

Reverend Moon's Address to 750 Victory Over Communism (VOC) Leaders at the Annual Meeting in Korea





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◇국제승공연합 이천연수원에서 열린 전국 자문위원회회의에서 강연하는 文鮮明선생

勝共聯合조직 1백여개국 有事時엔 세계義勇軍과 共産主義 침식은 민주국가·종교의 共同책임

1백78市郡 7백20명 代表참석

國際勝共聯合 창설자이자 總裁인 文鮮明선생은 1968년 이후 10년간 100여개국을 순회하며 勝共聯合을 창설한 후 세계 1백여개국의 지부를 설치, 그 조직을 통해 세계적인 승공연합을 추진하고 있다. 11월 1일 개최된 승공연합 전국자문위원회장단 회의에서 文鮮明선생은 "세계의 民主國家와 세계의 宗教人이 하나가 되어 共産主義의 침식을 막아야 한다"고 강조하며 "민중의 生存權을 지키는 것은 우리의 共同責任이다"고 강조했다.

國際勝共聯合(이사장=文鮮明)이 개최한 80년도 全國諮問委員會장단 승공세미나는 11월 1일 1백78市郡에서 7백20명이 참석한 가운데 利川郡 장문원소재 國諮問委員會에서 2일간 열렸다.

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Victory Over Communism Through Unity of All Religions

International Federation for Victory Over Communism Organized in Over 100 Countries: In Case of Emergency, Dispatching Volunteer Army Possible. Democratic Nations and Religions Must Be Held Responsible for the Spread of Communism. 720 Representatives from 178 Cities and Local Districts Attend.

The Reverend Moon, Founder and Chairman of the International Federation for Victory Over Communism, has long championed the view that communism and its system are the enemy of God and mankind. After founding the IFVOC in Korea in 1968, he established branches in over 100 countries all over the world, and by stepping up anti-communist activities through them, has become a unique leader in the world-wide anti-communist movement. At a seminar sponsored by the IFVOC on November 1, 1980, he argued in no uncertain terms: "Until the democratic

nations and all religions unite and uproot the evil of Communism from this earth, we cannot continue to survive."

On November 2, 1980, a seminar on anti-Communism was held under the aegis of the IFVOC at the Yi-Chun Training Center on the outskirts of Seoul. Attending the seminar were 720 distinguished citizens representing 178 cities and local districts. Later a luncheon was served in the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Hotel for over 200 leaders.

The Rev. Moon was the speaker on both occasions. Speaking on the subject, "Whither Korea," he said, "If Korea, where the confrontation between democratic freedom and communism is at dagger's point, should overcome communism once and for all, then she can become the leading nation in the world-wide anti-communist movement."

After he detailed how the Unification Church, started in Korea, has spread all over the world, he made it clear to his audience that "the Unification Church of the world is now in a position to

surpass the established churches of varying denominations in terms of ideology, organization, and political and economic power." Again: "Democratic nations and religions must both be held responsible for the spread of Communism over more than half the world." He further emphasized that all religious people and the democratic nations must unite to promote the anti-Communist movement now.

"If a military conflict should flare up in the Korean Peninsula," he continued, "we can definitely dispatch volunteer armies from all over the world through the IFVOC with the express object of defeating Communism."

At the Hyatt Hotel, Rev. Moon spoke on the subject, "The World Within Korea."

Expounding his own theory of the development of world civilization, he commented, "Korea will be the birthplace of a new civilization that will neutralize, harmonize and lead the world civilization," and concluded, "Korea is

a nation of Hope, showered with blessings by God."

He also emphasized, "Democratic nations and religions are facing a serious challenge from Communism. Hence, all religions must be unified into one faith in order to overcome the challenge of Communism." The reason he gave for this is that "religions become true religions only when they exist and work for nations and the world as a whole."

At this luncheon, it may be interesting to note, many distinguished guests expressed their feelings and opinions on the activities of IFVOC—among them Mr. Myung Hwan Kim, former mayor of Kang Nung, Mr. Woo Dae Kee, former police chief of Chang Sung, Mr. Yung Tae Oh, former principal of Ma San High School, and Mr. Chong Yim Hong, Chairman, Sok-Cho Housewives Class Association.

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Korea Carries Within Her Womb the Seed of a New World Civilization. 21st Century an Era of Neutral Civilization Centered on Korea.

Need for a Central Ideology Digesting Democracy and Overcoming Communism

I've been to many countries all over the world, but none looks as beautiful as Korea. When God looks down at this planet, He may wonder, as I do, at Korea being the "world's most beautiful country."

Korea shall be the country on which God will shower His blessings. In the next hour I'll address myself to the subject: How We May Receive God's Blessings.

If we look back in history, ancient civilization began in the tropical zone. Egyptian civilization originated in the tropical zone. Later the epicenter of human civilization moved to the temperate zone. In our day and age, we can say that most of the 20th century civilizations are to be found in this zone. Why is it that the civilization which had its origins in the tropical zone shifted to the warm belt? When you consider one year, it has spring, summer, autumn and winter. If you liken the seasons of the year to civilization, then we can speak of spring civilization, summer civilization, autumn civilization and winter civilization.

Now, shifting the epicenter of civilization from the tropical to the temperate zone can be attributed only to the fall of man. Because of his fall, he became the savage incapable of building a Spring Civilization. He lived the life of a primitive man in the tropical zone. In accordance with the natural sequence of the seasons, the civilization should have begun as the Spring Civilization. But the Tropical (Summer) Civilization shifted to the Temperate Zone. It is not, as it should be, the Spring Civilization but the Autumn Civilization. We now see very clearly many signs of decay and the eventual death of this Autumn Civilization. At this juncture, the Temperate Zone Civilization is banging its head against the stone wall of Winter Civilization. To push this metaphor one step further, our 20th century civilization is blown off course by the north wind of Siberia and along with it the icy wind of Communism. Indeed, the single gravest problem we face today in the world happens to be this confrontation.

