

All religions must understand the nature of the Creator, and take the path to unity

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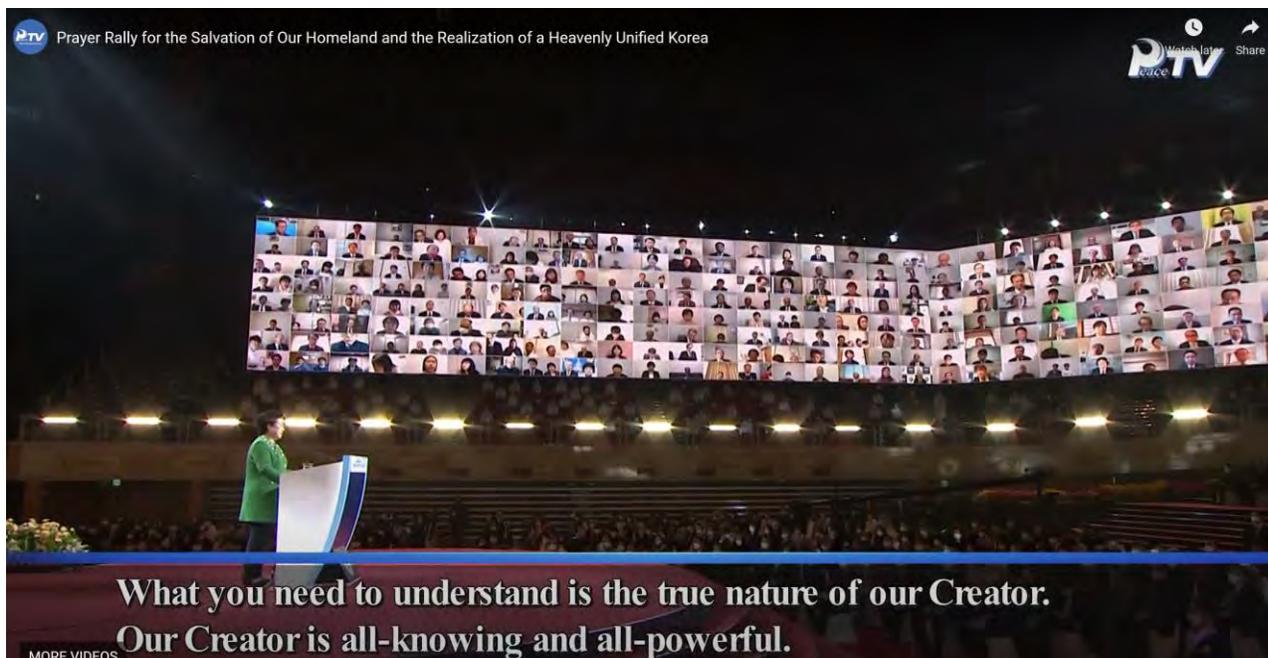
Prayer Rally for the Salvation of Our Homeland and the Realization of a Heavenly Unified Korea



Respected religious leaders and everyone around the world joining at this time and offering sincere devotion with longing for the salvation of our homeland and for a heavenly unified Korea: May the infinite grace of our Creator, God, our Heavenly Parent, be with you all.

God, our Creator and the Heavenly Parent of humanity, created all things on this beautiful planet Earth. God created the animal world, male and female, and the first human ancestors, man and woman. To this man and woman was given time and freedom to grow. Unfortunately, they were unable to grow to perfection. They fell away and spawned a world of selfishness.

Human history spans thousands of years. It has seen war and conflict. People in all walks of life are unable to unite. Today, in particular, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, we have lost our freedom to interact in so many ways. Because powerful nations prioritize their own interests, poorer countries increasingly face difficulties.



Today, humanity desperately holds on to hope. Is there a nation that can give hope? You might ask why our Creator, the Parent of humanity, would just watch humanity living in misery. What you need to understand is the true nature of our Creator. Our Creator is all-knowing and all-powerful. God created the world to be eternal, and therefore assigned to human beings a portion of responsibility.

To save fallen humanity, who are like orphans, God allowed religions to arise in consonance with the world's diverse cultural spheres. Through this, four main religions have emerged.

At this point in time, God, the Creator, has the completion of His providence in sight. All religions, which have been heading toward this conclusion from the start, have almost reached their destination. Just as many tributaries of a river meet and form a huge waterfall and then flow on to the ocean, all religions, which have led the fallen people of today, must understand the true nature of God, the Creator, and take the path to unity in order to arrive at the conclusion of their long journey.



God conducted the providential work of salvation to save fallen humankind. An example of this is God choosing Israel as the chosen people, and through them, carrying out restoration through indemnity for 4,000 long years. When they finally laid a national foundation, God sent Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son. Among fallen humanity, God called Jesus His begotten Son. He called him "My Son." Unfortunately, those around Jesus, including Mary, Zechariah's family, the Sanhedrin, and others, were unable to recognize the Messiah for whom they had been longing and waiting.

Yet the Messiah by himself is not enough. God created a man and a woman. Therefore, if the only begotten Son, a man, is born, he must meet the only begotten Daughter, a woman. Unfortunately, that did not happen then, and Jesus had no option but to go to the cross in the position of one who had lost everything. Yet he promised he would return and hold the Marriage Feast of the Lamb. These words reveal that Jesus' mission was to establish the position of the True Parents for the salvation of humanity.

Yet as the people were unable to receive Jesus, God's only begotten Daughter could not appear among them. When a people are unable to fulfill their responsibility, indemnity remains. We know through observing history the kind of indemnity the people of Israel offered.

