

It is Providential - A personal understanding and interpretation of the providence centered on the True Family

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It has been reported that when in Hawaii in 2008, True Father declared that Hyun Jin Nim was standing in the position of Cain, i.e. elder brother, and Kook Jin Nim in that of Abel, i.e. younger brother. Some people have therefore wondered why True Father did not select Kook Jin Nim as his successor and the next spiritual head of our movement given that he proclaimed him to be in the Abel position.

The mission of True Parents is to restore the Fall and its consequences from the root. Unfortunately, though True Parents can fulfill this aspect of their mission in their lifetime, they need their children to work in harmony with them in order to secure their victory and expand it. In other words, even though True Parents have fulfilled so much so far (and still continue to fulfill more), there are things that fall beyond their reach. Among them is the restoration of sibling relationship within the first God-centered family.

Neither True Father nor True Mother was born in a God-centered family. By God-centered family I am referring to a family with parents without original sin; not a family with parents who are fervent believers for it is a documented fact that they both came from very religious families.

To state the obvious, True Parents are in the position of parents while their children, the True Children, in that of children. Being in the position of parents, True Parents are restoring the positions of Adam and Eve. This is the first tier of restoration. The True Children, on the other hand, are restoring the position of offspring, the second tier of restoration. This explains why the person coming with the mission of the Messiah ought to establish a family.

During the Fall, Satan corrupted Adam and Eve. Though Adam and Eve lived as brother and sister while in the Garden of Eden, they did not procreate within the boundaries of Eden. This means that God did not experience the joy of being the Parent of a bride and groom. Neither did He experience the joy of being a Grandparent.

At the beginning of the providence of restoration God attempted to restore Adam and Eve before they were chased out of the Garden of Eden (cf. Genesis 3:8–14). When that attempt failed due to Adam and Eve's faulty attitude, and after they were out of God's jurisdiction, which has been biblically symbolized by the Garden of Eden, God implemented the providence of restoring Adam through his second son. This providence as well ended unfavorably for God due to the fact that Cain killed Abel. From that moment onward, God has been restoring a double tier parent-son relationship. The first parent-son relationship was that of God and Adam—first tier. The second, that of Adam and his sons—second tier.

As I explained in my book *General Shepherd*^{*}, by Cain killing Abel, God was forced to restore the position of Abel before restoring the position of Adam. Yet, this restoration has been conducted in the realm that is not within the realm of God's original love. It has not been conducted in a God-centered family. The providential restoration of the position of Abel conducted in the providence of restoration was for the sake of establishing the foundation for the Messiah. Only on this foundation does the Messiah appear in order to restore the position of Adam.

To effectively restore the position of Adam, the Messiah must establish a family. The establishment of the messianic family fulfills God's restoration of both tiers.

One should not forget that Adam did not kill Abel. It was rather Cain who did so. Adam and Eve were at the core of the Fall. Through the Fall, they became the parents of fallen children and a satanic lineage. This is what our True Parents have come to restore—reverse the Fall and establish a God-centered lineage. Believe it or not, this is exactly what Jesus came to do—take care of the first tier and establish the foundation upon which the second tier will be victorious.

After the Messiah has restored the first tier by establishing a family in the realm of God's original love, his children (especially his sons) ought to restore the second tier in the realm of God's original love. Given how complex the relationship between the elder brother and the younger brother has become in the realm of satanic love and throughout the providence of restoration, the restoration of the second tier, which is the sibling relationship, is to be fulfilled between one son representing the position of Abel and two other sons representing the position of Cain.

There are two positions of elder brothers: the first one is that of Cain of Cain type (or Cain type elder brother) and the second that of Cain of Abel type (or Abel type elder brother). In the realm of God's original love, in the realm of the family established by True Parents, neither of these positions is satanic. In other words, neither of these positions is representative of Satan or evil. They are all on God's side. They are all under the protection of True Parents. They are all in the God-centered lineage established by True Parents.

