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True Parents and the Realm of Liberation

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The base of the Unification Church is the True Parents. When you say "parents," that automatically involves children. The parents and children are related by blood lineage. That is a special, fundamental relationship. When you say True Parents, the word "true" denotes that there is another type of parents—false parents. The basic consequence of the fall of man is that it prevented God's lineage from coming directly from God to the first parents, Adam and Eve, and then to all of humanity. Because of this, Satan's lineage started, making salvation and restoration necessary.

Christianity has several descriptions of Satan: Satan is the false lord or father of mankind; he is the master of humanity;

he governs the world. All of these descriptions in the Bible are based in truth.

All beings of the universe, from the most minute creations to the supreme creation of human beings, exist in a pair system. That means there is a subject/object relationship on every level. The whole creation is made to participate in the love of God. They want to unite with that love and have it continue throughout posterity. But God's lineage was disrupted by the fall.

God is almighty and omnipresent. But what is the one thing that is essential to almighty God? God needs a love relationship with the creation in order to feel joy and stimulation. No matter how almighty He is, God cannot feel joy by



True Parents partake of a specially prepared meal from the Parents' Day offering table.

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Himself. In order to accomplish that goal, He created all things.

God created men and women as His direct objects with whom He can have give and take of love. Each man and woman aspires to be number one. This is the God-given nature of man, as God intended men and women to compete in acquiring the love of God.

The power of love is amazing. Once a love relationship is established, you immediately enjoy equality of participation, equality of dignity, and the right of inheritance.

Human ambition is not without limit. Many people think that ambition has no end. But actually human ambition has an ultimate goal to acquire God's love to the fullest extent, so that you can participate equally at God's level in His joy and all that He possesses. Once you acquire the love of God, you can go no further. Once you establish this love relationship with God, no power under the sun can separate you from His love. We will be resonant beings of the love of God, vibrating together on the wavelength of the love of God, and echoing and acting according to His love. Our ultimate purpose is to have our mind and body totally united with the love of God.

If you are a good member of the Unification Church, you know God is the vertical parent centered upon true love. Also we have horizontal, or physical parents, centered upon true love, who are supposed to be the ancestors of all mankind.

The Christian world today commonly describes God as sacred, high, and holy, while creation is low, filthy, unholy, and secular. Yet people call God "Father"; it is a contradiction. For the most high, holy being to be called Father by the lowliest secular being doesn't make sense unless there is some special relationship between God and people. A handkerchief is probably worth less than one dollar; but it has a special meaning if given to you by your lover—it becomes a precious treasure. Unless there is a blood lineage connecting parents and children, there is no real meaning to that relationship.

Love has certain characteristics: for instance, it always travels the shortest distance at the fastest possible speed because it wants to find fulfillment very quickly. Since God is above us in heaven, the shortest possible distance for His love to travel to us on earth is by a vertical line.

When God's love comes down in a vertical line, and crosses with true horizontal love, that juncture should be at a 90 degree angle. It must be 90 degrees. Men represent east and women represent west, therefore, they must meet in the center.

REALIZATION OF LOVE

Babies are born with no cognizance—their only interest is the milk bottle. However, as they grow up, they discover their immediate environment, mom and dad, their family and their home. As children grow up, they see insects, birds, and little animals, and soon discover that there are males and females. Next, they learn that male and female are there to love each other, and that through the love among animals multi-

plication occurs. God created nature as the textbook of love for men and women. As they become teenagers, men suddenly realize they are supposed to have a subject-object relationship with women. Women also realize, "The most priceless thing under the sun is men." Up until that point, parents and brothers and sisters are the most important, but then men and women come to the realization that they were born for the sake of each other. The time from birth to maturity as men and women is called the growth period. It was during this growth period of the original man and woman that the tragedy of the fall of man occurred.

What is more precious, power or love? Would you want to swap true love for money, power, or knowledge? Why do you like true love so much? It is the only thing that can bring harmony between mind and body, men and women. The five senses of man are focused on only one thing—detecting true love. True love alone can excite every cell in your body. All other powers just leave your cells dormant. The power of true love unifies spiritual body cells and physical body cells. Every creature strives toward the attainment of true love.

Which is more precious, God or true love? Will true love chase after God or will God chase after true love? Absolute value is a lonely place; happiness and peace come when you have a partner.

Suppose there is a grandfather and a grandchild. The young child is not very conscious of the grandfather, but the grandfather wants to touch the child's face and let the child play with his nose and ears. It seems that he loses his dignity. The grandfather doesn't ask the child to bow down to him. When the grandchild gets a little bigger, he becomes a rascal and climbs over the back of the grandfather, pulling his ears and biting his nose. Do you think the grandfather should say, "You, Satan, get behind me"? On the contrary, when the little child is climbing up the back of the grandfather, the grandfather would support his legs so that the grandchild can climb all the way up to the top of his head, because the grandfather enjoys it. It is the same with God who is truly the greatest grandfather. In terms of love, he doesn't care about his dignity or his position.

In one way, true love is very confusing for it seems to have no discipline or order. Yet, there really is order and joy. True love has unifying power.

WHY ARE WE BLESSED?

Is your search for true love or for God? Ask God the same question: "God, are you looking for God or are you looking for true love?" God would say, "I want to find true love, of course." After you have obtained true love, you feel that is everything. True love has harmonizing power, perfection power, every power. Therefore, God without true love could not be God. You might hit God once, and that could be forgiven; but for those who violate true love, there is no forgiveness.

Why do men and women get together and love each other?

God deliberately divided Himself into two parts so that the power of love has the chance to act. God created this universe to become one by the power of love.

Many of you have been blessed, and there are also those who are candidates to be blessed. Why do you want to have the Blessing? The Blessing entitles you to receive and consummate true love, which is the purpose of life. God has within Himself dual essentialities, so the creation manifests God in the two separate entities of plus and minus. Men and women are separate beings, but each represents one aspect of God. Men and women are the supreme creation, and all other things of creation are in the exact image of men and women. Men need women and women need men because God deliberately divided Himself into two parts so that the power of love has the chance to act. God created this universe to become one by the power of love.

Only true love can make a 90 degree angle because it is perfectly pure, God-centered love. True love brings the entire universe into one. When men and women unite in true love, God becomes a super plus, and men and women together are a super minus. Then they unite and become one. Marriage brings the divided universe into one by the power of love. It is a horizontal oneness which becomes a total object to God.

Let us say that true love is hiding behind a bush and God is looking for it, searching desperately. When God finds that true love, He will say, "True love, you are a pain in the neck!" God would lose His dignity for true love.

We marry so that the entire universe becomes one with us. Today we are living in a world of false love. This worldly love has nothing to do with true love. In the Unification Church we use the word "true": True Parents, True Children, true husband, true wife. Those entities are united by true love glue.

Men and women meet at the center point, approaching from both sides at the same speed. When they get very near, they see God's true love right there. As men and women approach the center, God is also approaching from the top. The moment they hit, God's love hits. It is like thunder and lightning exploding. Why does the explosion have to occur? Because without an explosion, the two would never separate again. Some power has to separate them so that they will come back together again.

When you are in love you are sweating. Life is germinated in water. The universe symbolically represents this phenomenon through rain during thunderstorms, which makes land fertile.

True love has four distinct seasons: the love of spring is very warm, embracing, and blossoming; the love of summer is hot, intensive, passionate; the love of autumn, a little bit cool with each other, but still in love; in winter, still in love but a little severe; then spring comes again. God expressed a beautiful sense of humor in his creation. When the husband is treated a little bit cool by his wife, he says "Uh oh, winter love is coming." When winter love comes, don't be too pessimistic, because spring is coming. When the husband is approaching like a tiger, then passionate, summer love is coming.

I have emphasized that most important of all is the 90 degrees intersection, so that love is always the same everywhere

you go—east, west, north, and south. This encompasses 360 degrees. The most ideal place for true love to meet is in a circle, centered on a 90 degrees angle. Every circle has a core. Every energy line, in order to travel, has to go through the very center of the circle.

CROSSING JUNCTURE OF TRUE LOVE

Humanity started out from this crossing juncture of true love. This is where new life begins. True lineage should have multiplied from that point. When you expand that lineage vertically, it becomes man's eternal spirit.

Within you there are two selves: the mind is your vertical self and the body is your horizontal self. Those two are supposed to be united in true love to create one whole, eternal being. However, in order to bring unity between mind and body, they must cross at a perfect 90 degree angle for only at this 90 degree angle do subject and object resonate with the same vibration. This is the status of original man.

God's lineage comes through your bloodstream. The first thing is love, the second is life, and the third is lineage. Out of the unity and love of father and mother, life is germinated, and from this life, a lineage is begun.

When God created the whole universe, He invested every ounce of His energy, sparing nothing. Because of this tradition, all of creation must live for each other. As much as God invested every ounce for the sake of creation, we must live for the sake of each other as a true family.

God does not want to have love for His own happiness. God wants to give love so He can feel joy. This is the essential principle behind the true love theory. Unification cannot be made centering on ourselves—we must live for the sake of others. God made this concept because He knew how complicated society would be in the future. Working for the sake of others brings harmony and unity. What is the difference between God and Satan? Satan is always self-centered. God centers upon His object; therefore, God is sacrificial and unselfish.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

Today, American young people are greatly confused about the truth. They are trying to take more and more things for themselves; but it will all be lost. If you try to exploit people, they will run away and you will be alone. But when you constantly serve people, without them knowing, you will be supported by people and never left alone. That is the difference.

If you live for the sake of others you will become a central figure. People will follow you because they will be confident that you will protect them; they will want to come under your dominion. Jesus' central teaching was to "Love your enemy." If you practice this particular principle in an enemy realm, you will become their central figure. It may take time, but it will happen. Jesus, by practicing this principle, eventually subjugated his enemy, the Roman Empire. I am teaching you my simple secret.



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When I came to America, I was persecuted and criticized. Why do I not only survive, but also prosper? Because I practice this principle. I do not live even one day in America for my own sake, but always for the sake of America. America, on the other hand, is only trying to look after her own interests, so she will decline. By following God's principle, I will always prosper.

In modern history there have been three world wars. In the First and Second World Wars the attackers lost in the end. In the Third World War, the Soviet Union and the communist world are the ideological aggressors so they will lose. Compared with Judaism and Christianity, the Unification Church is the youngest brother. The older brothers are trying to persecute the youngest brother. Those who have power and establishment are declining while the Unification Church, which is always attacked, is prospering. Persecution is the greatest blessing that God has given to us. By this strategy we can deprive Satan of his blessings—they must be transferred to God's side.

Throughout history major religions have always prospered under persecution. The founders of the major religions of the world, Buddha, Confucius, Mohammed, were all persecuted. All who were persecuted for goodness' sake prospered. I am the only one who was persecuted by the entire world. This must mean that God has a strategy to turn over all of Satan's blessings to God's side.

America persecuted me to the ultimate degree, even putting me in prison. Normally people who are pushed into prison would like revenge. Instead, I loved this country even more, creating *The Washington Times* during the trial, with *Insight* and the *World & I* created while I was in prison. I created ICC to save America. I have absolute confidence that this principle works everywhere.

At the tenth World Media Conference in Washington, DC,

journalists from the Soviet Union and Red China were invited. Now they are becoming my ardent defenders. Those people from the Soviet Union asked the same question everywhere: how did Rev. Moon become so successful under such persecution?

The minorities in this country, such as the Blacks, Hispanics, and Orientals, often feel persecuted and mistreated. They shouldn't worry about the Anglo-Saxons. Whoever practices this principle shall become the central figure of America.

I knew this principle when I came to the United States 15 years ago. I made good result without complaint in a very difficult atmosphere. Now you know the secret of how to become successful. There is an example to follow. Any one of you can say, "Yes, Father, I am going to beat you. I will be persecuted, but I will work harder for the sake of others." Those who will make the determination to follow Father's pattern successfully, raise your hands!

WHERE DOES GOD DWELL?

My message today is very important. Because of the fall, we cannot detect the vertical line of God's love. The horizontal line was also invaded by Satan. If Adam and Eve could have reached perfection, there could have been no fall.

The conscience is supposed to be the dwelling place of God, the temple where God can dwell. But this was invaded by Satan. We struggle with our body because we have two minds. One is the original, God-given mind and the other is our Satan-given mind. The vertical line always belongs to God, so Satan invaded the horizontal line.

Why can't God multiply Himself? He is vertical, and multiplication always comes through horizontal parents. God's children were supposed to multiply and fill the earth. If Adam and Eve did not fall, perfected Adam and Eve would

be like the physical body of God. When you pray really hard, "Where are you, God?", He answers internally, "I am here inside of you. You are my temple." The throne of God is in the deepest part of your mind.

This visible, substantial world has fallen into the hands of Satan. An original, perfected Adam and Eve would have created a true olive tree orchard, but instead we find only wild olive trees. In the satanic world there has been a Cain and Abel struggle. Cain has been growing through the eight different levels. Abel also is trying to go through eight stages of development in order to occupy half of the satanic world. Abel has become the right wing, and Cain has become the left wing. Evil, which has occupied the dominant portion, is declining steadily while goodness is moving up. After the point of their crossing juncture, Abel will prosper and Cain will decline rapidly.

I already described the strategy for how Abel must win Cain—not by attacking, but by being persecuted and then winning. More and more, the Abel realm has been expanding. Cain is God-denying materialism, and Abel is God-accepting theism. Satan's world is centered upon a false parenthood, wanting to prosper under that principle. The Abel world has always recognized the existence of God. Materialism prospered together with humanism, which also claims that humans are just material beings.

The theistic Christian culture is becoming a worldwide culture. Satan started the claim that there is no God, so anyone who definitely accepts this statement will be on Satan's side. This can also be classified as the struggle between the democratic world and communist world. The communist world became very powerful, occupying up to even 75 percent of the entire world's area and population. However, God will never allow Satan to get 100 percent of the world. The Soviet Union and Red China have reached a peak without conquering the entire world; they are now declining.

Satan knows very well that the time of the Lord of the Second Advent is approaching. The Christian culture is the central culture of the free world, and its main hope is the return of Christ. The first Messiah should have been the original Adam and Eve, but that didn't happen because of the fall. That ideal was supposed to happen at the time of Jesus, but it did not. This time the second coming of the Messiah is fulfilling this ideal that was lost in the Garden of Eden. God has made three attempts to restore the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, centering upon true love. So the third Adam is what we are talking about when we say the return of Christ.

The Christian world today knows about the words "Messiah," and "Second Coming." But they don't know about the most important term "True Parents." Adam and Eve were supposed to be the True Parents of mankind. Then, Jesus was to become the True Parent, but that was not done. So the



third Adam must install the True Parents' position.

You heard in my March 19 speech that the worldwide dispensation must be fulfilled on the national level; there are three nations representing Cain, Abel, and Eve, and then the Adam nation can be installed. A satanic and a heavenly lineup must compete with each other. At the conclusion of that speech, I elevated each one of you to the tribal messiahship position.

HISTORY IS REAPED AS IT WAS SOWN

If there had been no crucifixion at the time of Jesus, the Roman Empire would have followed and served Jesus in his lifetime. Christianity would have moved, not to the West, but to the East to the Asian continent. The Asian continent would have become the center of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Jesus lost his body in Asia leaving only spiritual salvation accomplished. For that reason, history and Christian culture moved to the West, completing one circle around the globe, trying to return to Asia. Jesus was to win the Roman Empire in his lifetime and thereby move very easily to the worldwide level. Asia would have been the center, with Rome included. This was not accomplished, so such a time must be recreated. Now the golden age of history is heading toward Asia.

After World War II, there was an opportunity for worldwide Christianity to be united and receive the Messiah centered upon the United States as the chosen Christian nation. After World War II, the United Nations came into being for the purpose of creating one world nation. This concept was God-centered but the United Nations never fulfilled this ideal

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because it was invaded by Satan.

