

Let Us Become True and Revered Ancestors

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Scriptural Reading before the Sermon:

1. Cheon Seong Gyeong Book 11:5:25
2. Revelation 19: 6-9

Good morning brothers and sisters!

Today is April 19, 2015 and March 1st in the HC. Today we celebrate the 56th "True Parents' Day." True Parents' Day is one of the eight (8) major holy days celebrated by Unification family members throughout the world. Happy True Parents' Day!!! Happy True Parents' Day!!! Happy True Parents' Day!!!

This morning, as we reflect and celebrate this unique, exceptional and unprecedented day, True Parents' Day, I want to speak to you on the topic "Let Us Become True and Revered Ancestors", Lets us become True and Revered Ancestors.

In Cheon Seong Gyeong Book 11:5:25, True Father, Father Moon teaches us that:

25. People of all races and nationalities throughout the world celebrate their many holidays. But up to now they have not able to celebrate Parents' Day. Only in 1960 was Parents' Day established in Korea. That day should be more joyful than the day of Korea's liberation. It should be more joyful than any other day when the world rejoices. This special day, Parents' Day was established by Unification Church, even as we were being pushed around and driven into a corner. Had this day not come, there would be no way to dissolve the bitter sorrow of heaven and earth. Had this day not been inaugurated, God could not have established a foothold of victory on this earth that is still Satan's world. It is the day when God determined His day of victory. Also, it is the day when believers can be liberated. It is the day when all the hopes held by all the ideologies in the cosmos are brought to a singular fulfillment, and the day when heaven and earth are re-created.

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As True Father taught there is no such thing as True Parents' day in the world. When we think about God

we automatically think about Adam and Eve, then we think about Jesus and Unification Church family members think about True Parents. Do you know what I am thinking about? I am thinking about blessed central families. I am thinking about you!

When God planned to create the Universe what did He imagine and dream about?

According to the Bible, God created the whole universe for human beings. So, when God planned to create the universe, Adam and Eve were in His mind. Ephesians 1:4 says "For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight." God thought about Adam and Eve. God prepared for the coming of Adam and Eve, His children. He created everything in preparation for the coming of His Children. God yearned for the coming of Adam and Eve. Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that after God created Adam and Eve, He saw that it was VERY GOOD, and He rested.

Adam and Eve existed in God's mind even before the creation of the universe. The whole universe was created for Adam and Eve.

After their creation, God blessed Adam and Eve asking them to "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Genesis 1:28).

God had expectations for Adam and Eve. God hoped that would grow, matured into beautiful, intelligent man and woman. God hoped that once they had matured, they would come together; they would marry with His blessing and form an everlasting couple which would bear children. The day of Adam and Eve's marriage would have been the most joyous day for God. It would have been a day when God's expectation was realized. That day would have been known as Parents Day. By multiplying and filling the earth, Adam and Eve would have become the true parents of humankind. Unfortunately, Adam and Eve fell and were kicked out of the Garden of Eden. They left in shame. With the fall, God lost His children; he never saw the parents he had so hoped for. As a result of the fall, we became the children of Satan that is why Jesus said in John 8:44 "You are of your father the devil and the desire of your father you want to do." As harsh as this statement may be it is the truth. Can anyone of us deny it? Can anyone of us claim that we are God's children? With the fall, we lost the ideal of a true couple and true parents.

Cheon Seong Gyeong 1220-22 tells us that If the first ancestors, Adam and Eve, had not fallen, humankind would have welcomed Parents' Day long ago.....

During the 6,000 years of human history, no one has ever thought about true parents' day. Because there has never been true parents since after Adam and Eve fell. There have been numerous saints and sages, but none of them has ever realized the position of Parents of Human. Was Abraham, Jacob, Noah, Moses a true parent? The only one in human history who was close to achieving true parenthood was the only begotten son of God, Jesus but he was killed before he could form a family. Jesus' hope is at his second coming is to find a bride and marry. The Book of Revelation refers to it as "The Marriage of the Lamb."

Revelation 19: 6-8

6 Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. 7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." 8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

'True Parents' Day' is a day celebrating the restoration of the parent after the fall of Adam and Eve. That prophecy was accomplished in March 1960 with the Blessing of True Parents in Korea and the proclamation of "True Parents' Day."

For Unification family members, "Parents' Day" holds several meanings:

1. It is the day of liberation of God

With the establishment of Parents' Day, God could be liberated from 6,000 years of agony of seeing human beings suffer under the yoke of Satan.

2. It is the day of liberation of humankind

With the establishment of Parents' Day, a new era dawn on humankind. Humankind was able to be engrafted and reconnected to God, its rightful owner.

3. It is the day of the opening of door of the kingdom of Heaven

Finally, Parents Day opened the door for human being to return to God, achieve the blessings proclaimed in Genesis 1:28, thus paving the way to realize God's Kingdom on earth and in heaven.

"Parents' Day" as I said last year is "couple's day." True Parents' Day is husband and wife's Day. If Adam and Eve did not fall, this day would have been celebrated as "Adam and Eve Day". Had Jesus not prematurely passed away and married, it would have been Jesus' couple Day.

On March 1st (lunar calendar) 1960, the "Marriage of the Lamb" prophesized in the book of Revelation was realized through the marriage blessing of True Father, Father Moon and True Mother, Mother Moon. That day was proclaimed as "True Parents' Day." Thanks to True Parents Day, we could be reborn as God's children, we could become blessed central families, families that will realize and inherit God's kingdom.

On True Parents' day children should congratulate their Parents. But before we do, we should once again think about Adam and Eve.

Until now, has anyone celebrated Adam and Eve, our ancestors? No, no one has celebrated them, no one has acknowledged them. Why haven't we? Because they were not exemplary parents. So who wants to end up like Adam and Eve?

Had Adam and Eve taken care of each other, respected each other, they may not have fallen. They would have become exemplary and good parents, celebrated throughout history.

So what should we do? We should celebrate and thank to our ancestors. We should become exemplary ancestors our descendants can be proud of and celebrate. To do that, we need to care for each other, love each other to fulfill God's word; then our children and descendants will revere us as exemplary ancestors.

Today is True Parents' Day. We all celebrate this historic day. I believe that Jesus would want us to learn from his sacrifice and become the 2nd Jesus, following in his footsteps instead of simply praising him about his sacrifice.

Today is True Parents' Day. Though it's important to give thanks to True Parents for creating this holy day, it's more important that we become True Parents ourselves. This will make True Parents even happier.

We need to testify about True Parents Day's tradition to the entire world. We need to spread True Parents' tradition and culture to the world; we as blessed couples should become its main characters.

That is why True Father said that the day Heaven's doors open, will be the day of God's victory, the day of the liberation of disciples, and the day God's wishes and ideologies unite.

In conclusion, "True Parents' Day" is the day of restoration of Adam and Eve. True Parents' Day is the day Jesus completed the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Because True Parents' Day is the world's greatest day, True Parents made it for blessed couples. It is the day we as couples, who received True Parents' traditions, can become the central figures. We need to firmly establish True Parents' tradition in order to become the center of that day.

Today is the day we should determine to become the True Parents of our descendants. For those who are married, please give a hug to your husband or wife; for those who are single or alone this time please shake hands, or slightly bow to one another. Lets' go forward this week and for the rest of our lives with the renew determination to respect one another, to care for one another, to love one another and to firmly establish True Parents' tradition and spread it throughout the world.

Thank you Heavenly Parent! Thank you True Parents! Brothers and sisters, happy True Parents' Day. God bless you.