

# Our Responsibility with Regard to the Marriage Blessing

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This weekend, we have been having some matching education. Yesterday, we held the Parents Matching Education and the Level 2 Blessing Education. Today, after lunch, we will conclude the Level 2 Blessing Education and hold the Matching Supporters Training.

Which parent attended the Parents Matching Education yesterday? Wasn't it a wonderful program? Let's put our hands together for John Abelseth. How about the Level 2 Blessing Education? Which single attended it? How was it? Good? Let's put our hands together for Victor Martinez.

I would like to thank Dr. Franco for giving me the opportunity to preach here today. Please let's put our hands together for Dr. Franco.

I also would like to thank all of you for allowing me to be the channel through which God could speak to you today.

Finally, I would like to thank God for giving us the opportunity to be here this weekend.

Glory be to God.

I hope I will be able convey what God wants to say to you today.

In today's sermon, we will learn about our main responsibility as human beings. But before we do that, since this weekend has been about the matching education, we will first learn a little bit about the Marriage Blessing.

I hope that what we learn in this sermon will help all of us establish successful and happy Marriage Blessings.

Who wish to have a successful and happy Marriage Blessing?

Let's start with some words from Father Moon:

*Although human beings have been reduced to the position of orphans who have lost their parents through the Fall, the fundamental relationship endowed by Heaven remains intact: God is our Parent and we are His children. As a result of the Fall, human beings became ignorant beings, as if living in a vegetative state, unable to recognize their own Parent even though He is right there within them and beside them.*

*Therefore, all people, regardless of who they may be, belong to the fallen lineage. All people without exception must be born again through changing their lineage. This is the only way we can be restored into the originally intended blood relationship that God has bequeathed to us. (Father Moon, **The Mission of Ambassadors for Peace at the Dawn of the Era after the Coming of Heaven**)*

The unfortunate news, as indicated in today's reading, is that humanity has descended from the relationship that Adam and Eve established as a result of having eaten from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. We can also see this by reading the chapter 3 of Genesis in the Bible.

Hence, human beings belong to Satan's lineage. This explains Jesus' words when he said,

*You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44)*

How many of us would like to remain in Satan's lineage? How many people are even aware that they are in Satan's lineage? There is no need to go too far to prove that humanity belongs to Satan's lineage. Just look at what is going on around the world. There is war between neighboring countries and all types of conflicts around the world. All this because the first husband and wife relationship established by human beings, namely Adam and Eve, was established with Satan, the devil. This has to be fixed. We cannot expect to see a world of peace when our human society is corrupt at the core. We must get rid of evil. This starts with each individual, but the real foundation is the family. Hence, we cannot experience true peace in the world, as well as within ourselves, as long as the core of the family, which is the relationship between husband and wife, is still under the control of Satan. Something must be done. And that something is the Marriage Blessing.

So what is the Marriage Blessing?

The Marriage Blessing is the platform upon which each individual is given new life, new identity, new belonging, a fresh start, and a new opportunity upon which to become perfect.

The Marriage Blessing is the change of lineage: From Satan's lineage to God's lineage. With the Marriage Blessing, we can go from being Satan's children (John 8:44), to becoming God's children.

The goal of everyone who receives the Marriage Blessing should be to reach perfection. However, because reaching perfection may be too far off given our predicament, we at least should strive for perfection. We need to create the momentum that will force the shift from Satan's sovereignty to God's Kingdom. From Satan's lineage to God's lineage.

Because we don't know about this, we treat the Marriage Blessing as if it was just another marriage.

The Marriage Blessing is not another marriage. What we are doing is establishing the foundation upon which those who will come after us, generations after we've been gone, could reach perfection. This is why, even though we ourselves might not reach perfection during our life on earth, we ought to strive for it so that we can leave a good foundation for future generations.

The Marriage Blessing has for core mission the eradication of the provision that has allowed Satan to be the master of husband and wife relationships. It creates a new provision that allows God to be the sole master of husband and wife relationships. It establishes God's lineage and sets the platform upon which all of humanity can be engrafted to it.

