Parents and the new couple entered the room, we began to prepare ourselves to welcome them. We wanted to show them our joy at the occasion of this Holy Wedding, and our gratitude for being witnesses to this great blessing, a gift that even more brothers and sisters were able to share at this banquet because of the great size of the room.

Finally True Parents, with all the eldest members of the True Family, came in and took their seats at the head table. Father was dressed very formally, looking elegant in a black tuxedo, with a black tie and a cummerbund glittering with gold. Mother looked extremely beautiful in a dress with a gold sequined bodice over a

long burgundy skirt. Jun Sook Nim had changed into a lovely Korean chimachoguri in pink and green, and Hyun Jin Nim looked very handsome in his tuxedo.

Dr. Osami Kuboki, the president of the Unification Church in Japan, offered the invocation, inviting in the presence of God. Then, at the sound of welcoming applause, the bride and groom came up to the stage. The new couple was presented by Dr. and Mrs. Durst with gifts, and a huge four-layered wedding cake was brought for them to cut.

To celebrate this happy day, Dr. Pak suggested that everyone join together in making a toast, one for True Parents and one for Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim. Lifting our glasses high, we shouted together, "Long live True Parents!" and "Long live the bride and bridegroom!" It was

a moving moment, and Father and Mother looked supremely pleased.

There are countless things to describe about the banquet: the beautiful decorations, the candlelight dinner, which was catered by a professional team of actors and actresses, and the background sound of a harp, played by Karen Stern of the New York City Symphony.

Following the dinner, Dr. Pak introduced the head table, briefly explaining the history of the Blessings of all the True Children. "It all started, though, with the very first blessed couple in the whole history of the Unification Church: Father and Mother!" he said. Father couldn't contain a great smile of satisfaction at this.

Dr. Pak explained that although Hoon Sook Nim could not attend the day's celebrations, she had phoned



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from Seoul, Korea, where she was performing that same evening with the Universal Ballet Company in a production held in honor of the bride and groom.

Now our attention was directed to the stage, where we were presented with an incredibly well-prepared musical program—"an entertainment second to none," as Dr. Pak described it. Covering the entire wall at the back of the stage was a majestic painting of Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim riding a flying Olympic horse against the blue sky, symbolizing the power, the strength, the virtue, and the love that the bride and groom will exemplify as a True Couple.

The first presentation of the evening—a tribute to a future Olympic champion—was the "Olympic Fanfare and March" from the 1984 Olympic Games, played by The New York

City Symphony conducted by David Eaton. Yang Sook Lee then presented a piano solo in honor of the bride, who is herself a concert pianist. The bridesmaids and groomsmen sang two colorful numbers, and Moon Sook Choi offered a solo.

What brought down the house was the exuberant dance performance by Sun Jin Moon, True Parents' fourth daughter, along with Mi Sook Kwak, Rev. Kwak's fourth daughter, and Yun Shim Kim, Mr. Peter Kim's daughter. They danced to "Fire and Ice" by Pat Benatar, choreographed by our sister Concha Egea.

A touching tribute to Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim, produced by Joe and Felicia Longo, portrayed the bride's and groom's life history in slides, and even included, to our great surprise, images of the Holy Wedding held that very morning! Joe Longo

then presented a song he composed called "Real Man," accompanied by the New Hope Singers International.

Our sister Georgia Lewis offered True Parents and the new couple the song, "This Moment with You," which was inspired by Heung Jin Nim. Before she started her song, she delivered a short message in Korean to the True Family [see right]. I thought, "Of course, on a day like this, wouldn't Heung Jin Nim want to embrace his dear brother and new sister and express in person his wishes and hopes for them?" Through our sister Georgia he found a way to convey something tangible. I definitely could feel his presence and love throughout the whole evening. Finally, Georgia was joined by Joe Longo and the New Hope Singers in a stirring number, "Universal Love."

Evening Program

Masters of Ceremonies
Dr. Bo Hi Pak **Dr. Mose Durst**
 Fanfare
True Parents, Bride and Bridegroom Enter
 Invocation
Dr. Osami Kuboki
 Presentation of Cake and Gifts
 Dinner
New York City Symphony
 Olympic Fanfare and March from the 1984 Games
Yang Sook Lee
 Piano Solo
 Beethoven — Concerto for Piano and Orchestra
 Opus 15 in C Major, Finale, Rondo Allegro
Blessed Children
 Bridesmaids and Groomsmen
Mi Sook Kwak
Slide Tribute to Bride and Groom
 Joe and Felicia Longo — "If it's a Dream"
Joe Longo
 Real Man
Georgia Lewis
 This Moment with You
Grand Finale
 Universal Love
 Words of Appreciation
Rev. and Mrs. Chung Hwan Kwak
 Special Performance
True Children
 Greetings from
Bride and Bridegroom

Left: Against a backdrop painting of Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim on a flying white horse, Joe Longo and Georgia Lewis sing the finale number. Right: The bride and groom cut their wedding cake.



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SONG FOR THE NEW COUPLE

Presented at the Banquet by Georgia Lewis

Introduction translated from Korean

Good evening, beloved True Parents. On this glorious event, I could not possibly stand alone, nor could I ever be worthy of honoring your holy son and daughter, Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim, with any gift worthy enough.

Gold and silver I do not have to bring, but with all humility and the heart that you have given to us, it is my joy to sing a song which was composed originally

for Heung Jin Nim but which he has asked to be dedicated to his brother and bride on this most holy day. If he could have been physically with us, I know that there would be so many things he would want to express to his dear brother and sister on this day of their holy matrimony.

I would, therefore, like to dedicate this love song, "This Moment with You," to the newlyweds, from Heung Jin Nim united with his bride Hoon Sook Nim.

*This
 Moment
 with
 You*

*Am I dreaming?
 Is this really happening to me?
 I am overjoyed,
 wondering what did I do
 to deserve someone like you.
 This love took me by surprise.
 I don't know what to say
 but I'll prove my love day by day.*

*When I look into your eyes
 overwhelmed by the love I see
 I get lost in eternity.
 What could be more
 than to find someone that's true.
 I am so glad to be with you.*

*One thing is sure
 on my word you can depend
 I'll be true to you to the end.
 And in times of sorrow and fear
 my love will always be there.
 Touch me and make me believe
 this moment with you is more than a dream.
 Hold my hand and make it real.*

*And I always want you to know
 You're the one that I adore.
 All my life I waited for you
 wondering when you would appear,
 holding on to all of my love
 to share this moment with you.*

"AMAZING BLESSINGS"

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

ABONIM, OMONIM, FOR MYSELF and our entire family, today is a most precious and special day. There are no words that could sufficiently convey the gratitude I feel. Throughout my life of faith, I can recognize how God and True Parents have granted me blessings even before I had even asked in prayer or expected anything.

Reflecting upon my whole past life, it is so clear to me that the invisible hand of God has been working through our True Parents in bestowing amazing blessings upon me and my family. Yet I must confess to you: Whenever I received these tremendous amounts of grace and blessing, I was not able to recognize them as such most of the time. It was only many days, months, sometimes even years later that I would understand or realize what had been given to me. And then when I tried to return something to God and True Parents, I found myself being blessed even more.

Dr. Pak mentioned a little bit about my wife. It is truly a miracle that she is able to stand by my side tonight. Without God and True Parents' grace, this would never have been possible. Especially tonight, my heart is filled with so much desire to give something back to my God and my True Parents, but somehow I feel empty. I can only pledge to make an offering to work even harder to serve God and the True Family.

Today, unfortunately, you have been able to see only a small aspect of Hyun Jin Nim's character. I cannot give you a complete picture, but I would like to share a little of my observations about what kind of man he is, especially about his internal side.

His faith in God and True Parents is absolute, and his love for them is incredibly deep. He is truly an example for all of us. Our Hyun Jin Nim is a man of heart and a man of action for God. He loves our mem-

bers and sincerely wants to serve and care for them. I have also seen what a humble man he is, and what a humble lifestyle he has chosen; we can easily recognize this in the way he normally dresses. And we can see it in the way he treats others with such kindness and depth of heart.

Considering his young age, he is such a visionary and broad-minded person, and so accepting and forgiving of others. But towards himself he is very reflective, always deeply considering his own actions. I would like to urge all of you to please research and deeply think about not only Hyun Jin Nim but all the True Children's internal aspects and internal characteristics, and to try to learn from their example. Even though my tribute to Hyun Jin Nim is so limited at this moment, I want to leave you with the impression of what a gentleman and genuine son of God and True Parents he is.

Many of you probably do not know Jun Sook Nim personally. It would be a pleasure to share with you a little bit about her. In my many personal memories of her, she has never caused me any great concern or worry. Her faith and her love and her attendance to True Parents is so natural, and her studies, her lifestyle, and her per-

sonal relationships have always gone smoothly. I have never felt anything but pride in her. I have received many compliments about her from others. They praise her highly, because, in their words, they have seen in her a purity of mind and heart, a sincerity to serve, and an ability to create harmony with others.

After her engagement to Hyun Jin Nim, we could only repent to God for our ignorance of Jun Sook Nim's destiny. We simply did not support, protect, and guide Jun Sook Nim nearly enough to prepare her to live with the True Family.

At the engagement I couldn't express one word of thanks to True Father and True Mother, because no matter which word I could use, none of them could ever adequately convey my heart. Since that time, I have been praying for deeper conviction, faith, and determination to attend the True Family. I know well that I alone am not enough. Therefore, in my last will, which is not written down yet, I vow that throughout the next generations of my family, we will dedicate our entire lives to attend and support True Parents and the True Family.

Champumonim, chimchimuro,
Kamsa hamnida!





Above left: Hyo Jin Nim sings "Sarang Hae." Above right: In Jin Nim sings "Bridge Over Troubled Water," accompanied by Jin Sung Nim on the piano. Right: Mi Sook Kwak, Sun Jin Moon, and Yun Shin Kim dance to "Fire and Ice." Left: Rev. and Mrs. Kwak offer a Korean song.



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Dr. Pak then asked Rev. and Mrs. Kwak to come on stage and share a few words. He introduced them as an exemplary blessed couple that has indeed gone the formula course in attendance to our True Parents. He recalled that Mrs. Kwak had a stroke nine years ago from which she almost died. It was only through the tremendous support and prayers of the True Parents and the members that she could even be standing on the stage that night. Rev. Kwak shared his gratitude for this day, and he stumbled over his sentences a few times as he tried to contain his feelings [see p. 22.]. It seemed like words were not enough to sufficiently convey his gratitude. The couple then humbly offered two bows to True Parents and sang for the new couple a Korean song. Afterwards Dr. Pak and Rev. Kwak warmly embraced each other.

