

Selections from
the Speeches of True Parents

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Preface

In the beginning God created the world through the Word. He created by instilling the Word with His heart, love, life and lineage. That is why certain principles and laws – the heavenly way – operate consistently in the life of human beings and all things of creation.

Human beings, when perfected in God's image, are meant to be the embodiments of the Word. Human beings, by upholding the Word, were to attain the original nature endowed by the Creator by inheriting the attributes God manifested at the Creation, namely, absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

The first ancestors, Adam and Eve, did not keep God's commandment and fell. As a result they lost the Word and came to possess the attributes of evil. God, as our Parent of true love immediately initiated His providence of restoration to bring salvation to fallen humanity. He works to re-create the world by sending the Messiah to the earth. The Messiah comes as the incarnation of the truth, and just as God created through the Word, He re-creates through the Word to complete His providence.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus came as the substance of truth and proclaimed the Gospel. When the people of Judea failed to believe in Jesus, he was nailed to the cross. Jesus died promising that he would return. The Messiah, Savior and returning Lord comes as a man, and he too comes to re-create humanity with the truth and thereby complete the ideal of creation. The surest sign from Heaven that he has come would be the appearance of the Word of truth that will save the world.

The True Parents have indeed come as the substance of truth and are fulfilling the sacred task of restoration. True Father has devoted his entire life for the sake of God's liberation and the salvation of humanity according to the heavenly will. He has revealed the truth about God, humanity, the world, history, the spirit world, the identity of Satan, and all the heavenly secrets. Some 500 volumes of True Father's speeches have thus far been published. These include 412 volumes in the series compiling the transcripts of his speeches given over half a century.

Selections from these, arranged by theme, have been compiled into sixteen books contained in a single volume, which the True Parents have titled Cheon Seong Gyeong (天聖經). In reference to this book, True Father explained: "This is the holy book for the Kingdom of Heaven. In Cheon Seong Gyeong, the word *cheon* consists of the Chinese characters meaning two (二) and people (人). When

you think of who the two central people in a family are, you think of the husband and wife. The separation of heaven and earth came about because a husband and a wife in the garden of Eden lost the way to love. Therefore, in order for heaven and earth to reach completion, these two people (天) must follow the holy (聖) way (經) in which they must love completely. This way is elucidated in Cheon Seong Gyeong.” True Father added, “Cheon Seong Gyeong defines the way for two people to walk towards holiness; this way is none other than the family.”

In the course of God’s providence, God gave the Old Testament Word for the providence of re-creation at the formation level, the New Testament Word for the providence of re-creation at the growth level, and the Completed Testament Word for the providence of creation at the completion level. After this, and beginning with the Coronation for God’s Kingship on January 13, 2001, the era of His Kingdom of Cheon Il Guk began. The new heaven and earth of love and peace under God’s direct dominion has appeared and it will be completely settled through the teachings of Cheon Seong Gyeong. Cheon Seong Gyeong contains the very Word of truth that will guide humankind to fulfill God’s ideal of creation.

The reader will come to experience the heart and true love of God and the True Parents. Throughout their exceptional lives, the True Parents have embodied the attributes of the absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal God. The words of Cheon Seong Gyeong express True Parents’ lifelong experience of the sorrowful heart of God, the Parent who has lost His children due to the Fall of the first ancestors. The words reflect their experience of the history of the providence of restoration, filled with bitter grief. As such, these words contain eternal guiding principles for our own lives.

The True Parents have devoted their lives solely for the liberation of God and to firmly establish His kingship. They have guided all humanity towards becoming the true children of God, as He intended at the time of creation. For this we are deeply grateful. True Parents hope that the hoondokhwae tradition of reading the Word will take root in each family and in all aspects of life, so that the truth contained in this book will bear fruit through a life of practice.

It is our earnest wish that you will read this book every day to gain a deeper understanding of the True Parents’ love, heart and teachings, and their noble way of life, and that you will go on to establish the Cheon Il Guk tradition in your own lives as true children of God.

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