

N o w I s G o d ' s T i m e
God's Peace Kingdom Is The Eternal Homeland for All Blessed Families



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Respected leaders of the United States:

I am grateful that so many of you could gather here today, in spite of your busy public and private schedules.

Let me begin my address by reading an excerpt from a prayer that I offered forty-seven years ago. The year was 1958 and I was a 38-year-old single man. This prayer is recorded in the *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, a collection of passages from sermons I have delivered over the course of my ministry.

“Loving Father, thank you for the grace by which You have protected Your humble son, who has fought since childhood so that Heaven may not suffer humiliation and insult.

“Even the finest things of this earth are worthless when measured against the original heart by which You act. Considering this, we should feel

boundless longing to stand in a position where we can connect to Your heart. A person who encounters Your true love could lose the entire world and not miss it.

“Beloved Father, we must now establish the ideal world, our original homeland, where Your love saturates every person's life. During our earthly lives we must prepare for the day when we will make the transition into the next life as Your liberated children, inhabiting a realm of freedom there. Just as a child must be healthy in the womb for it to be healthy during its life in this world, we must lead wholesome lives in this world if we are to be healthy and complete after entering Heaven. Nevertheless, the world in which we live today is under the dominion of evil and therefore is full of contradictions. Thus the only way that heaven and earth can support us in our endeavors, and the only way we can harmonize with the dynamic ebb and flow of the universe, is

if we are victorious over ourselves to the extent that we are ready to give our lives.

“Loving Father, You have toiled throughout history to create a new springtime of hope for us. Let us recognize that, in order to greet the new spring, our lives must be bound to Your life. We must assimilate ourselves completely into You and be absorbed in You. Allow us the certain knowledge that this is the only way to receive Your spring and break forth as Your beautiful blossoms.

“Help us to also understand that just as a tree that blossoms in spring must pass through summer and autumn before it bears fruit, so too our lives must pass through a certain process before we can bear fruit. No matter how long it takes, or how stormy the environment, we cannot allow our inner self to be invaded. We must continue a course of steady development. This is the only way we can reach the next spring as a mother's body for a new life, a mature seed ready to be sown in the fertile soil.

“Though we may appear shabby and wretched, we must not forget that we are people whose internal form is as a crystal, capable of gathering the infinite life force to be planted as life-bearing seeds in the infinite world. I beseech You that we always remember, in the face of difficulties, that the more pitiful our external appearance, the more significant and substantial is our internal value.

“We know, loving Father, that anyone whose heart is not overflowing with longing to attend You and bow down before You will be unable to bond with You in that eternal world. Let us open our hearts now, so that we may feel Your heart. Let us hear Your voice today as it wells up within our hearts, so that we may establish our lives in your truth. Let us appreciate with our whole heart the tragic course You walked as You struggled behind the scenes of history to reclaim each one of us. Of our own accord, we bow our heads in Your presence.

Amen!”

Respected leaders of the United States, what is the first attribute of truth? It is that it is eternal and unchanging. If I truly have received the anointing of Heaven as the Savior, Messiah, Second Coming and True Parent, who appears on the earth to communicate Heaven's truth and save humanity from the hell of the human fall, then the word that I teach must not change. There should not be even the slightest difference between what I teach today and what I taught 20 years ago or 40 years ago.

I received Heaven's call at the youthful age of 16 and have dedicated my life of over 80 years to the task of accomplishing God's will on this earth and saving humankind. My teachings do not derive from my own knowledge or personal philosophy. The words that come from my mouth, whether 50 years ago, at this moment, or at any moment in the future, are truth given by Heaven to humanity. They are the heavenly doctrine that humanity should uphold and live by forever. Even if all six billion people on earth were to oppose me, my words are still the eternal and unchangeable truth. Nothing can be added or taken away, not even one iota.

As I prayed 47 years ago, so too today I pray that you will open your hearts and experience the heart of God. Please listen to the voice of God that wells up from within the deepest recesses of your own heart. Please do not ever forget Heaven's wondrous will and love, which have guided my footsteps back to America even after I thought I would never return.

One Moment and One Lifetime

God created us to be born in love, raised in love, live our lives in the midst of love, and then die in the arms of love. So everything—our birth, our life, and our death— should give rise to gratitude.

