

Opening Remarks by the Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Special Devotion for the Beginning of a New Era and New History

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1. Greetings (Mother's Update)

Respected and beloved Cheon Il Guk leaders, greetings!

I sincerely welcome all of you to the "Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Special Devotion to Begin a New Era and New History," hosted directly by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, especially Holy Mother Han. I also express my deepest gratitude to True Parents for allowing us to offer this special devotion.

This past August, I came to Korea and after closely attending True Mother for a month, I was once again struck by the realization that her sense of time far surpasses our own understanding. Living each day trying to do what can be done in a thousand years, True Mother often forgoes sleep, awaits morning meetings with leaders, and shares profound insights into Heaven's providence that she has contemplated throughout the night.

Recently, in preparation for the 60th anniversary of Heavenly Parent's Day, True Mother has been immersing herself in Heaven's providence with greater speed, depth, and seriousness than ever before. Even under physical strain, she lives each moment with unmatched sincerity and devotion. As her child, I live with a heart torn by my own shortcomings and feelings of remorse.

Nevertheless, True Mother continues to encourage us, expressing concern for the future of Korea and contemplating Heaven's providence together with members around the world. Through this, we are reminded once again that True Mother is truly Heaven's child, Heaven's daughter, and the Only Begotten Daughter.

Everyone, shall we all pray for True Mother's well-being and send her great strength and encouragement with a big round of applause? (Applause)

2. Purpose of Special Devotion

Beloved leaders,

The purpose of this "Special Devotion for Cheon Il Guk Leaders to Launch a New Era and New History" is singular. It is profoundly simple yet noble: to protect Holy Mother Han, True Mother.

True Mother has spoken these words:

"I am the final central figure in Heaven's providence. Until now, world religions have been male-centered and have failed to fulfill the fundamental principles of creation. But with the birth of the Only Begotten Daughter after 6,000 years, the principles of creation of the Creator—Heavenly Parent—are finally completed. Therefore, I have declared to all religious leaders around the world that we have reached the final destination, and now it is time to disembark and unite with Holy Mother Han."

Yes, that is exactly right. True Mother is the final "key" who brings closure to the 6,000-year history of Heaven's providence and opens a new era. That is why our purpose here is crystal clear. For these 13 days, we gather with one singular intention: to offer prayer and devotion for True Mother's well-being.

In True Mother's autobiography, there is a passage that reads:

"The heart is my eternal master. Prayer from the heart is the only pathway to God. Through such sincere prayer, even in the most desperate and perilous places, one can receive the grace of God and True Parents. By following the touch of that grace, we can ascend freely and joyfully to the Kingdom of Heaven."

She also confesses, "I spent most of my time in prayer, worship, and devotion."

True Father once said to True Mother,

"Thanks to your devotion and prayers, I am able to stand on this stage today."

True Mother is the one who has devoted her entire life in prayer and sincerity for True Father and for the fulfillment of Heaven's providence. That is why we earnestly ask that this 13-day period of special devotion be wholly dedicated to praying and offering sincerity for True Mother's well-being.

This is not a training workshop. As the name itself suggests, it is a "special devotion." Every part of the prepared program is a journey centered on True Mother's well-being, and at the heart of it all is prayer and devotion. For these 13 days, we ask again and again that your hearts and attention remain solely focused on True Mother, without forgetting this purpose for even a moment.

3. The Parable of the Ten Virgins

Respected leaders of Cheon Il Guk,

Around this time last year, True Mother concluded the 12th Anniversary Week of True Father's Holy Ascension and urgently called the leaders together to begin preparations for the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum Entrance Ceremony."

Sensing that Heaven's providence was more urgent than ever, True Mother began detailed planning for the entrance ceremony, which was just eight months away. She instructed the creation of majestic music to resound throughout the Cheon Il Sanctum and sought to build and convey the epic history of the Chosen Han People of Korea, expressed through

that music.

At the time, many leaders could not fully grasp the depth of True Mother's intention. But as time passed, the meaning of her words became clearer. True Mother had long been envisioning and planning out the Entrance Ceremony to welcome Heavenly Parent, and she had been pursuing it with utmost devotion and unity of heart.

In truth, the way True Mother perceives "time" differs greatly from our own understanding. The concept of "providential time" is profoundly important.

Even in the Bible, this idea of providential time is referenced.

In Matthew 25:1, Jesus shares the parable of the ten virgins to emphasize the importance of preparing for the Kingdom of Heaven and maintaining a vigilant faith.

Among the ten virgins who came out with lamps to meet the bridegroom, five were wise and had prepared enough oil, while the other five had not. As the bridegroom delayed his arrival, the lamps of the unprepared virgins went out, and they left to buy more oil. When the bridegroom finally arrived, only the five who were ready entered the wedding feast with him.

Through this parable, Jesus said:

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." (Matthew 25:13)

In other words, living with constant awareness of "providential time" and a prepared heart is essential to a life of faith. At the same time, this teaches us that to align with the providential time, we must be wise and thoroughly prepared.

So then, how can we truly recognize this "providential time"?

4. "Providential Time"

Beloved leaders of Cheon Il Guk,

Let us take a moment to center our hearts and imagine together. Picture a wall clock placed before you. It has three hands: the second hand, the minute hand, and the hour hand.

Can we tell the time by looking only at the second hand? No matter how closely we watch the ticking seconds, we cannot know the exact time. What about the minute hand? Even with careful observation, it still doesn't give us the full picture. To know the precise time, we must look at the hour hand. Only when all three—second, minute, and hour hands—move together does time reveal itself completely.