We should not be so gravely concerned at all if the temperate zone civilization can bear a fruit such that it may be the seed of a new ideal civilization for all mankind. For the law of nature dictates that no matter how severe the winter cold may be, a strong seed that can survive this cold will eventually bear fruit to perpetuate itself. However, the time is near at hand when the temperate zone civilization may perish without bearing any fruit—it may perish forever along with its fallen leaves on the road.

If this be so, we may ask: Where can we possibly find the beginning of a new spring civilization which all mankind yearns for? Where can we find the new soil where the seed of the ideal of God's creation may be planted, so that, absorb-

ing the nutrients therein and receiving the life-giving energy of the sun, it may sprout, flower and bear fruits of new civilization? This is a big question indeed.

The 20th century civilization faces a crisis that spells its demise because of the worldwide threat of Communism. The same holds true of the history of religions, too. Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, and other religions also face the supreme task of overcoming Communism. All the beliefs of different faiths must together find a way of conquering Communism.

It is, indeed, the law of heaven and earth that after a cold waves attacks, the seed of a new civilization, so far hidden from view, shall sprout into a new life. If, however, a new civilization were not born, we must conclude that God does not exist.

If there is a God, He would no doubt bring forth a new civilization. That new civilization must possess vitality that far transcends the decadence of the free world and the evil of Communism. One thing I should make perfectly clear is that Korea is that nation pregnant with the seed of that new civilization.

The civilization, for instance, of the Roman Empire dominated the ancient world. The country that bore it is still a mighty nation. Why? Italy enjoys the four distinct seasons of spring, summer, autumn and winter. Her climate is very similar to that of Korea. Those areas of the world have the potential to give birth to the "synthetic" civilization. In other words, it has the characteristics to combine the qualities of tropical, temperate and cold zone civilizations.

The epicenter of the world civilization shifts and circles around the globe. In this process, the cause and effect work together. Italy has favorable climatic conditions to have made her contribution to the world civilization, and when the epicenter moves from the west to the east, Korea is in the same situation as Italy once was.

Korea enjoys four distinct seasons, and even in winter she enjoys four warm days after the cold days. Hence, Korea has the capacity to become, because of her favorable climatic conditions, the cradle of a new civilization symbolic of spring season and early morning.

Korea happens to be the only country today where Democracy and Communism lock their horns in dead seriousness. Why is it that these two irreconcilable ideologies confront each other in Korea? By confronting and struggling against the assault of the cold-zone civilization, she will receive a new seed that can flower into a hitherto non-existing and unrealized spring civilization. Because the spring civilization can blend and harmonize the rest, I call it the Age of Neutral Civilization. If it is time that the epicenter of world civilization shifts according to the climate,

Korea has every qualification to be the base for realization of that new spring civilization. Viewed in this light, Korea must assimilate Communism in her struggle against it so as to acquire a new vitality.

Nowadays, America, the mightiest nation on this earth, can ill afford to ignore or slight a small nation like Korea. A country that conquers Korea in the Far East will find herself in a position to dominate the rest of Asia. Thus it was to gain control over her that the Sino-Japanese and Russo-Japanese wars were waged.

After our liberation from the colonial rule of Japan, the government has changed hands several times. Yet the season for the rapid economic growth of our country is due only to the heavenly blessing from above. The reason for this economic miracle is to prepare her for the leadership of the new civilization. In my opinion, her rapid growth is made possible only because God has supported her most generously.

In our time the Unification Church has pursued a vigorous anti-Communist campaign. The VOC ideology proposed by the Unification Church defends the free world and at the same time digests the Communist ideology without losing its ideological identity. If this is so, then it can become the standard-bearer for the new civilization.

Thus any organization of Korean origin which wields influence not only in Korea but in the rest of the world, and which at the same time transcends Communism as well as Christianity, as the backbone of the free world, can make Korea the foundation of the new civilization, just as Italy was once the foundation of the old civilization. She can then lead the world civilization.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, let's return for a moment to you. Can you really "digest" and overcome Communism? Can you do the same with Christianity? You must in any case understand the evil of Communism and also have a deep insight into the profound meaning of Christianity that had built the democratic world. If you could, you would unite the whole world.

Look at the history of Korea. All religions which came over here have bloomed. Buddhism came and bloomed. Confucianism did the same. So did Christianity. In recent times, Islam, too, came over and is doing quite well. All these religions had an impact on the course of Korean history. However, all these religions are divided against one another. What could unite Korea? There is only one way. They must unite in the historic task of winning victory over Communism. The time is not far off when all these religions, recognizing the threat of Communism that denies any and all religions, must stop squabbling and start working toward one supreme end: overcoming their common enemy, Communism.

If the Korean people can do this, then there is hope, indeed. Up until now, I've lived looking forward to this very moment when we must act in unison.

When I crossed the 38th parallel, I prayed to God with all my heart: "Our beloved Father in Heaven, I know what Communism is. I'm going to South Korea now, so that I may launch a worldwide attack on Communism, and crossing the 38th parallel north, kick out Kim Il Sung and liberate North Korea." I have not let up in my struggle against Communism ever since. I consider it my mission from God to fight Communism today and every day until my last hour.