Two special presentations were given by members of the True Family. Hyo Jin Nim offered his deepest congratulations to his brother and said that at an emotional moment like this, it would be difficult for him to sing. But in a low and tender voice he started the familiar song "Sarang Hae." Each word vibrated with love and passion as he choked back his tears. The same trembling emotion overcame In Jin Nim, as she sang "Bridge Over Troubled Water" accompanied by her husband Jin Sung Nim at the piano. I remembered that while they were growing up, the True Children often couldn't be with Father and Mother. Through those difficult and lonely times, the True Children have grown very close to each other, and it moved everyone to tears to see them express that incredible bond of love among them.

We all felt a mounting excitement as the new bridegroom and bride came on the stage, amidst a shower of confetti and streamers. First to speak was Hyun Jin Nim. Choking with emotion, he said, "I can truly say that I am blessed in so many, many ways." After a long pause he finally managed to say, "I have no words..." After another long struggle to contain his feelings, he ended with, "I just pray that I can become a true son to True Parents and to Heavenly Father and a true brother to my family."

Next Jun Sook Nim wanted to share her heart and she asked that Dr. Pak translate from her Korean [see p. 26]. "I want to express my heartfelt thanks to True Parents and to Hyun Jin Nim," she said. "I am not your perfect wife yet, and I am probably quite insufficient in many ways,



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"I PLEDGE MY LIFE TO YOU TONIGHT"

by Jun Sook Nim

Translated by Dr. Bo Hi Pak

FATHER AND MOTHER, I have no words to properly express my heart of gratitude. I am absolutely not worthy of this blessing. This blessing came from nowhere. I did not do anything to deserve this wonderful day and this wonderful husband. But Father and Mother, the Blessing you gave me is now a reality. Once again, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you, our True Parents.

Having offered my gratitude, the next thing I must do is repent—repent for the life that I have led for the past 19 years, during which I have not been truly living up to your standard, your tradition, or your teaching, nor practicing your love. I know more than anybody else how unworthy I am to stand before you.

If I ever had a lifelong dream, it was to be close to the True Parents, to True Parents' family. I always wanted to be with the True Children, have give and take with them, smile with them, laugh with them. But to become a bride of one of True Parents' sons was totally unimaginable! Yet tonight, the impossible has become a reality.

Father and Mother, I pledge my life to you tonight. I pledge to you my absolute love and loyalty. I pledge that I will uphold the True Parents' family



tradition and strive to be a good wife and keep the spirit of attendance. I hope that day will come when I can fulfill this pledge. But in the meantime, Father and Mother, I need your love and care. Please—if you can—teach me, lead me, push me, chastise me, so that I can truly become your ideal daughter-in-law.

When the engagement was given to me, it was totally unexpected—shocking—yet good news.

And ever since that day, Father and Mother, you have already bestowed upon me tremendous honor, love, warmth, and care. I am already indebted to my new brothers and sisters at East Garden. All I am going to say tonight is that I will do my absolute best all my life to live up to True Parents' tradition. I will follow the good examples ahead of me, so that someday I may be counted as a true member

of True Parents' Family.

I would like to especially express a word of thanks to Mother, who has taken care of me so well. Despite her busy schedule, she took care of me in such a concerned and meticulous way. I will never forget this great honor that True Mother has given to me.

Finally, I would like to say a word of thanks to my physical parents. They were the ones who raised me, trained me, loved me, and educated me so that I could come to this wonderful moment. It is my fervent wish that my physical parents continue their path of serving True Parents with all their might and that they may always be champions of our True Parents.

I would like to thank all of you who came to celebrate this wonderful banquet and holy wedding day. I also want to thank the many people who couldn't be here tonight, but who prayed for me, prayed for us, prayed for this evening, so that this wonderful occasion could take place as it did.

Finally, I want to once again express my heartfelt thanks to True Parents and to Hyun Jin Nim. I am not your perfect wife yet, and I am probably insufficient in many ways, but please allow me to love you, please allow me to serve you, so that someday I will become your good wife.

Thank you very much.

but please allow me to love you, please allow me to serve you, so that someday I will become your good wife."

Perhaps the greatest delight of the whole evening was to hear Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim sing together "O Danny Boy." They chose it because, as Hyun Jin Nim said, "We don't know any of the same songs!" Initially they seemed quite timid, but with the second song, "Country Roads," Hyun Jin Nim got into the spirit and reached out and embraced Jun Sook Nim, pulling her to him as if to say: "Let's sing this together."

The evening, however, could not be complete without a performance from Father and Mother. They came to the stage accompanied by a rousing fanfare and roaring applause, and were presented with beautiful flower leis. In his sermons at Belvedere, Father has been demonstrating to us

how well he can speak English. So the first thing he said, jokingly, was, "It's too late now, it's almost 10 o'clock." Then Father and Mother began to sing "Om Maya." Of course Mother had to sing it at times by herself, while Father went into all sorts of variations of the song, trying to unsuccessfully lose her. Father also conducted us all in singing "Om Maya," in his matchless way. Mother offered a song called "Seoul e Changa" while Father delighted us with his dancing.

Soon the singing developed into more dancing. Some of the older members came up on stage and made a circle around True Parents and the bride and groom. The groomsmen lifted Hyun Jin Nim on their shoulders, tossing him up and down in exuberant joy. The audience was standing on its feet, and everyone joined in the merriment with clapping and singing. The celebration ended

with four thunderous cheers of "Mansei!"

It had been a sweet taste of heavenly joy provided by God—a true showering of blessings, because the True Parents were including *all of us* as participants in this Holy Wedding. Since hundreds of guests from all facets of our movement had attended the wedding and banquet, I felt True Parents wanted to reach out and embrace the whole world, giving as many people as possible the opportunity for a deeper connection to the heart of the True Family.

This Holy Wedding was another providential victory for the expansion of True Parents' work on this earth. Through this experience, each of us could be lifted up and become, as Dr. Durst said, filled with "the goodness and love that transcends our ordinary days." □

KEEP A PURE HEART

by Georgia Lewis

In an interview with Angelika Selle, Georgia Lewis describes how she received from Heung Jin Nim the words to the song "This Moment With You," which she sang at the Holy Wedding.

AT THE TIME OF THE ENGAGEMENT of Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Kwak, Heung Jin Nim came to me and told me to start working immediately on a song to be dedicated to the new couple. The piece he indicated was a melody I had written many years ago. I had dedicated it to Heung Jin Nim at the time of his Seung Hwa, but it had no words. Heung Jin Nim said, "The reason you haven't received any words for it is because the song is really meant for my brother Hyun Jin Nim and his bride. I want to dedicate this song for them." He also told me that I would be asked to sing at their wedding.

Meanwhile, I got pregnant, but the pregnancy unfortunately ended in a miscarriage. While I was having the miscarriage, Heung Jin Nim said to me, "Whatever you do, don't lie down in bed feeling sorry for yourself. Go to the prayer room and take your tape recorder and your blanket." Even though it was difficult, I followed his

instructions. I sat in the prayer room for about nine hours, crying and praying, and Heung Jin Nim revealed all the words of the song to me—a love song—"This Moment With You."

Heung Jin Nim instructed me to offer this song to David Eaton at the Performing Arts Department. Both he and Kevin Pickard loved it. I just left it with them for whomever would be asked to sing it. About two days later, Kevin told me that Rev. Kwak and Dr. Pak were expecting me to perform it. Immediately I received from Heung Jin Nim that I should fast for four days in preparation.

In the middle of all this came the matching. One sister from my prayer trinity, Albertina, was eligible for the matching. I knew that Heung Jin Nim wanted to teach me loyalty and attendance through my trinity, so even though I wanted to prepare for the wedding, I waited for her all day and stayed up until late at night, when Father stopped matching. I was up

early the next morning to see her into the matching room again. I waited there the whole time until she was matched.

A course of indemnity

Then I received from Heung Jin Nim that I had to sing the song through 40 times to separate it from Satan. I was having difficulty singing the song, so I made myself sing it 40 times. By paying that indemnity, I received that the song was in the wrong key. I received: "Put it in the key of E flat." When I did, the song came out just right.

Then suddenly my wisdom tooth flared up, and my doctor said I had to have it removed. I said, "You can't take this tooth out. I'm performing, and my whole face will be swollen!" So he gave me penicillin to stop the pain, but I had a violent allergic reaction to it for about two or three days.

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in the Grand Ballroom of the World Mission Center.*

“A SACRED JOURNEY”



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Translator: Dr. Bo Hi Pak

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE BLESSING IN THE UNIFICATION Church tradition, a number of conditions are required. Do you know what they are? First, you have to set the condition for the restoration of all things. Second, you have to restore true pride by the condition of overcoming Satan. Third, you must have at least three spiritual children.

All these things are required because of the fall of man. You need to be restored into the original blueprint of creation. Unless you fulfill all these conditions completely in seven years' time, you are not eligible for the Blessing.

Therefore, in order to have that indemnity paid before the Blessing, you have to go through a three-and-a-half-year period of restoring all the things of creation into the heavenly domain. After that, you have to go out for another three and a half years to seek spiritual children. In doing this, you are testing yourself in the world of Satan so that you can become an undefeatable person from Satan's point of view.

In order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, you have to have a heavenly family. The family is the building block of the Kingdom of Heaven. That heavenly family has to be restored from the satanic realm into total purity.

A NEW GENERATION OF FAMILIES

I want you to understand this: Although many, many religions have come and gone or are still flourishing, this is the first time in all of history that there has ever been the opportunity for the Blessing. Even the True Parents could not immediately start this dispensational process at the perfection level. Since the fall of man took place at the third level of the growth stage, the True Parents had to begin their journey from that level, and in seven years they had to go up to the perfection stage. After the Holy Wedding of True Parents in 1960, there were three consecutive seven-year conditional periods through which they paid the indemnity and laid the heavenly foundation.

The international worldwide dispensational work has been proceeding for the last 40 years. Through my victorious track record, we are now getting out of the period of persecution. The time has come for the true, central structure of Heaven centering upon the True Parents' family. When the tribe has been organized, the heavenly nation will be constructed, and this will expand to the worldwide scale. We have come to that stage. Organization centering upon what? Centering upon each family.

Let's say a blessed family multiplies for three generations. If each generation is 20 years, in sixty years' time it will be a completely multi-racial, multi-national family, because so many different races and nationalities will be connected through it. What kind of language will be spoken in that family? Do you think they are going to hire

interpreters to translate the conversations between grandfathers and grandchildren? You can see that a realistic and practical goal for the Unification Church must be the unification of language.

