

FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Yong-cheon Song - Special Qualities of Koreans as Chosen People

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Entering the Kingdom. Illustration used by Dr. Yong-cheon Song during his speech Oct. 11, 2024

Dr. Yong-cheon Song spelling out vision for the Kingdom of Heaven and aspects of the Korean heritage making them a chosen people

Extracts from a speech given by Yong-cheon Song, International President of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#), at a prayer meeting for leaders and members in Gapyeong, South Korea 11th October 2024. Translated from Korean. Slightly edited.

In order to fulfill the duty of filial piety to our Heavenly Parent and the [True Parents](#), I earnestly pray that our Heavenly Parent's grace and love will be with you, your families, and your churches, as you attend this special prayer vigil [...]. Last Wednesday, 9th October, was Hangul Day [Editor's note: Day of the Korean alphabet]. Following [True Mother's](#) words, pastors from across Korea gathered to receive education on the "Epic of the Koreans as a Chosen People". [True Mother](#) emphasized that this education should be received by all [blessed](#) families worldwide.

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Dr. Yong-cheon Song delivering his message Oct. 11, 2024

Today, I would like to briefly share why we need to receive this education, especially at this time [...].

In the days before GPS, navigators would maintain their course by setting two or more landmarks when land was visible, not just one. This was a visual method to minimize the impact of wind, currents, and waves and to prevent straying from the path. This approach is also useful in companies and organizations. One management technique involves achieving results by considering four perspectives: finance, customers, processes, and learning.

It also teaches the important lesson that, in order to achieve consistent results, we must pursue not only short-term goals like visible sales, but also mid-to-long-term goals like vision and customer trust.

Saint Paul said in 1 Corinthians 7:32-34,

"I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord, but the married man is anxious about worldly affairs, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided." (RSV)



Saint Paul (ca. 10-67 AD), one of the apostles of the early church and author of several letters in the New Testament

Through these words, he emphasized that remaining unmarried could be spiritually more beneficial. However, if Paul had considered not only the life of Jesus, but also his role, mission, and vision - if Paul had looked not only at Jesus but also at what Jesus had been facing - Paul's thoughts and conclusions might have been different.

[True Mother](#) holds a grand vision for the next 100 years. After the entrance ceremony next year (of the Cheonil Sanctum), she is preparing to usher in a new era and history based on the [True Parents'](#) Discourse, and the "Epic of the Koreans as a Chosen People". What is important is that this vision must take root and be realized in the hearts and homes of us all. [...].

Thus, it is not enough to simply look at [True Mother](#); we must also look at the vision she has. To this end, [True Mother](#) has gifted us with a compass and map for life through the "Epic of the Koreans as a Chosen People".

Today, I would like to summarize the three visions that the upcoming education on the Epic of a Chosen People will reveal to us.

First, the "Epic of the Koreans as a Chosen People" contains secrets hidden in the "6,000 years" of history. [True Mother](#) has revealed this because the time has come. It includes previously undisclosed truths about the essence of our Heavenly Parent, the hidden truth of Korea's Christian missionary history, the preparation process for the emergence of the [Only-begotten daughter](#), and more.



[Mother Moon](#) in 2024

Just as the Bible recorded our Heavenly Parent's [providential](#) history, the "Epic of the Koreans as a Chosen People" reveals Heavenly Parent's work in the history of the Korean people [...].

Thus, this epic can be considered a compass that guides us from the suffering of this era to a better world.

Second, the "Epic of the Koreans as a Chosen People" is the result of [True Mother's](#) devotion, prepared in alignment with the [providential](#) timeline for one specific day. That one day is the entrance ceremony of the Cheonwon Temple (Palace) and Cheonil Sanctum. It is the day that signifies the completion of Heaven's [providence](#) and the fulfillment of human

history. [...] It is the moment when a new tradition and culture centered on Heaven begins.

It is also the day that proclaims to the entire world that the era of a [Kingdom of Heaven](#) (in Korean: [Cheonilguk](#)), characterized by freedom, peace, unity, and happiness, has finally arrived. Therefore, [...] [True Mother](#) has instructed all of us to embrace this entrance ceremony with renewed energy, clearing away our past standards, frameworks, and thoughts, and aligning with the flow of the new era to create a new tradition and a new culture.

Third, the "Epic of the Koreans as a Chosen People" visually expresses to humanity the history of Heaven's chosen people through culture and arts, such as paintings. It conveys the spirit and life of the Korean people centered on Heaven.