Distinguished guests! You are all leaders in your respective communities. You have just passed a historic resolution against Communism here at this meeting. This heralds a New Age in human history. You must realize that this is the starting point for the new civilization.

You must connect the past, present and future. We are here today because our parents had us, and because we are here today, there are our children.

You are all important precisely because you have resolved publicly to dedicate yourselves to the launching of the new civilization, but more important are your own children—how to educate them, who will carry the torch after us.

I've long entertained this thought: "Should 3,000 highly intelligent young Koreans be properly trained for six months, they could become leaders capable of changing the world." If these young people, armed with a correct ideology, be dispatched all over the world, then Korea will be in a position to lead the entire world. For some reason, however, I have not been able to place young Koreans in a leadership position. Instead I have put many Japanese and Germans in that position. True to their Bushido tradition, young Japanese carry out effectively the command of their leader; the Germans, once they know what their goal is, have proved to be the most capable workers. One thing I regret very much is that I've not been able to mobilize the equally intelligent and capable young Koreans.

It is not too late. I should like to equip your children with VOC ideology for the Age of Neutral Civilization, the Age of the New Spring Civilization which originates in the soil of Korea. This is what God and all mankind desire. If you know this much, that is to say, if you know even vaguely that the new civilization can start here and spread all over the world, then why not put your own children under our charge? This is in no way to promote the interest of the Unification Church.

Up to now, I have never trained people with the slogan "Live and work for the Unification Church!" I have always taught that religion must exist to save a



Comments and Reactions of Some Participants

Yung Tai Oh, Former Principal of Ma San High School

I have been deeply moved by Rev. Moon's impassioned and sincere speech in his effort to save our country and to bring peace to all mankind. I happen to hold a very important position in the established Christian Church, and yet I must confess that my participation in this historic meeting has radically changed my opinion about Rev. Moon and his church. Rev. Moon himself had referred to himself as "someone with a bad public image." But I now have no doubt in my mind that Rev. Moon is a person who in the face of persecution devotes himself to the fulfillment of God's will. If his conviction were not so strong as to make him indifferent to verbal accusation in one society, how could he possibly carry out God's mission for the entire world?

In our country, where everyone is entitled to the freedom of worship, even Islam enjoys a fairly successful mission. Then, it is high time, indeed, that the established Christian churches should cease and desist harassing and persecuting the Unification Church whose freedom of religion they have

unjustly violated. In the history of the Christian Church, ever since the Nicean Church Council, doctrinal differences have given rise to many bitter controversies and even to splitting of the church into countless contending denominations. The time has come when they must openly recognize and accept the Unification Church as one of them.

Thirteen years ago, when I was still principal of Ma San High School, I was invited by the Korean community in Japan to visit. While I stayed at the YMCA hotel, Waseda University CARP members came to me and kindly offered to take me around the city (Tokyo). When I realized that it was Rev. Moon who had made these Japanese students into such good and decent human beings, I, as a Korean, could not stifle a sense of shame arising within my breast. CARP was organized in many universities and colleges in Japan, and many members of Japan's intelligentsia devoted themselves to the understanding of the Principle. I had also met countless young Japanese who took part in the CARP activities.

When I returned home, I attended a three-day seminar on V.O.C. (Victory Over Communism). I had never received

such thorough training in matters of our national survival. I felt that the IFVOC (International Federation for Victory Over Communism) was doing very vital work for democratic freedom everywhere, because this kind of work was sorely needed on the national and worldwide levels. I then made up my mind to do all I could to help the IFVOC that conducted a very important ideological training, even though it had no connection whatever with the government authorities.

"Prophets are never respected in their own countries" must have been said with Rev. Moon in mind. Many people vilify him out of jealousy. Yet his love of Korea and her people, his worldwide activities for restoration of mankind have changed my attitude toward him. I now love and respect him. I am very proud of him, too.

When I was a student in Japan, I was persecuted by many Japanese. Yet these Japanese now respect Rev. Moon and have become his faithful followers. Apart from church doctrines, I must take pride in the fact that Rev. Moon is a Korean. I pray to God for his great success in the days ahead.

nation and the world. It must liberate God, I have always taught them. The members of the Unification Church have a very clear idea as to what I mean. They work day and night to walk on the righteous path. This is so not only in Korea but in 127 countries throughout the world. When this movement helps to close the distance among these nations, there will emerge a new world on a higher level, indeed.

It might be a great surprise to many people that after two days of intensive training you now begin to appreciate and understand my own ideology. In America, some accuse me of brainwashing the young people there. But this is not so. Only because they have a keen understanding of this ideology, they want to dedicate themselves to it.

The Unification Thought is not confirmed by one tradition. It is vast. It clarifies the confusion everywhere—in history, philosophy, east or west, democracy or Communism. It enables one to know God and His Will in the midst of contemporary reality. It enables one to discover in his heart and in daily life the truth: "God is my Father!" It is obsolete nowadays to believe in God only conceptually. God becomes our subject, we his object. Only thus can we solve our problems. What would be the consequences should your own children believe this?

Korea then, becomes a nation of hope.

Korea is the standard-bearer for the post-20th century civilization that will harmonize and neutralize the rest. All of you must find for yourselves the *raison d'être* (purpose of life) for this new age. You must also educate your own children for the same purpose. In the future, it won't be Korea in the world; it will be the world in Korea. The Koreans must realize this—the sooner the better. Then they will be respected; they will lead the rest of the world. God will then love them too. Because you are Koreans, you want this to happen. Even if you don't, I and the Unification Church will make this happen.

The young Moonies who work toward this end may not be satisfactory in your eyes. But they have the unshakable conviction to go on in the face of all opposition.