You are the children of the True Parents. Therefore, you must speak in their mother tongue. That tradition is a vital requirement for our Unification movement. There must be a language revolution. This is the final agenda in the history of humanity. No one else could create a revolution of language except me. No one else could even *think* of such a thing.

Look at this audience. Represented here we have Asia, America, Europe, Africa, South America—all races and cultures from all six continents. You might think, "How can we ever have a one-language world?" However, if we don't, what will happen? You won't be able to talk to your own son-in-law or your own grandchildren. You can see that this is the greatest problem.

I want you to understand that we are creating a new history, a new generation. We have to become a new breed of new people, a new race under God and True Parents. That is our determination today.

INTO THE DIRECT DOMINION

After you receive the Blessing, will you take it lightly and then maybe throw it in the trashcan like you would a tissue? In some cases in the past you have made me grieve by doing this. I cannot allow this situation to happen anymore. You men and women are receiving a sacred marriage. Can you marry according to your own will? Heavenly marriage especially requires the parents' approval and blessing.

What is the meaning of this marriage? Heavenly marriage in the Unification Church is, in a way, a graduation, bringing you from the indirect dominion of God into the direct dominion of God. In the direct dominion you have to have a heartistic relationship with the True Parents and God. Becoming perfect vertically and perfect horizontally—this is the meaning of the matching and the Blessing.

First, you must demonstrate that you are children of filial piety, absolutely loyal and obedient to the True Parents. After that, you can step into love with another person. So when men and women are united with God and True Parents in heart and become pious sons and daughters and then come together horizontally, this is the ideal marriage.

Now you are becoming part of the true lineage of God and Adam and Eve. You will continue the tradition and pass it on to your own descendants. Without carrying this true love tradition, you will not be accepted into the Kingdom of Heaven.

By the Blessing you are changing your lineage. You are cutting off your fallen nature, restoring and transforming it. This is a most extraordinary, revolutionary concept. You

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are cutting out the fallen root and linking yourselves into True Parents' root and becoming a new creature. This is the purpose for which Jesus Christ came, and to fulfill it, Jesus has to come again. He is coming to consummate True Parents' position. Through the True Parents, the Blessing will take place and the change of the lineage of mankind will occur. That's the purpose of the Second Coming.

The Blessing is the ultimate consummation of God's dispensational history. The time will come when the Unification Church Blessing will become the aspiration of every human being worldwide. Citizens of all nations will want to go through this process. Then I will make heavenly requirements. Everybody will have to go through these requirements and must pass in order to participate in the Blessing. There will be no compromise.

A SERIOUS ENDEAVOR

This is very serious. You are here to receive the Blessing. Whether it is given or not is my prerogative, but the important thing is that you realize the value of the Blessing in all seriousness. You have to come to this realization in your bones and heart, so that you will cherish and defend this Blessing with your life.

In order for you to receive such a Blessing, I have given my entire life as a sacrifice. For humanity, this is a time for salvation, for receiving a great gift. But this has required tremendous investment on the part of God and True Parents. If you take it lightly, without considering its value, then that kind of mistreatment of the Blessing cannot be forgiven.

You have listened to me now, and you know the seriousness of the Blessing. You know what kind of incredible endeavor you are getting into. Are you thinking, "I am going to take total responsibility and truly become a standard-bearer for the True Parents"? Those of you who are determined in this way may stay. Otherwise you have to leave.

The family cannot be an isolated unit. The family belongs to the clan, the clan belongs to the tribe, the tribe belongs to the nation, and the nation belongs to the world. The family is the individual building block for the world community and must bear that responsibility. Because of this, the sacrificial love and sacrificial attitude of the family become very, very important.

Ours are the most incredible and the most unusual mass weddings in history. What are we accomplishing by doing all this? What is our ultimate goal? We want to totally unify with God, fulfill God's will, and do what God wants. What does God want? God only wants you to become central figures of true love, that's all. He wants it for Himself, and He wants it for all His children. It's only logical. The heavenly and God-centered society can only be accomplished by love-centered true families. This is what I am trying to create.

COSMIC RESTORATION

Then how can you say, "Well, my family is the most important thing"? That is not so. We have to follow God's tradition by trying to become a true love family belonging to God. Therefore, whatever God wants, we must follow. Isn't God a cosmic being? If you really want to become sons and daughters of God, your concepts, thoughts, and way of life should be at the cosmic level. Do you think Mother and I could live happily ever after just thinking about our own well-being and being contented with our little home in our little kingdom? That is not what God wants.

What God wants is cosmic restoration. He wants a world of love, a world of truth. Therefore, I myself am not doing enough. No matter how difficult the way may be, Mother and I will still be struggling and going further and further, sacrificing everything to reach that goal.

It used to be that whenever we came together and performed a holy wedding, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and all the radio and television stations went crazy, and your parents tried to take you away. But today, when several thousand people gather in the World Mission Center for a matching, the entire world is quiet. Instead, people are saying, "Well, that Rev. Moon! He's got another matching going on! We've got to join in, too."

Why are you so eager to get together for this matching? Because this is the only way you can reach the ideal of God. Without passing through the family, you cannot connect yourself to the heart of God and you cannot belong to God's Kingdom. Without the family unit, you cannot become the embodiment of heavenly law.

I am asking you women: Do you feel confident that you will bear children? If you are, can you do it all by yourself? Absolutely not. If you want to have a little baby in your arms, do you start with that baby, or with somebody else first? Who is that somebody else? Maybe your husband will be very ugly, mean, dumb, stupid, dirty, and smelly, but still, you have to love that husband in order to have that little baby. Women must bear babies, because God created you for that purpose.

YOU HAVE TO BE COMMITTED

Do you love me? You say "yes" because you want to get a good match today! Why do you love me? It is simply because I am leading a public life—for the sake of humanity, for the sake of the world, for your own sake. That is my entire life pattern. Without me, you would never get the Blessing. It is only because of me—my devotion, my giving, my service to humanity—that you are in a position to be blessed.

Do you think that when you get married you will instantly have a good life together and win the title of heavenly



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husband and wife? No. First you must prove to heaven and earth that nothing will deter you from walking the path of True Parents' tradition. You have to have that kind of confidence and be confirmed by God and humanity that you are eligible to be husband and wife.

You have to become committed men and women who say, "Satan, just watch me. No matter how much you try to accuse me, I am not giving you any opportunity to do so, because I am absolutely united with God's tradition. I am living the True Parents' way of life. There is no way, Satan, that you can get to me."

Throughout countless generations, there have been all kinds of immorality and misuse of love—the most wicked sins in the sight of God and heaven. All this has to be vindicated and washed away. You, therefore, must vindicate the past generations of your ancestors. The only way to indemnify the past, the present, and even the future, is for you truly purified men and women to come together and set a new tradition.

The most beautiful woman may end up with the ugliest man, because that itself is beautiful in a way. That is how historical human sin and the past can be indemnified. If anybody says, "No, I must get a handsome man," that means you are only thinking selfishly, not giving your ancestors a chance to be forgiven nor worrying about your descendants. You shall be true sons and daughters who are born into a tradition that redeems all the past, so that you can truly become new, heavenly, model people in the present time. From now on and into the future, the blessing in your family will be abundant.

Women's eyes are always looking for something beautiful, adorable, and charming to light on. Your eyes crave beauty. So I will give you something ugly to look at. You have to train your eyes that way. Why? So that you can have sinless children, so that your eyes are not just looking for external things, but internal things.

CHANGING THE WORST INTO BEST

There are two kinds of husbands and wives: the ideal husband and the very worst husband; the ideal wife and the very worst wife. Where shall we begin? From the ideal? Or shall we start from the worst? Anybody would say, "I would like to start way at the top; the ideal would be fine." But that is very tragic in a way, because then you have no way to go up—the only way you can go is down. From the position of having the worst wife or the worst husband, your situation can only get better—there is always hope. Therefore, the ideal match is when you start with the worst husband or the worst wife. From that position, you can go all the way up to the top. Then God will give you the medal of honor! That husband and wife will be winners for life.

The ideal couple does not necessarily live in an ideal environment, nor have an ideal marriage. The ideal couple just overcomes any situation and goes through their course of indemnity. The ideal is the process of making the worst into the best. So, in the Unification Church, the ideal is that we get married and then maybe we have to separate, with the husband living way up on the North Pole and the wife way down on the South Pole. But both are still happier than any married couple in the world.

In most of the world, if the husband gets home one hour late in the evening, the wife is like a snake: "Why are you late? Why don't you love me anymore?" But in the Unification Church, the husband doesn't worry about the loyalty of his wife, and the wife doesn't worry about the loyalty of her husband, even if they are separated for 10 years. They say, "Yes, my dear husband," or "Yes, my darling wife," and for them, meeting once every 10 years is like heaven. It is an entirely different standard of life. How wonderful Unification Church couples are!

Which is the better thing to do when you are matched—to try to scrutinize your match from two feet away, examining him from top to bottom and trying to see what kind of eyes and nose he has? Or is it better to just look at his back, and say, "He looks fine. Thank you, Father." All you need to say is, "Yes, Father. My husband is definitely a man," or "Father, you gave me a woman. Thank you."

There are members behind the Iron Curtain and the Bamboo Curtain who have never been able to come here. They told me, "Father, please match me by picture." Later when they received the picture they said, "Thank you, Father, the picture is enough. When I saw the picture I was

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grateful, because you definitely gave me a woman. Thank you, Father." What a gigantic mind such a person has! His mind is like an ocean, like a mountain. Nothing can deter such people. No power can tear them apart. How dramatic such a life is!

IN YOUR FACE I SEE ETERNITY

So by now, you are ready to accept anyone, right? None of you could sleep last night, and from six o'clock this morning your eyes have been open wide, and you've been thinking, "The moment is coming, the moment is coming! What should I do if I don't get the best?" After listening to me, everyone has complete peace of mind? Yes or no?

In your own family, if your mom and dad tried to match even one of your brothers or sisters, it would be an ordeal. Matching takes incredible time and effort. I expect to match 1,000 couples in one day. How is it possible to do such a difficult task? It means that my eyes have to become super-eyes. My mind has to work like tons of computers. I will be moving like lightning. That is the only way I can accomplish this task.

If you really trust me 100 per cent, then everything will go smoothly, like clockwork. But if you start to resist, things won't move well.

Look at my eyes. My eyes will penetrate through you to your ancestors' long history and into eternity. When I look at your face I see eternity. Oriental people generally have small eyes. That means they look at life from a long distance and way into the future. God made my eyes so small so that I can see to a great depth, through to each individual destiny.