The Chinese character for *hyo* (filial piety). In the character a son, 子 (Korean *ja*), carries an old man, 老 (Korean *no*), on his back

It contains the ideas of reverence for Heaven, the principle of "Hongik Ingan" [Editor's note: the official educational motto of South Korea, translated as "making the world a better place" or "helping people greatly" or "benefitting the human world greatly". It was the founding principle of the first Korean kingdom Gojoseon.], the philosophy of filial piety based on the principle of "hyo," and the culture of purity and fidelity. Through the history of the Korean people, the original ideal of creation that our Heavenly Parent has desired is reflected.

Through this, after the entrance ceremony, individuals, families, tribes, peoples, and nations will gain inspiration and teachings on how to live.

If all of humanity lives according to the spirit of filial piety that [True Mother](#) speaks of, we will be able to solve all the fundamental problems facing humanity today. It will also provide the answer to

fulfilling Heavenly Parent's long-cherished dream of realizing "one family under [God](#)".

[...] Dr. Emanuel Pastreich, who studied East Asian culture at Harvard University, made a similar argument in his book "A Republic of Korea that Koreans do not understand" [Editor's note: only published in Korean]. He presented insights not only into understanding Korea but also into its potential and future, arguing that Korea has the potential to become the world's leading nation, and that the key to this lies in Korea's traditional culture. He emphasized that "filial piety" is at the core of the true identity of the Korean people and stressed the need for a modern reinterpretation of filial piety, as well as the importance of overcoming gender prejudices.

He also mentioned that by doing so, we would be able to find a solution to the severe global crises humanity faces today.

Through "Epic of the Koreans as a Chosen People", [True Mother](#) is deeply contemplating and devoting herself to establishing the tradition of the [Kingdom of Heaven](#) ([Cheonilguk](#)) and creating its culture as we enter a new era and a new history. She has instructed that the history of the Korean people be visually expressed and has guided the creation of appropriate music for this as well. [...]

I believe that this entire process cannot be accomplished by human wisdom and ability alone. It will certainly be realized when we receive the support of the spiritual world based on sincere devotional prayers offered here at Cheonshimwon [Editor's note: prayer hall located in Gapyeong], along with Heaven's wisdom and power. [...]



Emanuel Pastreich, American academic, author, and international relations expert. Serves as president of the Asia Institute, a think tank with offices in Washington DC, Tokyo, Seoul and Hanoi

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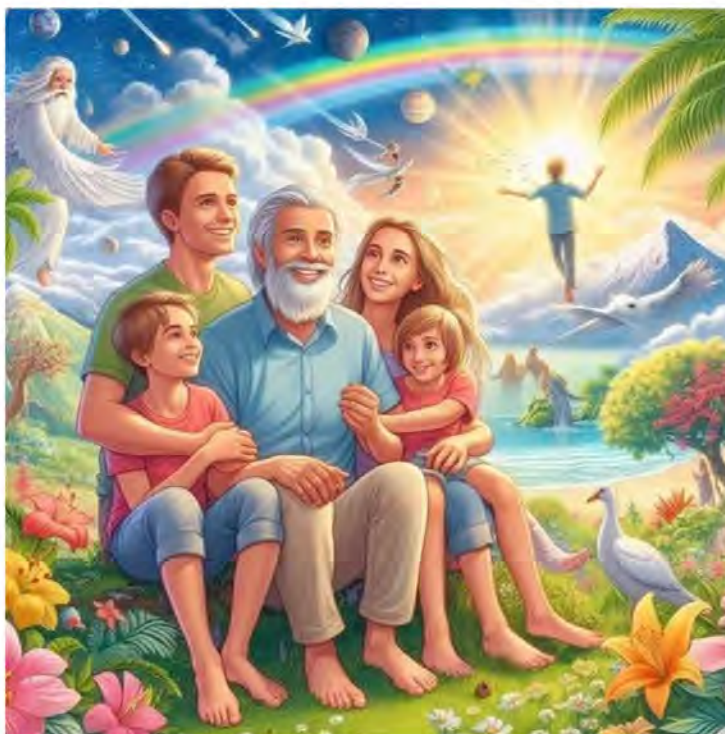
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The need to clearly understand our starting point and destination in order to experience the day when Heavenly Parent's dream comes true



Joo-hwa Lee giving her lecture 23rd August 2024. Photo: Screenshot from live transmission via PeaceTV.

The first part of a prize-winning presentation given by Joo-hwa Lee, a young South-Korean participant in a sermon competition held 23rd August 2024 as part of the events organized by the Family Federation in Gapyeong, South Korea commemorating the 12th anniversary of Father Moon's passing in 2012.