But if you believe even slightly that their ideology can assimilate both Communism and Christianity, then you will, I hope, do something to help them and support them. Whoever it may be, someone must undertake the task of teaching them. There is one bad trait of the Korean people: they want to put down anyone better than they.

We must work hard together for the Age of Neutral Civilization that will build the "world in Korea." We are now at the very starting point in that direction.

Former Mayor of Kang Neung Myung Hwan Kui,

Now that I've met Rev. Moon, whom I respected, I am simply overwhelmed with a sense of elation and also of gratitude. There was a time when I didn't know much about the Unification Church or the IFVOC (International Federation for Victory Over Communism). Then it all happened: when I was still Mayor of the city of Kang Neung, I found on my desk one morning a copy of "A Proud Korean." I read it out of curiosity, at first. The book was brimful of the Korean spirit; it had ideology, morals, philosophy, literary gems. So I wound up reading it three times!

As is well known already, the U.S. Congress was once misguided into giving a bad name for the Korean people. Then Col. Bo Hi Pak, a Special Assistant to Rev. Moon, testified before the Congressional subcommittee. His testimony unmistakably demonstrates the spirit of the Korean people. Col. Pak shouted to Frazer: "Look, whether you are right or the Korean people are right, the American people will judge." What a strong conviction he must have

to be able to say such a thing. I was impressed by the fact that there is in America a Korean patriot who defends his country and people. I almost felt like crying.

But when I learned that it was the Unification Church (which originated in Korea) that gave Col. Pak such a strong conviction, I was even more impressed.

One day, Mr. Won Kun Pak, the central figure of the Church in my own city, came to ask me whether I might be interested in seeing a movie "Testimony Before the Congress." I consented, and also asked many important persons of the community to come along.

The movie left a very profound impression on me—as a Korean I could not help it. Here was a Korean who defended his own people with such sincerity and strength of will.

In October, 1978, I went to Japan. The Church members and their leaders launched an all-out VOC campaign on the local communities. I found much patriotism and loyalty in their struggle against Communists.

After I resigned from my office, I had the good fortune to attend the VOC

seminar in October, 1979. It was a short session, and yet as a result of my education there, I became more patriotic. I was convinced that the Church is a truly patriotic organization.

I gave thanks to Heaven and to Rev. Moon, when I realized that Rev. Moon is responsible for disseminating throughout the world an ideology that can defeat Communism. I felt that the Japanese members could so successfully fight against the Communists only because the IFVOC of the Unification Church had equipped them with a strong ideology as well as with an indomitable spirit.

I learned only recently that Rev. Moon's grandfather had been awarded a medal posthumously for his patriotic works. Rev. Moon, grandson of a great patriot, is now widening the scope of his ancestor to the entire world. To this end he devotes his energy day and night.

I now wish to pledge before all of you here: that equipped with the spirit as well as the ideology of Rev. Moon, I'll go back to my own city and spread the true message that will usher in a New Age in the History of Mankind.

Jong Jun Hong, Chairman Sok-Cho Housewives Class Association

At first I was hesitant about receiving the training at the International Federation for Victory Over Communism (IFVOC) although I was advised that it would be a good thing for me to do so, especially as a woman representative. But after I heard a lecture on VOC by Mr. In Lae Hwang at the Dae Won Theater in Kang Neung City, my doubt and hesitation simply vanished like snow in spring. The reason is that Mr. Hwang's lecture moved me, awakened me, and convinced me of the danger of communism. In my opinion, the training I received is needed for everyone today.

Before the training began, I had the vague suspicion that since it was spon-

sored by the Unification Church, there would inevitably follow some propaganda for the Church. But nothing of the sort was even brought up in the course of the VOC lecture. It merely succeeded in planting in us the idea of a strong Korea and her people and in telling us what we should do for our country. So when I returned home, I managed to persuade the leaders of the city of Sok-Cho to form an advisory committee on VOC.

Even while I was on a lecture tour in my city on the Rural Self-Improvement Program, of which I am the director, I was happy to mention the great work that the VOC people are doing for our people.

In order to stress the importance of continued education for adults and of the moral training of the younger gen-

eration, I found it impossible not to expound the anti-communist ideology of the VOC.

Up until recently, I had no idea as to who Rev. Moon is or what kind of religious organization the Unification Church is. But while listening to Rev. Moon's speech, I was so moved and impressed and my face was covered with tears. I am now very proud of my identity as a Korean. He taught me that we should have a strong sense of mission to restore the world. That night I could not sleep a wink because of my excitement.

I can say without a moment's hesitation that when I go back to my hometown I'll render all the support I can muster for Rev. Moon and his worldwide mission.

Reverend Moon's Address to More than 1000 Ministers from 17 Denominations





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NEW ERA OPENED IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY
LEADERS OF KOREAN CHURCHES GATHER TO RECEIVE REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
OVER A THOUSAND PARTICIPATE FROM 17 DENOMINATIONS

On November 18 a new era was opened in the history of the Christian Church in Korea as 1200 leaders from 17 Christian denominations gathered for a meeting sponsored by the Christian Association for Super Denomination to further the unity of Christianity. The meeting was arranged as an invitational banquet for the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who was paying a brief visit to his home country. In an epoch-making show of unity, clergy and laity from Catholic, Protestant, and Unification Churches gathered to give visible testimony to their oneness as brothers and sisters centered on God.

“THE GREAT FAMILY OF HUMANKIND IS THE IDEAL OF CREATION”
“WE TOOK THE OPPOSITION BECAUSE WE WERE CONFIDENT OF THE WILL OF GOD”

Rev. Moon began his address to the participants by saying, “The will of God in creating humankind is to build an ideal society centered on love.” He continued, “All Christian churches on earth exist to establish this will of God, and they must become one just as Jacob and Esau met each other in tears.”