If the Christian world had accepted Father at that time, we wouldn't have had to worry about the rise of communism, nor the drug culture. People who now take drugs for an artificial high, could have been truly high with the love of God.

The World War II lineup was England, America, and France, against Japan, Germany, and Italy. History always reaps what was sown. History was sown as Adam, Eve, Cain, and Abel. Because of the fall, there are two sets of these four; one is the Abel-type, heavenly set and the other is the Cain-type, satanic set. These must eventually confront each other on a national level, as in World War II. The seed that was sown individually was harvested on a national and world-wide level.

England was in Eve's position, America in Abel's position, and France in Cain's position. On the satanic side, Japan was in Eve's position, Germany in Abel's position, and Italy in the Cain position. When these two teams fought in World War II the Axis powers lost. Hitler's and Mussolini's ambitions were to conquer the world. Japan was also very aggressive, trying to conquer the world. Those powers represented satanic greed and were destroyed during the war.

The mother power, which was England, should have united with France and America as her sons, and then together searched after the Adam nation. Satan knew which country would become the Adam nation. Therefore, Satan let Japan, as the satanic mother, conquer the Adam nation of Korea, occupying it for 40 years.

MOVEMENT OF CIVILIZATIONS

Ultimately, we must reap the historical harvest as it was sown. The Adam nation must be a peninsula nation because Christendom became centered on the Roman Empire, a peninsula nation. Jesus lost his body in Asia so his body must now be found in a peninsula nation in Asia. The Allied powers should have searched after the peninsula Adam nation in Asia. Christendom moved from the peninsula nation of the Roman Empire to the island nation of England, then to the continent of the United States. From that point, history has been repeated. Culture then moved across the Pacific and found an island nation, which is Japan. From that island nation, it had to move on to a peninsula, comparable to the Italian peninsula, so that it could come back full circle.

After the victory of World War II, England, the United States, and France should have looked to Asia to find the Adam nation, which was the Korean peninsula. If established Christianity had united with me and the Principle, then there would have been nothing more to do.

However, the United States, as a Christian nation, failed its mission to accept the second coming of the Messiah. So all of God's foundation had to be reindemnified—4,300 years had to be indemnified in 43 years. Actually, 430 years is needed to indemnify 4,300 years of history, but you cannot fit 430 years into one man's lifetime, so God allowed it to be indemnified

in 43 years.

Because of the failure of the United States at the end of World War II, four major elements were lost: Korea, the United States, England, and France. Communism, the satanic version of messiahship, emerged. Through the principle you learn that falsehood always appears first, trying to imitate God's side. Communism proclaimed the proletariat's Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Stalin represented the personification of Satan's messiah. Because of the failure of established Christianity, the nations of England, the United States, and France became prey to aggressive communism. The United States played a key role in this failure.

According to the Principle, once a person or nation fails a mission, God never uses that nation or that person again. This time God is continuing to use this nation because the United States is in the son's position. Before the installment of True Parents, the sons, Cain and Abel, and the mother, have to create the foundation.

After the failure of the United States and established Christianity, the lineup changed. Instead of England, Japan became the Eve nation. Instead of Italy, Father chose Germany as the archangel nation. Satan took the very best part of the heavenly side, so I wanted to claim the very best part of Satan's side.

Why has America been chosen? Actually you must be very grateful to hear this, because America has been rechosen as the archangel's position. Without Christianity as the foundation, the third Israel could not be born. Therefore, I have chosen America as the second Israel and have come to America to restore its position as a chosen nation.

UNITY OF ENEMY NATIONS

The former lineup of England, America, and France was demolished after the failure of World War II. During the 43 year indemnity period, I regained a heavenly lineup: the father country, which is Korea; the Eve country, Japan; the Abel country, America; and the Cain country, Germany. These four countries must unite into one and return to God.

Citizens from these four enemy nations have worked for God's dispensation in America. Now enemies are brothers. They have worked together for the sake of America more than they worked for their own countries. After the fulfillment of this mission, these brothers and sisters should work in the Adam nation.

During this 43-year indemnity period, I underwent incredible persecution. Japan did not even give a visa to Father. Germany did not want to give a visa to me, and in England, the Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church united together against me. But after 43 years, which ended in 1988, I was victorious. These four enemy nations became brothers, united under the True Parents. Now, all these people can come to one final destination: God and the Adam nation.

I can concentrate on Asia now because I set the condition of loving my enemies, instead of seeking revenge. I loved

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America more than I loved Korea. Japanese people came to love America more than they love Japan. The same with Germans. American Moonies, even though you are persecuted, you love American Christianity more than you love your own family. Through these conditions I can now work in my homeland. This is the reason I had a beautiful and glorious homecoming in Korea.

However, there is one condition remaining to be fulfilled in America. When America sent me to prison, it was equivalent to the crucifixion of Jesus. Therefore, this nation must repent and indemnify this in order to ultimately receive God's blessing.

When we sent missionaries to 120 nations in 1975, teams were selected with three members, one each from Japan, the United States, and Germany. These three countries had been enemies, so by uniting they could set the highest possible example. There was so much persecution to the missionaries that they had to unite in order to survive. Plus, there was often only one room, so they had to eat meals together, sleep together, do everything together.

Through these missionaries, the seed of these four providential nations was planted all over the globe. Adam, Eve, Cain, and Abel planted the seed which multiplied into fallen humanity. We planted a new seed and it is growing up.

When I went to jail at Danbury, Satan said, "We won! We kicked Rev. Moon out of the Western world!" But without Moonies, the Western world cannot be saved.

Because of America's failure, communism came into being. When I had my homecoming in South Korea during the 1988 Olympics, the second generation of the world came to Korea, including young people from communist countries. The Olympics helped bring about a most incredible victory for heaven and True Parents. The best young people from both Cain and Abel sides came to Korea and united under one common parent. It was just like Jacob meeting Esau, his elder brother, and embracing him in love. When these young communist athletes came to Korea, our missionaries gave them tons of McColl to drink every day, as well as other gifts and the most incredible care. They felt completely embraced by True Parents.

UNIFICATION OF THE FATHERLAND

God's ideal was lost on a peninsula, therefore, it will be restored on a new peninsula. This is the time for the consummation. When the Korean peninsula was divided, communism appeared. This time, when the Korean peninsula stands as a winner, communism will diminish automatically.

Kim Il Sung and Rev. Moon are now confronting each other in an amazing showdown. Korea is a divided nation. North Korea is the most brutal communist country. South Korea is becoming more and more democratic. Rev. Moon is called "Father" and Kim Il Sung is also called "Father." But one is true and one is false. However, my message is always the natural subjugation of Satan, never by violent confronta-

tion. Since my victorious homecoming, the communist world is declining every day. The natural subjugation of Kim Il Sung is just a matter of time.

Today is the 30th anniversary of Parents' Day. This is such an important Parents' Day, but in the year 2,000 we are going to celebrate the 40th Parents' Day. Thank God, by then the Kingdom of God shall be on earth.

I disclosed too many secrets today—now you have to inherit them all. God's ideal was not realized at the time of the first and second Adams. Now is the time to restore everything. All debts have been paid, for the faithlessness of the chosen people at Jesus' time and for all the failures of the United States and established Christianity. What if the five billion people in the world united with God's dispensation? How long would it take to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth?

The only thing that needs to happen now is for God, Satan, and Father to sit down together and sign the papers for the transferral of the ownership of humanity. Satan will surrender his claim, and true love will have won. Then one nation after another will unite with True Parents and follow the Principle.

True Parents and true love have won the individual, tribal, national, worldwide, and universal victories. For the first time in history a true love bridge is being made between God and humanity. As long as we are on the bridge, we are safe from Satan's invasion. Furthermore, this bridge will be a 10-lane highway where you can drive at 100 miles per hour.

Even if you don't like this bridge, going in the Parents' steps, it is nevertheless the principled way. You must follow my course, and then my victory will become your victory.

The three nations of the Soviet Union, China, and the United States represent the three archangels. They are the so-called superpowers, but they have to love True Parents: the Adam nation and the Eve nation.

HOMEcoming AND TRIBAL MESSIAHSHIP

As the universal Messiah, I have the power to anoint you as tribal messiahs. Therefore, you must inherit my messiahship. How can you do that? All you have to do is rectify the situations of the first and the second Adam by setting indemnity conditions. The failure of the first Adam is that he could not receive the second blessing. You were blessed, so your position is greater than Adam's. I am like the trunk of a big tree. Each one of us must become a part of the tree by grafting ourselves into it. If you are grafted into the tree, then you already paid the indemnity for the failure of the first Adam. Jesus also did not receive the Blessing. By uniting with the third Adam level, you can become a national messiah.

You are walking the path now as the family and tribal level messiah. I am working up from the national messiahship to the worldwide messiahship. You are following my footsteps; Satan can have no accusation toward you. All you have to do is graft into this third Adams' root. Soon all of humanity will have one root.

*When you pray really hard, "Where are you, God?",
He answers internally, "I am here inside of you.
You are my temple." The throne of God is
in the deepest part of your mind.*

God's lineage will go on, bequeathing the tradition from one generation to the next. The condition is that you must love True Parents more than anybody else under the sun. Otherwise you will not become one with True Parents. When you go to your hometown or your home church in the tribal messiah's role, there will be no more persecution, because I paid the debt. Follow my footsteps and gather the harvest.

Where is my hometown? North Korea is my ultimate hometown; it is your hometown, too. Now is the time for reorganization. The first, second, and third Adam are all consummated in True Parents. Therefore, I need to have 12 restored disciples, and then 72, 120, and 430 disciples. When you accomplish your homecoming, an organization of 12 tribes shall be made. You will eventually belong to a certain tribe of heaven. Your race, color, and nationality has no meaning. What has meaning is how much you can receive the support of spiritual world and truly create your own spiritual tribe.

Ultimately all of us will create the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. That is our home on earth. The Kingdom of Heaven in spiritual world is our home for eternity. How can we return to those homes, on earth and in heaven? First, through True Parents; second, through citizenship; and third, through homecoming. These are the three most important things for

you to acquire.

My topic today is True Parents and the Realm of Liberation. You must have True Parents in your heart. True Parents includes all three Adams' positions. The three Adams' sons are all of humanity, spread out all over the world. So all people must be connected to True Parents' name, as one family of man. You have found the True Parents, right? How about the true citizenship of Heaven? Homecoming remains our final job.

Liberation means to liberate God from His suffering, liberate the True Parents from their suffering, liberate all the ancestors in the spirit world, and liberate our posterity from sin. My responsibility is done, and your responsibility remains. There are 21,000 blessed couples in the world now, and soon there will be more. Those people will carry on the True Parents' mission. They will move around the entire world being noisy, good troublemakers.

We are truly marching forward. My plan is that every city will be divided into 50 state names. Each blessed couple will belong to one section. We must be noisier than anybody else—noisier than the Mafia, gangsters, drug pushers, and all evildoers. This is how to save the world. Can you do it? This time, let's raise not just two hands but two feet, also. Let us pray. □



A moving farewell after Parents' Day evening entertainment.

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The End of The World and Our Age

Part II

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World War II was the worldwide level confrontation between God's side and Satan's side. Christianity was on God's side, with Great Britain, an island, in the mother's position. A continent represents a masculine aspect and an island nation represents a feminine aspect. The island feels separated and is always longing for the continent. The heavenly lineup was Great Britain as the mother, United States as the eldest son, given birth to by Great Britain, and France as the second son.

Japan was in the mother's position on the satanic side. She had to travel all the way to another hemisphere to find a continent. The satanic lineup had Japan in the mother's position, Germany in the eldest son's position, and Italy in the second son's position.

The Japanese worshipped a female god, Amaterasuohmikami. Japan therefore represented the mother on the satanic side. Japan had already been looking toward the Western culture, and imitated Great Britain most of all because it represented the mother on the heavenly side. Japan has been known as the great imitator; she imitated all of the good points of Great Britain's culture, as well as the militaristic system from West Germany, and the legal system from France. Japan, as an Eve nation, was also looking for an Adam nation, which led her to dominate and occupy Korea.

Japan is an island nation, and in order to join a continent she must have a bridge. That bridge was the Korean peninsula. Since the time of Jesus, Christianity traveled to the Roman peninsula, then to the island nation of Great Britain, then to the continent of the United States. On the satanic side, the formula was the same. Japan, an island nation, had to use the bridge of the Korean peninsula in order to get to the continent.

Historically, civilization began on a continent—Asia Minor. Jesus Christ was born there but then after the crucifixion Christian civilization moved west to the Roman Empire. The heavenly kingdom should have become a reality at that time, but since that was not done, Christian civilization then moved to an island nation of England, and then to continental United States. Now, the center of civilization is returning from the continent of the United States to the island nation of Japan, then to the Korean peninsula, and ultimately to the original continent. Korea is therefore comparable to the Italian peninsula at the time of the Roman Empire. A division occurred then; but Korea, the peninsula nation, will now unite with Japan, the island nation, and ultimately return to the Asian continent. This is why the Korean situation is globally-related.

What about God's providence in Asia? Korea was chosen as the Adam nation, Japan as the Eve nation, and China as the archangel nation. Satan knew this, and therefore wanted to destroy Adam; this is why Korea was invaded by Japan and China. Korea was occupied from 1905 to 1945. During

World War II, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in December and began a war against America. Imperialistic Japan was so powerful at the beginning of World War II. They conquered Indochina, Malaysia, Singapore, and all the surrounding countries, creating an Asian sphere with Japan as the center.

Germany had already attacked Great Britain. But when Hitler looked at little Japan doing such a big job, he must have thought, "German people should be superior to Japan. We need a little elbow room, too," so Germany occupied France. Hitler was the aggressor in Europe and Japan the aggressor in Asia.

Asia is the ultimate destination of providential history. This is God's plan and Satan knows it. Rome, which was a peninsula, was supposed to be the Abel, central point of the Christian dispensation. There is one peninsula in Asia—Korea. Satan knew it was the future Adam nation, reserved for the coming of the third Adam. That is why it suffered under Japanese occupation for 40 years. History is consummated during the last days, which is why the Messiah must reappear in Korea.

What did World War II contribute to God's providence? Great Britain, the United States, and France won World War II and liberated the Adam nation, Korea.

The four providential positions are Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel. Cain and Abel must unite with Eve, the mother, then together restore Adam, the father. The dwelling of God with man becomes a reality when this formula is accomplished on earth. Everything that was lost because of the fall of man must be restored before establishing the Kingdom of God on earth.

CHRISTIANITY'S GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

An unprecedented, extraordinary event occurred after World War II—the victorious nations gave independence to the occupied territories. Why? Because the appearance of the True Parent on earth was near and all men should relate as brothers to restore the position of the 12 disciples as well as the 72 and 120 apostles of Jesus Christ.

The birth of the United Nations was very meaningful. The United States should have become a central figure of the United Nations, but failed to play a major role. The United States was in the Abel position—in the restored elder son position. It should have loved the brother, France, united with the mother, Great Britain, and together installed the father. But America could not do it. This was the only opportunity for the entire Christian world and all other civilizations to unite under God. Mankind could have received True Parents. This was the golden opportunity when God's ideal could have been manifested.

The good consequence of World War II was the independence of Korea from Japan, but then the dispensation of the

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United Nations centered on the United States failed. One option might still remain for the future. Since the United States is a microcosm of the world, the U.S. Senate could become a new UN by inviting all 120 countries to send a representative, creating a worldwide forum. There are 100 Senatorial seats. Why not add another 120 for representatives from 120 countries? My goal is to help the United States to fulfill its position of representing the world. You should not only be concerned with the well-being of this country, but with the well-being of the entire world.