Today, I'll be giving a lecture based on presentation 5 from "The Status and Value of True Parents from the Viewpoint of Heaven's Providence".

The title of my speech will be "The Long Anticipated Day When Heavenly Parent's Dream Comes True".

Before I begin my lecture, I'd like to ask you one question,

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"What do you do when you get lost on your way to your destination?"

Most people will turn on their GPS, press their destination, and find out how to get there. In this way, when searching for directions, we set a starting point and a destination.

But what happens if we don't know one of these? It will clearly be difficult to find our way.

So, when I watch the news every morning, I feel like I'm living amidst various problems, like



Guided by GPS. Illustration: Microsoft Designer Image Creator, 24th August 2024.

- parents killing their own children or children killing their parents – parricide,
- obsessions,
- violence against one's partner in the name of love,
- citizens losing their lives,
- the war between Israel and Hamas,
- teenagers living isolated from the world after the coronavirus pandemic,
- school violence where the age of those committing crimes getting lower every year,
- natural disasters caused by humans,
- reckless destruction of nature, and so on.

In this kind of world, many of the future generation are giving up on the things they should enjoy and dream of. We are called the "endpoint generation".

In the midst of these countless problems, I came to think of this question:

"What is the origin of these numerous problems and such suffering?"

We have been struggling to solve these problems until now, but why couldn't we solve them? We can see that this is like having a destination called happiness but instead falling into a condition in which we lose the way, not knowing how to get there.

The apostle Paul expressed it like this in Romans 7:21-24,

"So I find this law at work: although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?" (NIV)



Saint Paul (ca. 10-67 AD), one of the apostles of the early church and author of several letters in the New Testament. From painting by El Greco, from Saint Louis Art Museum, Missouri, USA. Photo: Jonathunder / Wikimedia Commons. Public domain image

All problems and difficulties stem from the two minds of human beings. The multitude of humanity is unable to escape from the quagmire of this contradiction. [...]

[...] This contradictory nature of human beings brings about family contradictions and causes numerous problems through domestic violence, infidelity, divorce, and lack of family communication.

Such families create as well social contradictions. And this creates against social structures and institutions that oppress or create differences.

When such family contradictions form a nation and the world, just as Charles Tilly (1929-2008) said, "War made the state, and the state made war."

States inevitably fall into a national contradiction where war becomes a justification for forming the state. This leads to an increasingly deeper quagmire that cannot be controlled.



What happens when you are struggling to get out on your own from a quagmire? You are drawn deeper into it. So how can you get out of it? You can never get out of that quagmire without going through someone else.

Ultimately, we cannot solve this difficulty alone. The Messiah is therefore necessary to save us who have fallen into the quagmire.

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In a quagmire. Illustration:

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What is the common point of all
these problems discussed above?

To understand this, we must first
realize that there is a clear starting point from where the problems
began. It all started with the parent-child-relationship.

Everyone, since we have lost our original Parent, we struggle to solve this
in the present circumstances where we do not know our starting point
and our destination.

To solve this, we need to clearly understand our starting point and our
destination.

We need to know how to use GPS to go to the ultimate peace and
ultimate happiness.

Everyone, lets investigate the starting point. [...] In the beginning, our
Heavenly Parent had a dream. Our Heavenly Parent wanted to live with,
feel with, and share with the humans that He/She created.

Our
Heavenly
Parent
walked a
course of
waiting
and
waiting for
thousands
of years for



The character cheon (天) means "heaven" and consists of
the characters "two" (二) and "people" (人). From slide used
by Joo-hwa Lee. Photo: FFWPU

that day. And that day the dream begins is none other than the
proclamation of the **Kingdom of Heaven** – "Cheonilguk" in
Korean. **Cheonilguk** basically refers to a kingdom that starts when two
become one.

So, who are the two we're talking about here? It refers to a kingdom that
starts when the Heavenly Parent, who represents the spirit world, and
the **True Parents**, who represent the earthly world, became one.

Our Heavenly Parent wanted to become one with us human beings and
share His/Her heart with them. To live together as one was the purpose of
our Heavenly Parent creating human beings.

That point is where we are reborn as sons and daughters who become
what we humans were originally meant to be, a state that was lost
through the fall of Adam and Eve in the beginning.

The **Kingdom of Heaven** is like the "original garden" where we converse
with and live in harmony with our Heavenly Parent.

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Featured image above: A happy family in a **kingdom of heaven**.

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