Rev. Moon’s address was entitled, “Jesus and Christianity as Seen from God’s Will”, and he addressed the denominational leaders present as his “elder brothers.” Rev. Moon stated, “Human history is the history of restoration. It is an attempt to realize God’s purpose of creation by recovering the family of Adam, who was established as the central figure in God’s Providence.” He continued, “All of Christianity has been chosen as the Second Israel. Although the course of the human fall inevitably caused Christianity to be divided between Jacob and Esau, the will of God cannot be fulfilled unless the separated brothers become one.”

Rev. Moon also said, “We can solve the problems facing the world today if the established churches and the Unification Church can become one centered on love, and if this united church can become one with the nation. Then we will be able to liberate North Korea, and even overcome Communist China and the Soviet Union.”

Rev. Moon then said, “I have received opposition worldwide. Because I understood this will of God, however, I went out to engage in world evangelism, and reaped success. Meanwhile I have supported the ecumenical movement in Korea with funds equivalent to twice the amount budgeted for the Korean Unification Church itself.”

At the banquet, where Rev. Jae Suk Lee acted as Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. Heung Soo Kang, Past President of the Korean N.C.C., said in his welcoming address, “The accepted practice in giving welcoming addresses is to give exaggerated praise to the person being welcomed, but Rev. Moon is so extraordinary in his achievements and in his person that no amount of praise can accomplish even one tenth the task of introducing him.” Rev. Kang continued, “It was an amazing miracle that while the Liberal Democratic Party in Japan could do nothing about the Communist mayors of Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya, the efforts of Unification Church members defeated these men at the polls. Such accomplishments have enabled us to witness scenes such as former Prime Ministers Fukuda and Kishi embracing Rev. Moon publicly.” Rev. Kang continued, “It was because this kind of activity hurt the pride of the Japanese people that Rev. Moon came to be opposed.” Rev. Kang also said, “At the Washington Monument rally, which attracted a crowd of 300,000 and became the largest religious gathering in the history of America, Rev. Moon boldly declared, ‘I came to America because I received the command of God to save America,’ and he has caused a great uproar in America and around the world. Certainly this has been possible only because he is a religious leader with conviction.”

The banquet began with a prayer by Rev. Soon Kyoung Kim, and Fr. Min Gwan Paek, former President of the Catholic University, read from the Bible (Ephesians 4:1-6). Mr. Henk Lemmers, a renowned operatic singer from Holland sang “Holy City” by S. Adams and F.E. Weatherly. Rev. Moon’s address was followed by a prayer by Rev. Sung Tyang Chang, and Cmdr. Poon Wong Yang of the Salvation Army gave the benediction.



하나님의 뜻으로 본 예수님과 基督教

□ 開會祈禱

協力과 一致의 契機되도록

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— 文鮮明先生 招請晚餐會 —

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머리말

本書는 1980년 11월18일 롯데호텔 크리스탈 볼룸에서 開催된 「文鮮明先生 招請晚餐會」의 內容을 収録한 것이다.

文先生은 지난 10월16일 美國으로부터 一時歸國했다. 이 消息을 들은 많은 基督教指導者들이 文先生과의 面談을 要請해 왔다. 그런데 文先生께서 11월27일부터 美國 마이애미에서 始作되는 「第 10次 世界科學者會議」를 主宰하기 위해 곧 出國해야만 한다는 것이었다. 그래서 本會는 世界宣敎에 奇蹟的인 성과를 거두고 돌아오신 文先生을 초청하여 기독교지도자들이 文先生을 歡迎하고 그의 말씀을 듣는 자리를 주선하게 되었다.

李載錫牧師의 司會로 개최된 晚餐會는 17개 敎派에서 1천2백명이 모여 大盛況을 이루었다. 찬송가 396장을 다함께 부른다음 金淳璟감독의 개최기도와 白敏寬신부의 성경봉독, 「헝크·레머」씨의 축하, 姜興秀목사의 환영사, 文鮮明先生의 강연, 張承燦목사의 기도로 만찬이 시작되었다. 만찬이 거의 끝날즈음 牧師님들의 요청에 의해 마침 이 자리에 참석중이던 朴普熙선교사를 등단케하여 최근 통일敎회의 美國內活動 일부를 소개하는 순서가 있게 되었다. 이 晚餐會는 크나큰 關

心과 和氣에 넘치는 분위기 가운데 梁豊原 구세군 正領의 祝禱로 역사적인 집회를 마쳤다.

20세기 後半期에 들어와서 世界敎會 指導者들은 韓國이 代表的인 基督教 國家라고 칭송하고 있다. 韓國敎會는 신앙심이 세게 그 어느 나라보다도 열렬하다는 것이다. 그러나 信仰이 열렬한만큼 敎과의 分裂과 敎派間의 싸움도 有名한 나라다. 그런데 가톨릭敎회로부터 改新敎와 통일敎회 지도자들까지 하나님의 이름으로 함께 모였다는 것은 하나님 아버지를 중시하고 모든 크리스찬들이 한 형제자매임을 몸으로 確證하는 자리가 되었다. 따라서 이 만찬회는 하나님께서 제일 기뻐하시는 자리요, 敎派싸움으로 敎會史가 얼룩진 韓國敎會에게도 큰 希望을 안겨주는 所望的인 集會였다.

이와같이 歷史的으로 重且大한 聖會를 모든 크리스찬들에게 널리 紹介하고자 이책자를 發刊키로 했다.