The Marriage Blessing is the solution, but it is not a magic wand. This means that we ought to fulfill our responsibility if we want to see the manifestation of the world that God envisioned when He created. Failure to fulfill our responsibility may make the Marriage Blessing a very painful experience. So then, what is our responsibility with regard to the Marriage Blessing? Or simply, what is each person's portion of responsibility?

So far, most of us who have received the Marriage Blessing have not done much with the eternal grace that we have received from God through Father and Mother Moon. Yes, the Marriage Blessing is an eternal Grace and a gift that we receive from God. We have not realized that the purpose of the Marriage Blessing is more than giving birth to sinless children. One major purpose of the Marriage Blessing that we have ignored is perfection. Yes, perfection. Individual perfection to be more exact. This is how we establish a successful Marriage Blessing.

The Marriage Blessing is also the platform upon which each individual is given new life, new identity, new belonging, a fresh start, and a new opportunity upon which to become what Adam and Eve were supposed to become in the Garden of Eden.

So, what is it that Adam and Eve were supposed to do and become in order to realize the purpose of their existence? Let's go to the Divine Principle.

For our guests, the Divine Principle is the main teaching of the Unification Movement. It is a portion of God's revelation through Father Moon.

So according to the Divine Principle,

*For Adam to realize the purpose of creation, he was supposed to fulfill two conditions. First, Adam should have established the foundation of faith. The person to lay this foundation was Adam himself. The condition to establish this foundation was to keep strictly to God's commandment not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In fulfilling this condition, Adam would have passed through a set growing period, which was the time allotted for him to fulfill his portion of responsibility. This period represents some numbers of providential significance. Hence, the growing period may be thought of as a period to fulfill certain numbers. (EDP, p. 179)*

So, the Divine Principle expresses that Adam was supposed to fulfill two conditions. The first one was to establish the Foundation of Faith. We will look at the second condition a bit later. For now, let's look at the first condition, which was to establish the Foundation of Faith. What is the Foundation of Faith?

The Foundation of Faith is the relationship that we establish with God's word. It is about building trust in God through His word. It is about living our life centering on God's word. It is about enriching our lives with God's word no matter our profession: doctor, bus driver, business person, politician, etc.

This explains why Jesus said, "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11), which is God's word. And, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

This means that Jesus established a Foundation of Faith during his lifetime. This is because Jesus lived his life in complete harmony with God's word. It also means that those of us who believe in Jesus are supposed to be like Jesus—establish and maintain a close relationship with God. This is only possible by us living in agreement with Him (God) through faith in and practice of His word.

We cannot establish successful Marriage Blessings if we neglect the Foundation of Faith.

Establishing the Foundation of Faith is about understanding God's heart, desires, and predicament. This is why, not only reading God's word but developing a relationship with God's word, over time, is the way to establish the Foundation of Faith.

The Foundation of Faith can also be understood to mean grounding oneself in God's word. Or making God a big part of one's life.

So, let's move on to the second condition that Adam was supposed to fulfill. By the way, these two conditions applied not only to Adam, but to Eve as well.

Let's go back to the Divine Principle:

*The second condition which Adam was supposed to fulfill in order to realize the purpose of creation was to establish the foundation of substance. After Adam established an unshakable foundation of faith, he was then to become one with God, thereby establishing the foundation of substance. This means he would have become the perfect incarnation of the Word with perfect character, fulfilling God's first blessing. In this way, had he not fallen, Adam would have completed the purpose of creation. (EDP, p. 179)*

This means that the Foundation of Substance is established within an individual first. An individual who has established the Foundation of Substance becomes the substance of God's word.

So according to the Divine Principle, after Adam had established the Foundation of Faith, he was supposed to establish the Foundation of Substance, which is to become one with God's word. So basically, the responsibility of Adam was to establish an unshakable relationship with God's word by letting God's word be his compass. And, on that foundation, he would have become the substance of God's word. In other words, he would have become the Word made flesh. Just like Jesus (cf. John 1:14).

