

The Role of Women in the Era after the Coming of Heaven and the Mission of the Women's Federation for World Peace

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Distinguished guests from Japan and abroad and Japanese members of the Women's Federation for World Peace:

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Women's Federation for World Peace. I look at our footsteps during the past nineteen years and return glory to God and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, who have worked in the background to help WFWP to develop and grow worldwide. I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to the WFWP members who are working hard in various parts of the world, and especially to the Japanese members for your endeavors.

The background of the founding of WFWP

The message I am presenting today is titled, "The Role of Women in the Era after the Coming of Heaven and the Mission of WFWP" It is based on the words given at the "Cosmic Assembly for the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind who, as God's Embodiment, Proclaim the Word."

My husband, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, declared the "Advent of the Global Era of Women" at the Inaugural Assembly of the Women's Federation for World Peace held in April 1992 in Seoul, Korea, which was attended by women representatives from some seventy nations and by one hundred fifty thousand Korean women. That day marked the beginning of great strides that will be of huge significance for women in world history. It was the start of a global transition in which the primary role of developing and leading history is shifting from men to women.

On that day Rev. Moon emphasized, "The true workers who will bring an end to the world of war and violence, oppression, exploitation and crime, a world led by men until now, are the women of this era, who will realize an ideal world overflowing with peace, love and freedom." He also encouraged women to become leaders who can equip themselves with the head-wing thought and Godism, the basic worldviews of WFWP, and take the lead in a new peace movement.

Through the years, I shared the bitter pain and anguish experienced by my husband who was persecuted and imprisoned by the forces of injustice as he walked the path of righteousness in accordance with Heaven's Will. As time passed, I strengthened my resolution to start a new peace movement founded on conscientious and righteous women. Through my keynote address on that inaugural day, I emphasized that we must now establish the model of a true mother, the model of a true wife, and the model of a true daughter and that we need to form ideal families through the true love movement of living first for the sake of our husbands and our children.

I stated emphatically that WFWP is not just a movement for women, rather it is the movement for bringing ideal families together to form ideal nations and an ideal world. After the inaugural assembly, I went on a speaking tour around the world, starting with the major cities in Korea, passing through eight cities in Japan, the United States and Europe, going all the way to Moscow, and then on to Africa, Oceania and Asia, including China, to set the foundation for the global organization and expansion of WFWP.

I, who had been in the position of following Rev. Sun Myung Moon as he established the victorious tradition of the True Father, now stood on an equal footing with him. The True Mother appeared for the first time in history. Thus I proclaimed the liberation of women worldwide.

In addition, I played a decisive role in opening the gates to the post-Cold War era. I proposed Rev. Moon's head-wing thought based on Godism as the grand principle for the construction of an eternal world of peace. It is the mission of the Messiah and the Savior to teach humanity the way to end the history of sin, which came about because we lost the way of true parents, true husband and wife, and true children. Wherever I went, I declared before all heaven and earth that my husband Rev. Moon is the man whose life has pioneered the path of the Messiah and the True Parents.

Because Adam and Eve fell on the family level, restoration needs to be achieved in the family. By becoming one with the family of True Parents, the redemption of the family becomes possible and we can achieve perfection. Furthermore, we can go beyond tribes and nations and attain the unity of the world and the unity of earth and heaven. Thus the era of peace and prosperity centered on God can finally unfold before us.

The Era after the Coming of Heaven and the declaration of True Parents

Rev. Moon established me as the representative of Eve, and revealed the origin of the human Fall as well as the meaning of related parables in the Bible and patterns of history. This was because the providence of God mandated that I personally announce worldwide every wrong committed by Eve.

The fact that I was able to visit one hundred thirteen cities in every corner of the globe and successfully hold WFWP assemblies in each one, in the short period of three months, was a miracle. Upon reflection, it shows how providentially significant the inauguration of WFWP was, and how history was ready for it.