1980. 11. 27

超敎派 基督教協會

한 피 받아 한 몸 이룬 主님의 兄弟姊妹들이 하나님을 中心하고 한 자리에 모여 이와같이 거룩한 모임을 가지게 하여 주신 우리 하나님! 이 자리에 坐定하셔서 저희들을 지켜주시고, 저희들이 먹든지 마시든지 살든지 죽든지 하나님을 위하여 살 수 있게 하여 주시옵소서. 오늘 저녁 이 모임을 통하여 하나님 아버지께서 영광을 받으시고 우리들에게는 협력과 一致의 새 風土를 造成하는 契機가 되게하여 주시옵소서.

특별히 이 시간에는 하나님께서 全世界 곳곳에 보내시어 役事하게 하시던 귀하신 분을 모시고 말씀을 듣게 되었습니다. 은혜스럽고 복된 소식이 되어 우리가 더 한층 主안에서 새로운 결의를 가지게 하여 주시옵소서.

교과를 조율하여 함께 모인 형제자매들의 마음의 문을 열게 하시고 저희가 알아야 할, 또 저희에게 필요한 말씀을 주옵시사 末世를 살아가는 우리들로 하여금 더욱 굳건한 信仰을 갖도록 인도하여 주시옵소서.

오늘날 우리 民族과 世界人類는 여러가지 어려운 환경에 직면해 있습니다. 이 자리에 모인 저희들은 우리 民族과 人類를 구원하기 위하여 하나님께서 召命하신 바 그 뜻 앞에 順應하게 하여 주시고 맡겨주신 바 그 使命에 충실한 저희들이 되게 하여 주시옵소서.

이와같은 귀한 자리를 베풀어주신 하나님께 깊은 감사를 올리며 이 모임을 주관하는 「超敎派」측에도 하나님께서 祝福해 주시고 오늘의 이 모임이 참으로 뜻있는 결과가 되도록 始終을 맡아 주관해 주시옵소서.

우리 구주 예수님의 이름을 받들어 간절히 기도하옵나이다(아멘).

□ 聖經奉讀

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에페소서 4장 1절~6절

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아무리 極讚해도 그의 功績엔 못미처

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그뒤 일본에서 통일교회 活動을 소개하는 記錄영화를 보게 되었습니다. 그 映画 가운데 일본에서 文선생이 강연하는 장면이 있었습니다. 거기에는 일본 朝野의 名士 1천여명이 모였고, 내각수반을 위시한 政界 要人등 巨物級 인사들이 참석한 장면을 보았습니다.

文선생은 철저히 하나님을 위해 사시는 분

그때 文선생은 『人間이란 하나님의 뜻대로 살아야 참된 의미가 있다. 하나님의 뜻대로 산다는 말은「위하여 산다」는말이며 사랑하는생활을 말한다. 사랑으로 살아야 한다는 말은 나를 희생해서 남을 위하여 살아야 된다는 것 즉 個人은 家庭, 家庭은 國家, 國家는 世界, 世界는 하나님을 위하여 산다는 말이다』 이런 요지의 말씀이었습니다. 『자기個

人的 生存과 榮華만을 위한 生活은 아무런 價値가 없는 삶이다. 그것은 하나님의 뜻을 反逆하는 행위일 뿐이다. 이와같이 한나라의 정치도 自國의 이익만을 위해 할것이 아니라 他國과 世界를위한다는 뚜렷한 國家意識을 가져야 日本도 發展할 것이라고 했다』 그리고 『지금이야말로 모든 國家들이 人類와 世界를위하고 하나님을 위해 살아야 할 때다』라는 내용의 강연이었습니다. 이강연이 끝나자 일본「후쿠다」수상이 달려와서 『오늘 東洋이 낳은 위대한 指導者를 만나게 되어 감개무량하다』고 말하며 열싸안고 기뻐하는 장면이 나왔습니다.

저는 그 장면을 보면서 反對運動을 하는 사람들을 이해할 수 있을 것 같았습니다. 일본의 首相조차도 일본인이란 긍지를 잊어버리고 한국인 文선생앞에 머리를 숙이고 열싸안는 것을 볼때 일본이 한국의 속국이 될수 밖에 없는 危機에 처해있다는 반대자들의 말을 實感할 수가 있었습니다.

現在 일본은 용공적이며 좌경화된 경향이 농후합니다. 學生, 靑年들이 共產主義를 받아 들이고 있는 것입니다. 여러분들이 다 아시겠지만 東京市長, 京都市長, 大阪市長, 名古屋市長 등은친공산주의자들이었습니다. 特히 東京市長「美濃」氏는 이북 김일성의 조선대학을 인가해준 장본인입니다. 일본 자민당의 큰 세력으로도 大都市 共產黨 市長들은 어떻게 할 도리가 없었습니다. 그런데 統一敎會 信者들에 의해 이들 市長 모두가 선거에서 낙선되고 말았다고 합니다.

日本人들은 지난 36년간 韓國을 지배했다는 우월감을 갖고 지금까지도 교포들을 차별대우하고 있는데, 그러한 일본인들이 한국의 屬國이 되거나 앗을까 하는 공포심을 통일교회에 의해서 가지게 되었다는 것은 어떤 의미에서는 痛快한 일이기도 했습니다.

이런 사실 하나만 보아도 文선생의 活動은 넓고 크고 또 그 未來의 비전이 뚜렷하다는 것을 알수가 있었습니다.

