

The Mission of America

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Master [Sun Myung Moon] in recent months has emphasized the importance of America in the dispensation. As an American, I feel deeply the responsibility of this important position in the world, and am very anxious that America succeed in its mission. In this sermon, I hope I can make you understand something about the character of America, so that we can work together most effectively in the future.

As you know, Korea is in the position of Adam, and America is in the position of Lucifer. Therefore, Korea should be the lord of America. My greatest desire is to offer to you all of the greatness, wealth, and power of America so that Master can use it to restore the world. This, I know, is the only way that America can be saved.

Since America is in the position of Lucifer to the whole world, the character of America resembles the character of Lucifer. Lucifer was the highest one in the angelic hierarchy, and the closest to

God. He had the greatest knowledge and power, and even seemed higher than Adam. However, he left his true position, corrupted all of mankind, and became the lowest, most despised sinner in all creation.

As the heavenly archangel, Lucifer represents the highest, noblest, and best of all creation besides man; but as the fallen angel, Satan, here presents the lowest, most evil and worst of all creation.

In the same way, America contains the best and the worst of human civilization. We can see this by looking at the kinds of people who originally settled in America from Europe, Africa, and Asia. On the one hand, there were the Pilgrims; devout, upright Christians who were seeking to worship God in freedom, and who had the ideal of establishing a land of peace, freedom, and justice, under God, in the New World. At the other extreme, America became a refuge for criminals, vagabonds, and fortune-seekers who were escaping the law or only interested in personal gain. Also, there were the Negroes, brought to America as slaves against their will, and the native Indians, who originally came from the Orient.

All of these different kinds of people multiplied and spread across the continent; so that today America manifests on the one hand the highest and noblest of Christian ideals; but on the other hand, much selfishness, greed, immorality, criminality, and racial conflict. Also, America is the most cosmopolitan of nations, containing within itself practically every race, nation, and culture on earth.

This ambivalence and complexity of America often confuses people of other countries. For example, American missionaries brought Christianity to Korea, giving the Korean people new truth and vision, and preparing the way for our True Parents. America also shed blood in defense of Korea during the Korean War, and helped Korea with economic and military aid. At the same time, however, I have heard that around American military bases the problems of prostitution, drugs, and other vices seem to be most prevalent; and some aspects of western culture have had a bad effect on the morality of Korean youth. I imagine that many Koreans must be confused to see such high-mindedness and generosity on the one hand, and such immorality and decadence on the other. However, this is in accord with America's nature as a Lucifer nation. To restore the position of the archangel, America must indemnify Lucifer's sins; and since Lucifer is the greatest sinner, America has the greatest amount of sin to overcome. Also, since America contains every nation and culture on earth, she also has every problem that the world has. I think that God concentrated every race and nation in America so that by restoring that one nation, it would be easy to restore the whole world.

Another characteristic of Lucifer is that he knew all about the physical creation. He helped God build the universe from the beginning, so he knew more about the creation than anyone besides God Himself. He was even teaching Adam and Eve how God created the universe. In the same way, America is the greatest scientific power in the world. American scientists are rapidly discovering the deepest secrets about the workings of the universe, and even about the creation of life itself. This year Master will speak at a

conference in New York attended by some important scientists from Europe, Asia, and America. If this conference is successful, it will make a condition for all of the scientific knowledge of the world to be taken over by our Master, and put under God's control. When that happens, the restoration of the world can progress very rapidly.

However, even though Lucifer knew everything about the physical world, he never experienced life on earth as a spirit man because God created him for a different purpose than Adam and Eve. For that reason, despite all his knowledge, Lucifer was ignorant of what it means to be a man. He didn't know the duties, responsibilities, and true position of man. Like Lucifer, Americans are very naive about human nature and about spiritual things.

Americans have never experienced the suffering and hardship that most people of the world endured during the world wars and Communist revolutions. For example, in Korea most people hate and fear the communists because they suffered so much from them.

But America has never suffered greatly or been defeated by anyone, so Americans have no hate for any country, even our worst enemies. In France, there is a saying; if you spit in an American's eye, he says, "Oh, it's raining!" Because of this naiveté, Americans are often very optimistic and always looking at the bright side of things. This can be a good trait, because to restore the world we must share God's hope and optimism for the future world. However, Americans often do not understand people's true feelings and often unintentionally harm people, even when we are trying to help them; just like Lucifer harmed Adam and Eve, even though his original intention was good.

That is why America needs the Messiah. Only by following Our Master can America gain the correct understanding to save itself. We can see this clearly when we think of Lucifer, Adam, and Eve in the garden. God knew that Lucifer was heading in the wrong direction, and that is why He gave His commandment to Adam and Eve. God didn't give the commandment to Lucifer, because Adam, as Lord of Creation, had direct jurisdiction over Lucifer. If Adam or Eve had commanded Lucifer, they could have prevented him from doing wrong; but until Lucifer could come under the dominion of his lord, he couldn't correct himself, even though he heard God's commandment to Adam and Eve.