From birth we find ourselves sharing in the lives of our parents. We become participants in their lives. Our parents conceived us in love;

in us they planted the flag of their love. We live our entire lives in accordance with the banner of our parents' love. We should wave this banner each moment of our lives by loving our parents and our siblings.

The person who ignores the value of each and every moment to love will lose what is truly precious. Whether we win or lose is determined in a single moment. Every historical victory and every heavenly victory was determined in a moment. Therefore, a great person lives his or her life constantly aware of the precious value of each moment, for every particular moment is uniquely special. Such a person can be included in the ranks of the saints, and even become a divine son or daughter in Heaven and on earth.

From this perspective, it is vital to understand how to live in relationship with God's will, in the contexts both of daily personal life and of historical time. Before we talk about our hope that God's will be done and His Kingdom come, we need to assess the degree to which we are living in oneness with His Will.

The Bible records a 4,000-year Providence of Restoration that includes Noah's family, Abraham's family, Moses' family and Jesus' family. We see that the mistakes the members of those families committed were not events extending over a decade or several decades. Those who erred did so in a single moment, and the error of that one moment fated them and their descendants to a path of indemnity extending over a thousand years of history, and caused peoples and nations to fall into a bottomless pit of destruction.

That reveals the seriousness and importance of each moment of our lives. Even the eternal Kingdom of Heaven cannot exist apart from the single moment. Eternity does not begin when a person dies; it begins when a person comes to know Heaven's will. If even a single moment should ever be skipped, or if there should be even the smallest hole in time, eternity will cease to exist.

As people of faith, it is good for us to dream of the eternal, but it is even more important that we understand how to eradicate evil and advance goodness in the context of our own life in today's reality. In other words, what you should fear most is not the judgment that will come in the Last Days, but whether you are living each moment of your daily life in oneness with God's Will. You should be concerned about how your life intersects with the course of God's Will.

The Path to Our True Home

The truth is that the circumstances of our families, societies, nations and world do not align with our will. Therefore, we find ourselves dealing with all manners of difficulties, and we struggle back and forth across the turning point between good and evil. Every single day we prepare and struggle to triumph over our circumstances. Even in terms of our daily schedules, we often experience that we cannot do all the things that we planned to do in the morning. This is all the more the case as we take on a greater public role. We find that we need proportionally greater determination and driving force in order to conclude each day of our lives with victory. The days add up to become months, then years. Ultimately, they add up to form our entire life.

Ladies and gentlemen, while living on this earth, neither we nor anyone in history can escape the confines of time. Individuals, families, tribes, peoples, nations and the world move within one realm of time. Each person has a certain purpose to fulfill during the course of his or her life. A person will strive for ten years, twenty years, or an entire lifetime in pursuit of this purpose. The larger the purpose, the stronger must be the person's internal resolution and dedication. To accomplish his or her purpose, a person must possess an internal determination strong enough to overcome any adversity.

You may not understand about the spirit world. But through God's special grace, I came to know that unknown world with certainty.

Looking at the fundamentals of that world, I saw that it operates on a simple principle. When people cross over into that world, those who lived for the sake of others according to God's heavenly laws and principles will enter Heaven, while those who lived selfishly and only for themselves cannot avoid going to hell. What is heaven? Heaven is a kingdom of peace. It is where the original ideal of creation that God purposed from the beginning is completed. It is the true homeland all human beings must seek and find.

We are descendants of Adam and Eve, who were expelled from the original homeland as a result of the Fall. Therefore, it is our destiny to return to and re-enter that original homeland. However, we cannot enter there by human effort alone. It is possible to enter only because God has worked through history to enable fallen human beings to go there. God established various religions, suited to each peoples' diverse cultures and traditions, to guide humanity. Religion, however, only trains people to acquire the qualifications. To actually bring us to this higher dimension, God is now leading humanity above and beyond the cultural backgrounds of the various world religions, towards a single unified religious world.

The Goal of Life

All religions teach their followers to live for the sake of others because their purpose is to prepare their people to live in the original homeland. Living for the sake of others is the essence of true love. To train us in this way of life, religions give highest priority to the practice of meekness and humility. They teach us to place other people above ourselves and to live for their benefit. They teach sacrifice and service.