제가 美國에 갔을때 1976년 9월18일 美國의 수도 워싱턴 머뉴먼트 광장에서의 30만명이 모인 美國 最大의 集會광경을 보았습니다. 유명한 復興師「빌리그래함」의전도집회도 이렇게 많은 인원을 모으지 못했다고 합니다. 그런데 한국에서 온 한 사람이 美國의 수도에 30만명을 모아놓고 宗教集會를 가졌던 것은 美國 역사상이나 韓國歷史에도 일찌기 없었던 기적적인 집회였습니다.

이 자리에서 文선생은 『나는 하나님께서 美國을 깨우치라는 命令을 받고 왔다. 미국은 하나님의 크나큰 祝福을 받은나라다. 축복받은 美國은 世界救援의 무거운 사명을 完遂하지 않으면 안될 나라이다. 그런데 오늘의 美國은 黑白間 人種問題, 道德的인 타락, 배금주의 등 價値觀의 顛倒로 신음하고 있다. 하나님이 주신 큰 사명을 망각하고 있는 것이다. 하나님께서는 잠든 美國을 깨워 일으키고 잊어버린 理想을 되찾도록 나를 미국에 보내셨다』고 외쳤습니다. 이것은 眞實로 偉大한 말씀이었습니다. 文선생님은 철저히 하나님만을 위해서 사시는 분임을 느낄수가 있었습니다.

하나님은 統一敎會에 役事하신다

美國의 유명한 감리교 神學者 「프레드릭·손택」博士는 「文鮮明선생과 통일교회」란 책을 썼습니다. 세계적으로 통일교회가 贊成을 받기도 하고 반대를 받기도 하기 때문에 그 原因이 무엇인가를 연구하기 위해 세계 각국을 직접 찾아다니며 調査한 내용이 기록되어 있는 책입니다.

그는 이 책에서 美國의 統一敎會人은 수만명에 불과한데 그들의 活動은 美國사회를 마구 흔들어대는 爆發적인 힘을 가지고 있다고 했습니다. 또한 文先生은 미국의 48개주를 巡廻하면서 「희망의날」講演會를 개최할때 미국의 각 市長과 州知事들이 幸運의 열쇠를 증정하며 감사장을 증정하기도 하고 또 그 강연회날을 市の 紀念日로 정하기까지 한 사실은 획기적인 일이 아닐 수 없습니다. 최오리 바람같이 전 미국을 휩쓸었던 文선생의 講演集會가 전 미국을 뒤흔들었다는 것을 생각할때 참으로 비상한 일입니다.

우리가 잘 아는 바와같이 朴東宣사건 때문에 우리는 1년이상 머

리를 얹은적이 있습니다. 이 사건을 보도하면서 美國 신문들은 한국을 비난하는 記事를 계속해서 실는 실정이었습니다. 한국의 관계자가 직접와서 해명하라는 壓力이 가해질때 약소민족의 울분을 禁할 수가 없었습니다. 그 때에 미국 議會의 國際關係小委員會 委員長 「프레이저」는 한국정부를 비난하면서 통일교회를 몰아부쳤습니다. 그 때 美議會의 청문회는 어느누구도 그 권위와 막강한 실력을 무시할 수 없는 것입니다. 그러나 文선생의 보좌관 朴普熙씨는 「프레이저를 향하여 『당신은 사탄의 앞잡이요, 공산당의 에이전트나, 그렇지 않고서야 어찌 反共 韓國과 선량한 文先生의 人格을 손상시키려고 하는가, 어찌하여 그와 같은 어지를 써서 上院議員이 되려고 하는가 하나님이 무심치 않을 것이다』라고 담대하게 외쳤던 것을 여러분은 잘 아실 것입니다. 우리 民族의 울분을 숙지원하게 통일교회의 文선생의 보좌관이 풀어주었던 것입니다. 그 이후 「프레이저」는 의외로 상원의원 選舉에서 낙선됨으로써 하나님이 살아계심을 實證했던 것입니다.

오늘날 統一教會가 미국에서 얼마만큼의 教勢를 가졌는지는 확실히 모르겠으나 그 누구도 하지 못했던 일들을 강하고 담대하게 해내는 것은 그 누구도 가지지 못한 信念을 가졌기 때문일 것입니다. 그 信念은 곧 하나님으로 부터 왔다는 사실을 알게될때 하나님은 통일교회 안에 살아계심을 알수가 있습니다.

지난 75년에는 여의도에서 1백20만명이 모인 救國世界大會를 開催했습니다. 나는 그 집회를 보고 감격한 일이 한가지 있습니다. 그것은 60개국 代表가 만약 한국에 6.25와 같은 전쟁이 일어날 경우에 우리는 신앙의 祖國 한국을 구하기 위해서 國際 義勇軍을 편성하여 한국땅을 사수하겠다는 결의였습니다. 임진왜란때 明나라가 우리를 도왔기 때문에 그 은혜를 갚으려고 한국은 수백년간에 걸쳐 明나라를 섬겼습니다. 그런데 세계의 젊은이들은 統一原理로 새사람이 된것을 기뻐하고 통일원리를 낳은 신앙의 祖國 韓國을 피로써 死守하겠다고 하는 결의는 정말로 감격스러운 일이었습니다.

世界 宣敎에 奇蹟을 이룩

현재 통일교회는 세계 1백20여개 국가에서 宣敎活動을 벌이고 있습니다. 이것은 基督教 역사상 劃期的인 일이기도 합니다. 기독교 선교 역사를 보면 전도하기가 얼마나 어려운가를 實感하게 됩니다. 옛날 「저드슨」이라는 선교사는 버마에 가서 6년동안 전도를 했는데 겨우 한사람을 믿게했습니다. 그런데 6년에 걸쳐 信仰을 갖게한 그 한 사람은 자기 庭園에서 나무를 손질하는 일꾼이었습니다.