Humanity's purpose is to unite with its father; but first, in order for this to happen, a mother must emerge. That mother nation was Great Britain, with the United States as the restored son, and France in the archangel position. United they could have installed the father's position; this would have been the most victorious homecoming event in history. Ultimately, all humanity has to go to its hometown, which is the fatherland. Your hometown is not where your mother is born, but where your father is born. Humanity has to go back to its fatherland, which is Korea.

Satan knew which land was to be the homeland of humanity, and was very reluctant to release it too quickly. This is why the Korean nation suffered throughout history, being occupied by one major power after another: China, the Soviet Union, Japan. Even the United States was hoping to occupy Korea. Finally, Korea was divided. Korea must suffer until the third Adam comes, but then emerge as the central figure

of all these major powers.

After World War II, if the Christian nations had performed their duty perfectly, there would have been no emergence of the communist world. Instead, Stalin became almost like the messiah of the communist world. Because the Christian world could not unite, Satan, through Stalin, could claim that the world was his. Communism prospered and humanity paid an incredible price. As long as Korea suffers, there will be no world peace. Now, however, the Adam nation has emerged.

Japan enjoyed a golden age of prosperity for 120 years—1868-1988. This 120 year period is parallel to the 120 year period in the Old Testament of Kings Saul, David, and Solomon, but on the satanic side. Japan prospered because of three emperors: Meiji, Taisho, and the recently deceased emperor, Showa. In the first part of January, 1989, the emperor Showa died. That signaled the end of three eras. Prior to Showa's death, I brought harmony between the two nations of Japan and Korea.

THE RISE OF COMMUNISM

According to the Principle, if a person or nation has failed, God will not use that person or nation again. The United States, Great Britain, France, and Japan all failed. What will happen because of all these failures after World War II, the time when God had given such an incredible opportunity to

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create Christendom on earth? It was almost like a second fall of man occurred on earth. God's side failed, leaving only one power flourishing—communism, which proclaims that God is dead.

This failure was the reason that Satan could claim half of the Adam nation. The United States was not strong enough to keep communism from taking half of the Korean peninsula. Then, in 1950 the communists invaded South Korea and tried to take the entire Adam nation. Korea was virtually lost. Finally, the United States understood this could not happen. General McArthur and the United Nations forces landed at Inchon and pushed the enemy to the north. God's expectation was that the United States would reunify Korea at that time, all the way up to the Yalu River. However, the United States forces stopped short and left Korea divided at the 38th parallel. Truman, which means "failed again" in Korean, fired McArthur. Eisenhower, the next president, brought the armistice to Korea. Ever since that armistice, the United States has been on the defensive to the Soviet Union.

North Korea is the model of the satanic kingdom. Its king is Kim Il Sung. Satan is always trying to imitate God's kingdom first.

World Christianity has opposed Rev. Moon, and in doing so has declined drastically. God and Rev. Moon are all alone because the allies God nurtured throughout history—the United States, the Western World, established Christianity—are nowhere in sight. The entire world has become the communist stage.

This is the consummation of the failure of World War II. Korea, the Adam nation, was lost. The United States, Great Britain, and France were all lost into the hands of Satan and communism emerged. This was very disappointing for God. For the past 40 years, the free world has been a wilderness, in an emergency situation.

GOD'S SOLUTION

No one is even close to the solution, for without God there is no solution. Only one man understands the solution—Rev. Moon. The last 43 years represent the 4,300 years of the Old Testament and New Testament. My life has indemnified the wrongdoing of these 4,300 years. The emergence of the fatherland, and ultimately the appearance of the True Parents, is the solution. I have explained about the elder and second son's position and the restoration of the birthright. Next, the mother's position must be restored and finally the father's position can be installed—this is the solution. But all of this was lost 43 years ago when the central nations failed to protect the fatherland. Who can restore all these things? This time Adam has to pull Eve, the elder son, and the second son back to God.

In order to install Korea as the fatherland, we must have a situation where the mother, the elder son, and the second son's position are all united. In the new heavenly lineup the Eve nation is Japan, with the United States in the elder son's

position and Germany in the second son's position. Actually these four countries had been enemies during World War II so unity needs to be made among them.

Great Britain and France are out of the heavenly lineup, but the United States is still there. Why has the United States been especially favored by God? It is because it represents the second Israel. Korea is the third Israel. If the United States is removed, there is no foundation for the third Israel to emerge.

Still, somebody had to pay the price for the United States. I paid that price by giving my heart, tears, sweat and blood for the sake of America, even accepting a prison term. That is why America could still remain in the dispensational will of God. Members from all countries have helped lift America up so that she will fulfill her responsibility from this time on. Enemies have become brothers.

After World War II, the five countries of England, France, Japan, Germany, and Korea were lost. By all the enemy nations working together in America, centered on God, the United States will be revived as the second Israel, and also these five nations will be revived. Now that we have united and restored four countries, I can declare the unification of Korea.

Why does America persecute me and the Unification Church members? Korea and Japan represent the Adam and Eve countries. The children should be embraced by the parents and the children should become united with the father and mother's spirit and tradition.

At the time of Jesus Christ, there were four major religious spheres—Confucianism, Buddhism, Islam, and Christianity, the central religion. All religions' innate, foremost desire is to meet the Messiah.

Father has done tremendous things to revive and save the American mission. Seven thousand American clergy have gone to Korea on a pilgrimage to learn about my life and about our teaching of unificationism. Although this nation persecuted me, I returned true love, giving everything to create projects to save the country that put me in jail.

In the past, Korea has been opposed, accused and attacked. Now Japan, China, the Soviet Union, and the United States all need Korea, not in terms of colonizing Korea, but in terms of getting spiritual food from Korea. Korea is the Adam nation; Japan is Eve, and the other three are archangel nations. This can be called the heavenly lineup.

Now there are four males and one female. The one female, Japan, is very attractive. The US, USSR, China, even Korea are all trying to get her attention. Japan must choose one husband. China, the USSR, and the United States are all big, rich nations, so what will happen?

At the time of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, it was Eve who proposed and led Adam in the wrong direction. This time Adam proposed and took the first action to save Japan. The first missionary to Japan traveled there on a merchant boat under very difficult circumstances. About 2500 second generation Japanese were blessed with Korean spouses on October 30, 1988, so Satan could not accuse the second

generation.

ALL DEBTS HAVE BEEN PAID

Communism has prospered since World War II, but I have been initiating many indemnity conditions to restore America's position. I am looking forward to the next four years when this entire situation will be rectified. I predict the unification of Korea shall be a reality within a few more years. Through unifying the Korean peninsula the three archangels will voluntarily dedicate themselves in service to Adam and Eve. Although almost no one has believed that North Korea and South Korea can be united, I am working to accomplish that end.

Homecoming is our present agenda. All the debts of human history have been paid. All the colors of humanity will march forward into that Kingdom of Heaven. That is why I have been preparing the World Peace Highway plan.

Human history has been pitch dark. I have pioneered the whole eight stage path to the realm of liberation. The rays of sunlight shall shine through to everyone. You have found the truth now—you were in a wilderness and needed a modern-day Moses, and you found one.

Although all of the historical debts have been paid, the reality is that humanity denied the first Adam, second Adam, and third Adam. For children to attack their own parents is unforgivable, so what should you do? Your job is simple. Since I indemnified all of history, all you have to do is indemnify my 43-years suffering course by uniting with me. This will also pay the debt for the time of Jesus. These are serious words that you need to hear to enter heaven.

When I returned to Korea last year I worked day in and day out to prevent satanic infiltration. During the Olympics some of the finest young people in the world came to Korea, even from communist countries. They discovered Korea for the first time in history. I embraced everybody, giving them gifts.

Those from the Soviet Union were surprised to receive a gift from Rev. Moon. They were taught in their country that I am the archenemy of communism. But in Korea they saw that I was like a parent, giving them food, beautiful entertainment, and gifts. In appreciation they presented me with a special medal. This was an indemnity condition for the USSR.

Before the 24th Olympics closed in Korea, I announced another "heavenly Olympics," called the World Festival of Culture. The finest youth of the world shall come and eventually be blessed by the True Parents. There are three levels of bless-



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ing: first, the married couples Blessing; next, the second generation Blessing to which most of you belong; and the third level is the blessed children's Blessing. Those three levels are like formation, growth, and perfection.

In 1990, I would like to do all of those in one gigantic ceremony. By doing so, I can declare to the world, "I have now restored all the children and they are dispersed into every corner of the earth." The entire globe will be converted into the heavenly kingdom.

CHANGE OF BLOOD LINEAGE

Are you connected with my lineage? You can say yes because of the Holy Wine Ceremony. You are the branches connected with the trunk. The most beautiful part of the Blessing from True Parents is receiving the Holy Wine, which will change your blood lineage from the satanic side to the True Parents' lineage. Your children will become children of God, in His direct blood lineage. The Blessing shall entitle you to enter the kingdom of heaven.

However, you have a job. Since your family is an Abel family, that means you need a Cain family surrounding you. You must serve and witness to them. When you have united

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your Abel and Cain families, then the mother and father can be connected to them. True Parents are coming to your family now and you are one with them. Now all you have to do is restore your tribe, or Cain families. This is why I announced that you are to become tribal messiahs. The homecoming has begun. Jesus wanted an Abel family, and the Lord of the Second Advent wants restoration of Cain families. Both shall be accomplished by you so that you can become one with True Parents. This is such an incredible opportunity.

Each blessed family is standing in the Abel position and must save the Cain families, which means our relatives. Father has pioneered the victorious path and now you can be connected. This will create a unified world. True Parents are the global Messiah. If you unite with this condition, you shall become tribal messiahs, and eventually national messiahs.

That is what I have done in Korea, and now I have begun this ministry in the United States. After the worldwide foundation was laid, I returned to Seoul, Korea. The Adam nation was lost after World War II to the communist world; but now that Korea is becoming free and independent, I have become the central figure and communism is crumbling.

Mainland China is wooing my attention, as well as the Soviet Union. They were hostile to us, but the communist world is now trying to get help from me.

All we have to do to destroy communism is give them true love and liberation, and show them that the theory of dialectical materialism does not work. It is not class struggle that brings development and value, but harmony and cooperation. This is God-centered give and take. Communism has just to bring God into the center.

The problem of the free world today is individualism and self-centeredness. The free world can be saved if it learns that living for the sake of others also brings about each individual's well-being. When everyone understands that this is the best way to live, then the world will change. You might ask, "How many more years, how many more conditions, Father?" We must march on until we achieve the unification of the world.

TRIBAL MESSIAHSHIP

In conclusion, I have diagnosed the disease correctly, and now it is time for the prescription. You shall all become tribal messiahs and restore all Cain and Abel relationships. Our goal is to eliminate all conditions for Satan's accusation, so that the individual, family, tribal, national, and worldwide levels cannot accuse you. You will be completely free from Satan's accusation.

The same mind and body formula works on the

cosmic level. When mind and body are united harmoniously into one, Satan has no way to accuse you. You cannot create heaven by yourself. One step at a time you have to establish true love objects on the individual, family, and tribal levels, all the way up to the liberation of God Himself.

What is the formula for multiplication? The Blessing is the



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most precious thing you can earn, and from there all you have to do is move one step forward to become tribal messiahs.

There are tribal revivals now going on in Korea. Korea is a very family-oriented and homogeneous society. There are about 270 Korean names, each with their own tribal organization, that come together in a national convention. Recently all the tribal leaders came together and elected Father to be president of the entire 270 Korean tribes. Who else but Rev. Moon is entitled to be in that position? This is like an internal president's position. I accepted on one condition: that the tribal leaders learn the Divine Principle.

The motto for 1989 is the Unification of Korea. By listening to my sermon this morning, you must have come to the conclusion that there have been well-laid conditions for the unification of Korea. I am now connecting this victory to the United States.

My direct instruction to you this morning is the restoration of the Cain and Abel relationship through the work of tribal messiahship. It will be expanded to all 50 states. All of the blessed couples are now tribal messiahs—this is the time to expand to the tribal level. When your tribe accepts and respects you then they will respect Rev. Moon and the Unification Church. Satan is in trouble—he has been trying to block us and destroy our reputation, but that will be finished when we fulfill as tribal messiahs. I have laid the worldwide foundation under all kinds of opposition and even welcomed persecution. What about you? There are now many favorable conditions out there; can you say it's impossible to restore your tribe? Today I am anointing you as tribal messiahs—you can go to your hometown, fulfill your role as tribal messiah, and bring your tribe to our True Parents.

In these last days it will be the blessed members of the Unification Church who will march forward and bring the ultimate victory. There are many blessed couples in the United States, so you can be hopeful. But are you going to sit still in a rocking chair or are you going out to fight and work?

Most opposition usually comes from your own physical family. Win their hearts through your loving example and there will be no more opposition. Satan never stops working so you must work doubly hard for God's side. Your position is so valuable.

WHO WILL SAVE AMERICA?

Now, all the blessed couples will be organized to not only talk about tribal messiahship but to act. Each sector of New York City will have 10 blessed couples. When you truly become a tribal messiah and do God's will, America will be resurrected. When I first came to America and warned of America's decline, everyone just laughed. Now, the truth has become self-evident. I came to America to save it, and now you American citizens must do more than I have done in terms of shedding blood, sweat and tears.

You must beat Father's standard, simply because you are

born as Americans. Father has created more than 40 kinds of organizations. Americans usually want to follow only one simple way. But if you have only one way, how can you save this country? That's why I created many projects.

You who are UTS graduates have been educated for the purpose of saving America. Studying is one thing, but saving America is even more difficult. Where is this country heading? Is it prospering or declining? If you just walk down 42nd Street, you'll get a picture of America. The UTS graduates' job is to save this tragic spiritual situation. What about the church leaders? Did you hear that I asked all of you to lecture eight hours everyday? We need many people to help, otherwise America cannot be saved. I made the foundation to save America, now you must be the ones to educate the rest of the American people. The Asian people need my help. The Unification Church has been making a foundation not for its own sake, but to save this country. Then America must serve the world. It lost its God-given mission, but you can save America and restore its position.

When I first established the UTS, I virtually commuted everyday for three years. During those long hours of driving back and forth I was constantly thinking that the young people studying there would be the future leaders of America. Now I would like to bequeath this heavenly standard to you.

I would now like to select 50 UTS graduates to represent the 50 states in this nation. You will each have 20 members—10 blessed couples—working with you. It doesn't matter what missions you have: everyone is now a tribal messiah. Go back to your tribe, your relatives. To give them true love is a difficult way, but I have done it already.

True Parents' Holy Wedding Ceremony was on April 12, 1960. So by April 12 of this year a nationwide network should be completed. We are entering the land of Canaan. You must get out of your houses and cross the Jordan River. I would like to restore this New Yorker Hotel completely, making it into a "hotel church." We will only accept good husbands and wives and high-standard guests; that way we can create a true family atmosphere. It will be such a unique hotel in New York that its reputation will spread all over the world.

So far, the dispensation has been centering on the individual, right? From this date on, I have raised the dispensation to the family level. Who will oppose you when you are living happily and harmoniously as husband, wife, and children? You will be the envy of the world because you are so pure. You may not be living in a luxurious apartment, but people will look at your happy, purposeful faces and be envious.

I would like to see some controversy about Rev. Moon's people. People will see Moonies all over the place. Although they have used the word "Moonies" in a very disrespectful way in the past, it will be different from now on: "Yes, I'm a Moon church man, I'm a Unificationist." Be proud of it. If we can save the population of New York, then we can definitely save America. I will now give a prayer of blessing for this special crusade. □



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Holy Wine Ceremony Speech

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The value of this Blessing is so precious and so eternal; therefore, in order to qualify for this Blessing you must purify yourselves. The history of God has been the history of divine providence. "Divine providence" can be described as the history of restoration through paying indemnity. In order to pay enough indemnity to stand before the True Parents is not easy. You have to pay a lot of debts from the past, not only for yourself, but for your ancestors as well. This is such a precious and serious commitment.