Ladies and gentlemen, what is the ultimate goal of life? It is to possess God's love completely. To reach that final destination, a man and a woman must travel the road together. They may encounter life-threatening situations dozens or even hundreds of times, or even die

on the way, yet that is the path of life that leads them back to God.

What is the ultimate human desire? It is to possess God's love completely. True love is the core of God's being. You may possess God's attention completely, yet God will not be your God unless you possess God's true love. On the other hand, if you completely possess God's true love, then you will not mind even if God is not with you. You enter a state where everything that is God's is yours, and everything that is yours is God's. Then for the first time, the internal and external will be one. The place filled with such love is the ideal Kingdom of Heaven. Once you reach this state, you will perceive beauty in all beings in the world, and everything in the world will live for your sake.

And yet, ladies and gentlemen, because of the fall of the first human ancestors, all people without exception have inherited Satan's false love and were born with Satan as their parents. Satan's lineage has been passed down to you through your mother and father. This is the picture of who you are here today. Our beginning was in error because false parents abducted us; therefore, we must go back and begin again in the lineage of the True Parents.

This is how deadly serious our lives are. You must inherit God's love, God's life, and God's lineage. It is possible only through the Holy Blessing Ceremony. This ceremony is not a religious rite of the Unification Church alone but grace from God. You were dying because you were pricked by Satan's poison-tipped needle, but through this ceremony you will be revived.

The Purpose of Creation

Then, let us look from God's viewpoint at the reasons He created human beings. There are three. First, God created human beings with material form in order for Him to be the Parent of all material existence. God, being invisible and without material form, cannot have dominion over things that have material form. In

other words, God needed to exist as a being with form: that is the form of a Parent. God wished to become one with Adam and Eve and through them to act as the substantial Parent to all humanity.

Second, the invisible God cannot produce children of His perfect image by Himself. A vertical line perpendicular to a horizontal plane cannot move beyond the single point where it intersects that plane. There is no reproduction in the spirit world. The spatiality that is necessary for reproduction to take place is created only when there is a horizontal deployment from the perpendicular axis tracing a sphere through 360 degrees. God needed an organic process by which to produce citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, and so He created this horizontal earthly world. When a man and woman meet and form a couple through conjugal love, they create a sphere through their give and take action, and become a channel by which to produce citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. God's desire was to multiply so many people of the Kingdom of Heaven that there would be more than enough men and women to fill the ideal world He envisioned. This is the reason it is important for husbands and wives to bear and raise many children.

Third, God created human beings in order to establish and maintain an eternal partnership of love. When God created Adam and Eve, He intended that they would become His eternal partners of love. But they were not the only ones. Once God had established Adam and Eve in His partnership realm, it was His intention to likewise establish their children and all their descendants in a world where everyone would be His direct partner of love. In this way, God created human beings to maintain the world of love's partnership for eternity.

If Adam and Eve call God "Father," then should their children call Him "Grandfather?" No, they would also call Him "Father." God is the vertical center. From God's perspective, all the partners of His love are equal. Each partner of God's love possesses equal value transcending time and space. After all, each is produced

when God's vertical love is extended horizontally on the same plane. This means the value of perfected love is always equal.

Intermediaries between the Spiritual and Physical Worlds

Next, let us look at the process of God's creation. When God created the universe, first He created the natural environment and then on that foundation He created human beings. In the beginning, God was the center of everything. In the end, He desired that human beings establish equilibrium and unity throughout the natural world. Thus, human beings would be in the central position—with the spirit world relating to the mind and the physical world relating to the body. Humanity has a mission: to serve as the intermediary between the spiritual and physical worlds.

Look at the natural world in which we live. It contains two axes: one visible and the other invisible. The Earth, as an object partner, revolves around the sun, its subject partner, at the same time that it rotates on its own axis. Likewise, our body revolves around our mind by following the mind's directions at the same time that it also engages in its own rotational motion that enables it to exist and function. I am trying to illustrate a universal principle, one that illuminates the path of restoration that leads to the salvation of fallen humanity.

Human beings have a body that revolves around the physical mind. The physical mind revolves around a higher center—the spirit mind, and above the spirit mind is yet a higher center—God. Human beings are complete only when they are completely one with God. Yet, a complete human being, though he or she may appear to be an insignificant individual, represents all of history and all relationships of the future. That person's value is equal to that of the entire cosmos. If we wish to attain such cosmic value, we will let our spirit mind lead the way as we go about our life. This is heavenly law. The time has come when Heaven will judge whoever goes against the promptings of

his or her conscience, which speaks through the spirit mind.