Through such devoted efforts, WFWP became an international organization and a foundation for worldwide activities in its inaugural year. Now all WFWP members worldwide are working hard with our organization's founding spirit of "Let us form families of true love and construct sound societies and a world of peace based on the maternal love of women."

Ladies and gentlemen, the Cosmic Assembly for the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind who, as God's Embodiment, Proclaim the Word' was held last year, starting in Korea and proceeding to eight nations in Europe, the United States and Nigeria. This was a tour to declare the final completion and conclusion of the history of the providence of restoration in its entirety in the lifetime of True Parents.

The path taken by the True Parents will serve as a tradition and historic example. Thus, I am proclaiming that you need to model your life course on this path, become families that pledge to inherit and fulfill the Will of God that True Parents have already accomplished, and be true to this pledge.

On April 29, 2010, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of our Holy Wedding, Rev. Moon brought to a close the Era before the Coming of Heaven, which was marked by sin and indemnity, and proclaimed the Era after the Coming of Heaven, through which true love will realize a new heaven and new earth. You must bear in mind that the speaking tour he undertook at that time inaugurated the Era after the Coming of Heaven.

The details of True Parents' life course have already been conveyed to you through Rev. Moon's autobiography. I pray that you will all become the representatives and heirs of True Parents before the conclusion of the Cosmic Assembly for the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind who, as God's Embodiment, Proclaim the Word'. I also pray that you will inherit his vision, including the vision revealed in his autobiography, which is a record of True Father's unflinching triumphs as he worked to establish his supreme victory, his achievements and the words he has given while he is still living on this earth, so you can also be triumphant in your course of life. As True Parents have done, you too need to become vertical ladders that can lead your relatives and the members of your clan to God's kingdom. I ask that you take this proclamation of True Parents to heart and pledge to put it into practice.

Together with the declaration of the advent of the new era of women, Rev. Moon has supported this new women's movement centered on God's true love. The Women's Federation for World Peace chapters around the world are carrying out diverse social education activities for the establishment of true family ethics. They have launched activities for women to practice service and sharing with neighbors and communities. Other activities focus on reforming the United Nations, helping that world body attain its Millennium Development Goals, bringing about exchanges between nations and solidarity among them, and pursuing the 1% Love Share Project for North Korea as part of the movement for the reconciliation and reunification of South and North Korea. In addition, chapters in all nations are carrying out various projects adapted to the circumstances and conditions of their respective countries.

In 1994, WFWP established one hundred sixty thousand sisterhood pairs, one hundred sixty thousand Korean women with the same number of Japanese women in thirty-eight conferences. In 1995, we commemorated the fifty years since the end of World War II with a sisterhood ceremony between

American and Japanese women, giving birth to twenty thousand American-Japanese sister couples. Afterward, this ceremony was extended to women of different races in the United States. The sight of women from enemy nations embracing each other and making peace, centering on God's true love, was truly beautiful and heartwarming.

This reconciliation tradition developed on different levels. Last year, through the Registration for God's Kingdom and the Fatherland, one hundred seventy-two American clergymen were given Korean surnames as they formed fraternal ties with Koreans of those surnames. In short, they were registered in God's kingdom, realizing the ideal of One Family under God. Based on such activities, members of WFWP Japan are carrying out volunteer work, building schools, and imparting teaching skills with love, devotion and dedication in difficult regions of the world, including Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia and South America. By thus transcending the barriers of race, religion and nationality, they have expanded the global foundation for WFWP.

All WFWP chapters in the world are participating in the 1% Love Share Project for North Korea, which signifies the heart of wishing to share a little of what we have. To broaden the program's field of support, it has now been expanded to be the global 1% Love Share Project.

While carrying out such diverse activities, WFWP members have come to have a strong sense of solidarity, truly feeling that "The world is one, and humanity is one family." Women leaders of all races from nations across the world have participated in its work and shared their experiences and wisdom in regard to the role of women in constructing a world of peace. In the process, WFWP has formed close friendships with women leaders of global prominence.