In order to be eligible to come before True Parents to receive the Blessing, you have to separate from the concept of being married. Even though you were married in the secular world, you have to go back to the original brother/sister position: Adam and Eve's original position. You must stand purely in front of True Parents, as though you were never married. That is God's original standard for eligibility.

I would like you to understand why you have to come before True Parents to be married again. You are, and all of us in the world today are, the offspring of the satanic lineage because of the fall of man. Before you can go to heaven you have to change your lineage from the satanic side to the heavenly side. True Parents are the only ones authorized by

God to do so; your lineage will be transferred to that of the True Parents and by doing so you come into God's lineage.

This transfer of lineage is the most crucial thing in our lives but this cannot be done until the installation of the True Parents on earth. In order to have this Blessing, so many saints and innocent Christians were sacrificed. Upon that foundation True Parents came and gave this Blessing. In order to have True Parents appear on the face of the earth, how much God has worked behind the scenes! If you just come here and feel you are ready for the Blessing, this is not the right attitude.

In the Bible, Rev. 21 it says that the hope of man is to become a tree of life. In order to become trees of life each person must absolutely cleanse himself and become as a virgin.

Because of the fall of man everything was lost all at once. Restoration, however, must be done stage by stage. Each stage might take thousands of years, but the ultimate goal is to restore the parents' position. It took 6,000 biblical years. In order to restore that position, so much sacrifice had to be paid throughout the Old, New, and Completed Testament eras.

Unless you are able to restore the foundation of all things and the foundation of children, you yourself will have to be sacrificed. That is exactly what happened at Jesus' time.

Why was the son of God, who was sent as the Messiah, crucified? He needed 12, 72, and 120 disciples as a foundation on which to stand, but that was not accomplished.

Because of the opposition from established Christianity, I also initially lost everything. I had to restore all things, then restore children. Upon that foundation true parenthood was established.

That is why when you join the Unification Church, for the first three-and-a-half years you restore yourself by making the condition of restoring the creation. Next, you witness for three-and-a-half years. When you win spiritual children you can claim yourself as God's child. You must have at least a minimum of three spiritual children, which is equivalent to the three archangels in heaven before the fall of man. Once you have that seven-year foundation then your position will be that of Adam and Eve before the fall.

Then you are free from the accusation of Satan. That is why I am so serious about this. This is how I struggled. But my struggle is far deeper than any of you would go through in seven years. I had to struggle my entire life so that your seven-year condition could be accepted, and that you could be blessed.

The first stage is claiming all things of creation. The second stage is to claim yourself. Now you stand ready before God but you are still not your own. You cannot claim your own self until you are approved and accepted by God. Until then you have no ownership. There is no such thing as "my house," "my son or daughter"; even "my body" is not mine. God must have the first ownership. The fall established satanic ownership so we must establish God's ownership. Marriage can be possible only after that condition is set.

God will eventually have one sovereignty. Then you will be free from the accusation of Satan. We are now in the wilderness and ready to cross the Jordan River into Canaan. We still have this battle in front of us. As you stand here today, you must be ready to go out, win this battle and claim the world for God.

Because of the failure of established Christianity in the United States, I paid 43 years of indemnity by myself and now another occasion has been presented, which is from 1985-1992. This is a most important seven-year period. I have

forgiven America's sin and have asked God's forgiveness for this nation. But America will decline unless she unites with me. America is helpless in the face of communism, declining Christianity, and immorality. I am working to remedy these situations.

Our path is to search after families, a nation, and ultimately a world united with God. So far the Unification Church's emphasis has been given to the individual and family levels. Now I have declared the tribal messiahships some time ago and we are undertaking this dispensation. I am sure that you are listening to this idea for the first time in your entire life. You have to know and practice this truth first and then you can come to the Blessing. Actually, you are not yet completely worthy to receive this Blessing. . .

Those individuals who are above 60 years of age now have a chance to be given the Single Blessing. You have a great hope. You will be singly blessed until you are elevated to the spirit world. In the spirit world, there are great numbers of people who are spiritually living for eternity. Since you are blessed by True Parents here on earth you will have special privileges—I may match you in the spirit world to the finest person in history. . .

The Holy Wine Ceremony will now begin. This is the ceremony in which your blood lineage will be transferred to God's lineage. Your lineage was lost through the sequence of the archangel, Eve, and Adam. Therefore restoration comes through the archangel to the mother, father, and then to the bride and bridegroom.

God originally created man first and then woman, but in restoration this is reversed. I am in the Adam's position, and the women receive the Holy Wine from me. By doing this you set the condition of uniting with me and restoring yourselves, becoming the extension of Mother. The wife is in the mother's position, and then the husband will be reborn so that he becomes a restored Adam.

By this ceremony you will be authorized to become tribal messiahs. True Parents are the universal messiah. You will eventually have a national messiah when God's sovereignty is restored. Now, all blessed couples have the right to go out to claim your tribe and restore them into heaven. With this power you can go and win the world. □

Eternal Blessings

by Mary Trifault

Near the end of a week of whirlwind activity, three very special Blessings were held in New York in the Grand Ballroom of the World Mission Center on April 7, 1989. These Blessings were unique and significant because they included three categories of blessing candidates: matched couples, previously married couples, and individuals. The 42 Couples Blessing consisted of matched couples, con-

nected to the 1,275 Couples Blessing in Korea. The 138 Couples Blessing and 57 Members Single Blessing were composed, respectively, of previously married couples and individual members over 60 years old. Especially many of the married couples and elder single brothers and sisters have been waiting a long time for this Blessing. It was very moving to see couples from all around the world coming to be blessed by True

Parents; for some it was their first chance to see True Parents in person. There were 37 nations represented, and the oldest Single Blessing candidate was an 87 year old sister from France.

That morning, Father spoke at length to the couples and individuals (see excerpts from the Holy Wine Ceremony Speech, previous page), and then proceeded to the Holy Wine Ceremony. In the afternoon, following a brief



Ceremony for the 138 Couples Blessing and the 57 Members Single Blessing.

rehearsal, True Parents entered the Grand Ballroom to commence the 42 Couples Blessing ceremony. Dr. Bo Hi Pak was the Master of Ceremonies. There was such an intimate and beautiful feeling as the 42 matched couples proceeded up to the stage, received the Holy Water, and then took their places facing True Parents. Father then led the recitation of the marriage vows in Korean and prayed over the couples. Dr. Durst gave a moving congratulatory address, acknowledging the incredible tearful foundation laid by our True Parents in order to receive this most precious Blessing. The ceremony ended with bows from the couples and mansei cheers.

The joint ceremony for the Blessing of the 138 previously married couples and 57 individuals began at 2 p.m.. After the recitation of vows and the exchange of rings, President James Baughman expressed in his address to the couples that all of our suffering is for this ultimate blessing, and how True Parents' have been constantly motivated by God's own suffering heart. He reminded the couples of their responsibilities as tribal messiahs and urged them to become second selves of our True Parents. After bows to True Parents and the audience and mansei cheers, the participants left the room in a joyful recessional march.

In the evening the blessed couples were hosted at a special dinner and entertainment at the Manhattan Center. Heavenly love was in the air. The entertainment was such a beautiful harmony

of participation from many nations. It started with members of the Washington, DC Performing Arts Department singing several Western and Korean songs. They have been performing in Washington, DC to groups of visiting Korean professors, generals, ministers and religious leaders, and their Korean songs were presented with much feeling.

President Baughman invited up several of the newly blessed members to perform. For many from other countries, this must have been their first taste of an entertainment with True Parents.

The first couple, from Ireland, represented Europe and sang an Irish folk-song. Loyce Brown from Texas represented America and the Single Blessing group. Her original three piano pieces and two poems were especially poignant because she had been a devoted Christian all her life and had dedicated these pieces to True Parents. President Baughman remarked in his evening speech that the most enthusiastic and childlike participants were the Single Blessing candidates.

Professor Kyoshi Nasu and Mrs. Nasu represented Japan. Professor Nasu has written three well-known books testifying to Father and the Second Coming; he and his wife expressed their gratitude by bowing and testifying to True Parents. Mrs. Nasu then sang two beautiful Japanese songs—a heartistic offering from Japan to Korea.

Hyo Jin Nim spoke to the couples, pledging his support to them and asking them to bring victory in their home church areas.

As the grand finale, Father and Mother came to the stage. It was so touching to see their true give and take as they sang four songs and joyfully danced, inviting everyone to join in. It was such a heavenly atmosphere—I felt Father's tremendous love and desire to give the newly blessed members a substantial taste of heaven, something that they could carry throughout their blessed lives and through any of the challenges they may experience. □



Evening dinner and entertainment for the newly blessed couples.



PHOTOS: KEN OWENS

True Parents congratulate the newly blessed couples.

Our Commitment

Testimony by Jeddie King

On behalf of my wife Carol and myself, I would like to share a short testimony about our life before we met the church, and our life in the church leading up to our recent Blessing.

In the summer of 1975, my wife met our spiritual father Andrei Smith. His mission was pioneering, and my wife saw him one day while he was street preaching. She was so inspired by what he was saying that she asked if he would go to a coffee shop with her to answer some questions. So he did. Carol

was so inspired during this short time that she asked him not to say anymore and invited him to her home to speak to her husband. He agreed and came the following day. Andrei introduced himself to me and said he was from the Unification Church. He asked if I had ever heard of the Unification Church before. I honestly couldn't recall ever having heard anything about it.

When Carol told me she had met this brother speaking about God, I was very happy for her. At the time, we had a lot of problems that had brought our mar-

riage almost to the brink of destruction. When she told me about this church-going person, I thought it was a good opportunity to get her connected with a church so she would be less problems for me! I didn't know that I was a large part of our problems.

Andrei came over night after night for almost three weeks. Shortly after his first visit, he noticed that I wasn't saying so much during the course of study and discussions. Carol was the one raising all the questions while I was very reserved, not offering any input into the

sessions. I had to admit what he said moved me very deeply, but I didn't express myself which bothered Andrei. Carol was so excited that she asked many questions which Andrei explained point by point. Andrei then asked, "Jeddie, what do you think about these principles?" I replied, "I think it's okay." He persisted, "What do you think about the questions that were raised by Carol? Are you moved? Does it inspire you? Did you learn anything or hear anything that you didn't know before?" I answered, "Of course, I learned a lot and I heard many things I have never heard. I'm very moved so far." He didn't push me to say much after that.

We were invited to go to workshop on October 18, 1975. We went and that was the weekend I made my commitment to the Unification Church. After the workshop, our spiritual father wondered what to do with us. At that time there were hardly any previously married people in the church. Most who joined were single, while my wife and I had one son. It wasn't at all clear how we were to fit into the church. At a meeting with the headquarters staff, Carol and I were instructed to remain living outside in our home, connecting with and supporting the church in any way that we could. We did that for awhile.

After a few months, I was still confused about the level of my commitment. I asked my central figure if I should move into the church. Again we were told to remain as we were, supporting the church. Controversy started to surround the church, so I assumed they didn't want us to break up our family and move into the church center. From the time of our commitment, we've always served the church in the capacity of home members.

Before we met the church, I had a dream that my wife and I were paying for a wedding. I never understood the dream's meaning until I had studied the principle in depth, received more internal guidance, and raised more questions. Then the dream had very clear and deep significance. I knew it was a revelation of what we were to receive sometime later in our life of faith. Harmony came into our home and our relationship. All the friction that we had experienced before we met the church dissipated. There was such a sweet spir-

it in our home—every visitor felt so good. We had a clean home and set very high standards. We cut ties with our friends to the extent that we didn't entertain anymore. Basically our home was a place where God's spirit dwelt. We used it for Bible study and to teach the Principle. We invited people over



Jeddie and Carol King

once a week for meetings. There was so much activity for God going on in our home that it dissipated any negative atmosphere there had been prior to our membership in the church.

At every opportunity I could only thank God for the peace, harmony and stability that He had brought into the lives of Carol and myself. It was during this period that I had a brief insight into what a beautiful relationship between husband and wife will ultimately be if we keep working towards it, keep reshaping ourselves to really reflect God's image. Carol started to look so beautiful to me; it was like I never knew her before. We were becoming one person. We started picking up each other's thoughts. One day I had a strong craving for milk and cookies. I hardly ever drink milk. When I came home, Carol was lying in bed. I went into the kitchen, opened the refrigerator and poured a glass of milk. We didn't have any cookies, but there was a piece of pound cake. I cut the cake and brought it to Carol. Her face lit up and she said, "How did you know? I was just laying here wanting this, but was just too lazy to get up and get it. I told her, "I had such a strong craving for it, I knew it wasn't for me, so it had to be for you." I felt a closeness with Carol that I had never felt before. I think it was God

showing us how good things could be: we were on our way up. Things were only going to get better as we continued our life of faith.

But we had to come back down to earth from our spiritual high to start dealing with the reality all around us. The more we studied the Principle, the

more we challenged each other: Who's practicing the Principle? Who understands this and that? That thinking brought a little friction between us. Things went on that way from time to time until we were blessed.

Two years before we were blessed, our relationship had become so strained—every little thing was a big issue. For the life of me I couldn't understand why we suddenly had so much difficulty. We were seriously considering getting a divorce. But when I looked at our overall situation, I couldn't find anything that called for such a drastic decision. Often I would say to her, "Honey, I know that our problem is only spiritual. For some reason or another, something doesn't want us to continue this course." We both understood that we were pioneering a way for other couples in similar situations to come to True Parents. The test was so strong, we almost didn't make it. Even up to the time we were called down for the blessing, we were having some problems. Satan gave us such a struggle to make it through the gates into the family of our True Parents.

After the Blessing, it was almost like taking an antidote that subsided a raging storm. The sun had come out in our lives again, restoring harmony. With it came new commitment: not only commitment to persevering for God, but new commitments to one another. From the time we were blessed, I feel I've been born again. My wife has reached a new level in her spiritual relationship with God and our True Parents.

There's just one other thing I'd like to say about my brothers and sisters who have served to inspire me over the years. From the time I met the church, I was always so impressed by the dedication of everyone; members truly giving up their lives to walk this thorny path of righteousness and service to God and our True Parents. As a home member, I felt ashamed because I wasn't making such a commitment. Their example gave me staying power and a stronger

sense of commitment. I saw how hard other people were working and I was just moved to do the best I could. Their efforts called my inner self to a deeper commitment to do God's Will.

I said this to a sister one day. It's strange that we seldom realize how important we are to one another, for this sister shared how much I had inspired her. She explained, "We're living in the center so we always have an opportunity to receive inspiration from one another. But I'm inspired to see how much you are connected and committed to serving God and True Parents without having this type of nurturing system around you." When I thought about it, I realized Carol and I had seen some pretty turbulent times. I thank God for the sacrifice of our True Parents and for the commitment of my wife.

Without her determination I don't know if I could have made it. I hope *my* commitment served to support her. I just want to say thank you for your prayers and inspiration over the years. I hope we all can grow together and truly accomplish all the things that Heavenly Father expects of us. □

Personal Reflection

In Jeddie King's testimony, the sentence "there was so much activity for God going on in our home that it dissipated any negative atmosphere" caught my attention. As large centers are being dispersed throughout various communities, keeping our homes so filled with activities for God that evil has no chance to dwell, is a high standard we all should follow while fulfilling our tribal messiahships.

In reading Beverly Freed's testimony, I thought how important it is to have True Parents' presence in our homes and to accept every direction from them as a blessing and truly as a 'gift of grace.'

When Jeddie and Beverly joined, there was a lot of pain and loneliness in being a church member living at home. But they overcame all of the trials and hardships to receive the gift of grace from True Parents—the Blessing. Now they are blessed members who have already established themselves in their communities and can now advise us who are just beginning the path they have already paved.

I hope and pray their examples of steadfast faith and perseverance can serve as a pillar of strength and solace to those who weren't able to receive the Blessing at this time, as well as to those spiritual children who will come as the fruits of the tribal messiahships.