We are now living in the Age After the Coming of Heaven. This is an era when your sincerity, your dedication and your sweat will bear fruit. The founders and saints of the great religions, accompanied by myriads of good ancestors, have descended to the earth and are participating in the works of the Providence. Now is the time to flee from this world of anxiety, fear and confusion, and follow the teachings of the True Parents to establish God's Kingdom of Peace on earth. If you, the citizens of the leading nation of the democratic world, cannot do it, God will accomplish His will nonetheless, even by educating atheists in formerly communist countries to do so.

The State of Resonance

Ladies and gentlemen, how can we become intermediaries who can unite with the will of heaven? We should enter a state of resonance with God. In nature, resonance occurs when two objects vibrate with the same frequency. Sound waves of harmonic frequency create resonance. The resonating objects no longer vibrate independently, but begin to move around one center. In the same way, when a person's spirit self and physical self resonate with each other and begin to revolve centering on God's true love, the person's spiritual cells and physical cells begin to function together. His or her physical eyes, for example, will vibrate in step with their spiritual eyes, and they will be able to see not only the physical world but also the complete reality of the spirit world.

For the same reason, when we reach the state where our spirit self and physical self become one by the explosive force of true love, we will resonate with the earthly world, the heavenly world and even with God. What is the force that can move our mind and body into a state where they resonate 100 percent? It is not God's wisdom, efficacy, or power. Only His true love can do it.

Every human being has a dual structure, consisting of mind and body. Each man and each woman has a mind and a body. So when a man and a woman come together, it could be said that there are four entities present. If they are not united, it could be chaos. But these four become naturally one when they resonate with God's true love.

Lords of Creation Who Can Inherit God's Kingdom

Ladies and gentlemen, it is a law of the universe that for every particular being or central core, there will always be a second being that revolves around it as its partner. The relationship between God and human beings is an expression of the same principle that causes electrons to revolve around protons. The human mind, like an electron, forms a relationship with and interacts with God's mind as if it were protons. By this principle God carries out His Providence of Restoration.

Indeed, as you delve into the words of truth, you will experience how God's life energy and love commune with one another. As the Apostle Paul said, it is because God loves us as His children that we shine as lights unto the world.

The truth is eternal and unchanging. But how in this evil world can you distinguish between good and evil in order to travel the path of truth? The answer is this: turn away from the pursuit of self-aggrandizement and place yourselves in a low, humble position. The Bible says, "Whoever humbles himself will be exalted." (Matthew 23:12) The essence of a human being is spiritual. When people die and go to spirit world, they understand much more clearly that essentially human beings are created to live for the sake of others. Nonetheless, we have not been able to escape from selfishness and individualism because we still are yoked to Satan by the shackles of his fallen lineage.

You should now eat spiritual food. Between spiritual food and physical food, which do you think should be tastier? If you are to survive and stand on the side of God, you should prefer the taste of spiritual food. This means that you should prefer a life based on spiritual strength rather than a life based on physical strength.

It is said that human beings are the lords of creation. Yet a person does not become a lord of creation simply by virtue of being human. To be minimally qualified, a person must not live mainly for him or herself. They are rightly called lords who live for others and serve the whole. God is trying to accomplish His will through such people. God is not building the Kingdom of Heaven for Himself. By having such selfless people build the Kingdom, He wants it to belong to them.

God created human beings to live forever. But if we were unable to cast off the yoke of this evil world during our sojourn of one hundred years or so on the earth, how would our life be superior to that of an animal? Because we are spiritual beings, we should differ from animals. It turns out that the reason human beings can be lords of creation is that our hearts never grow old. Nature is always changing. Even a rock, a symbol of permanence, cannot endure forever the effects of erosion. Only the human heart was created with the potential to remain unchanging for eternity. Hence the title, "lord of creation," cannot be awarded based upon one's money or knowledge. It is not based on power. It is only based on the true unchanging love—God's love.

