

The Second Seven-Year Course

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This course was to establish the condition to save the nation of Korea in order to save the world and make the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. The family-level foundation is necessary, but the family-level cannot be directly transferred to the worldwide level. It must go through the second stage, the national level. God desperately needs one nation where His will can be done; otherwise, He cannot save the world. Two thousand years ago, Jesus was killed under the sovereignty of the Roman Empire and hundreds of thousands of Christians became martyrs, sacrificing their lives. Satan gained sovereignty and used national power to kill Jesus and the Christians. This is why God must claim His own nation in order to save the world. After the restoration of one nation, God can develop the restoration of the world. Even if it was only conditional, the second seven-year course was necessary to fulfill this.

In order to succeed in the second seven-year course, the Unification Church must become Abel and the nation, Cain. Abel must exceed Cain. The nation must welcome and follow the Unification Church. What, then, does the second seven-year course involve?

The salvation of the nation begins from the family. First, the family-level unified foundation is necessary. This means unity between the Messiah's family and the blessed families, between Abel's family and Cain's family. To accomplish this, Father asked the blessed wives to leave their families in order to serve God, from 1970 through 1972.

This period was the most crucial time for the nation of Korea, because Kim II-Sung was planning to invade the South. He declared that he would celebrate his 60th birthday, on April 15, 1972, in the city of Seoul. This meant that he was definitely planning to invade, especially during the winter months of the 1971-72 season. The nation was in turmoil!

Of this period, Father has said:

The second seven-year course is the one in which the blessed families had to take a major role. Their responsibility was to teach the government and nation how to treat the families of the nation. At the same time, as the families of the nation, they are teaching other families how to serve the nation. This second seven-year course was the period of total mobilization of the blessed couples. All the blessed couples in Korea and some abroad were mobilized to take up the torch. The wives took up the front line role because they had to experience what True Mother had experienced before them. They had to go the same route to learn that particular tribulation.

The major members of the Unification Church knew how incredible opposition would come to them. But they knew that the most accusation and criticism would go to me. They felt very protective of me, wanting to shield me and not let my name be tarnished. That's why the Unification Church core foundation has become so tight and strong. Therefore, the love of God is coming to my family and will be connected to the blessed couples. That inseparable bond between True Parents and blessed couples was made under overwhelmingly adverse conditions.

During these years of tribulation, unity was made with the people, and even unity between the

government and the people was enhanced by our heroic actions.

By doing so, a condition was established: by our members leaving their children for three years, all other people recognized their sacrificial work and came to value and respect our movement. Then they wanted to do something to help the children who were left behind. Thus, through the children, a link was made between our members and other churches and the common people. They formed a foundation for God's blessing to flow not only to the Unification Church but through us to all the people, even to negative Christians and people who criticized us.

The providence of the second seven-year course was such that I wanted to save the nation by sacrificing my own beloved family. That was the theme of it. It also made restitution for Jesus' time when incredible opposition came from Judaism. By offering the family as a sacrifice on the altar of God and going from the position of receiving the worse criticism to the position of welcome, a base was formed for the restitution of Jesus' ministry as well. Our members in Korea have successfully fulfilled the second seven-year course through their own portion of responsibility.

Thus, the family-level foundation was fulfilled between the Messiah's family and the blessed families.

The religious-level unified foundation also had to be established. Cain and Abel must be one once more. The Unification Church and Christianity must unite. If Esau obeyed Jacob from the beginning, Jacob wouldn't have had to go to Haran. But because they couldn't unite, Jacob went to Haran and suffered tribulation for 21 years. Then he came back and united with Esau. Twenty years ago, Father and the Unification Church were completely rejected by Christianity. Some Christian leaders even prayed that Father would die. But, just as Joseph forgave his 11 brothers because they took care of his father, Jacob, while Joseph was not there, after 21 years, Father forgave Christianity because it took care of Heavenly Father when Father was not there. He gave his love, service and truth to Christians. Many ministers came to receive the Divine Principle message and were completely amazed. At this time, we were building a new training center. Father himself worked with the members on the construction of the building. Even though his eyes were often reddened by exhaustion, he never took a rest until the mission was fulfilled. Through these activities, unity was made between the Unification Church and Christianity, and the religious-level unified foundation was fulfilled. Even though it was conditional, it was victorious.

Because Christianity is a worldwide religion, this victory could be expanded to the world. Father started his third world tour, and also organized the International One World Crusade to expand this victory to the Christian world. At the same time, to make unity within the nation, Victory Over Communism activities begun in the first seven-year course were expanded. Hundreds of thousands of people, including law enforcement authorities, congressmen and community leaders heard VOC and realized that this was the only way to save the nation and protect it from invasion from North Korea.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus came to save the world. But Israel, which was supposed to be the Adam nation, and Rome, the archangel nation, united against him and eventually killed him. This must be indemnified and reversed. In our age, Korea represents the Adam nation and America the archangel nation. In order to indemnify Jesus' age, not only Korea but also America is needed. Therefore, Father had to come to America to let her indemnify the past failures of Rome, Israel and Christianity.

On December 18, 1971, in obedience to God's direction, Father came to America and began to train the members and to prepare to live here. After receiving permanent residency on April 30, 1973, Father began the Day of Hope campaign. Father visited 21 cities in 1973 and 32 cities in 1974. Many prominent figures gathered for his banquets, and hundreds of people came to hear the new message. Father received an overwhelming welcome. He was given more than 800 citations, proclamations and honorary citizenships from mayors and governors. Upon this success, the Day of Victory Over Resentment was declared.

Next came the Madison Square Garden campaign. On the night of Father's speech MSG was filled to its 20,000-seat capacity, with over 20,000 people waiting outside to come in. It was a resounding success, and because of it, spiritual victory was declared. God approved America's reception of Father's message. This meant that Reverend Moon and the Unification Church had fulfilled what Christianity should have done and could thus receive the spiritual victory.

This victory was expanded through the eight-city tour. Afterwards, this spiritual victory was brought back to Korea, where Father was received by his own nation. Thus, Father could succeed on the national level. The failure of Jesus' age was indemnified and the condition was made to save the nation of Korea. This is the victory of the second seven-year course.