I know that discovering the true value of your husband or wife takes at least three years. You women might say, "My husband is not good enough." But who knows? Through your husband, you may give birth to a child who will become the President of the United States. How do you know that won't happen? Patience is the winner. If you are patient for three years, 15 years, 20 years, God may give you the most incredible blessing through your spouse.

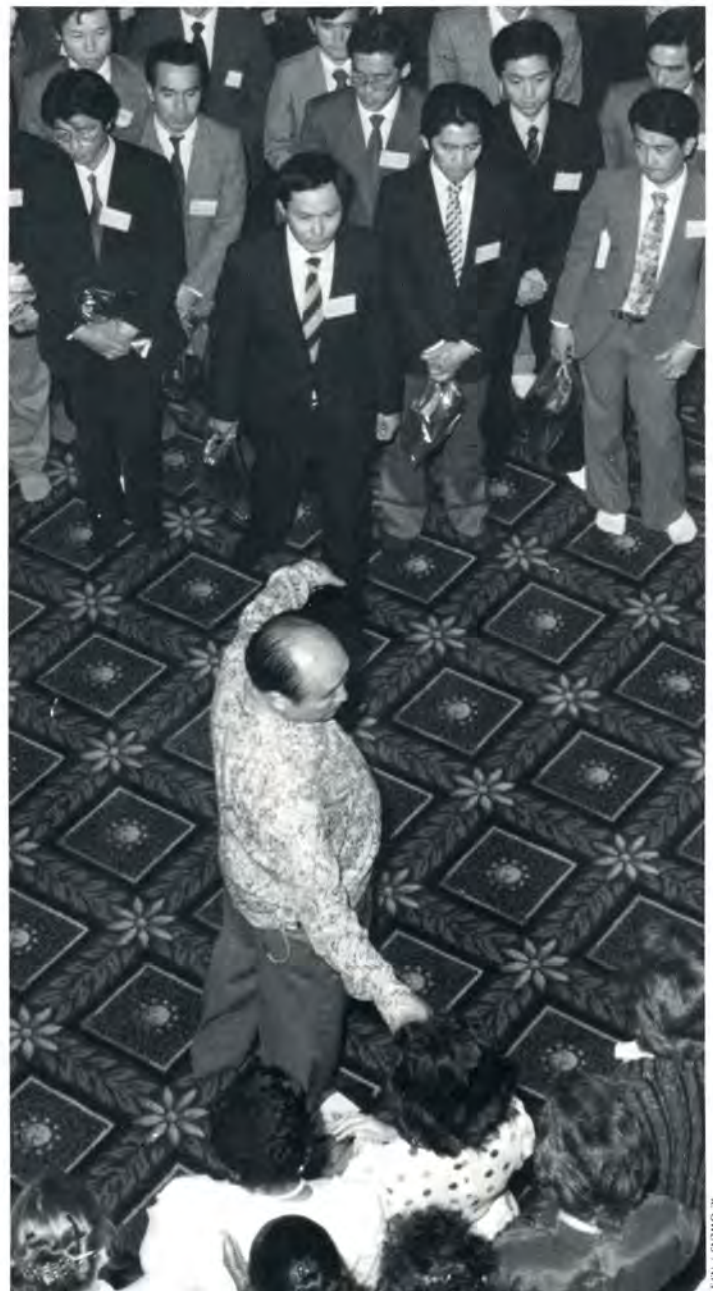
An older person may get a much younger spouse, but you should have no complaint. Look at me. At the time I was blessed, there were all kinds of incredibly gifted Unification Church women available—women near the same age as me with master's degrees and Ph.D.'s. But through God's revelation I was given Mother, who was only in her teens. Can you imagine all the squabbles and rumors and whisperings that went on because of that?

But it was God's will. Most people cannot perceive God's will, but I am able to. How did it all turn out? The True Parents have turned out to be the perfect heavenly couple!

A great age difference between a husband and wife is not a shame; it can be a great plus, particularly from the

dispensational point of view. When I match you, don't come back to me and say, "My spouse is too old. The age difference between us is incredible." I know already. When you get together, don't ask your match, "How old are you?" If your match asks you, say, "No comment."

Don't interrogate your match. Don't ask things like, "What kind of a person were you? What did you do before you joined the church? What kind of education did you get?" Don't ask things like that of your future spouse.



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MAKING HISTORY

Those of you who think, "Uh, oh. I'm in the wrong place," stand up and walk out. So, I see you are committed. You are about to embark upon the most incredible sacred journey. Would you rather make it a short local trip, or do you want to make a global trip?

When you go to a poor family's home, there might not much to eat, but there will be a wealth of love. Normally, a poor family has more love. I want you to understand: If you are married to an Oriental man, you may not have a wealth of food or possessions or clothes, but you will find a wealth of love. In the home, more important than a great wealth of possessions is the wealth of love. Love is the key.

If a Western person marries another Westerner, there's nothing much historic there. But when a Western woman marries a Japanese man and comes to Japan and serves devotedly as wife and mother and teacher and missionary, it will be recorded in history.

Let's say a gigantically fat Western woman is married to a Japanese man. But when she goes to Japan and works tremendously hard for the sake of her husband and his family, she will become like a chopstick! That will make history.

An Oriental man and a Western woman would make a most adorable couple. When you go to Japan, everyone will look and say, "Wonderful! We welcome that beautiful Western bride to our country of Japan." When that Western bride goes to Japan she should say, "I'm going to revitalize Japan. I'm going to become the spiritual mother of entire Japan."

This is something that you can be proud of in front of all your generations to come. Someday you will become grandparents. There you will be—a Western grandma and an Oriental grandpa, sitting down and talking to your grandchildren. You will tell them, "This is the way we were married; this is the way True Parents matched us. We were happy to serve True Parents in this way." Then the grandchildren's tears will just start streaming down, and they'll say, "What a wonderful grandma and grandpa we have!" Then the grandchildren will go and erect a statue in your honor.

If you can open your mind and look at the long-distance vision, then you will be able to see what a wonderful opportunity I am giving you. I know that you are pledging in your hearts, "Father, we want to do your will." □

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RENEWAL OF HEART

Some reflections on the matching

by Betsy Jones

THERE WAS SOMETHING SPECIAL about the timing of this matching. After breakfast at East Garden on March 25, Father announced that he would hold a matching on March 27. The day we got the news, representatives from many different church departments gathered to form a Matching Committee. That gave us only one day to call everybody! We quickly organized several committees—for information and orientation, registration, accommodations, general affairs, and counseling. Registration at the World Mission Center began the next day at noontime, and lasted throughout the evening. The

matching was to start the following morning.

It was beautiful the way everyone cooperated and worked together on this. Elder members like Mrs. Ver-

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heyen and Mrs. Kamiyama came to help, and they stayed up all night long, registering people as they came in. The speed at which everything had to happen gave Satan no time at all to invade. We just totally gave ourselves.

Father made very strict criteria for this matching, such as membership in the church for no less than three years. It was mainly a single members' matching, but members whose spouse had either left the church or had fallen were also included. Those who may have thought the standard for the matching had lowered were made aware that if their spouse were



still in the church, anywhere, they should still be working on restoring that relationship and would not automatically be re-matched. They were expected by Father to resolve their difficulties, even if one partner had homosexual problems. These criteria cleared up many ambiguities.

An atmosphere of acceptance

The last matchings in America leading up to the 8000 Blessing in 1982 were the first truly international matchings. Each was a very historical moment. They were the first large-scale matchings between black and white and between East and West, for example, and there were definite hurdles of faith that people had to confront. But with this particular matching, there was a different feeling. People were coming on that

previous foundation, and I felt there was much more acceptance. The brothers and sisters seemed more prepared spiritually for this matching, even though it was on such short notice.

The atmosphere was very positive. With every match that Father made, it was incredible to see the beauty of each couple and the almost immediate response of the partners toward each other. Among all the large matchings in America, there has never been one in which such a great percentage of the people accepted the first match suggested by Father. In only a very small number of cases was one partner not willing to accept the match. But it was a very, very small number.

After the couples were matched, they were able to meet with counselors in the second-floor dining room

if they liked. We had people there speaking different languages in case anyone needed help translating. A nice touch was the refreshments that were provided while the couples were talking. The older couples were constantly available, and there was an incredible atmosphere of support. In this way, everybody was able to feel comfortable.

Some couples felt instant unity with each other, and some needed a bit of discussion. Some went to pray about it for a few hours. But I'd say most of them were able to resolve any difficulties.

When they were ready to accept the match, the couples went back into the ballroom in groups of five or six and bowed before True Parents. Then they had their pictures taken together. There was no Holy Wine Ceremony

held, so the newly matched members haven't yet been "reborn." Matched status is comparable to receiving the seed from the Messiah, but rebirth doesn't really take place until after the Holy Wine Ceremony.

Cleansing our faith

It was a wonderful experience to be a part of and to witness. We in the Blessed Family Department have always longed to somehow solve the problems that some of the members have had with their marriages. And yet in a very short time, True Parents took the responsibility to resolve many of these problems instantly. It was a joy to watch people who received mates they felt joyful about, grateful for, and one with. It was a liberating experience for all of us, not just for the people being matched!

Amazingly, even a few marriage problems from previous Blessings were resolved through this matching. We had always been concerned most about the youngest couples in the church, those from the 8000 Blessing. But all of a sudden, by this matching, they became the older couples. A few of these couples hadn't quite come to grips with their own situations; but

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even some of them came to us during this time for counseling. At the last minute, they seemed to have made a breakthrough in their own marriages that had been floundering over the last few years.

It was a time, spiritually, when all members could feel more united with True Parents. It seemed the whole church was carried into a new dimension. Here were older couples who could finally make unity and go forward, and then the brand-new couples making their pledges of commitment. It was like a cleansing of our church. Satan has been trying to mul-

tiply a few problems and make it appear that the number of shaky marriages was much greater than was actually the case. Through this matching I felt the whole image of the Blessing was restored.

The Blessed Family Department had been inspired to hold a workshop to prepare members for the Blessing just a week before the matching. About 180 people came from the New York area, but we honestly didn't even know there would be this matching! Even out in California they had a Blessing workshop. I think people were starting to feel that something was imminent. At the workshop, several older couples give testimonies, and through them, the strength and the fruit of the Blessing was demonstrated.

During the time of the matching, True Parents stood with the dignity and the authority of God and didn't compromise their standard in any way. In listening to the talk Father gave just before the matching, I realized that no matter what kind of workshop we might give, nobody can prepare a person for the Blessing like Father can! At one point he spoke about the beauty of a Japanese man and his Western wife explaining to their grandchildren about this very historical thing that they had done. How proud the grandchildren would be! In a very short time, Father put everyone completely at ease through his talk and totally inspired them with the vision of the Blessing.