The same situation exists today between Korea and America. In Korea, there are many strong traditions, customs, and laws which put restrictions on Satan, and prevents him from doing anything he wants. For example, if a person in Korea were to publicly praise Kim Il Sung, he would be immediately thrown in jail. Also, if a sect were doing immoral practices, they would be chastised by the rest of the community, and its leaders thrown in jail. So we see that the Korean people have received God's commandments, and take them very seriously.

America, however, is a land without strong traditions or culture, and nowadays without strong faith. Therefore, Satan is free to do whatever he wants. The free sex and immorality among American youth is well known. There are even sects in America who openly worship Satan, and perform obscene rituals; but they are given the same consideration under the law as any other religion.

However, while Satan is given so much freedom in America, God is also more free to act. The many freedoms that Americans enjoy make it possible to do things for God which would be impossible in any other country. For example, the freedom of travel allows us to go to any nation on earth, even communist nations without going through the customs restrictions as they have in Korea. Also, freedom of the press and of radio and television makes it possible for our members to influence the mass media, and greatly multiply our influence. Also, political freedom allows our anticommunist work to progress without worrying about government interference. Angels are commonly depicted as having wings; therefore, Adam could send the angels to places he couldn't go himself. Likewise, we Americans can spread out all over the world doing Master's bidding in places where Koreans would not be able to go.

However, just like Lucifer, America cannot fulfill its mission based on her own inspiration. I know this well, because before our Master came to America last time, the American family was growing very slowly, and doing everything wrong. After Master took command, however, everything seemed to work just perfectly. After seeing the success of the pioneers and bus teams that Master started, I know that Master is the only one who really understands how to save America. So, I believe that as the American Family grows under the direction of Our Master, Satan will be more restricted, but God will be able to work freely in America, and greatly manifest His power and glory. This is another role of the archangel; to praise God to all the world, and manifest His power and glory.

At first, Lucifer enjoyed the greatest glory with God, but by falling, he was cast down into the deepest pit of hell. In the same way, if America succeeds, she will bring about the greatest joy and beauty the world has ever seen; but if she fails, she will endure a deeper hell than any nation has ever endured. Right now, there is a desperate spiritual battle going on between America and Russia, who represents the Satanic Lucifer. The Russians are trying to weaken America internally through subversion and spreading immorality and materialism through their communist agents; while at the same time, America is

supporting the dissident intellectuals and underground Christian Church in the Soviet Union. Recently a US congressman on an official visit to Russia was expelled for handing out Bibles in the streets of Moscow. This is a sign that America is finally waking up to its mission to overthrow the sovereignty of the Satanic archangel, and restore the position of the heavenly archangel. If America succeeds, then both America and Russia will receive God's blessing; but if she fails, Russia, would probably unleash nuclear war against the U.S., and America's suffering would be so great that even Satan would be moved to tears.

This brings us to the most important question; can the American people, particularly the American Family, rise to the challenge of this most important, dangerous, and difficult mission? Americans have often been criticized for being soft and lazy; but if America's mission is so great, than Americans must be superior in dedication, ability, and endurance than any other members of the Unification Church; and to indemnify the rebelliousness of Lucifer, Americans must be more willing to die for our Master than any other Family members.

In comparing what I have experienced in observing the Family at work in America, Korea, and Japan, I am confident that the American family can succeed. In Korea, the Family willingly has endured much suffering and persecution, because Koreans have endured so much suffering in the past, that to them it's a part of life that must be endured and overcome. In Japan, they work together very well in groups; the members reinforce one another. So the individuals willingly endure hard work and suffering as long as they are part of the group. In America, the members willingly endure hard work and suffering, in a group or as individuals, because to them, hard work and suffering is a liberating experience.

In America, most of our members have come from a relatively easy life, the highest standard of living in the world; but have all rejected material well-being as being empty and unfulfilling. Therefore, our ideal is to live a life of hard work, sacrifice, and hardship for God. I can tell you personally that I do not enjoy at all living in easy circumstances. The times I have been most joyful and fulfilled have been the times when I have lived in poverty and difficult circumstances, and I think most of the other American Families have felt the same thing. This, I think, impressed our Master more than anything else about the American Family; whenever he sent them out, no matter how difficult the task, they responded to him with joy and gratitude.

This gives me confidence that wherever our Master sends us, we can succeed.

This is what I think, and I hope it is what God thinks, about the mission of America. I pray that our Korean and American families will work together as one more and more in the years ahead. Thank you very much.