Our serious situation as Foundation Day approaches

Respected members of WFWP, throughout our lives my husband and I have established and managed a variety of international organizations and institutions to promote world peace. We have invested unreservedly in many fields, including religion, society, culture, sports, education and the media, and we are developing these organizations with the aim of promoting peace and bringing salvation to humanity.

Many people commend us and tell us that, after achieving so much, we deserve to comfortably enjoy the rest of our lives, reflecting upon our course with satisfaction amid the adulation of all people. They encourage us to put down our burdens and live our remaining life with Heaven, content with the successes achieved during a lifetime of ninety years.

However, my husband and I cannot look at the lives we have led in such a way. Why not? Because we have received the anointing of God, who is the vertical True Parent of all human beings, and we need to complete the mission of the substantial True Parents. Therefore we are leading each day of our lives with more seriousness than ever before, especially now that only a year remains until the completion of the substantial Cheon Il Guk. The ninety years of Rev. Moon's life have been dedicated to liberate God, the True Parent of heaven and earth, to restore to Him the position of the Parent, to save all human beings who suffer in the realm of death, and to return them to God's bosom. For this purpose Rev. Moon has persevered and triumphed over countless tribulations while driving toward the goal of global salvation, leading the lost people of the world who have been reduced to the lot of orphans ignorant of their parents.

And has not every human being inherited the false lineage due to the Fall of the first ancestors? Is not each person wandering in darkness even now, unable to break free of Satan's bondage? Under such circumstances, how could our lives be anything less than completely desperate as we try to guide the almost seven billion people of the world along the path toward the building of God's kingdom on earth?

Ladies and gentlemen, we are living in a time of great cosmic transition in history. It is a time for a great cosmic revolution to change history, to unite the spiritual and physical worlds and to create the ideal kingdom of heaven that God has longed for since the beginning of time. We can no longer postpone or prolong the fulfillment of His wish. Heaven has already proclaimed that January 13, 2013 will be Foundation Day.

That day will be the actual beginning of God's kingdom of Cheon Il Guk. Yet only a year remains.

Therefore it is time for all people to be humbly obedient to Heaven's decree. The fateful time is upon us. We must invest ourselves completely with a life-or-death commitment during this final year before Foundation Day under the guidance of the True Parents, who carry out the providence on earth as the substantial representatives of God, the King of peace. All the good spirits in the spirit world are roused and are already moving forward a step ahead of you.

Beloved members of WFWP Japan, we are presently in the era of the Pacific civilization realm. The central nations of this era are Korea and Japan. The Adam nation is Korea and the Eve nation is Japan, and the archangel nations are the peripheral nations of the United States, China and Russia. Each was

chosen by God.

For Japan to fulfill its mission as the Eve nation, it has to connect the new tradition of the Eve nation to the world of Korean women. This was made possible through the inauguration of WFWP. Going beyond the role of Eve nation, Japan has the providential status of the mother nation. Until now, it has played the role of daughter and the role of wife in the course of restoration through indemnity and has taken the lead to fulfill its given responsibilities and duties.

However, though Japan as the Eve nation ought to fulfill its mission in accordance with Heaven's Will, far from doing so, it is opposing the entry of Rev. Moon into Japan and persecuting us. Though Japan is acting in such a manner, I have worked to enlighten it about the heart and the circumstances of Heaven and what God desires of Japan, with the heart of love that is one in heart and body with my husband.

Rev. Moon is putting his heart and soul into establishing Japan as the mother nation, as the providentially restored original Eve nation, bringing Japan beyond the position of the daughter to the father, beyond the position of the bride who can receive her bridegroom, and beyond the position of the wife to her husband. You need to bear in mind that this is the course of sacrifice that incorporates the boundless love and devotion of True Parents, who are trying to resurrect you and save you by breathing new life and love into you at all times. Herein lies the reason why the Japanese members have to take the lead and work even harder than WFWP members of other nations.