All the couples and individuals in these Blessings represent the heart of true pioneers. I feel very grateful for their example.

— by Lynda McKenzie

My Blessing

by Beverly Freed

When I was asked to write about my experience at the Single Blessing, I remarked to a dear friend, "But I can't. It's too personal." She answered, "That in itself is a remarkable statement." In reflection, I realize, for the first time, the true meaning of this gift of grace.

The thread which connects every moment of my life, from the moment I joined the church until the Blessing, is truly the presence of God.

I am now sixty years of age. A major milestone in my life was the day, ten years ago, when I heard Divine Principle. I could not doubt that the Principle was true. I knew that right down to the marrow of my existence. However, I was unable to relate to True Parents and the idea of mass weddings was an enigma to me. It was as if Jesus, with whom I had a deep spiritual relationship, dropped me at the doorstep of the Unification Church and left. The first years

of my church life were excruciatingly painful. Even though I had several dreams of Father at night, I could feel no relationship to Father when awake, and much to my consternation, Jesus disappeared from my spiritual awareness. I was much older than the general membership of the church, and no one knew quite how to relate to me. I felt as if I had just been delivered from the birth canal, crying, with no one to care for me. At one time, I left the church and went back to my previous prayer group. But I returned shortly thereafter. I couldn't help but make comparisons with regard to the level of prayer and the understanding of God's heart. The difference was as great as kindergarten class to college. Divine Principle, then and now, continues to be the most delicious spiritual food I have ever tasted.

As the years passed, my relationship with Heavenly Father deepened and sus-

tained me. I learned the value of making good conditions and with the support of powerful and persistent spirit persons, I began to experience repentance, gratitude, and moments of exquisite joy. Interestingly, with the advent of Heung Jin Nim I began to experience Jesus again.

Still my prayers up until quite recently were, "Heavenly Father, You must help me experience the heart of True Parents so that I can know them as my own." I can remember the exact moment when I received this realization. It was at an eight-hour speech at Belvedere; I knew that I had reached a new level of heart. From this time, I truly felt like an adopted child of God and True Parents, and as if I were living with them. When I returned to my home at night, I could actually feel their presence.

I knew that I would not realize the four-position foundation within my physical lifetime, but I did think of the Blessing from time to time. More than that, I strongly believed that I should bring a spiritual child to the church who, in turn, could become my husband. There were several men to whom I witnessed, but none were prepared to join the church.

From time to time, whenever the Blessing was being offered, good friends in the church would urge me to make inquiries for myself. However, I did not fit the age category. Just prior to the last Blessing, I read Father's words which confirmed what I already knew. The Blessing was not to be sought but would be given in accordance with God's grace. I repented in prayer for not having the right attitude. I told Heavenly Father with deep conviction, and in tears, that I was happy to be an adopted child, that I felt no less love from Him, and that I felt it an honor to serve True Parents and my beautiful brothers and sisters in any capacity.

Immediately thereafter I received a phone call from headquarters asking if I was interested in receiving the Single Blessing. I did not hesitate to say yes. I knew this was God's desire for me.

Is the Blessing personal? Yes, it is a time when the hand of God reaches down and touches. And, oh yes, my Blessing was surely the best. True Father literally danced at my wedding! □

Keeping the Original Heart of the Blessing

by Rev. Won Pil Kim

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The blessed couples who started their family are the senior members to newly blessed couples. The newly blessed couples can teach matched couples. We can have a meeting for these groups. Among the blessed members, we could have a meeting between the members who just started their families, and those who have been together a long time and have children. The senior members should teach the junior members. Newly blessed members can ask questions to those who were blessed before. In these meetings we should discuss common points. Don't expect to gain something only from a meeting, though. In your daily life, you can learn so much from your senior blessed couples.



Before the Blessing and after the Blessing is completely different. I can tell you from my experience that you will feel like you are having two kinds of struggles. Before the Blessing you had your own individual problems, but after getting blessed, if your spouse has a problem, you also have to worry

about him or her.

Father spoke about the Blessing so many times. So what we have to do is study Father's words more and try to put them into practice in our daily lives. I am still learning from Father's words. We can understand Father's words only to a certain extent because they are so deep. When I reflect on Father's words, I realize I can understand part of them deeply, exactly like Father, but some of his words I still don't understand. We understand according to our level of growth; I am still growing.

Intellectually, we may be able to understand, but heartistically we don't. When we understand his words through our own experience, we then gain our own victory and overcome the problem. Until that point, we may understand intellectually, but not from the heart. When professors and well-known people give a public speech, they often use quotes from other people. When Father gives a talk, he doesn't mention other people's words; he speaks out of his own experience.

One thing that we must always remember is that we received the Blessing because of Father's deep heart of love for us. True Parents' love and expectation for us through the Blessing is something that should remain in our life of faith. Please keep it in your heart.

It is on the basis of the unity between God, True Parents, man and woman that we receive the Blessing. We should feel this kind of heart of unity with our spouse, centering on God and True Parents' heart and will, throughout our lives until we go to the spirit world.

The starting point of heart

This kind of heart spreads to the family, society, nation, world, and to the whole universe, and then finally it comes back to God and True Parents' heart. This means it will return to the starting point. But only when it is perfected can

it return to the starting point. My spirit comes from heaven so it will go back to heaven. My body comes from the earth, so when I die my body returns to the ground. When you go to school, you start from your house, and then you go to school. When you go to your job, you start from your house and then go to your job. When you finish your classes or your job, you come back at night to your family. The family is the starting point in everything.

An individual starts from the family level, to the tribe, to the society, to the nation, to the world, and even to the universal level. But finally he will come back to the family: to the starting point. Many members from Europe may be here in America, but you are only here temporarily. You will return to your homeland and your families. For example, when war breaks out, the men go to fight, but after the war they will always come back to their home and family.

How do we return to the starting point? Our eternal home is the place where God and True Parents are. In this way we came from heaven, and we will return to heaven where God dwells. Also in this physical world, we start from our family, and go out to the society, nation, world, and universe, but finally return home. This physical world is the training place for us to learn how to come back to the original point as perfected people. At the starting point we are just babies, but when we finally return to our home, we must come back perfected. We inherit true love from True Parents and God. Then we go out, and when we come back it should be with perfected love. You should never forget the heart and determination you had at the beginning of your life course. You receive the seed of love from your parents, and then you plant, grow, and water it, until it becomes a beautiful blossom. If you receive one seed from your parents, you have to multiply it,

and then return to your parents with many blossoms.

Our responsibility

Adam and Eve received the blessing from God, but they could not give any blossom or perfection back to God because they forgot about the heart of God. When God gave them the Blessing He had such incredible love for them, but they forgot about His heart and love toward them. God also gave them a condition they had to keep. If they could keep this commandment from God, then automatically the Blessing would come to them. God gave them the Blessing, but they couldn't keep God's word. So Satan claimed their blessing. In order for us to get the Blessing, where shall we go? God will tell us that He already gave the Blessing to us, so He doesn't have it. The Blessing is in the fallen world; we have to go there and regain the Blessing from Satan. In order for us to understand how to regain the Blessing, we have to know the reason why Adam and Eve fell.

When the archangel tempted Adam and Eve, if they were not self-centered they could have refused the temptation. They thought from their own self-centered point of view. That's why they were susceptible. They should have asked God what to do, because God gave them the Blessing and His word at the same time. If they followed and kept God's word, then they would have never fallen. God would never tell them: "I don't know about that; I don't care about that." God would surely have taken care of them. *To ask God is man's responsibility.* The relationship between the archangel and Eve and the relationship between fallen Eve and Adam came from self-centered love.

From the Principle, you know that the archangel felt a decrease of love. It was not wrong in itself for the archangel to feel the decrease of love. It is natural for man to feel this also because we have the capability to compare ourselves with other people. The important point is not feeling a decrease of love, but how to deal with this feeling. When the archangel felt a decrease of love, he thought only *he* was feeling the decrease of love. But God also felt the decrease of love; the archangel did not realize God's situation.

When you hear that God also felt a

decrease of love, you must wonder how this could be. How did God feel a decrease of love? Before creating man, God loved the archangel and the archangel returned this love to God. The love which God had toward the archangel was exactly the same before and after creating Adam and Eve. But after the

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archangel felt the decrease of love, was his love for God the same as before he felt the decrease of love? Before the archangel returned 100 percent love back to God, but afterwards, the archangel returned only 70 percent. God still expected 100 percent love from him, but only received 70 percent. If you love your spouse with 100 percent of your

would have thought, "I feel lonely, but at the same time, God is also feeling lonely." If he thought from God's point of view, he could never have tempted Eve. But he carried this decrease of love to Eve. When the two of them united, then Eve inherited this self-centered love from the archangel. Then Eve became one with Adam, so Adam also inherited self-centered love.

In this fallen world, if people give up their self-centered love and change to God-centered love, the world will become the ideal world. If we create such a God-centered world, even Satan cannot be Satan anymore. Only with God-centered love can we regain God's blessing from Satan.

When we receive the Blessing from True Parents, there are four points that we pledge. Only through fulfilling these will our blessing become eternal. The Blessing which God gave to Adam and Eve was also a conditional blessing. The



A couple receiving the Holy Wine.

love, and your spouse just returns 70 percent of his or her love, then how do you feel? Surely you feel the decrease of love. It was the same with God and the archangel.

Regaining God's Blessing

When the archangel felt the decrease of love, he centered only on himself. He didn't think that God was also feeling the same decrease of love. If he had thought about the situation of God, he

condition was total unity with God's word. If Adam and Eve had fulfilled this condition, automatically this blessing would have become their own absolute and eternal blessing. Our blessing is not in the level of perfection. We receive the Blessing on the way to perfection. Because of the condition of trying to unite with True Parents' words, we can receive the Blessing. After receiving the Blessing it is our responsibility to gain the substantial victory. Both spouses

es must try to unite with True Parents. We must keep the heart and love which we felt at the time of the Blessing throughout our lives.

When I received the Blessing, I didn't know much about it beforehand. Now you know you are going to get the blessing someday in the Unification Church, but at that time I only knew about the Blessing one month before I was blessed. One month before I heard a vague story in a public meeting where many people gathered, but not a clear explanation. The 36 couples were matched, but at that time we never thought about marriage. Then, Father spoke many words about the Blessing, but we didn't write down the words. Compared with us, you know much more than we did. You don't need me to teach you, you can teach. Please study Father's words about the Blessing many times.

Study Father's words

Some couples are now in the separation period, but someday they will come together. When you meet, you have to think about the heart you had at the time of the Blessing. You received the Blessing on the foundation of your total unity with God and True Parents. Please ask yourselves, is my heart exactly the same now as it was when we were first blessed? If there is difference between your heart then and now, you have to analyze how it declined.

How about blessed couples who already started their family? Let's think about a wife who stays at home and the husband goes out for the public mission and comes back late at night. Suppose every morning the husband and wife pray together and then go out for the public mission. At night, when husband and wife meet again, do they have the same spirit or heart that they had in the morning when they prayed together? It should not be different. If there is a difference of heart and spirit then we have to check why it changed. This heart level should be the same in the beginning when they go out and when they return home. Is the unity of heart we feel now higher or stronger than what we felt at the time of the Blessing?

When I was living in Seoul with my family, I didn't take this point so seriously. Studying more about Father's

words and observing Father's family, I found it difficult to meet my own family again. Whenever I fulfilled in doing God's mission, then I could come back home without feeling bad. But if I didn't do enough to fulfill the public mission, then it was very difficult to go back home and see my wife because I felt a guilty conscience to see her again. Whenever I left home to do my public mission, my wife and I promised each other to follow God's will and fulfill our responsibility together. When I came back home my wife and my children really welcomed me and looked at me as the hope for the family; if I had not done really well I had a guilty conscience.

Husband and wife's attitude

What kind of attitude should we have when we meet each other? Not every day is a happy day; sometimes it's a very difficult day, or sometimes it's a very good day. When we meet we should have consideration toward our spouse because he or she might have had a difficult day. Then when we go out to confront Satan in the fallen world, we can overcome even strong opposition.

We should feel this kind of heart of unity with our spouse, centering on God and True Parents' heart and will, throughout our lives until we go to the spirit world.

Those who have not started family life don't know this situation, but those who have, do understand. The husband goes out to his mission, but when he comes back, if his wife gives him a word of comfort then he immediately forgets about all the problems and difficulties. The wife is perhaps taking care of the babies at home, or taking care of the church members. When the husband comes back home after having taken care of so many responsibilities, he expects some comfort from his wife. But if instead the wife only tells him about the difficult problems she faced during the day, then the husband becomes discouraged. We may gain the victory outside, but when we come back home, we are defeated. We overcome Satan out there, but he still doesn't keep silent. Before we arrive home, he's already there to attack and try to defeat us through

our family.

Satan was defeated by Jesus in the wilderness, but then Satan invaded one of the disciples. When we defeat Satan, the next thing Satan does is to attack the person closest to us, so as to attack us through this person. If Satan is defeated by this person, he then attacks the next closest one. Satan only retreats step by step; he never goes completely away.

How can we defeat Satan who tries to attack us through our family? The important thing to do is to make our attitudes take a selfless point of view. How can we do this? The husband, in order not to give in to a self-centered viewpoint when he comes back home, should not expect to be comforted by his wife, even though he may have gone through many difficult things during the day. Before expecting comfort, he should try to comfort and encourage his wife, giving her Father's word or God's word. He should try to understand her situation and the difficulties in taking care of the children.

What should the wife's attitude be? She should not be Satan's instrument! She should also first think about her spouse: "My husband is in a public mission, carrying so many problems with him, so I really have to comfort him when he comes back." The wife should not expect to be given comfort from her husband, or to receive gifts and nice words. When they meet they have to have care and consideration toward each other.

Satan loves a self-centered attitude; he loves us when we are self-centered. When there is an accident or sickness in the family, the spouses should think that it is because they didn't do enough in their mission, or their direction is different from Father's direction. If they accuse each other, "You didn't take care of the baby enough; that's why the baby got sick," then nothing can be solved. At that time both should think, "It's because I didn't do enough; I didn't recognize my faults, my shortcomings." Both should reflect and try to think from God's viewpoint.

Reflect God's viewpoint

This same viewpoint can be applied when taking care of members. When something wrong happens to the members, the leader has to think that it was because he didn't do enough, or didn't

take care of the members enough. Maybe it's because we are not following Father's direction correctly, and God wants us to recognize that point.

For example, if there are two nations, and one attacks the other, the one being attacked should think that it is because their king and people are not united enough. For the enemy to attack them is wrong, but through this they have to recognize the need to unite more. When we receive persecution from outside people, we should then unite more with Father. We should develop a better understanding of his situation.

The family is our basic training ground. Everything starts from the family. When you were first blessed you had good unity between yourself and your fiancé, and you didn't worry about your fiancé, but just united with God and your fiancé. But when you were separated you started to worry about your fiancé. At this time you have to check your relationship with God, and check whether or not you are uniting with Father's words and direction. The problem came as a result, so there must

be a cause. When there is something wrong you must check your relationship to find the cause of the difficulty. At the time of the Holy Wine ceremony, you touched hands and bowed and shared the wine with each other. You should keep the heart that you had at this time, no matter what happens. You must constantly check: whether you have kept it or not.



6516 Couples Blessing, October 30, 1988.

When you have a happy family, God is the person who can be the most happy about that. But when we have a disunited family, Satan is the person who really loves that. When you leave the level of heart you had at the Holy Wine ceremony, immediately Satan invades. If we set up this bad condition, then Satan can invade us. We should unite totally with God and True Parents' heart and love. If we become self-centered, Satan can immediately attack and invade us.

