

When parents are gone, their children try to make up for their lack of filial piety

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In Korea we have an old saying that sons and daughters always feel regret when the parents are not there or have passed away. When the parents are still present the children do not appreciate their value and love. But when the parents are gone they desperately try to make up for the lack of filial piety they showed toward their parents.

In the fallen world there is no terminology such as True Parents, Parents Day, or Children's Day. Because of the fall all these wonderful heavenly blessings were lost. Only because of the presence of the True Parents are we able to celebrate Children's Day; only because of their advent are we able to talk about the True Parents and attend and love them.

When we think of these most historical, magnificent accomplishments we are deeply moved by occasions like the one we celebrate today.

We know we are the people chosen from all the multitudes of humanity to know and serve the True Parents. I am sure we are going through a great deal of repentance, for shame has stained our church's history.

When God handpicks someone it is for the sake of the world; the world providence and world dispensation is in God's mind.

We have learned about the many failures and setbacks in providential history. That should provide ample lessons to all of us. But today when we look back at ourselves, we can see we are in a way duplicating the history of the past.

We have heard frequently from True Father that unless you have a solid foundation, you will be sorry. Over and over True Father has told us this.

True Father's life has always centered upon the well-being of humanity and the entire world. True Father is thinking of nothing but the restoration of the world. In this he walked a very lonely path because he did not have enough support or foundation. But under those circumstances he was always forgiving, embracing, and loving. That has been the path of our True Father.

So during this time of True Father's incarceration and suffering, the only truly reciprocal response on the part of the children would be to bring unity among all the members of our church. Of course it is very important to have unity between mind and body on the individual level. But as brothers and sisters, as children of God, although uniting among ourselves is not easy it absolutely must be done.

The unification of the world is a gigantic task, but it begins on a small scale. This small scale is the trinity -- this is why we have a trinity system. When these three persons are unselfishly united among themselves a total unity is formed -- that is the beginning point of world unity.

When we look at the significance our contributions have brought to the world, there's no good reason we cannot unite, no reason we cannot become one. Just a little bit of effort and a little bit of self-analysis and a little bit of self-giving will bring total unity of the trinities.

Today I speak to you representing the True Parents, and my central theme is unity. I urge unity among brothers and sisters, particularly within the trinity system, which is the beginning point of all unity. I urge you to look forward to the day when we will celebrate the holy days of our church in the presence of both True Parents. Let us never repeat this type of ceremony again in our history.