I think this renewal of faith in the Blessing was necessary as a foundation for the whole church to cleanse their hearts to receive the Holy Wedding of Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim, which took place just three days later. If members had unresolved feelings about the Blessing, it might have been difficult for them to rejoice in the Blessing of a child of the True Parents. So I think this matching and this renewal of heart were perfectly timed to happen just before the Holy Wedding, so that all of our members could more deeply connect with the promise that True Parents have given us for the creation of ideal families. □



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"A LIVING ENCOUNTER"

by Eric Wenzel

Eric Wenzel and Tsuneko Sakakibara were matched by Father on March 27, 1987, in the World Mission Center. Below is Eric's personal account of his experience.

EARLY FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 27, we were gathered in the Grand Ballroom awaiting the arrival of True Parents. The spirit was high and yet very intense, as each brother and sister waited for the moment when a new dimension in their eternal life would unfold. I remember the Blessings of the 2000 and 6000 couples in 1982, because they occurred soon after I joined the church, but the time when I would be matched by Father always seemed years away. Now that time had come. Along with all of my excitement, there was a constant feeling of being unworthy to receive such a gift from True Parents.

Father entered the room with absolute seriousness. He delivered a wonderful sermon, very serious, yet with enough humor to make everyone feel comfortable. After his speech, he shed his sportcoat and descended to the main floor.

"Do you mean me, Father?"

Within minutes Father pointed in my direction. I pointed to myself as if to ask, "Do you mean me, Father?" He said, "No, next one other tall brother." At that instant, I had a wonderful yet fearful experience. I had inadvertently attracted Father's attention. I attracted the attention of the Messiah! He had to look at me when I pointed to myself. Outside I remained calm, but inside I was shaking like never before. He pointed to a Japanese sister far in the back and asked her something in Japanese. He looked at me again, but he didn't look right at me. Instead, he gazed all around me for a few seconds that seemed like



forever. Then he motioned for me to step forward. I stood next to my match, and we bowed to Father. I didn't even look at her; I only knew she was Japanese. We proceeded up to the balcony.

At that moment, the entire ballroom became like a foreign land to me, and the people around me were just blurs. I had been there dozens of times, but I felt totally detached from my external environment.

Upon arriving at the second floor reception area, I suddenly realized we would need a translator. The entire morning, from the time I awoke at three a.m. until the time of my match, I had been thinking of many questions I would ask the sister Father chose for me. When we sat down, however, I couldn't think of a single question! Our translator broke the ice by suggesting I ask what her family was like. So I did. Then I began to relax. "What part of the Principle motivated you to join True Parents?" was my next question.

We spoke for some time, becoming more and more curious to discover each other's identity. Although I had been a little worried before, when I was matched I had no doubt whatsoever about accepting Father's decision. I felt absolute confidence that Father had chosen a faithful sister and the perfect complement for my character.

Father's wisdom

We went through the traditional bows and photographs and then the procession through the brothers and sisters anxiously waiting outside. Like most of the other matched couples, we spent the rest of the day learning about each other. Each discovery we made, however, was not so much a discovery about each other, but more a part of our growing realization of the incredible depth of Father's wisdom.

During the afternoon, I asked my fiancé what Father had asked her when he pointed to her. She said, "He asked me how tall I was." Suddenly I remembered that moment when I had inadvertently attracted Father's attention. It was then that Father saw my spiritual fortune (and my unusual height—6'4"!) and looked for the right sister. He looked back at me to make sure. I'll never forget how his piercing eyes gazed all around me several times. I thought he was looking at the other brothers, but he was looking at me—my past, my ancestors, and my potential descendants. He wanted to be absolutely certain that this sister and I could faithfully grow to establish a family centered on the ideal of True Parents.

Before the matching, I had thought a lot about its meaning. But it was during the event that I had the profound experience of my faith in Father and my living encounter with him becoming one.

When I first discovered that the True Parents were on the earth, I felt incredible gratitude. But to experience Father's love so directly—nothing in the past could come close to the gratitude I felt at that moment. This eternal truth has continued to resound in my heart: Father is truly my loving father. □

The Significance of Home Church

As Father has announced that 1987 is the year of a new beginning and new dedication to home church, Today's World will present this column each month, featuring excerpts from the book Home Church or Father's speeches on this topic.

A home church represents the whole world in one family. When we talk about one world we are actually referring to the universe and the cosmos, and a home church extracts the very essence of the cosmos into its small world. This is the unified world of physical and spiritual, of the central religions and all other religions, of races and nations. Spiritual and physical unity all come into being in our home churches, representing an extract of the whole world.

*The Completion Period for the Dispensation
11/12/78, Belvedere*

Home church is a very precious blessing for you, for through it I am giving you a condition to go beyond the fall of man. You are an invincible force like the tide to cleanse your home church, and you won't be deterred by opposition. Do you know who is going to sign your certificate? Not me, but the hostile people in your home church area should be the ones to uphold you as a man of God. Is home church something to be grateful for, or just a burden? Home church is a short-cut to the Kingdom of Heaven. If you don't worry about anything else but that, you will find the Heavenly Kingdom.

*True Couple
5/27/79, World Mission Center*

The battlefield since that day [the Day of Victory of Heaven] is home church, where we are deeply moving into society. In home church we are winning on the level of family, people, nation, and world, and the home church victory represents all victories. Home church is your divine altar to offer yourself as a living sacrifice for God. When you make a righteous offering there, you are inheriting all of heaven. Your 360-home area is your world, your place of love, service, worship, and prayer. There you care for the people and teach them, awakening them from darkness to light. Ultimately you shall be recognized as their tribal messiah. You shall be a master in three ways: a master of love, a master of all things, a master of people. It all comes together in home church.

*Day of Victory of Heaven
10/4/79, World Mission Center*

Again, you will not go through exactly the same things I did in going from the individual to the family level and finally to the world level during the past 20 years. That is not feasible for each of you; instead you will set up a 360-home area that encapsulates all the elements found throughout the world. The 360 homes will represent all the different nations and races on this earth. This has been endorsed by both God and Satan.

*Home Church Is My Kingdom of Heaven
1/1/81, World Mission Center*

Instead of running many races, you can think about how to be victorious all at once, how to condense everything into one race. You want to participate in that kind of game, don't you? That's why you must become a champion for all seasons, in all areas. I have a good brain and I am always thinking about what the one game is in which I can win everything. God wants to see His son win that kind of certificate. That one game where you can win the championship is home church. That is where you can run with your life, love, and ideal. No matter what the people say about you, it doesn't make any difference. Go ahead and run in all directions with this principle.

*Things That Are Important To You
2/1/81, Belvedere*

You want to cross that bridge to get to the eternal world of God's heart. You have to start by crossing this bridge to reach the side of the heavenly individual, then the family, and so forth. Would you rather cross many bridges, or connect them all and cross over just one bridge? If God's purpose is to bring all mankind into salvation, wouldn't He want to have just one bridge? If you were entrusted with that responsibility, wouldn't you do the same? Home church is that bridge. Crossing the bridge of home church would be regarded as achievement enough for anyone to pass into the heavenly world. Don't you feel like crossing it successfully?...

Crossing many bridges would take many years, or even a whole lifetime, but crossing one bridge is much shorter. Unless I can create a shorter bridge which enables people to cross over everything at once, there is no real significance to my being here in this world. Have you cried harder for your home church people than for people you are already connected with? If you cry more for them than for your own family and relatives, then you have crossed the bridge in one step.

*Life of Experience in the Realm of Heart
3/15/81, Belvedere*

The microcosm of restoration can be fulfilled in home church. Home church is your universe, and without fulfilling there you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The job is easy from now on because we don't recognize national boundaries, and wherever we go we do home church. Among home church people there shall be one family, even among people of enemy nations. Later home church champions will be wanted everywhere, and people will even smuggle them into hostile nations, for that is the only way the nations can be saved. That time will come.

*Core Love and Indemnity
10/22/81, World Mission Center*

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HEUNG JIN NIM AND JESUS BRING PENTECOST TO THE ICC

The following is based on an interview with Jim Stephens and Mata Daramy concerning experiences at the 10th American Christian Ministers' Conference to Japan and Korea. Jim Stephens is the director of the Interdenominational Conferences for Clergy (ICC) and Mata Daramy is a sister from Sierre Leone who joined the church in England. Interview conducted by Angelika Selle.

Testimony of Jim Stephens

FOR THE 10TH ICC WE HAD ABOUT 120 ministers, which is a significant number. Even before the conference began, I had heard that some spiritualists in Korea received that this was going to be the pentecostal conference. Spiritually, the 10th ICC was a breakthrough conference. Maybe it was because of the number 10 or because of the three-year time period after Heung Jin Nim's death or because of the many spiritual conditions that have been accumulated since Father's sacrifice in Danbury.

Many of our church members who were on the staff of this conference had incredible experiences with Heung Jin Nim and Jesus, particularly the four main staff members who have been attending all of these conferences: myself, Levi Dougherty, Kevin McCarthy, and David Hose. We were treated through a medium to some personal experiences with Heung Jin Nim and Jesus. Personal guidance, as well as providential guidance about the significance of the ICC, was given. Heung Jin Nim said that the point at which Father was ready to be welcomed by established Christianity 40 years ago has come full circle. All indemnity has been paid, and the time has come now when all Christianity can receive

Father, because Heung Jin Nim and Jesus are totally united in the spirit world.

In his speech on the Day of Victory of Love, Father spoke about how Heung Jin Nim has created a bridge for those in the higher realms of the spirit world to come down and stay on the earth. Before this time, our members could occasionally have deep experiences or inspiration from the higher realms, but they couldn't stay connected. But because of the connection between Heung Jin Nim and Father, Heung Jin Nim can now command the forces of the higher realms to come down and stay on the earth and begin to do battle against the evil spirits.

From the very beginning, when this group of ministers got together the spirit was very cohesive. People were more expectant than at other

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conferences; they felt like something extremely important and historical was going to take place. The ministers even seemed to receive the lectures more deeply than other groups had before.

They were already overwhelmed in Japan, especially when we prayed together at the Japanese church headquarters. The spirit was so high in that chapel that one of the Mormon ministers said he felt it was a very holy place. He couldn't believe it was just a regular worshiping place for us. The spirit seemed higher to him there than he had experienced in his own holy temple in Salt Lake City.

Jesus emanates his love

Everyone had very deep experiences in prayer there. I myself could see in my mind's eye Jesus hovering over the whole group, emanating love and light down upon them. An elder member offered such a powerful prayer and cried so many tears that the ministers were completely moved even before we started to pray in unison.