At the time of the flood judgment of Noah, there was nobody Satan could relate to. The blackbird was going around the ship, but he had no place to land; finally, however, he could find one point to land. This symbolized that in Noah's family, Ham had one condition where Satan could invade. It's the same for us. If we become self-centered, this means we set up the condition for Satan to attack. When you receive the matching and blessing, at that time you are really righteous and precious in front of Father; you have the right to inherit an eternal family centered on God's love. But as time goes by, gradually you become self-centered and Satan attacks you.

I would like to explain how Satan invades us through the base of self-centeredness. At the time of the Blessing, everything is okay for you, but gradually you become self-centered. You hear about some blessed or matched couples who didn't remain with each other and the Blessing or engagement was broken, and

some people were matched again. You feel sorry to hear these kinds of things. For example, if in one couple one spouse doesn't like the other person and leaves the church, they might find another person and get married and then after seven or eight years they come back to the church. These rumors invade you and give Satan a chance to attack. Or you hear about the past life of your fiancé or spouse from another person. When you become self-centered,

another person can come close to you, and begin to look very wonderful to you, perhaps more handsome or beautiful than your fiancé. Satan attacks gradually, but as time passes, he really occupies our heart until we cannot control ourselves anymore.

True Parents' family

Let's say one person receives the Blessing, but when he goes out to do his mission he witnesses to a wonderful person. He takes care of the person, and as they come to have a closer and deeper relationship, he begins to compare this person with his fiancé.

Another example is the person who had a girlfriend or boyfriend in the past, and as he begins to be self-centered begins to think about this girlfriend or boyfriend. After receiving the blessing nothing changes externally, but to Satan you look so beautiful. Many people will come close to you to tempt you. Check yourself by comparing yourself to the original point of the Blessing.

A beautiful or handsome spouse is okay, but we don't know what is going to happen in the future. If they are in a traffic accident, then their face may suddenly become deformed. We cannot guarantee our external beauty, so we should keep the beauty of our original heart at the time of the Blessing.

As a couple, we should really inherit the heart and tradition of True Parents and try to see our wife as part of True Mother, and our husband as part of True Father. True Parents' family is a great example and we should always have the attitude to learn from them.

I would like to share one thing about the True Family. Father had to always take care of the church members, so most of the time he was absent from his family and home. Even when he was at home, many national leaders came seeking advice from him. Because of this he could not have personal time with his own children. One day Father had a meeting in the New Yorker Hotel, so he had to leave the house late at night. His newborn baby was not yet 40 days old and Father wanted to have time with him. When he was about to leave the house Father spoke to the baby from the front door. Of course the baby couldn't understand, but Father reported to the baby: "I feel very sorry that I can't have time with you. But members are waiting to receive my words, so I have to go there; please understand my situation and forgive me." □

Inheriting Father's Victory

by Rev. Ken Sudo

This speech was given at a tribal messiah's workshop for members, held in New York City on April 1, 1989.

From 1978 to 1983 Father spoke about home church and nothing else. Then for some time Father didn't say anything about home church. But two years ago in one Sunday Service he spoke about home church again, saying he will speak no more about it—from now it is our responsibility. Then at the last moment he mentioned one more word: After 1988, home church activity will become full-scale, nationwide, and even worldwide.

Now the time has come. In the Bible Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven is in your mind. He didn't say that the Kingdom of Heaven is in your body. You know the reason why. Even though we Christians believed in Jesus, confessed our sins, received the baptism, and were born again, it was just spiritual rebirth, not physical.

Then our True Parents came and we received the Blessing. Through the Blessing we are born anew not only spiritually but also physically. Until the Blessing, from God's point of view we do not exist. Only through the Blessing do we come to the point where we can become God's son or daughter. Until that time we are not recognized as God's children.

As you know, the Blessing is not just marriage. More essentially it is rebirth, the changing from Satan's lineage to God's lineage. Then we are freed from sin, especially original sin. But this doesn't mean we are free from Satan's attack. After the Blessing we may experience more attack from Satan and even go through a much more difficult time than before. Why? There are many reasons, but one fundamental reason is we could not cleanse our past, even conditionally, by the time of our Blessing. We were supposed to have cleansed ourselves of past sins, especially Chapter 2 things and all kinds of self-centeredness. If our cleansing was ful-

filled 50 percent, we can receive 50 percent of the Blessing, or if one percent cleansed, then one percent of the Blessing. Satan is still 99 percent free to attack you. That is why the Blessing has been conditional and why we are very vulnerable to Satan's attack even after the Blessing, the Holy Wine Ceremony, and the Three-Day Ceremony.

Fulfilling the Blessing

In such a situation we are supposed to accomplish three internal directions: 1) unity with True Parents; 2) unity between husband and wife; 3) unity between children and with children. This means we have to unite our own physical children, whom we call Abel-type, and spiritual children, whom we call Cain-type. That involves witnessing and home church. At the same time we have to take responsibility for unity with children. These elements must be accomplished not as indemnity but as a course that is absolutely necessary in or-

With the condition of tribal messiahship God gave permission to Father to give his victory to his own children. It is a covenant between God and True Parents.

der to go through the completion stage into the direct dominion of God.

These elements are necessary, but we must break through one most essential barrier in order to get into the Kingdom of Heaven—the satanic environment. Through fulfilling the Blessing we may become pure as individuals, but our environment is still satanic, from the family to the universal levels. Unless we can overcome the gigantic environment under Satan's dominion, we will not be free from his attack. That is the reason why even though we are Blessed we have been suffering a lot.

How is it possible to be free from Sa-



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tan's attack and break through these environments? There are two ways to get into the direct dominion of God, or the Kingdom of Heaven. One is to become the Messiah by serving and accomplishing exactly as Father did. You have to do your own Madison Square Garden, Yankee Stadium, and Washington Monument campaigns. You have to deal with China, Russia, and cleanse the whole world of sin. Then you can get into the direct dominion of God. Are you confident?! If not, the only other way into the Kingdom of Heaven is through home church. Without doing home church you cannot become a tribal messiah.

It is certain that no one can accomplish the same things Father did. The only other way is to unite with the person who went through every stage and completely subjugated Satan. Through uniting with that person and inheriting his victory, you will be considered to have accomplished the same victory as that person. Who is that person? Father, True Parents. You can check all the five billion people living on this earth and go back throughout the entire history of mankind, but only one person did it—Father. Isn't it great to have True Parents?!

How can we qualify?

We cannot inherit from the parents unconditionally. What qualification do we need? When our parents go to the spirit world and we inherit their property, we have to pay an inheritance tax. To inherit Father's victory, home church is the tax we must pay. This is each person's individual responsibility, and unless we pay this, we cannot inherit the victory.

The providence of tribal messiahship has come. A couple of weeks ago I asked Father, "Is this home church?" He said yes. I also asked if the 360 system is still valid. He said of course. And for husband and wife, 720? He again said yes. Therefore this tribal messiahship is the home church providence.

For many brothers and sisters their hometown is in some other state or country. What is their relationship with the homecoming providence? Father said this is their Cain-type home church. Then how about Abel-type home church, which means your own family or tribe? Eventually everyone will be given the chance to do Abel-type home church.

Doing 360 homes represents 360 degrees, which represents the entire universe. Because Father took responsibility for the providence of the entire universe, we are given 360 houses that represent the entire universe for us.

That is why 360 homes will be "my territory, my world, my universe." You have to claim total ownership and offer it to Heavenly Father. Whatever happens in your home church area will have a parallel providential significance with the worldwide providence. So if a very nasty person comes to attack you, you can think he is like Kim Il Sung and the event has the significance of a communist attack in your own area.

Or if you visit one family and that family is so happy and grateful that they want to do anything for you, then you can feel it has the same value as if you had restored one nation. Even small

things that happen in your area will have such providential significance.

You have to serve these 360 families and melt their hearts. You have to find your first spiritual child, then three, 12, then 72. The total equals 84 spiritual children. In this way we are doing what Jesus wanted but wasn't able to have, and thus we can console his broken heart.

Winning Cain and Abel tribes

If this Cain-type home church is accomplished, then the Cain-type tribe is restored. Actually, you can expect that only one-third of the 360 families will respond to you. Out of three stages, the first two were invaded by Satan. The final stage will be pure. That is why one-third will be required in the providence of tribal messiahship.

With this foundation of your Cain-type tribe, you can go to your own family and relatives, your Abel-type tribe. If your relatives are no longer in your hometown, you can visit your neighbors and friends. When you can accomplish the Cain side, the Abel side is much easier. Just think, if 40 people are very happy with you, they will pay for their own ticket and yours also in order to go with you to your hometown to support you. These 40, or even 10, or even 3 people, representing the whole community, will tearfully testify how

you, your family will be so amazed: "Wow! Was my son this great? I never knew." They almost won't even need to hear the Divine Principle to unite with you!

We are going the same way as Father, who returned to Korea with his worldwide foundation and won a tremendous response in his home country. When the Cain-type tribe is restored, the Abel-type tribe will be restored very quickly. For those who came from outside the United States, for example, tall and beautiful Americans will return with you to your country, thanking you in tears. Your family and neighbors will be so surprised—in one day you can restore your whole family!

When 100 people, or 200 between husband and wife, are so grateful to you they want to do anything for you; they will testify to you in your hometown. When the two tribes are restored, when Cain and Abel become one, you can become tribal parents on that foundation. Only in this way can you become tribal parents and accomplish tribal messiahship. Everybody is a candidate to be a tribal messiah, but no one is a tribal messiah yet.

Inside the covenant

What comes next? Then you will be approved by Heavenly Father. The qualification to get into the direct dominion of

God is to acquire a diploma for the accomplishment of tribal messiahship. As I mentioned, Father knows we cannot accomplish exactly what he has accomplished. Then how can we get into the Kingdom of Heaven? Father asked Heavenly Father, "Will it be okay to give my victory to my children if they fulfill the conditions of the tribal messiahship?" Surely God asked Satan

first, "You, Devil, do you agree?" Satan said, "Yes," even though he didn't like it. With this condition God gave permission to Father to give his victory to his



Jesus sending forth the apostles to witness in surrounding towns.

grateful they are to you. When your family and friends listen to this testimony, they will be so amazed. If a famous and influential person comes to support

own children. It is a covenant between God and True Parents, with the approval of Satan. That is the contents of home church.

By no other mission or responsibility can you inherit Father's victory. Therefore, whatever mission you may have done, however successfully—whether you have dozens of spiritual children, or made millions of dollars by fund-raising, or did a tremendous job in various missions—nevertheless, these accomplishments cannot be the condition upon which you can inherit Father's victory. You must go inside the covenant, which is home church. Therefore, anyone who wants to go into the Kingdom of Heaven has to do home church. No exemption, no exception.

Then who is qualified to inherit property from parents? It is only the children. A servant or employee can receive wages, but has no qualification to inherit everything. The child might not receive wages or salary, but eventually only the child can inherit everything.

Then how is it possible to become the child of True Parents? By the Blessing. Therefore, the blessed family is the first qualification to begin this providence. Just to make sure, a few days ago I asked Father about unblessed brothers and sisters. Father said, "Of course, the blessed family is the center, but any Unification Church member can do this." Even if you are not blessed, you can do it. It is a special grace, centered on the blessed family.

God's direct dominion

If you can accomplish this, Father will show you to God and Satan, "Look, my son restored Cain and Abel tribes and achieved the qualification for the tribal messiahship. I will give my victory to him." Can Satan complain? God will be so happy and will bless you.

Then what would happen? If we fulfill our responsibility on the individual, family, and tribal levels, then the society, nation, and world levels will be given to us. With this small condition of the accomplishment of tribal messiahship, we will be given Father's victory completely. Then we will be considered to have accomplished the same things Father did, without doing the Washington Monument Rally, for example. As you know, Father is now totally free from Satan's attack. Of course, he receives persecution, but it is because of

us, not him; he is taking responsibility for us.

When we have this qualification, we will be considered to have accomplished the same things Father did. Then we will be totally free from Satan's attack. What does this mean? No strange voices will come from the spirit world, and there will be no more internal struggle between Cain and Abel. This means God is our subject. Until now we have had two masters fighting within us, but finally we will have only one—God.

For the first time in the history of restoration, you are going into the direct dominion of God. This is the purpose of all religions, though they have never fulfilled it. Only through the Unification Church has it become possible to get into the direct dominion of God, and only through tribal messiahship.

Coming into the direct dominion of God is the restoration of the first blessing. If the first blessing is accomplished, you will become the temple of God. God can live in you. When you open

If you can obtain the citizenship of the Kingdom of Heaven and give this citizenship to your own loving sons and daughters, isn't that the greatest gift parents can give?

your mouth, God will speak through you, and your word will become the word of God. When you love, your love will become the love of God; when you work, your work will become the work of God. Then you become the pure, perfect image of God and people can see God in you as Jesus said, "He who has seen me has seen the Father." You can talk with God freely, asking any question, and the answer would come forth from inside. Father says he feels funny because sometimes when he asks a question, the answer comes from inside himself. We may have experiences like that in the future. This kind of give and take action and unity with Heavenly Father is the fulfillment of the purpose of life.

Heaven's citizens

What is next? Then you will be qualified to apply for citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven. No matter what race, nationality or age you are, whoever accomplishes this will be qualified to be-

come a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven.

In order to become a citizen of God's Kingdom, one nation must be God's nation. Then God's will can be done in that country, and it can be declared the Kingdom of Heaven, or God's nation. Father said this is his mission, to restore one nation under God.

Then what is our mission? Our mission is to become tribal messiahs. If we do, Father can give his victory to us and we will be considered to have accomplished all levels completely; we will be free from Satan and will be qualified to become citizens of Heaven. Father said it will be the longest lineup ever, much longer than the lines in shopping centers in Russia! If a husband or wife is of one nationality, their baby's nationality is usually the same. If parents become citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, then when the children are born, they are also citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. Is there any greater gift than the citizenship of the Kingdom of Heaven? There-

fore, if you can obtain the citizenship of the Kingdom of Heaven and give this citizenship to your own loving sons and daughters, isn't that the greatest gift parents can give? Now, when you are doing home church they may suffer. But eventually, when they realize the value of what you did, they will cry out in gratitude: "You are the best dad in the

world. You are the best mom in the world." If you love your children, you should do tribal messiahship through home church.

Once citizenship is obtained, there will be tribal organization. Then not only your children but also your descendants will become citizens, and eventually your ancestors will join the same tribe. That way you are saving the past, the present, and the future. We must restore the elder brother's birthright by giving sacrificial love. As you give yourself to your own community, you will melt the heart of one person, three, 12, 72, eventually 84, even 120. Then these people will go crazy for you. On that foundation, the worldwide condition will be given to you, and you will become victorious.

Study the contents of the *Home Church* book. Also in the special home church issue of *Today's World*, September 1981, you will find a lot of important directions. Thank you. □

THE KOREAN MOBILIZATION

The following four testimonies were submitted to Today's World by Western brothers and sisters working in Korea. Several aspects of the mobilization effort are presented, which can help those not in Korea to understand and connect more to the providence in our Fatherland.



The Hope For The World



by Patrick Kirkbride

Patrick Kirkbride is one of the two IW's for the Western members in Korea. the other is Nate Windman. This is a testimony by Patrick at the completion of the first three months of mobilization.

For brothers and sisters from the 1275 Blessing who could not participate in the mobilization for various reasons, please know that we in Korea are representing you. At present there are approximately 300 Western members in Korea involved with different projects, from helping deliver the *Se-gye Ilbo* to teaching at our Sông-hwa Seminary, that many of the older blessed children attend.

Besides members from the 1275 Blessing, there are approximately 3700 Japanese members from the 6500 Blessing, many of whom are going to school in Seoul to study Korean. In most church centers, there is a combination of Japanese and Western members, and the Korean pastor's family. Living space is a rare and luxurious commodity. In most cases the church pastor and his family have sacrificed most of their living quarters. I've been shocked more

than once to see a family of four living in one room, in which the bedroom turns into the dining room and then the family room, because they give our brothers and sisters the other rooms. Some church centers have built extensions onto the living quarters to accommodate us. In some centers, brothers or sisters sleep in the church sanctuary.