Becoming Original Human Beings

Ladies and gentlemen, what are the ties that will bind original human beings to each other? Original relationships involve sharing joy and exhibiting the values of praise and respect for each other. Above all, they manifest perfect true love within the realm of God's absolute love.

Thus, original human beings are to encapsulate the harmonious oneness of all relationships in heaven and on earth. This is the very reason we have both an invisible mind and a visible body. If we had preserved the relationship of mind and body that God had intended, then the mind and body, though distinct and different from each other in terms of function, would be eternally united and whole.

Please consider your own life. I don't think you can deny that your mind and body are often fighting each other. How much longer are you going to allow this fight to continue? Ten years? A hundred years? Or will it not end even when you die? There is a definite order designed for all beings in the universe. This means God did not create us to exist in the imperfect state in which we now find ourselves. Your task now is to empower your mind and subdue your body. The grace of Heaven will be with you in this effort.

In the relationship between the mind and body, the mind is the more important of the two. The body persists for about a hundred years and then passes away, but the mind, or spirit, will live for eternity, transcendent of time and space. You may spend your days on earth eating and dressing extravagantly, but someday you will die, and then what? You are better off setting a good spiritual standard and then harmonizing your physical life to that standard. Make of yourself a person of integrity and wholeness embracing both spirit and flesh.

Building the Peace Kingdom

Respected leaders of the United States, we are now entering a glorious age. The Kingdom of Heaven on earth, God's ideal of creation, is being established before your eyes. This is the Peace Kingdom. In my life of more than 80 years, I have walked a lonely path. Heaven called me to walk that path, soaked with blood, sweat and tears. Now, that effort is bearing victorious fruit for the sake of all six billion people of the world.

In more than 180 countries, Ambassadors for Peace have inherited Heaven's will and tradition. They are working hard, day and night, proclaiming the values of true love and true families. They are moving forward with full force to establish world peace. In the Middle East, one of the world's tinderboxes, Jews, Christians and Muslims have found the resources in my philosophy of peace to engage in a new dimension of dialogue for peace. Unification Thought played an important role in ending the Cold War. I am now playing a decisive role behind the scenes to bring about the unification of my homeland, Korea.

But ladies and gentlemen, that is not enough to satisfy me. I began my life's work at the command of Heaven. I have come as the True Parent of humankind with God's anointing, and I am determined to keep my promise to Him to create a united world of peace.

As I stand here today on this platform, I would like to make a truly important historic declaration to humanity. For thousands of years, Satan used the Bering Strait to separate East and West, North and South, as well as North America and Russia geographically. I propose that a bridge be constructed over the Bering Strait, or a tunnel be dug under it, so that it will be able to connect the world super highway starting from the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa to Santiago in Chile, and from London to New York, making the world a single community. I would call this, "*The World Peace King Bridge-Tunnel.*" Ladies and gentlemen, to succeed with this dramatic and historic project, the United States of America, Russia, Europe, China, India, Japan, Brazil and all the nations and religions of the world should work hand in hand. With the complete success of this project, humankind will be one step closer to the Peace Kingdom on earth where there is no more division and war.

Heaven warns us that we can no longer tolerate separation and division. So let us really bind the world together as one community, tear down the walls of race, culture, religion, and nationality, and establish a world of peace on this earth. This has been God's fervent desire. There is no other way. Humankind's current course of conflict and selfishness is a dead-end street. People are beginning to realize the significance and the hope in my teachings of "true love, true life and true lineage" which are the pivots of building a world of peace. As the power of Heaven sweeps down upon the earth, even countries and peoples that appear strong today will run out of options and will surrender.

The choice is now yours. The Will of Heaven does not change. The teaching that I received in prayer 47 years ago is the same message I am giving to you who are living in the twenty-first century. The power and fortune of Heaven gave me the victory. Will you join in step with Reverend Moon as I rise, and work with me to establish true families, true societies, true nations and a true world on this earth? Or will you continue as Satan's captive behind the wall of your religion, the wall of your culture, the wall of your nationality and the wall of your race, and spend the remainder of your life in agony and regret? Heaven is summoning brave generals who will turn this world of evil upside down and establish a new heaven and a new earth.

Today I have delivered Heaven's message. Please inscribe it deep in your hearts, and become wise leaders who will set new coordinates for your lives.

I pray that God's abundant blessing will be upon your families and upon your nations.

Thank you.