Later in Korea, at Sunday service at the church headquarters, many more profound things happened. I had been literally guided by Heung Jin Nim to wait until I was shown who should give the Sunday message. Finally it became Saturday night, and I still didn't know who was supposed to give the message the next day. Then I heard about a man who had had an



The ministers of the 10th ICC sing at Sunday service at the church headquarters in Seoul.

experience during the testimony by Mrs. In Ju Kim; he had seen the spirit of our True Father appear behind him and put his arm around him and his wife, and he felt incredible love from Father. So when I prayed again to ask who should give the Sunday message, his name immediately came into my mind.

I asked him, and he was already preparing a sermon. His name is Walter Battle from Minneapolis. He gave an amazing speech. He started out by saying that we are all called into God's army and that we have to march back and save America. Later on he listened to his speech on tape, and he couldn't believe that he had given that speech. He didn't remember saying any of those words!

After that his wife, who is a professional singer, sang a powerful song that moved the whole church. Unison prayer followed. One man, who generally speaks in tongues a lot, started speaking in tongues and then came up to the microphone and interpreted his own speech. He said over and over again, "My sheep, my children." One medium told me that Jesus' spirit was definitely speaking through this man.

People who truly love Jesus and are connected to him in heart can always recognize him. Some people have no

such awareness; they are like fruit that is not yet ripe. This was true in our group—some ministers had very profound experiences that changed their lives, whereas others weren't able to grasp it at all.

A loving pentecost

I was concerned that since pentecost was coming, maybe some people would be really damned or severely judged for something they had done, but it was not like that at all. It was a very loving pentecost, but it was also obvious that Satan was trying to interfere as much as he could. We had a couple of people who were very disruptive. This was actually a witness to the fact that Jesus was really there.

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The next spiritual thing that happened was at the Rock of Tears. At the end of the main prayer, when we asked everybody to walk back down the hill, some people just stayed and would not leave, even though we asked them three times to come down. All the Unification church members stayed behind as well as a group of maybe a dozen ministers. At that moment Jesus Christ himself came to them through a medium. He explained to them about the importance of the Rock, and he testified to the new Lord, although he didn't mention his name directly. He said, "You know who I'm talking about." The ministers who knew it was Jesus realized who he was talking about without a doubt.

Jesus told everyone there who experienced him that they were not to speak about this revelation for 40 days, and that they should only pray about it and keep it in their hearts so that they could understand the meaning of it all.

It's hard to put into words, but the spirit, the depth, and the emotion at the conference just grew and grew. There were two ministers there who wore glasses but who do not wear glasses anymore. Their eyes were healed. It was as if their eyes were opened.

The next day was the time for the Second Coming lecture. It turned out that it was actually Ash Wednesday, 40 days before Easter Sunday. I think we walked into that day expecting another great pentecost to take place. We expected that all these ministers were going to recognize who the True Parents were on that occasion, and that it was just going to be "Halleluia!" But instead, both Rev. Hose and Kevin McCarthy had the most difficult time giving the lectures. Rev. Hose gave *The Last 400 Years*, and Kevin gave *The Second Coming*. What was happening was that the hearts of the people had been so moved and so swept up towards the conclusion (everybody who comes has been told that Unificationists believe Rev. Moon is the Messiah) that they knew what was coming in their minds, but they couldn't let themselves accept it. It was too fast for them. Intellectually they were greatly resisting the lectures, because they just could not deal with the conclusion that their hearts had already come to.

Heung Jin Nim is available to us

I'd like to share something about Heung Jin Nim, how much he can personally interact with every single

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one of us now. He is available to us! It's a phenomenon that may be hard to believe, for people who have had difficulty in connecting with the spirit of God, Heung Jin Nim, or True Parents. But now all of that has changed. The key point is our belief that it's possible and taking little steps of faith to establish a relationship with Heung Jin Nim so that he can come to you. You can get a picture of Heung Jin Nim, you can speak to him in your prayers, you can ask him for guidance, you can ask him for signs.

He stressed that the miracle is not that he can speak through mediums or that he can speak to us. The miracle is when you have faith that this is real. That's your foundation of faith. And once you establish that foundation of faith, you can begin to receive

guidance directly from Heung Jin Nim. He said that many brothers and sisters in America could receive the gift of automatic writing—he could dictate letters to us—but he said we have to first fulfill the foundation of substance, which means we have to love each other. Satan has been attacking our movement heavily recently, knowing that this pentecost was coming. He has been trying to discourage as many brothers and sisters as he can before this time so that we will not have any power, and he has been trying to isolate us from each other.

By having faith in Heung Jin Nim and developing good loving relationships with each other, we can draw the highest realms of spirit world. They can surround us all the time so we don't have to worry so much about evil spirits anymore. There have been tremendous changes in our spiritual environment, and incredible things are going to happen.

When we receive love from Heung Jin Nim we have to share it, but he doesn't want us to just talk and blab about our revelations. He wants us to act, to substantially take care of each other, love each other, and serve each other. This will be the foundation of substance that will provide for the continuation of our relationships, our experiences. And this will very quickly bring the spirit of the Kingdom of Heaven into our centers. Once you have a group of even two or three people who are having these experiences, you can quickly ignite a whole center. Then you can make the condition for the spirit world to guide prepared people to walk up to your door and ring the doorbell and say things like, "I feel I have to join the Unification Church." Heung Jin Nim said you'll meet ministers out of the blue that are already prepared to go to Korea. So you just have to be ready to receive them.

One last thing to mention is that we always have to remember the incredible foundation of prayer that has been laid in Korea. We have no idea of the depths of suffering of our elder brothers and sisters. Without them, we could never have been able to experience these things. They are really the kings and queens of heaven!



Prayer at the Rock of Tears.

Testimony of Mata Daramy

AFTER HEUNG JIN NIM'S SEUNG Hwa ceremony I began receiving revelations from him. I was fortunate to have a chance to go to Korea in 1984 with the IFVOC. I received revelations throughout 1984 right up to 1986, but it was suggested that I not mention them until a few years had passed, so I would know if they were true or not.

In November 1986 I communicated with Heung Jin Nim frequently and he said he wanted me to go to Korea. So I just left my apartment and all my belongings and went to Korea. I wasn't sure exactly what he wanted me to do, but I knew that he wanted me there.

After being in Korea for a few weeks, Heung Jin Nim led me through a Korean man to an old halmoni, a grandmother who has been in the church for 30 years. She's a very powerful spiritual lady. She already dreamt the night before I met her that I was going to stay at her house, so she was preparing to receive me. As soon as I arrived, we started to do intense prayer conditions like I've never done in my life—two hours, three hours long.

Whenever she began to pray she would open up to the highest spirit world so Heung Jin Nim could come straight down. There were no barriers. As she was praying I started receiving revelations. After three days of receiving revelations we both realized that Heung Jin Nim really wanted me to stay there. We didn't know for how long, but we knew he didn't want me to leave the room where I was living, because I was not to be influenced by any other spirit world.

Completing intense conditions

So from November through January 3, 1987, we made very intense prayer conditions, fasting conditions, and cold shower conditions. And whenever my halmoni and I prayed, we received revelation upon revelation. Heung Jin Nim just couldn't speak enough, he had so many words to say. He said he wanted us to offer the first three years after his Seung Hwa cere-

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mony to God, so that Satan could see that the Unification Church members were serious about the offering of Lord Heung Jin Nim.

This meant that the first three years were a conditional offering. We had to offer Lord Heung Jin Nim to the spirit world, to God. His life was an offering—he gave his life for the sake of the sins of the world, for the sake of the prolongation of the Messiah's mission. Therefore, we had to offer these three years. This was extremely important, but we had not known it. Yet he knew it and Father knew it, so it was our responsibility to find out. That's why Heung Jin Nim desperately wanted me in Korea, so that we could make this special offering.

Eventually the revelations received through the grandmother were given to the leadership, and certain conditions were made. But we still felt that what we did wasn't enough, because Heung Jin Nim actually wanted the whole Unification Church and the world to make conditions. We felt deeply responsible, so we did more conditions on top of that, in order for Heavenly Father and Lord Heung Jin Nim to come down to earth. This was also part of the offering of the three years.

Forty days after Heung Jin Nim's Seung Hwa ceremony, Father blessed him to Hoon Sook Nim. So we were also to celebrate the three years after his Blessing. We had another special offering prayer for that, and we visited his tomb quite frequently. Because we could complete these conditions successfully, Heung Jin Nim told us that Heavenly Father accepted all the conditions we had made over that period of time. Therefore, he said, the next dispensation could begin, which was his availability to reach the brothers and sisters.

Somehow, it just so happened that the 10th ICC took place upon the completion of all these conditions. And Jesus and Heung Jin Nim were waiting for the ministers. Heung Jin Nim had prepared everybody in the ICC. We just shared a few words with them, talked about a few revelations, and the ministers just carried on. A pentecost took place. It was just amazing.

Heung Jin Nim and Jesus can now walk on the earth concretely. Everybody can have experiences with him—not just one or two spiritually open people. Anybody, everybody, can have experiences, even non-members.

When I came to America I was worried because I was thinking, "Is Heung Jin Nim going to be here, or am I going to be battling through layers of spirit world trying to reach him?" But he is here completely, in this building [the World Mission Center], working, and allowing for the most incredible rebirth experiences. Some couples have been reconciled, and many unbelievable things have been happening.



A spontaneous connection of heart between East and West.

"Shed your old skins"

Spiritual dictation received from Heung Jin Nim through Mata Daramy

March 10, 1987, 12:00 a.m.

New York City

I KNOW THAT MANY BROTHERS AND SISTERS are waiting for me to come and guide them. I know how sad and difficult their path has been, how long they have yearned for the Parents' love, how long they have wanted to be free from internal pain.

I, Heung Jin Nim, have come as your friend to bring you joy and happiness. I have come to tell you that Heavenly Father has not forgotten the sacrifice you made for True Parents. I have come to tell you that even though you may think, "How can God use me anymore?" God has forgiven you, and He is giving everybody a chance to start again. Satan has already stricken, and so you can get up and go.

I was in America, and I saw what your difficulties were. I wanted so much to share the deep love of the True Parents with you at that time, but your hearts were not ready to receive me. Now you can receive me directly. I have no barriers to come to you.

May the grace and love of Jesus and myself be with you always.

Amen.

March 10, 1987, 5:30 a.m.

New York City

True Father has asked of you many things. For years Father has been trying to push you forward to fulfill the great task for God. His tears were so many because he should have been relating such commands to the first generation, his own contemporaries, but he could not. Established Christianity failed to recognize the Messiah in Father, and because of that, the course was extended. So without much explanation, with your own faith you had to take on the responsibilities of your own physical parents.