Father is involved in many, many projects. Many of the small villages have simple and beautiful A-Frame churches, designed by an architect who originally met Father when he was studying in Japan.

Most places were not equipped with hot water, so most Korean families use public baths, which are an integral part of Korean life.

What Korea means to me

Up to now, I've spent over three months in the Fatherland. The challenges I have faced were many. An obvious one was the language barrier. Not only does one realize the necessity of learning Korean, but also of inheriting the culture and tradition of Korea's 4,000 year history. Only then can we begin to understand the Korean character. One major problem as Westerners is that we look at everything from our own point of view and usually it is not the same as the Korean perspective. We were given advice from elder Western brothers and sisters who have been living in Korea for many years. Their advice was "make observations, not judgments," "take initiative; don't wait to be told everything to do," and "learning Korean

takes time; don't be impatient." These insights came like water to thirsty people.

A very good book about Korean culture is called *Korean Patterns*. Initially, many of us think that Korean culture and heavenly culture are almost the same. In some ways they are, but in other ways they are not.



Patrick and church halmôni.

There is something very special about the Korean people. From the Principle we know the historical significance of this tiny mountainous peninsula. From that perspective we can appreciate what these people have been through. As a result of the Korean peoples' long suffering and perseverance, they are emerging like diamonds popping out of the earth. They have a providential blessing. As I traveled around the country, I could sense that this country is quickly progressing. Besides that, everywhere you look you see children tied on the backs of their mothers by a blanket. Half of the population is under 20 years of age.

When the mobilization staff went to a concert in Seoul, we noticed that most



Beautiful A-Frame churches have been constructed around the country.

of the crowd were teenagers. They were so involved in and enthusiastic about the performance. Also, young and old alike love yute. They play on the sidewalks, throwing the sticks with great vigor. We could sense a really passionate side to the Korean people.

People work from early to late, seven days a week. When I would go back to our church around 11:00 p.m., I would see many people, young and old, still working. The shops are usually open till ten or eleven, and street vendors stay out equally late. They are strong people; 50 or 60 year old people work in the fields all day long. It's inspiring how diligent they are, but I also feel that people that age shouldn't have to work so hard; you can see in their faces that it takes its toll.

Blessed Families in Korea

One of the most precious opportunities we have in Korea is to live with elder blessed couples. That means eating, praying, working, and sometimes sleeping with them. Also, to see the relationship between the parents and children gave me much hope for the future of the world. Our True Parents' love and tradition can be experienced in many church centers through the church leader and his family. One major point we noticed is that we took our baggage of fallen nature with us to Korea, where it was magnified and exposed, especially to ourselves. Yet I could watch the church leaders digesting all kinds of different situations with the heart of our True Parents. Sometimes they would scold us and sometimes be patient, depending on what was needed.

Last year Father initiated the providence of the blessed wives going to

their hometown for three years. So at a number of centers I went to, the one who was cooking meals for everyone was a 777 Couple wife. It was amazing to see our elder sisters serving and cooking for the members. This is their second year of separation from their family; some of the younger children are with them but the older children who attend school stayed with the father. It is the providence of tribal messiahship. The few times that I saw Father, that was his topic. The direction is to witness, which seems to be the same in America, too.

Testimonies

I would like to share some of the testimonies I heard while I was there. First is the story of a Japanese sister who was blessed to a Korean brother from the 124 Couples Blessing. Father prayed at the blessing time in 1982 to protect her because he knew that to fulfill this position would be almost impossible. She then moved with her husband to Korea. For six years she felt completely ignored by the pastor and during that time she felt the only communication from

church elders was when she did something wrong—then they would scold her. In her dreams Korean soldiers would attack her with knives and try to kill her. But she would say, "Don't kill me; I have to pay this indemnity." She prayed for the liberation of those who were resentful to her and to Japan. After six years she was victorious. Now she helps others in similar situations. She feels responsible



Enjoying McCool after a mountain walk.

to help them overcome their pain and suffering by understanding the historical significance of their course.

One older sister had joined the church in 1958 and remembers when Father first said that Westerners would come

I could watch the church leaders digesting all kinds of different situations with the heart of our True Parents.

to Korea. I was the first Western brother that she had ever seen, and she started crying because Father's words were finally manifested.

The wife of the pastor in a town near Taegu shared with us about the responsibility of blessed couples. The biggest responsibility is to follow Father's direction. That's all. Just follow what Father wants. She gave an example of one couple. Years ago Father could see everyone was getting too comfortable with their missions and decided to have a lottery so that the church leaders could pick new missions. One church pastor had picked to become a printer. But he didn't want to be a printer. So he convinced the printer to stay a printer, and he stayed as the pastor. A little while later there were many serious misfortunes among his church congregation, and he realized he had to repent because he had not followed Father's directions. She said it so simply: just follow Father's directions.

In the town of Kumi, I met another of our elder sisters. She has been a member since the late 1950's. She is slightly bent over but everyday she passes out



A Segye Ilbo 3 a.m. delivery team.

the *Segye Ilbo* with great enthusiasm. She is a source of inspiration for everyone. She feels so indebted that she can't do enough. As she shared her testimony with us, tears came to her eyes because of the days when it was so much more difficult than it is now.

Witnessing

The Koreans have had their country invaded so many times that they sometimes don't want foreigners. The persecution is not so clear to us sometimes because of the language barrier. I think that the Japanese have much more obvious persecution than we do. Father told the Japanese members blessed to Korean spouses that they were there to heal the hatred the Koreans have for the Japanese. Through their true love the Koreans will repent for their hatred.

As soon as you mention Unification Church, people might be very quick to say "I don't like your church" but they

are friendly about how they do it. It seems similar to the persecution here; no one has really checked it out for themselves. Persecution has been so strong in the past, but now many of our Western members are bringing high level people, like doctors and principals, to Sunday Service. There have been a number of testimonies about how vigorously the Western members witness. So a lot of people are coming; some are signing membership already and going to 7-day and 21-day workshop. There are a number of spiritual children.

The Koreans haven't had so much intercultural experience; they need to become more worldwide people, too. My realization is that we are like the fore-runners of the International Highway, which will provide a way for all people to come to Korea in the future. When we get out into these small cities, they have never seen foreigners.

Many of our brothers and sisters

have a hard time feeling their value because their result is often more internal than external. One elder said distributing the papers is like distributing Holy Salt all over the nation, every day to every house, and that our result is more internal. This reassured us. After breakfast, we have Korean self-study, and then witnessing and home church a bit in the afternoon. Video centers are opening up around the country and many guests are coming.

The first three months definitely seemed like the foundation stage, so the next three months will be the growth stage in which we expect even more challenges. The Western members will have to take more responsibility after our initial adjustment stage. It is time to be more serious and to invest more in learning Korean and understanding in our hearts why our True Parents brought us to Korea. □



"Experiences of God"



An Interview with Brigitte Gross by Victoria Clevenger

After participating in the Blessing I was mobilized to Taegu City in the Kyung Sang Buk Do Region. I would really like to give tribute to the regional leader, a 777 Blessed Couple who has an incredibly clear mind and always seemed to do the right thing or approach the right person at the right time. His name is Rev. Lee Dong Han, but he was addressed as Kyoguchong-nim, which means "first leader." (The next person in the hierarchy is called Bukyohaechong-nim, which means "second leader.") When we first saw him, he looked quite serious, but the very first week we experienced how much he was personally involved with us. He was always teaching IFVOC or Divine Principle, or giving clear guidance and love to members and being out there with us. He was consistently a part of everybody's life. He was never just in his own little private area—his own family hardly ever saw him, but he would never turn us down if we came to talk to him. We felt God working through him and everything he did so that things always fell into place. It was very wonderful.

As the leader of the whole Kyung Sang Buk Do Region, he was teaching

IFVOC to people for the unification of North and South Korea. People were fascinated when he spoke because he was living it. It's somehow a different vibration; everybody wanted to be just like him. He understood Principle so well that, like Father, he didn't have to prepare to speak. People really treated him like Father, too. When he left the center, everybody came out to say good-bye. When he was with Father and couldn't be there, something was really missing, and when he came home, someone called ahead so that everybody would be expecting him. First he would sit down with us and always bring some gifts. His children would jump up and say hi to him, but he would just be with us first.

On Friday evenings he would al-

ways visit different home church families. He would give a little sermon there; everybody wanted him to visit.

In present day Korea, everybody lives practically on top of each other. When we would go to other families, they would invite so many people, but there wasn't any space. People would continuously come, even sitting out way into the hallway areas, just to pray



Brigitte (third from the left) with the church leader's family and several mobilized members.

together. Nobody calculates if there will be enough space: whoever comes, we will make space somehow.

Internal Guidance

Every Monday morning when we didn't have the newspaper to deliver, Rev. Lee would teach us Westerners something about the meaning of the Blessing, the meaning of witnessing, what it means to have faith, and so on. It took him a half an hour to say, with his dictionary, something that you can say in five minutes, but every sentence for me was like hearing God speak. He was such a channel of God, I felt almost like an empty cup experiencing an overflowing cup. One time was when he spoke about Jesus' words, "If you love me, feed my sheep." It just struck me how much maturity it takes to love. If you love your leader, you should take care of everybody else and give him the love in that way. Another time we had a meeting because according our schedule we were supposed to study at 9 a.m. and then have 10 o'clock prayer, but almost nobody was doing that. Some were sleeping, others were doing different things. So he gathered us all and said, "Now, what have you been doing?" Everyone had to state what they had been doing. He wasn't making us feel bad; he just wanted to remind us once again that we had a schedule. He would always make us stay centered, then the next moment he would embrace us. He would say in English that we should always tell ourselves "God speaks today. What am I doing now?" I started crying because I really felt this was true. It's now that matters—not the past or the future.

I could sense how distant I still was from God from experiencing someone who is already close to Him. I really felt I was in the presence of a saint. He was loved and respected by everybody, and was always there when something was needed. I felt like a child who was with a protective and embracing parent, so leaving him to come back to America where I felt more on my own was quite painful. I even wrote Father to let him know that someone is doing such a good job of helping and loving brothers and sisters. I think we should give tribute to those who have that kind of heart.

The external circumstances were

quite amazing. We had rice three times a day with kimchee, or some other dishes, in a bowl that we would share. Many times the food was very unusual. But even though in Korea they don't have much money, they always tried to give us extra and special things. Sometimes they gave us what they called bread, but really it was like cake, or they would get eggs for us or something else that felt like home a little.

In most places there is only cold water. You go to public bath houses to bathe. In our center we did have warm water, but in the morning someone was always out there shouting "Bali, bali" meaning "quickly, quickly" when you were taking a shower.

Schedule

In our schedule, wake up time was 4:00 a.m.; 4:30 we prepared the *Segye Ilbo* papers; 5:00 was prayer time. We also had a slogan every morning that was said in Korean, English, and Japanese. After the 5:00 prayer and slogan, we would go out with the papers and do our route, which was anything within walking distance, sometimes even 45 minutes

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away. Almost no one has a personal car in the church in Korea; there are only vans. And most people cannot drive; not even our church leader could drive. A couple of brothers did all the driving and if they were not around, you just walked everywhere.

Everyday we would do a different area, so different people could see the *Segye Ilbo*. The Korean brothers had a certain route for subscribers and dropped the papers off for them everyday.

From 9 to 10 a.m. was Divine Principle study. The Western members would

sit down together, read a page and then discuss it. Then the Koreans would study on their own; they would just write Divine Principle. From 10 to 12 noon we would study Korean on our own.

Noon was lunch time, and in the afternoon we went out getting subscrip-



Commemoration ceremony for 47 years separation of North and South Korea.

tions for *Segye Ilbo* and witnessing. It seems that the people on higher levels are more respectful of us than the poor people of Korea, perhaps because they know that Father is helping Korea's development. It was mostly established Christians and communists who didn't seem to like our church.

Evening time was either study or visiting home church families; the whole church center (about 20 people) as a group would visit them. People from nearby home churches would also meet together every Friday. On Wednesday evenings there was a prayer and Divine Principle study meeting. On both Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings there were services, all in Korean. Everybody would come to those. Afterwards they would ask us to sing a song from our countries. They also wanted us to try to sing Korean songs to help us learn the language. We were even asked to sing on the radio—one Portuguese sister, myself and three Japanese sisters together.

The slogan that Kyoguchong-nim gave us to say every morning after prayer was "Let's dominate ourselves, love Cain, and develop the heart to restore all things." Actually, one day I really didn't want to say it, but I wanted

to understand why our leader desired that we say it. I wanted to not just say this slogan, but to truly overcome myself, sincerely love Cain, and restore everything. Then a Korean brother and I went witnessing and trying to get subscriptions for *Segye Times*. At one point, he asked me if I could write down the slogan for him in English so he could learn more English. I asked him to write it down in Korean for me. Just as I was writing "Let's love Cain", a girl came up trying to see what we were doing. She was about 27 years old and spoke good English. In this way, without any coaxing, she came to a couple of lectures on the Divine Principle and was very moved by our leader, who promised he would teach her about God, since she was a Buddhist and did not believe in a personal God.

Sacrificial examples

One time a very outspoken Japanese sister asked why we shouldn't sit on the four chairs reserved for leaders in our

meeting room. Of course the reason was to show respect, but the answer they gave in English was, "It's an order system you should follow." She said, "What about love system?" And Kyoguchongnim said, "Love system is in your room." I really noticed that's how it is in Korea. "Love system is in your room, in your private time." When you are doing your public mission, hard work is number one. You're not just being sweet to each other, you really concentrate on what you have to do. In a private moment you might have a close personal conversation; but in the actual mission there would again be that respect and a certain distance.

I want to mention that the kitchen sisters were absolutely beautiful people—so serving all day long. One sister had been doing it for eight years, ever since she had come to the church. And there it's a very respected job.

I was deeply moved also by an 1800 Couple wife. Her three daughters were in Pusan with her husband, a professor,

and she was with her little son witnessing in her hometown. She was the most sacrificial person, always caring for everybody else, even though I'm sure she had a lot of pain being away from her family. I never saw any down periods. She said she would always work it out between herself and God, or with her husband when they talked. The Koreans seem to be able to hide their difficult times and forget themselves, whereas everyone knows when a Western member is struggling. Even when we left, they tried to smile at us though I knew they felt just like us who were crying.

I never cried because of external difficulties—the cold or lack of sleeping space or food—none of that really mattered. The times we actually cried tears were when we experienced God through a person, or when we were confronted with our own limitations. Such experiences of God were the most precious memories of my time in the Fatherland.



"On the Path to Oneness"



The following is a letter to his Japanese wife written in March 1989 by a 1275 Couple American brother mobilized in Korea. The sister who translated his letter into Japanese suggested he send it to Today's World, which he did, requesting that it be printed anonymously. We offer it as a testimony to the mobilization experience in Korea and as an expression of the kind of heart toward the Blessing that heaven must rejoice in.

Pease and love to you, my dear wife, in the Name and heart of our most beloved and precious True Parents.

Our day starts at 5:00 a.m. We put together newspaper packages for our Korean newspaper *Segye Ilbo*. Then breakfast at 8:00 a.m. The Korean food is a different experience for me, although I'm not severely challenged by it. It is very healthy and for the most part is made to taste very good. Much of God's love goes into the cooking.

Each day of our life here is quite the same in regards to our activity. A lot of time is spent studying Korean. Traveling to the villages provides us the opportunity to see the countryside, and we have done some sightseeing. The South Korean peninsula is full of small mountains. The sight of many mountain ridges stretched out across the land is incredibly beautiful. To look upon such masculine beauty and consider God's

heart and love brings tears to my eyes.