*"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).*

Jesus also said, "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:48)

Establishing the Foundation of Substance means working on one's character. For instance, am *I* the type of person who hates others? If so, then *I* need to work on it. How? By using the Foundation of Faith that *I* have established. In other words, by using what *I* have learned through God's word. Am *I* the type of person who gets angry easily? If so, then *I* need to work on it. How? By using the Foundation of Faith that *I* have established. Am *I* the type of person who does not listen? If so, then *I* need to work on it. How? By using the Foundation of Faith that *I* have established. Am *I* the type of person who doesn't respect others? If so, then *I* need to work on it. How? By using the Foundation of Faith that *I* have established.

Every effort we make to improve ourselves as individuals so that we can improve our environment or relationships with others is the Foundation of Substance.

*I* cannot be a good spouse if *I* do not work on establishing a Foundation of

Substance. Neither can *I* be a good parent if *I* do not work on establishing a Foundation of Substance. Patience, for instance, is an expression of a Foundation of Substance.

Establishing the Foundation of Substance cannot be completed in one day or in a year. It is about making the effort, with time, to get better at reflecting God's character. Consistently striving to be good. Consistently striving to improve.

The perfection we are referring to here means becoming the incarnation of God's word. Becoming one with God's word. This is something that will take time. It will happen progressively.

Because establishing the Foundation of Faith and the Foundation of Substance will take time, we cannot expect to become perfect instantly. It is work in progress. And it should be our cherished desire because, according to the Scriptures, it is God's cherished desire.

The words of Jesus in Matthew 5:48 may be understood to mean that it is the responsibility of each human being to become perfect.

For the singles who are participating in the Level 2 Blessing Education, whatever you do to prepare for the Marriage Blessing, be it the Level 2 Blessing Education, reading God's word, fasting, or paying the Blessing Offering, should not only prepare you to become qualified as much as possible for the Marriage Blessing, but contribute to you becoming ideal individuals as well. In other words, the conditions you make to prepare for and receive the Marriage Blessing are for you; not for your pastor or your parents. It's about you establishing your Foundation of Faith. It's about you striving for perfection.

Now, after having learned this, what type of attitude are you supposed to have while preparing for the Marriage Blessing?

Think about this: Why did God give the commandment to Adam and Eve not to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (cf. Gen. 2:17)?

This is why making proper preparations for the Marriage Blessing is very important.

Same is true for couples who have already received the Marriage Blessing, also known as Blessed Couples. The conditions that Blessed Couples make to establish the Foundation of Faith, be it fidelity, living for the sake of their spouse, etc., allow them to become ideal individuals. Meaning, these conditions allow Blessed Couples to become ideal spouses, ideal parents, and, eventually, citizens in God's Kingdom. It's about establishing a Foundation of Faith. It's about striving for perfection.

Once again, what is necessary is that all those who have received the Marriage

Blessing, as well as those who are preparing for the Marriage Blessing, to strive for perfection. By doing so, we will actively weaken the influence of Satan on humanity. Imagine what type of world it would be when more and more people start to strive for perfection? Imagine what type of societies we will have when everyone who has received the Marriage Blessing is determined to be like Jesus—God’s Word made flesh? Imagine the type of community that you will have here in Montreal when those who have received the Marriage Blessing and those who are preparing for the Marriage Blessing strive for perfection?

What type of conjugal relationship would you like to have?

What type of families does God need? What type of families does the world need? What type of families should we establish? We should establish families in which every person strives for perfection.

We need to take our relationships to another level. A level that will make Satan quiver and God more hopeful. This is our portion of responsibility. This is only possible through the Marriage Blessing.

I hope this weekend of matching education will help equip you with the necessary knowledge and understanding that will allow you to establish relationships and families that will contribute to the fulfillment of God’s Will—the establishment of His Kingdom.

I will end with this:

*“And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?” (Matthew 5:47)*

So as it was explained before, the Marriage Blessing is more than just marriage. If we continue to carry on the same way people carry on in marriage, how do we expect to establish God’s Kingdom?

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share this content with you today.

I hope it has been worth your time.

May God bless you.

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