Now through my own ascension into heaven, I can open a big door of unity—the unity between the three brothers (Christianity, Judaism, and the Unification Church) that should have taken place before Father was 40 years old. So True Father himself knows your pain. Imagine the burden of disappointment that he was carrying for God! Heavenly Father was so sad because of all the thousands of years of preparation that led up to the birth of the Second Advent had been invaded, because man could not see from God's viewpoint. Peo-

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ple could not understand how to change their opinions, and were even afraid to ask God about His True Son, in case it was true that Father was the Messiah.

When you see other ministers now finally beginning to realize the authenticity of the Son of God in True Father, when they publicly repent for their misunderstanding and misinformation, then you must be of course grateful to God, but on the other hand, you must know that these very people had been prepared even before your birth, as the first generation to receive the Lord of the Second Advent.

I am now working directly with the ICC, and I want your prayers collectively to support this movement. True Parents want to achieve a great goal before the year is out, and I as their son want to help them. I want to give them all my support and love. That is why I am coming to you with so much desperation.

When the Unification members of this nation realize that they have a close friend in me, someone who is always there for them in whatever situation they may be in, then an enormous revolution of heart will take place once more. A deeper relationship will be ignited with True Parents, and the movement will jump up to a higher level. When they realize that not only I, but Lord Jesus and indeed all the prophets, saints, sages, and righteous people of faith of all the different religions are right behind them, then they, through their five percent responsibility, will receive the greatest energy from Heaven.

Still an important mission of heart is needed from you people. I, as the son of the True Parents' womb, now proclaimed as the Son of God, want to be the bridge between yourselves and my True Brothers and Sisters. Because they belong substantially to another lineage (and you in your daily lives are trying to graft yourself onto them) then it may not be easy for you to understand their hearts. Therefore, through your prayers ask Heavenly Father to show you the hearts of the True Family, so that you may understand them, so that you may support them more.

Why is this important to them? Because they are the beginning of the Kingdom of Heaven, and through that perfected lineage, God's generations can be established for the first time in history. God Himself can finally say He is glad He created man!

Do not just look at yourself in an individual way; beyond you are countless billions of spirit

men waiting to assist you in this dispensation. It is not important that you see them with your physical eyes, but it is important that you recognize their presence and give them a chance for restoration.

As soon as New York will belong to God, this nation can be easily claimed again by God. All the immense problems that pervade the society will be erased, and many people who never dreamt they would ever lead a religious life will be changed. Their lives will change as drastically as yours did in meeting the Messiah, and your own lives will be transformed.

Seek for such a rebirth! Seek to be cleansed and purified. Seek to be the channel through whom God, True Parents, Jesus, and I can work. You know that Father and Mother love you and want you to receive the love of God directly, but Satan still exists and your lineage is soiled, so therefore you have to make the condition for Heavenly Father to fill Himself within you.

So my brethren, have faith! Let love shine out from your hearts.

God bless you all.
Amen.



March 13, 1987, 12:40 a.m.
New York City

America is a country that God is most concerned about. You already have been involved in many activities and projects. My blood that has been shed in this land can already be used to purify the land. But you people, you Unificationists, must now remember that you can claim that victory, you can be cleansed, you can be washed clean from all your sins. And indeed the sin of this nation can be taken away through the blood that was shed. You must, however, believe in me. You know that True Parents have ordained me with a glorious mission. I only want to share the love from both Heavenly Father and True Parents with you all.

Throughout America many brothers and sisters can have their lives transformed. They could be new people. Shed your old skins, throw away your old garments, and put on your armor of truth. Jesus and I are giving you this armor for free, but you are so suspicious

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of us. I only request that you unite with us, Jesus and myself. We want so much to help you, so that you can support True Parents more, and in so doing you will be bringing the greatest joy to God. Why do you hesitate, why do you doubt? We, Jesus and I, want so much not just to liberate you, but to liberate all of mankind and all of the spirit world. Your brothers and sisters in the spirit world, those who have been following True Parents, want so much for you to make the most of your own life on this earth.

My brethren, let me guide you. I will never deceive or lead you astray. I will never do anything to hurt you. I want you, however, to grow and mature and become parents that can also be ignited with the love of God. Americans are behaving like children when they should be taking responsibility for the whole world. You know that God prepared America, a land full of milk and honey. America must grow up spiritually. When you members make that renewed commitment, then the foundation can be laid to reach many people who will be able to respect you much more.

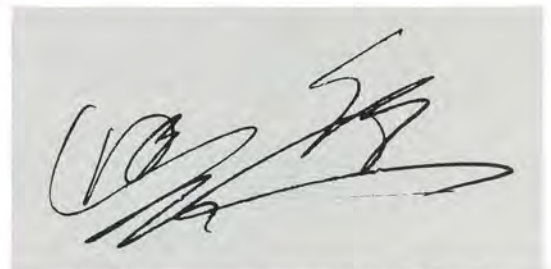
Some of you are afraid to approach those of high social standing, but you don't need to fear, because in the spirit world these people will lose such titles if they do not relate to the King of Kings. So spiritually you have a higher standard; you should feel confident. You are Abel to those people, especially now that Jesus and I are working directly with you.

So, therefore, you people here, let's go! Let's be determined to build the Kingdom of Heaven. You see, America must unite with Korea. It's important. Lucifer must humble himself before Adam. Externally Korea is a poorer nation, but internally very rich. A little bit of America must go to Korea, and a little bit of Korea to America.

Be grateful, you people of America. Father and Mother have invested so much love and time with you. Look at the missionaries. Many have suffered for the sake of God, True Parents, and mankind, and some spent no time at all with True Parents.

Be grateful, and give more energy to such brothers and sisters, some of whom even gave their lives. I will come to those that want to develop a relationship with me.

God bless you.



Heung Jin Nim's signature received through a medium.

"Please believe in me"

Spiritual dictation received from Heung Jin Nim through Rev. David Hose

March 12, 1987, Early morning
Barrytown

BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I AM YOUR LORD, Heung Jin Nim. I have so many things to share with you, but, honestly, you cannot bear them yet. I have waited for this day ever since my Seung Hwa, more than three years ago. You have called my name millions of times, but I was only able to come to a few of you. It was just a few who truly believed in what my Father said I could do by the nature of my ascension and my standing in Heaven.

Even now the door is just opening. I want now to share many things, but at this time you still have so much difficulty in really believing. Please believe! Please! It will change your life—and isn't that what you want, isn't that what you suffer for? I understand you, I know you so well. I am your brother, not only some distant "Lord" to you. I live in the realm of the heart—the heart of God and your own heart. Please believe that I can know you and give you all that you have suffered for.

The realm of Heaven is standing open now; my Father has opened it. No one helped him for most of his life, until Mother came. You must know what a truly great woman she is. You have followed them faithfully at some levels but failed to understand at the deepest levels. That is where I want to help you. I have been given that responsibility by Father. The only condition, once again, is your faith, your trust, your belief. With these, you and I can achieve what we have lived our lives for. Please believe!

Take one step

You cannot yet know the treasures that are just around the corner. It is all still conceptual to you. But just one step, one step—and you will see the reality.

Think of it this way, brothers and sisters: You have been walking and taking many steps, but you have not known the right direction. I have the compass—the heavenly compass that points the way to Heaven! Take even one step in the direction I will show you and you will see such results that you won't believe your eyes. Believe me.

But, it will not happen by reading this letter, received by your brother. It must be *your* experience. That is the key to Heaven—your own experience. Do you understand? Up to this time, because of the work of my Parents, the word of God has been plentiful in our church.

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You know about those volumes of Father's speeches that are being printed in Korea. But you must understand that without your openness to God's word in your own heart, all those precious words of our Father become only words. They should be like living seeds that go into the fertile soil of your heart—the heart of belief. Then you will know why Father is insisting on publishing all those speeches.

He is not interested in just documenting dead words. Those volumes, all those speeches, are a "seed factory" for you. Again, your heart is the factor. Think of all those who have proudly studied the words of Jesus, even memorized big sections of the Bible, but missed the key point and became the very Pharisees and scribes that Jesus had to fight all his life. That is one major reason Father has had such a fight with other Christians. Heart is everything, not memory, not a mind full of theological facts.

Early morning—
Thursday, March 12, 1987

* Brothers and Sisters,

I am your Lord, Heung Jin Nim, and I have so many things I wish to share with you—but, honestly, you cannot bear them yet—I have waited for this day ever since my Seung Hwa, 13 years ago—you have called my name millions of times but I was only able to come to a few of you. It was just a few who truly believed in what my Father said I could do by the nature of my ascension and standing in Heaven.

Even now the door is just opening—I want now to share many things but even at this time you still have so much difficulty to really believe. Please believe! Please—it will change your life—and isn't that what you want? Isn't that what you suffer for? I understand you, I know you so well—I am your brother, not only some distant Lord to you. I live in the realm of the heart of God, and of your own heart. Please believe that I can know you and give you all that you have suffered for. The realm of Heaven is standing open now, my Father has opened it. No one has helped him for most of his life until Mother came—you must know what a truly great woman she is—you have followed them faithfully at some levels but failed to understand at the deepest levels—that is where I want to help you. I have been given that responsibility by Father—the only condition, once again, is your faith, your trust, your belief. With these, you and I can achieve what we have lived our lives for—please believe!

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Think of it this way, brothers and sisters, you have been walking, and taking many steps—but you have not known the right direction. I have the compass—the heavenly compass that points the way to Heaven! Take even one step in the direction I will show you and you will see such results that you won't believe your eyes. Believe me.

But, it will not happen by reading this letter, received by your brother. It must be *your* experience. That is the key to Heaven—your own experience. Do you understand? Up to this time, because of the work of my Parents, the word of God has been plentiful in our church.

Use me—I have no other purpose—wanting you understand and love my heart, I am so very lonely—Please believe, I am not a "spook"—I am your living brother—give me one chance and everything can change—Satisfaction guaranteed! God Bless you, My Brothers and Sisters—this is the end of the letter—but I am with you always. Remember, all you need do is believe.

Love, Your Brother,
Heung Jin Nim (your fellow student)

You sit here at Barrytown, called by my Father, but do you understand why you are here? Do you know why he called you? Not to be students alone. Many have come and gone from this place, but so few really knew why they were here. So much expense, so much time! Please believe me, I must say these things to you now so you will know why you are here. *Don't lose Father here!* Without him this place cannot benefit you—no way.