Heaven's providential will must be accomplished without fail. Thus, for a very long time, the concept of the chosen people was passed down among the Korean people. The Korean people have never invaded a neighboring country. The ancient Korean kingdom of Gojoseon once covered a large part of modern-day China. Its people hated war and revered Heaven, and were known as the people of white clothing.

Because they avoided war, their territory shrank down to what is now the Korean Peninsula.

Heaven's providence is profound and mysterious. The Korean Peninsula, this country, could never really be at ease. Immediately after World War II, it was divided into North and South, between communism and democracy.

The Korean people, however, with their philosophy of revering Heaven, embraced Christianity more fervently than any other nation in the world. Even under Japanese oppression, the Korean people longed for independence. One of the key figures of that movement was Yu Gwan-sun, who was a young girl of only 16 when she shouted "Mansei" for independence. God accepted the sacrifice of this pure, unfallen young woman.

However, Korean Christianity did not know the true nature of Jesus and did not know what kind of being God our Creator is. Christianity arose after Jesus' crucifixion, through rebirth by the Holy Spirit. In AD 313, Christianity was officially recognized by the Roman emperor. It moved beyond continental Europe to the island nation of Britain. Thus, its evangelism to the world began.

However, when we look at Christian history, we see there were many issues and conflicts over the Bible, written by the apostles, with divisions arising between groups asserting their views. The Catholic Church, for example, emphasized faith within an organizational framework devised by man, with its many resulting issues. It was from this situation that communism emerged.



And this is why a movement of conscientious, devout Protestants called Puritans, believers who attended God and were waiting for the Messiah who had promised to return, arose. They decided to migrate to a new world where, unlike in Europe, they could freely serve God without any restrictions. They were the Pilgrim Fathers, and this was the beginning of America. They implemented a movement of serving God first. They prioritized building churches and schools more than their own homes. Thus, they contributed to the growth of the great nation of the United States.

Heaven worked with America, but did not bless America just for America's sake. Heaven blessed America in the hope that it could take responsibility before Heaven to share its blessings with the world. However, over the 400 years since Europeans first settled America, there have been many problems.

There was the urgent time when it could have fallen to communism. Reverend Moon, who came from a small war-torn country, set out to save the vast United States at a time when no one, not even American millionaires, could contemplate that.



At that time, the United States was facing an indescribable crisis of family breakdown and drug use among youth. At that time, with his message, "The United States is sick, so I came as a doctor; America is on fire, so I came as a firefighter," Reverend Moon went on a speaking tour of 50 states and met many supporters and righteous people. This unknown man from Asia shook up the youth of America. He taught

young people to renounce their undisciplined lives as hippies and yuppies, and guided them to practice true love in the spirit of Christianity. These young people went out as evangelists to more than 40 countries around the world. It was 1975. To this day, though now they are approaching 80 years of age, some are still actively engaged in their mission areas. Their desire is to accomplish the long-cherished wish of our Heavenly Parent, the Creator God, who has been working hard to embrace humankind. They continue to run toward that goal.

Heavenly Parent's dream was to live on earth with humanity as His children, together with True Parents. His plan was to realize such a Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, overflowing with love and happiness.

Because of the human Fall, human beings have had no direct path by which to go to God. Now, through the True Parents, who have emerged victorious from among humankind, all human beings can go before Heavenly Parent.



We want to be united. We want our lost freedom, equality, happiness and unity. I have often said that there are limits to being human-centered. A world of peace will not come from human-centered thinking. The only way to achieve it is by attending and serving Heavenly Parent, the Parent of humanity, the Origin of this universe. True Parents are the ones who open the way to Heavenly Parent. In other words, working with True Parents is the only way forward for this country and the world.

I mentioned earlier that all religions have reached their final stage. When you reach the last stop, you need to get off the train. Those who do not get off are clinging to the past, so you must take that step. True Parents proclaimed the Foundation Day of the new era and firmly established Cheon Il Guk. Now, through True Parents, the temple where we can attend Heavenly Parent on Earth will be completed in 2023. This is something that could not have been done in the Old or New Testament eras. This is something only True Parents can do.

Spiritual leaders of the diverse faiths, who are guiding this nation, now that you have come to know Heaven's providence and Heaven's secrets, what should you do? In that humankind has lived like orphans through 6,000 years of human history, now that you've met your parents, what is holding you back? What do you not have courage? What makes you hesitate? Today I am wearing green, symbolizing my hope that all of you will become the people of Cheon Il Guk, the beautiful, precious jewels of Heaven in Cheon Il Guk, the land of hope.

As we become one, unite the Korean people, and go out into the world, don't we need to also address how the Earth is suffering in the present time due to human ignorance? Developed countries are making effort to become carbon neutral. It is our responsibility as people of this age, as we stand united in attendance to Heavenly Parent, to correct things one by one and return the world to its original state.

Historians say that until now, human history has been dominated by men. The same is true for religion. However, what they are saying today is that the work of politics and all other fields today must be conducted with a mother's heart. They are coming to such a conclusion, and it is true. This is because the completion of the providence began with the only begotten Daughter, the Mother of peace.

The Bible says that there is no forgiveness for those who disobey the Holy Spirit. This is our last opportunity. Please keep in mind that you have arrived at the final point, and the only way that remains is to become one with True Mother, the only begotten Daughter. Please remember that this is the only way for you and the people of your nations to live.