Today was a very joyful day. After breakfast we journeyed to a village where we have a nice, clean little church. It is made of a rich reddish-brown-colored brick and is quite new-looking amidst all the shacks of the village. From a distance it's great to see a big Unification symbol atop the building.

There are several villages surrounding the church. We split up into teams of three and visited all the villages and homes inviting everyone to come hear a lecture on VOC. Around 150 people came, including the president of the township and other leaders. The spiritual environment was so high. Everyone sat on the floor except the elders, leaders, and us, the foreign members. One man, from the 430 Couple Blessing, gave the first lecture. He spoke softly compared to most Koreans, but had the audience laughing most of the time. The second speaker was from the 1800

Couple Blessing. He spoke very strongly, even shouting for almost one hour, so passionate was his effort. Then we foreign members introduced ourselves and sang five Korean songs, finishing with a cheer also in Korean. The cheer in English is: "We came to Korea for the liberation of North Korea and the unity of North and South." In the lectures the people were very happy to hear that many Japanese and American people have come to True Parents. I believe our very presence here has a profound and deep effect. We are treated so well by all the Korean people. With many smiles and greetings they seem genuinely inspired to see us.

On the drive back home I experienced God's heart deeply. I had to repent for ever abandoning Him and for ever acting and speaking without being sensitive to His heart. I deeply felt His love and when you feel God's love, you must also feel His pain, His tears, and His longing to bring all His children home.

In our lives there is much we may do to take responsibility. A great responsibility we may fulfill in our physical lifetime is to bring joy to God through our Blessing and to offer Him children with-

out sin. The heartistic is the priority—then the external details fall into place. As we grow to be absolute in our love of God and True Parents, we can offer God joy by truly loving each other. It pains my heart to see someone using their resentment to cause pain and difficulty for the spouse True Parents gave them. And it usually is over small external things—like thinking with a small mind.

Perhaps my words are a bit premature, but I am seriously dedicated to love you with God's true love. First because we absolutely must not be a source of pain and sorrow to God when He looks upon us. We must live to inspire True Parents, and all our brothers and sisters, by an example of deeply



Several members participate in a city parade.

loving each other centering on God, and embracing others with this love. Second, I am dedicated to you because you are God's daughter. I know the future is not all joy and gladness, and restoration must take its course. Our ancestors may still be enemies. However my determination is to never take you for granted and always remind myself you are first a daughter of God.

We are now on the path to oneness. It need not be long though many are making it very long. If nothing else we must totally erase our own concept about each other. We must have no expectations and receive each other based on the fact that we love God and True Parents, and do our best to fulfill our responsibility.

I feel God's love for you and think of you very often. When I touch or look at

My First Three Months in the Fatherland

by Stephanie Newman

Now the weather is very warm, but in February the ground was rock hard and snow was in the air! On February 1 we offered a deep prayer and then gingerly went out—anywhere. My feeling was just to give the paper to everybody. I approached two young high school students waiting at the bus stop. They took a paper—God's Providence had begun! I met one kind halmôni cleaning her kitchen and she

took a paper. Another man said (in Korean) that he couldn't buy it, but I replied saying there was no charge. He smiled and took a paper. These are such precious memories from my first day delivering the *Se-gye Ilbo*. Five shiny blue bicycles appeared in our office soon after our arrival in our chosen province. These were followed by jackets, carry bags, and wet weather gear. We have truly been given so much external and internal love and care by the Korean family and non-family members alike. The mayor of Taechon City, the largest city in this province, gave presents of long underwear to all the brothers

and sisters working in this province. Doing a newspaper route in the early morning one can hear many dogs, cats, and roosters. Even at such an early hour—before sunrise—the rubbish collectors are out, sometimes singing happy songs; street cleaners are sweeping

up the remaining debris, and by 6:30 a.m. the day has begun for most shopkeepers.

There is so much tradition here in Korea, both in a formal and informal sense. There is a genuine feeling of trust and friendship. If you really need to go somewhere in a hurry, you can hail an occupied taxi and see if he is going in the same direction! On the buses the fare is paid into a plastic box, without the scrutinizing eye of a bus driver. Children are given priority for seats in certain situations. Large carry bags can be handed to anyone who is sitting down by those who have to stand. When a new shop opens up, all the close friends and associates are invited. They attend, bringing gifts of decorated shrubs and plants. Brightly-colored ribbons, with words of good fortune, and circular flower banners decorate the sidewalk.

The tradition of spring is beautiful to behold! At a nearby major intersection there was a vacant corner that I used as a shortcut. But now it has been transformed into a pretty pansy bed of white, yellow and purple flowers. Soft green grass is growing along the riverside; magnolia trees have magnificently announced the arrival of spring.

The first three months have indeed been so special despite the obvious difficulties in adapting to life in a different country. May the following three see a greater accomplishment that can be offered to our True Parents, from all the brothers and sisters called, chosen and sealed for this historic mobilization. □

my ring I try to reach out in oneness with you. Please know that I have longings and desires that are natural and real and growing to purity. But I consider these desires for love to be secondary to our responsibility to bring joy to God. Everything must be for God. I believe very much that you and I will accomplish this goal. I feel deep gratitude to God and True Parents for helping me become who I am and for blessing me with you. I pray for your family.

May God bless you and embrace you in His great love at this time.

In Their Names,
Eternally - your husband

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"God and Love Festival"

by Rev. Wayne Miller
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On Sunday, April 2, 1989, the Unification Church of New York held an exciting celebration for members and guests, called the "God and Love Festival," at the Manhattan Center on 34th Street. The Manhattan Center was filled to capacity with 1,200 people, including over 500 guests.

The festival was initiated and directed by Reverend Joong Hyun Pak, Regional Director in New York City, and was the fourth of a series of monthly revival meetings for Unification Church members in New York. What made this event different, however, was that the festival was designed expressly to begin a new phase of witnessing activity: to introduce the public to the Unification Church—both to the teachings and the practice. Therefore, all the various departments and organizations of our movement were invited to create a display of their activities in the hall where the Festival took place.

The "God and Love Festival" was part of the national revival tour conducted by President Baughman and his HSA staff, and combined uplifting music with inspiring talks from some of our Church's top leadership. Rev. Levy Daugherty, with considerable experience as the coordinator of Interdenominational Conferences for Clergy in Korea, was a most warm and talented Master of Ceremonies. Dr. Mose Durst, Chairman of the Board, gave a personal testimony entitled "Discovering True Love." Reverend Takeru Kamiyama also gave a testimony on "Experiencing True Love," in which he recounted some of his experiences in prison with Father.

Keynote speech

The keynote speech of the festival was a talk embracing the theme "True Love in the Big Apple," by Reverend James A. Baughman, the new president of the Unification Church of America. President Baughman spoke passionately of New York's need for true love, and the need for each person to become a messiah to his family, tribe, and community. His address was warmly received

and was interrupted several times by applause.

Deeply inspiring music was provided by Joe and Felicia Longo, Georgia Lewis, Sheila Vaughn, Brian Saunders, Kevin Pickard, and many others from the Manhattan Center staff and the Unification Church Performing Arts Department. Among the many songs they performed, most were written by the artists themselves. Some of the music, such as "He is Reaching Out to You," by Mrs. Lewis, was written specifically for the Festival.

One of the things that contributed significantly to the success of the "God and Love Festival" was the mobilization of all Unification Church members in the New York City area as "tribal messiahs." At his speech on March 19, Father told church members that, from now on, they should be "messiahs" for their communities, their families, and their clans or tribes. Subsequently, fifty teams with twenty members each were formed, and assigned to work in specific areas of New York City. Their purpose is to help bring God back into the daily lives of New Yorkers. One of the

first opportunities for these teams to work together was in support of the God and Love Festival, which they did with great enthusiasm.

Another factor which contributed to the large number of people who attended the Festival was the wonderful cooperation and unity among the leaders of all the various departments and other organizations in the New York City area. At a department leaders meeting on March 9 at the National Headquarters building, Reverend Kamiyama spoke about the importance of God-centered unity as the basis for the Kingdom of Heaven. He then pledged his full support and the support of all the members he represented for the Festival. His example moved the hearts of those in attendance, and everyone committed themselves to working together with Rev. Pak and the New York Church for the sake of the Festival's success.

Under Rev. Pak's leadership, the "God and Love Festival" was coordinated by Rev. Hiroshi Matsuzaki of Happy World and myself, pastor of the Unification Church of Manhattan. The staff

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Uplifting musical performances inspire the audience—a distinctive New York skyline enhances the background.

Revival Tour

BOSTON REVIVAL

Rev. Sung San Lee of Region 1 set the tone and inspiration at the outset of the Boston area's March 1989 revival campaign by asking brothers and sisters "How can we here in America best support this year's motto, 'Unification of the Fatherland'?" Quoting from Father's words at Chongpa Dong Headquarters Church before he left Korea to come to America—"Let us unite for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand"—Rev. Lee explained that Father's message was that through unification of the mind and body, unification of husband and wife, unification of the church within the Unification movement, and unification of the tribe, the unification of Korea will be accomplished. Emphasizing Father's direction to witness, Rev. Lee asked all brothers and sisters, no matter what their missions, to fully participate in the revival effort.

This was fulfilled as 186 members in the region participated in the March event. From the revival witnessing, March 11-15, there were 79 lecture and evening program guests, 24 two-day workshop guests, and six five-day workshop guests. At the end of the revival, there was a region-wide leaders meeting where it was agreed to continue to witness through a monthly regional revival and workshop program.

Continuing from this hopeful start, the region plans to strengthen its unity and increase membership in all depart-

ments, and thus truly unite with Father's heart and will.

SEATTLE REVIVAL

In Seattle, there was a similar outpouring of the revival spirit. Father visited Region 9 in December 1988, calling it a "seed foundation" place and asking that witnessing be the focus there; therefore, witnessing preparations were already underway when the revival tour team visited in early March 1989.

Over 200 members participated at the two days of general membership revivals. On fire from the inspirational messages of President Baughman and other speakers, and uplifted by the music of the New Vision Band, brothers and sisters went out that week and brought many guests to the weekend workshop conducted by Rev. Kevin McCarthy.

President Baughman and Dr. Mose Durst were able to appear on two radio shows rebutting a newspaper article printed in the *Seattle Times* just days before the revival was held.

As in other revivals being held in cities around the country, there was renewed determination and hope that through the unity of members in our church centers, departments, and businesses in the movement, we are on the way to reviving America, supporting the unification of Korea, and building the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. □



Rev. Bruce Williams prays at the Boston revival.

included many wonderful brothers and sisters from the New York area, who worked tirelessly for many days to make the Festival a resounding success.

Awards dinner

On April 27, with money that had been given through our True Father to the New York City Region, New York Church held a celebration and awards dinner as a way of thanking those people who contributed to the success of the Festival. This included the Festival staff, the New York City Regional center members, all department and tribe leaders, the Manhattan Center and Performing Arts staffs, and, most importantly, those members who had brought the most guests to the Festival.

Gifts were awarded to the Festival speakers and the M.C., and to those departments, organizations and individual members which brought the most guests. The winning departments and organizations were: the World Mission Center staff under Mr. Nakata, Rev. John Kung and the Unification Church of Queens, Rev. Matsuzaki and the Happy Witnessing Team, and Antonio Betancourt, Special Projects.

The prize-winning individuals were: Takayoshi Kawai of the World Mission Center (23 guests), Roxanne Bailey of Brooklyn Church (16 guests), Maria Valerio of New York Church Witnessing Team (15 guests), and Annie Forsythe Hayashi of HSA staff (14 guests). □



President James Baughman and the revival tour staff lead several songs at the Seattle revival.

We have been inviting you, our readers, to submit sincere and thoughtful articles about an aspect or aspects of your spiritual life, as historical contributions to a record of our LIFE IN THE FIRST DAYS of the ideal world. We welcome your realizations and experiences. We are primarily looking for content—so please don't worry if your English writing ability isn't perfect. With your contribution include your name, address, telephone number, physical and spiritual ages, and major missions you have had. Please specify if you do not wish your name to be used. If the piece is published, you will receive a partial subscription to Today's World.

In this month's issue, we present a contribution from Linda Shapiro, one of the recently appointed tribal community leaders in the New York City area. It demonstrates the willingness of spiritual world to help us in this new providence.

"God Is With Us"

by Linda Shapiro

"Be strong and of good Courage... for God is with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9

I and my assistant, Alex Smyth, had a wonderful experience in early April while searching for a house in our tribal area. We would like to share this with brothers and sisters to demonstrate how God and the spiritual world are ready to provide so much help at this time in the providence.

Prior to the announcement of the tribal messiah providence, I had decided that if I were to move from New Jersey, where I was living, to New York, Staten Island would be the place I would go. My late husband, Lee Shapiro, martyred at the hands of communists in Afghanistan, had planned to set up residence in Staten Island.

I was given my choice of areas and picked Staten Island. Then I spent one hour in tearful prayer asking God how I could possibly accomplish this mission, because I had been asked to teach the new 21-day workshop program, and had other responsibilities as well. Nonetheless, I pledged to God that I would accomplish the mission. Still, concerned about the amount of time I could devote to it, I pleaded with God to send me an assistant.

As I sat in the Staten Island church center, exhausted after my second day of house searching, the telephone rang. It was Alex Smyth, a brother who worked in the fish business in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Although all the members working in the plant could have moved to New Jersey if they so chose, Alex felt

strongly drawn to Staten Island because it was the area given to him as a result of Father's original directions on March 19.

It would not be easy for Alex to live together with the members in his original tribe in Staten Island because their schedule is totally opposite to his own. Rev. Pak had given permission to change areas in such circumstances.

Alex knew something about my situation and was calling to ask "if I wouldn't mind" if he joined my tribe and helped me as an assistant. I felt it was an answer to my prayers. God surely had some base to work in this way because Alex himself had been in Af-

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ghanistan in 1977, prior to the communist takeover. I feel perhaps Lee was influencing the situation.

Just as Joshua had a three day period before crossing the River Jordan, it took three days for Alex and myself to find our Canaan in Staten Island. On that third day we were determined to find the house no matter what. After eight hours of back-to-back appointments, the choice had been narrowed down to two places. Alex made a checklist, but after listing the good and bad points of each, the result was a deadlock.

I prayed and received the message:

"Where is the oldest area in Staten Island?" Looking around me I noticed an elderly couple and asked them if they knew. Very emphatically the husband said: "Go to Richmondtown!" Suddenly, Alex remembered that he had actually called someone in Richmondtown and had been given directions to the house, but had not included it in the list of appointments! Was God keeping it until the last moment?

As we drove to the area, I began to speak very emphatically about how something historical needed to be restored in this area. Later Alex commented to me that he could feel spiritual world speaking through me. I am very spiritually attuned and often receive messages from my husband Lee in the spiritual world.

Richmondtown, founded in the late 1600's, is the oldest settlement in Staten Island, and a vigorous restoration project is going on in the area. Also, Mother Elizabeth Seton, the first saint canonized in America, was born there.

Later, in prayer, I felt Mother Seton's spirit so closely and I cried deeply, feeling that Mother Seton was so happy that someone had come to bring the True Parents' love to her home.

The house that we found was ideal, too. What we learned from this experience is that God is with us just as He was with the Isrealites. Just go with confidence and prayer and connect to the vertical providence of restoring the ancestors in your area. Then God will provide for your practical needs as well.

Hallelujah! □

TODAY IS THE 30TH
ANNIVERSARY OF PARENTS'
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IMPORTANT PARENTS' DAY,
BUT IN THE YEAR 2,000 WE
ARE GOING TO CELEBRATE
THE 40TH PARENTS' DAY.
THANK GOD, BY THEN
THE KINGDOM OF GOD
SHALL BE ON EARTH.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon
April 6, 1989