The eight great textbooks and teaching materials

Ladies and gentlemen! True Parents have already prepared the last words for all people. These he uttered in the course of triumphs over the life-or-death situations endured during six unjust imprisonments. He is leaving behind eight textbooks and teaching materials for humanity to use for all eternity. Altogether, these are published in almost a thousand volumes. They are The Sermons of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Exposition of the Divine Principle, Cheon Seong Gyeong (Heavenly Scripture), The Family Pledge, Pyeong Hwa Shin Gyeong (Peace Messages), True Families: Gateway to Heaven, Owner of Peace and Owner of Lineage, and World Scripture.

These are textbooks you will have to read and study even after you go to the spirit world. They are not just teachings that come from human intellect. Instead, they are textbooks and teaching materials that God has granted to His suffering children that teach the heavenly way for their salvation.

You now have to set up the Hoon Dok Hae study tradition in your families using these books. This is the tradition in which three generations of a family start each day by reading Heaven's Word and then practice what they read, with a new heart.

Let us create a world in which people in both the spirit world and the earthly world can attend True Parents at the same time and read the Word on the heavenly path together every day.

When you make this a part of your life, no matter how hard Satan may try to worm his way in to infest your lineage, once he encounters the Hoon Dok Hae tradition he will find no place to stand. If a family is aligned with God as at high noon, when no shadow is cast, and still does not receive God's blessings, then who could ever be deserving of them? When such heavenly families fill the earth, the world will naturally become the kingdom of heaven on earth and the kingdom of heaven in heaven, fulfilling the vision of "One Family under God."

Ladies and gentlemen, the autobiography of Rev. Moon, a forthright account of his life, was published in 2009. Through this book he shares how he discovered God's Will for humanity and the path that we, as God's children, need to follow. His life embodies the saying, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try and try again." I can confidently say this book is also a textbook every bit as valuable as the Hoon Dok Hae textbooks and teaching materials I have mentioned, for it portrays a life lived adhering to absolute truth, with vivid examples, and I recommend it to you. It does not subtract from or add anything to the ninety years of Rev. Moon's life lived in accordance with Heaven's decree, and I once again pray you will carefully read this articulation of true love and find great inspiration from it.

I have mentioned already that a life of vertical, high noon, God-centered alignment casts no shadow. If we can all shine as we live such glowing lives, there will be no shadows cast. However, since up until now you have received far more than you have given, you have become indebted. Therefore I pray that, in order to pay off that debt, you will now wipe away the tears of people in misery and poverty and lead an illuminated life of eternal true love that dissipates darkness.

Our mission in this era

Distinguished guests, at this serious and pivotal time, a revolutionary and cosmic change must now take place in your lives. In light of this let us summarize the message Heaven is giving to us today.

First, all blessed families need to attend God at the center of their families and every day carry out Hoon Dok Hae education, which can completely unite parents and children. In other words, parents have to thoroughly teach the Divine Principle, the textbooks and teaching materials True Parents have bequeathed, True Father's autobiography, and absolute marital fidelity taught through the Original Divine Principle.

Second, Heaven has permitted the grace of the Seonghwa for rebirth and resurrection to be bestowed on the family unit. Here a requisite condition is the complete unity between parents and children. In other words, you must establish the standard for absolute parents and absolute children and thus naturally establish an absolute family.

Third, humanity has moved out of the realm of the era of restoration through indemnity, thanks to the grace of True Parents who have suffered hardships through which they have shed blood and sweat to an unimaginable extent. Therefore do not forget the fact that during True Parents' lifetimes we all have the responsibility to liberate families, tribes, peoples, nations and the world so that God can dwell everywhere. Now that the era of restoration through indemnity has ended, what kind of age is dawning? Only the reign of tranquility and prosperity in the victorious realm centered on God and True Parents shall be eternal.