Thank you if you understand what I am saying. You are such beautiful children—each one handpicked by my Parents. Yes, that is true! God knows you down to the hairs of your head; you are not here by accident. I want you to know how much I love you. You are God's special children, chosen for such great service. Don't ever forget that. I want to walk these halls with you. This was a favorite place of mine when I was physically on the earth. In fact, you know I was coming back home from this place the night of the accident. I loved it here and often thought I would like to go here someday. Now I am your classmate, your fellow student. Please walk with me to class, let me have lunch with you: I am your best friend.

Now is a time when Father needs you so badly—not for your knowledge alone, but for something more. It can be gained here, but not easily. You must search more than in all these

"Now the spiritual realm is ready to help you with even your smallest sincere effort in prayer."

books! Please believe—you have *so much* to give. The knowledge you receive here will be your ammunition, but the force to propel the ammunition must be found in the realm of the heart. Search diligently, brothers and sisters—you don't know how fortunate you are to be here.

I love you

How is your prayer life? It is not easy to keep it up, is it? I know, even I struggled before. But now the spiritual realm is ready to help you with even your smallest sincere effort in prayer. I am here for you. I long to help you more than you can ever know. I love you, I love you, I love you—a million times! Please use me; I have no other purpose. Without your understanding my heart, I am so very lonely. Please believe me. I am not a "spook"; I am your living brother. Give me one chance—satisfaction guaranteed!

God bless you, my brothers and sisters. This is the end of the letter—but I am with you always. Remember, all you need do is believe

Love, .

Your brother Heung Jin Nim
(your fellow student)

KOREAN TEXT STUDY

Witnessing

37. When you have such a heart that you don't want your guests to go home but you want to give them all that you have, only then can you succeed in witnessing to and reviving them.

38. Any religion that aims solely at self-salvation will certainly perish. We should be saved together with all mankind.

39. If you witness to people with good ancestors, the merits of those ancestors will be connected to you, even though your own ancestors may not have had much merit.

40. If you witness to the lowest people as though they were the highest, God will be impressed with you.

41. When going to bed, you must pray that God may forgive you for resting before you were able to accomplish His Will to restore mankind and to serve mankind enough.

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잠자리에 들 때에도 「인류를 복귀하기 위한 아버지의 뜻이 있는데, 그것을 다 하지 못하고 그들을 위하여 힘을 다하지 못하고 자는 자신을 용서하여 주십시오」하는 기도를 하고 자야 한다.	제일 낮은 사람을 대하여 최고의 사람과 같이 전도하게 되면 하나님도 감복하실 것이다.	자기 조상의 공로(功勞)가 없다 하더라도, 선한 조상을 가진 사람을 전도하게 되면 그 조상의 공로가 자기에게 연결된다.	자기의 구원만을 목적으로 하는 종교는 반드시 망한다. 모든 사람과 함께 구원받아가지고 가야 되는 것이다.	가져왔으면, 더 있어 주었으면, 무엇이래도 주고 싶어 하는 마음이 있어야 사람이 전도되고 부흥(復興)된다.
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전도(傳道)

Taken from both the Korean and English volumes of The Way of God's Will.

"KEEP A PURE HEART"

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My aunt came to sew my dresses for the performance, and she had to pay a tremendous amount of indemnity to do this. The dresses weren't even finished until the last second before I was to perform.

Two nights before the wedding, Heung Jin Nim said to me, "You can't go to bed. You must go to the Grand Ballroom because I have a message for you." So I knelt in front of the stage, not having slept for two or three days, and said, "Heung Jin Nim, what is it you want to say when I perform the song?" He revealed his message to me and said that I should present it to True Parents in Korean before I sing the song.

I read it to Albertina, who was deeply moved by the message, and she showed it to an elder Korean sister. The sister translated it into Korean, but she couldn't go over the pronunciation with me because I was in rehearsal. That night, the final night before the wedding, I looked at the Korean words and said, "How am I ever going to be able to read this?" Albertina said, "You've got to do it. Go to Gilbert Starr [a brother who knows Korean]." So at six o'clock in the morning I knocked on Gilbert's door. He very graciously woke up and took the Korean text and broke it down for me so I could pronounce it.

Tears of repentance

The day of the wedding was total indemnity. I received that I had to clean every part of my house before I could go on stage. My house and every extension of myself had to be in order. So all that morning I cleaned and cleaned. By the time I got to the dress rehearsal I was very frustrated, and I knew that I couldn't go on stage with frustration, so I cried and repented in tears for feeling this way. When I finally went on the stage for the dress rehearsal, I knew Heung Jin Nim was there with me.

That evening I was supposed to be backstage at seven o'clock, but at eight o'clock I was still upstairs preparing. I had a cold-shower condition to do, and my aunt was still finishing the dresses. She hadn't been able to perfect the dresses, so I told her I was disappointed. But right away I repented for feeling upset. Then she and I prayed, and I repented deeply to Heung Jin Nim.

I arrived backstage just on time for my performance. Even though I couldn't read the Korean perfectly, I did what Heung Jin Nim asked me to do. I read the message and sang the song and just made an offering of the whole thing. Knowing Heung Jin Nim was by my side, I was deeply grateful.

I paid a lot of indemnity for this performance, but I paid it gladly. I knew the most important thing was trying to keep a pure heart, a heart

free of resentment, a heart filled with gratitude.

Just before Parents' Day, Heung Jin Nim had come to me and told me how he wished he could be there to sit with this brothers and sisters and that we don't really understand the meaning of Parents' Day. Sometimes he is lonely because he wants to be here with us. He tries to connect with us, but we can't feel him. He said he wanted to give this song and this message through me because he wants brothers and sisters to know that he is here with us—he is alive!

When we are talking to a brother or a sister, we should think, "How would Heung Jin Nim talk to this person? How would he love this person?" We always need to purify ourselves through repentance. When Satan was troubling me at the dress rehearsal, just by repenting with tears my heart was freed, and Heung Jin Nim could be with me again. If we can just repent and keep our hearts pure, Heung Jin Nim can work. I know he is asking us to love each other for him and to really be the people he can live through. □

ERRATA

We regret three errors that occurred in our April issue.

Page 44: The first sentence of the article should read, "In 1983 Father asked a number of blessed couples to do research in the field of electronics." The caption should read, "True Father visits the electronics research team in August 1983."

Page 28: The caption should read, "Wilfred Halenke speaking with Nicodemus Dithale (center) and Kumiseni Mbengeni (right), a schoolteacher who joined our church through our New Vision Seminars."

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"SOMETHING VERY NATURAL"

Spiritual dictation received from Heung Jin Nim on April 15, 1987, through Don Makowski, district leader of Staten Island, New York, while he was on a church retreat.

MY DEAR NEW YORK CHURCH brothers and sisters, My heart is that I want to be close to each and every one of you. Do you want to be close to me, also? This experience of automatic writing can be yours too. There are any number of other ways I can speak to you. I'm not limited. There is perfect freedom and mobility in the spirit world. It's only on earth where I have difficulty. Only *you* can give me perfect freedom, by *believing in me*. Then I can come and go freely among you. I'll give you all the answers you're searching for in your missions and in your personal lives. At the risk of repeating myself, I'll say it again: Try me out—*satisfaction guaranteed*.

I'm like the coach who wants to train you to be number one. I'll work you hard, but at the same time I won't give you any burdens you can't handle. I won't make you a quarterback if you're only capable of doing a linebacker's job. But, like Rocky's coach, I'll give you the right vitamins and minerals and spiritual proteins. When I'm finished with you, you'll be ready for the spiritual Olympics. But it won't be your fleshly muscles that I will tone; it will be the deep inner recesses of your heart. That's the only place that God, True Parents, and I can live. That's the part of you I'm most interested in.

Are you so stubborn to think that Heavenly Father can't make a new man or woman out of you? At least

in your conceptual faith, that is what you want, isn't it? Now go deeper. Close your eyes, and if you can, remember back to that time in your life when you felt the most inner peace, the deepest contentment, the most profound inner joy. What was it that made you feel that way? Even recently you might have felt like this; it doesn't have to be out of the ancient past. Take a moment here, this is important.

Got it? Good! Now if you think about whatever that person, place, or situation might have been that caused you so much happiness, you'll probably find that it was something very simple and natural. Even ordinary. Well, you can think of me that way, too. Don't complicate the issue of my coming to you. It ought to be and is the most simple process in the world. Just call on me in your heart, wait a moment with faith, and soon I will be there. Just like the James Taylor song. No kidding, it's that easy! Now do you know where I'm coming from?

Believe me, I love you all so much. I'm your brother, and I'm just a radio receiver and transmitter of God's love. What I'm most concerned about is your realizing that you can be a transmitter of God's love too. But first you've got to be able to *receive it*. You've got to feel it as a living reality. Down to the bone you should feel that God loves you, personally! He really wants you to know it, so you

can shed the inhibitions and fears that keep Him from fully moving into you. He doesn't want to share the home of your heart with another tenant. So you have to evict the evil tenant who's been dirtying up your heart space. Let him know he's no longer welcome! Serve him notice if you have to, but in any case get him *out the door* by the end of April. May 1 is the 33rd anniversary of our church. But that day, God wants to be contentedly resting in each of your hearts, giving you new life day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute.

So, there you have it. I've given you your marching orders. It's up to you to carry them out. As the earth experiences its yearly rebirth, I want you to have the same precious experience. There's only one difference: Once spring starts in your heart, the beauty of it will just become more and more intense from now to eternity. The most beautiful flowers will grow there endlessly, and in every color and fragrance you can imagine. So be good soldiers and carry out my orders. Stop carrying guilt. Let it slip away, as the early morning dew hastily disappears when the sun comes up. I will be here to strengthen you and water those flowers.

Just call on me. I'm never very far away. I love you dearly.

Your brother,
Heung Jin Nim

PARENTS' DAY AND OUR PATH

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banner of God's love, so hold it up high and never let it fall to the ground or be stepped on. You have to stand up for God and True Parents, always asking this one question, "How can I inherit God's true love? How can I achieve this during my lifetime, not only for myself but also for my family, my

nation, the world?" This is the most precious gospel. How precious? You can never buy such a thing, even with every asset the fallen world has to offer. Nothing in the world can be exchanged for this gospel.

Within this simple teaching, everything good and true that the world is yearning for can be obtained: the ideal world, a true relationship with God, God's love. You know that clearly. Satan doesn't like this at all, but of course God welcomes it. That is why God wants us to work hard

at this time so that we can bring the victory now.

Today we have come to the poignant realization of the true meaning of Parents' Day. We must pledge ourselves to the ultimate fulfillment of God's will and the True Parents' wishes. Shall we do it?

Thank you and God bless you. □

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