The reason for having two elder brothers is not circumstantial; it is rather providential. Furthermore, it is not because True Parents decided it so. Though they came with the mission to restore the position of Adam, Jesus and True Father stood in the position of Abel in the process. As such, they dealt with two different types of elder brothers: Cain of Cain type and Cain of Abel type (for more insight, see the revised and expanded edition of *General Shepherd*, pp. 134–143). In their cases, because they were not born in God-centered families (see explanation of God-centered family above, third paragraph), their Cain type elder brothers were representatives of satanic forces whereas their Abel type elder brothers were representatives of heaven. Once again, this is not the case with True Children.

True Children are born in a God-centered family. And, rather than be pioneers who establish God's lineage like True Parents have done, they instead perpetuate it. This means that though they may face some of the similar providential challenges that their parents have faced, True Children do not face them in the same realm of responsibility.

Now, being that True Father will not live eternally in his physical body, he has chosen a successor who would continue to represent him when he goes to the spirit world. His choice is not about the son he loves the most. It is not about the son with the best of abilities. It is not about the son who will not challenge his authority. It is not about the son who has inherited most of the heavenly cultures. Neither is it about the son who has never made any mistakes in his life. It is about fulfilling the providence. It is about the son who is in the right position—Abel position. Whether or not the son in the Abel position is intelligent or pure is not of True Father's primary concern.

True Father's primary concern is which of the True Sons is in the right position. Everything else will be dealt with accordingly. For instance, if the True Son who is in the right position is impure, then he will have to undergo a series of spiritual conditions of indemnity to purify himself before he can rightfully stand in the position of Abel within the True Family and be acknowledged by True Father as his successor.

One needs to understand that any victory clinched by our True Father will quickly fade away if there is no one to sustain it. Though all the True Sons are going to sustain it, having one of them be the leader of the representatives of True Father will make the continuation of the presence of our True Father on earth more effective.

Each of these three brothers is unique. The Cain type elder brother is unique from the Abel type elder brother. The responsibility of these two elder brothers is first and foremost to love and protect the younger brother. Therefore, they will have some similar traits in their characters. But yet, their intensity will be somewhat different for one is to protect the younger brother from outside influence while the other is to protect him from inside influence. One is to shield the younger brother when going into or dealing with the outside world, i.e. the political arena, while the other is to do so in the inside world, i.e. church affairs.

So when True Father declared that Hyun Jin Nim was standing in the position of Cain, it is to be understood that he declared him to be standing in the position of Cain type elder brother who is to love and protect his younger brother Hyung Jin Nim from outside world's interferences. And when True Father declared that Kook Jin Nim was standing in the position of Abel, it is to be understood that Kook Jin Nm, in his relationship with Hyun Jin Nim, was Abel, but this also meant that Kook Jin Nim stood in the position of Cain of Abel type to his younger brother Hyung Jin Nim. And in this capacity, he is to love and protect his younger brother from inside world's interferences.

It is only by these three brothers working together here on earth that True Father's legacy will be solidified on earth. It is this second tier trinity that represents True Father on earth. And Hyung Jin Nim, the head of the trinity, stands on the foundation of love and

protection established by his elder brothers who constitute the trinity with him. And the trinity as a whole sits on the victorious foundation and legacy established by our True Parents. This is the trinity that is supposed to lead the providence of Cheon Il Guk on the earthly realm.

The other trinity is that of Hyo Jin Nim as the Cain type elder brother in the spirit world, Heung Jin Nim as the Abel type elder brother in the spirit world, and Hyung Jin Nim as Abel. Hyo Jin Nim and Heung Jin Nim are therefore Hyun Jin Nim's and Kook Jin Nim's counterparts in the spirit world. The unity of these five brothers centered on True Parents will create a foundation upon which True Parents' legacy will remain strong forever. The legacy of True Parents will be solidified these brothers coming together.



The fact that True Father declared Hyun Jin Nim as the Cain, Kook Jin Nim as the Abel, and Hyung Jin Nim as his successor is not because that is how True Father wants it. Neither is it circumstantial. It is providential.

Thank you for reading.

May God bless you all.

* Note that *General Shepherd* deals with the mission of the Messiah in broader terms and was written for a broader audience.