Fourth, we are now entering the era of the realm of God's direct dominion. Ladies and gentlemen, I have said that only a year remains until the "D-Day" proclaimed by Heaven. I beg that you inscribe in your hearts the fact that we have entered the era of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath in which your direct family members in the spirit world shall return to the earth to receive the Original Divine Principle education, and in which eight generations will live together in a single family.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would now like to share with you the conclusion of the efforts made by Rev. Moon, the teacher and the trainer of the physical and spiritual worlds. He worked devotedly throughout his lifetime to reach this ultimate conclusion, to conclude and complete the unification of the religious world and the earthly world, the spirit world and the physical world, and the world of Cain and Abel.

Such results could not be seen before in the course of history. We are now living at a time when God is concluding the final stages of the providence and harvesting its fruits. In Nepal at this very hour, for example, a national television station is broadcasting the Original Divine Principle lectures received from True Parents to educate the entire nation's people. In addition, activities centered on the United Nations are now on track and gaining speed.

The Women's Federation for World Peace, which my husband and I founded, has been recognized for initiating activities aligned with the UN's founding purpose and goals. Thus, it is now recognized as one of the top-tier organizations among the some thirty-four hundred NGOs registered with the UN. Furthermore, WFWP has achieved outstanding results in its activities promoting women's rights and solving problems of poverty and children's education.

WFWP has already been honored for its work on a number of occasions. In addition, WFWP carried out activities both in Korea and abroad conforming to the UN's Millennium Development Goals. In 2010 WFWP submitted its four-year assessment report and was re-accredited by the UN for the third time since its initial approval in 1997. I consider this a great achievement.

The path of the True Mother

Beloved WFWP Japan members, henceforth WFWP Japan needs to give impetus to the education of members centering on Rev. Moon's thought and teaching on peace and unity. It has to nurture women leaders toward establishing true family ethics and realizing a world of peace. We can spare no effort in creating an international network of women leaders for the realization of the ideal of a world of peace, with humanity as one family.

Moreover, each of us needs to fundamentally nurture or value and train, with great care, our precious original nature, which God has given. Each and every one of our members needs to make effort to lead with feminine grace, motherly love and maternal heart. By so doing, we will plant love and peace in our families and societies. Furthermore, we must stand at the forefront in constructing a peaceful global village and do our utmost to build a world of peace, with humanity as one family.

Providentially, Japan has been given the mission of the Eve nation. That is why Japan has two very different sons: the pro-Pyongyang Federation of Resident Koreans in Japan and the pro-Seoul Korean Residents Union of Japan. Unless the two are united, Japan cannot stand as the Eve nation. Eve must embrace the pro-Pyongyang and pro-Seoul groups, which are like Cain and Abel, unite them, and then connect them as one to the Korean Peninsula.

The members of WFWP in Korea and Japan need to become one, focusing on the goal of the restoration of a unified Korea, and press forward together until the nation sought by God is restored.

Ladies and gentlemen, now the world's progress centers on True Parents. Former historical enemies like Korea and Japan, Japan and the United States, and the United States and Russia will come to participate in inter-cultural marriage Blessings on a supranational scale to sever the fallen lineage they have inherited from Satan and to inherit the new lineage of Heaven.

The Korea-Japan Undersea Tunnel project and the Bering Strait Bridge Tunnel project, which Rev. Moon has declared before all heaven and earth and is carrying forward even as we speak, will be completed under the guidance of the liberated God with religious believers working at the forefront on a global scale. Communism, the ideology of atheism that denies the existence of God, will vanish and the world where all peoples can communicate and live in harmony as originally envisioned by God will be realized.

Though our destination is beyond the horizon, do not forget that we must begin by uniting our mind and body, centered on true love. We have to bear in mind that when our families become the settlement of eternal happiness and true love, our desired ideal nation and ideal world can be brought to fruition.

I pray that all of you will become victors who are part of this historic and providential revolution. The heavenly fortune that flows through the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind will be with you all.

God, True Parents and our neighbors and societies can love the Women's Federation for World Peace, and you can feel authentic value and happiness in life because you are walking the path of the true mother.

Let us walk the path of the true mother.

Let us walk the path of the true wife.

Let us walk the path of the true daughter.

I pray in the name of True Parents that God's blessings be with you, your family and your nation.

Thank you.