This is much like how we perceive providential time.

Psalm 31:15 declares, *"My times are in Your hands,"* reminding us that all our life and time ultimately belong to our Heavenly Parent.

Psalm 90:4 further testifies, *"A thousand years in Your sight are like a day that has just*

gone by, or like a watch in the night," showing us that Heaven's time and human time are fundamentally different.

Two thousand years ago, who was it that understood providential time? It was Jesus.

Jesus, entrusted with Heaven's mission, guided the time of heaven and earth. He told his disciples, *"No one knows the day or the hour."* In that era, the second and minute hands were the prophets and John the Baptist, but the hour hand was Jesus himself. Through Jesus, people could discern the providential time of that age and history.

Yet even the disciples could not clearly see the hour hand that Jesus pointed to, and so they failed to recognize the providential time.

After two thousand years, the Returning Messiah, True Father, who inherited the mission of Jesus, came to this earth. True Father understood "providential time" and manifested as the one responsible for this era and this history. When we look at the course of providence that True Father walked throughout his life, we clearly see that he always thought, acted, and proclaimed in alignment with Heaven's time.

One well-known story illustrates this: while still aboard the plane departing from the United States, True Father declared that upon arrival in Korea, he would immediately hold a rally with 50,000 participants. This was something that could never be explained by human calculation or wisdom—it was a clear testament to the workings of providential time.

If we were to compare Heaven's providence to the hands of a clock: The prophets of the Old Testament are the second hand. Jesus is the minute hand. And True Father, who walked the path of the Returning Messiah, is the hour hand. Only by looking at the hour hand can we fully understand the providential time. In this era and this history, the one who revealed Heaven's time was none other than True Father.

So now, in the 13th year of Cheon Il Guk, who is the one presiding over providential time? It is True Mother. As we enter the age of the opening, firm settlement, and completion of CHEON Il Guk, True Mother, as the Only Begotten Daughter of Heaven, is guiding the providence in the name of Holy Mother Han.

To truly understand the mysterious and profound time of Heaven—the providential moment—we must view time centered on True Mother. It is clear who is revealing the new era, the new history, and the providential time: it is Holy Mother Han, True Mother.

If you agree, please offer a heartfelt round of applause in gratitude to Holy Mother Han, True Mother. (Applause)

Many believers today try to grasp providential time by focusing only on the second hand of the clock. But they cannot fully understand it. The second and minute hands alone can never reveal the complete providential time. Only True Mother presides over the providential time of this era. And we must deeply realize why True Mother has proclaimed the "beginning of a new era and new history."

So then, what must we do?

We must correctly understand the flow of providence centered on True Mother, and clearly recognize the vision and goals we are meant to pursue. This holds even deeper meaning for you, the leaders of Cheon Il Guk who directly attend True Mother. Just as we can understand True Mother's role and providence through a wall clock, we must engrave Heaven's providence—centered on True Mother—into our hearts and live accordingly. Just as the three hands of a clock move in harmony to reveal the correct time, Heavenly Parent's providential time is fulfilled through True Mother.

True Mother teaches us the essence and principles of providence, and reveals the essence of our Heavenly Parent, the Creator, and the status of True Parents. Please never forget the precious significance of this. Only when we pray sincerely and focus our hearts can we stand as the true subjects of this age. Do you believe me?

If you believe, let's shout out loud, "Aju!" (Aju).

Everyone, to True Mother, who has granted us this new beginning in this new era and new history, we resolve to become leaders of Cheon Il Guk who make God our priority and become true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk. Please give one more round of applause in gratitude and resolve to Holy Mother Han, who has proclaimed the beginning of this new era and new history. (Applause)

5. Our Attitude

Beloved leaders,

The time of providence is already upon us. To fully inherit this golden age of the providence, our attitude toward Heaven is crucial. That attitude is "harmony and peace," as taught by True Mother.

At my inauguration as Director General, I pledged to faithfully fulfill my role as a bridge, consistently and purely conveying True Mother's will to blessed families and our brothers and sisters. Furthermore, I pledged to restore mutual trust and love, to experience the values of true love and true family first within our community, and to work together to create a vision that can be demonstrated in society.

Regarding True Mother's words, "Those who cultivate harmony and peacemakers are needed in this age," as values for our time, we will firmly establish a culture of harmony and peace within Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. And I want to walk that path hand in hand with all of you gathered here.

In that sense, this "Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Special Devotion for the Beginning of a New Era and New History" is a truly special occasion, commemorating the 13th anniversary of Cheon Il Guk and True Father's Seonghwa.

True Parents also said, "In order to be 'firmly settled' rather than just 'established,' one must match the number 13" (August 10, 2005). They said that the number 13 should be established by making the harmonious number 12 the center of the universe. During this period, we must become absolutely one with True Mother and, as true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk, achieve true harmony and peace within our community. Only then will we see the completion of the number 13 and the foundation for a new era and the beginning of a new history.

This 13-day special devotion is not a training session. Please thoroughly separate out any evil energy and spend this consecrated time solely in devotion and prayer. I urge each of you to have autonomy and initiative, thinking and speaking only of True Mother's well-being, and showing this in your lives. This time of devotion should center on your longing for True Mother, and, grounded in this longing for our parents, it should become a time for brothers, sisters, and leaders to yearn for and care for one another and become one.

During these 13 days of special devotion, I pray that you will become one with True Mother, Holy Mother Han, who is the master of a new era and new history, become the embodiment of harmony and peace, and become true children and public servants of Cheon Il Guk who fulfill their responsibilities as chosen people.