또 「모리슨」이라는 사람은 中國에서 7년간 전도를 했는데 7년만에 「채운」이라는 한 사람을 전도했습니다. 「윌리엄 캐리」는 印度에서 7년간 傳道를 해서 「크리슈나 바리」라는 사람을 믿게 했습니다. 7년 동안 전도를 해서 단 한사람씩을 믿게한 것을 볼때 전도가 얼마나 어려웠는지 당해본 사람이 아니면 모를 것입니다. 그래서 「윌리엄 캐리」같은 선교사는 1812년 12월18일에 이 사람을 믿게해서 洗禮를 주었다고 날짜까지 기록하고 있습니다. 宣敎事業은 이렇게 어려운 일입니다. 그런데 통일교회가 25년만에 세계 1백20여개국의 선교활동을 展開하여 큰성공을 거두고 있는것은 20세기후반기에 나타난 단 하나의 奇蹟이 아닐 수 없습니다. 특히 최근 아프리카 지역에서 통일교회의 신앙자들이 급격히 증가하고 있다는 말을 들었습니다. 제가 몇나라를 다니면서 직접 보니까 통일교회 선교본부에는 미국, 일본, 독일, 영국등 각 나라 사람들이 함께 決死的으로 전도를 하고 있었습니다. 기독교 2천년 역사상 이러한 운동은 한번도 없었습니다. 人種과 國境을 초월하여 한 하나님아래 세계는 한 家庭이요, 人類는 한 형제자매라는 信仰을 이들은 실천하고 있었습니다. 저는 통일교인들의 활동을 보고 놀라움을 금치 못했습니다. 이러한 활동이 10~20년만 계속된다면 세계는 어떻게 될것인가를 생각해 볼때 세계統一은 希望의이라고 느꼈습니다.

그런데 한 가지 심히 유감스러운 것이 있습니다. 이렇게 세계적으로 巨大한 활약을 하시는 文선생이 한국에서는 敎理관계로 인해서 비난을 받고 있다는 사실입니다. 이것이야말로 유감스러운 일이 아닐수 없습니다. 어떠한 方法으로든지 빠른 시일내에 옛날 에서와 야곱이 눈물을 흘리며 相逢했던 것처럼 뜨거운 환영과 함께 만나는역사적인 일이 하루 속히 이루어져야 하겠습니다.

앞으로 통일교회와 既成教會가 힘을 합쳐 세계를 福音化시키기 위해 努力한다면, 하나님의 所願을 이땅에 이룬다는 면에서 뿐만 아니라 피차 有益한 결과가 될 것입니다. 그러한 날이 하루속히 이루어지기를 기대하면서 歡迎辭를 마치겠습니다.

□ 講演

하나님의 뜻으로 본 예수님과 基督教

文 鮮 明 先生

既成教會는 統一教會의 형님

基督教 指導者 여러분들을 이렇게 만나게 되어서 반갑습니다.

基督教의 입장에서 유대교를 보면 유대교는 기독교의 형님입니다. 또한 統一教會의 입장에서 既成教會를 보면 기성교회는 統一教會의 형님이라고 생각합니다.

오늘 1980년 11월 18일은 基督教 歷史, 더 나아가서는 종교 역사에 있어서 획기적인 記念의 날이라고 생각합니다. 왜냐하면, 기독교와 유대교가 하나되었다면 오늘날의 世界는 이와같이 비참한 세계가 되지 않았을 것이라고 생각하기 때문 입니다. 그러므로 既成教會와 統一教會가 자리를 같이 했다는 것은 歷史的인 중요한 事件이 아닐 수 없습니다.

유대교와 기독교가 하나 되지 못했기 때문에 예수님은 다시금 再臨 하셔야 할 뜻을 남겨놓고 지금까지 희생의 댓가를 치루면서 기독교를 發展시켜 나왔습니다. 이러한 역사 속에서 20世紀 後半期에 통일교회가 出現하게 되었습니다.

統一教會는 창립이후 기독교에서 問題가 되었고, 世界 속에서 문제가 되어 왔습니다. 이렇게 문제를 提起한 것은 개인의 생각에서 비롯된 것이 아니었습니다. 그 背後에는 하나님의 役事가 있었습니다. 敎生涯를 통해서 도저히 이뤄질 수 없는 일들이 成事되었고, 수많은 事件 가운데서 그 일들이 잘해결된 것은 그 모든 일들이 하나님의 뜻과 一致했기 때문이었습니다.

오늘날 통일교회가 세계적인 종교로 成長한 것은 하나님이 직접 주관하시고 祝福하신 結果라고 보지 않을 수 없습니다.

그런데 既成教會 지도자이신 형님들을 한 자리에서 만나게 되니 너무 할말이 많습니다. 지나온 일들을 터놓고 얘기하자면 사연이 많습니다. 이 사연 속에는 國家의 悲運, 아시아의 悲運, 더 나아가서는 世界의 비운이 깃들여 있을 것입니다. 그러나 時間 관계로 생략하기로 하겠습니다.

우리는 하나님의 뜻을 이땅위에 이룩하기 위해 一生 동안 努力해야 합니다. 이것이 유대교의 갈 길이요, 기성교회의 갈 길이요, 통일교회의 갈 길입니다. 이러한 입장에서 「하나님의 뜻으로 본 예수님과 基督教」라는 제목으로 말씀드리겠습니다. 이 題目은 방대한 내용을 담고 있습니다. 이 자리에 參席하신 여러분들은 이미 통일교회 原理公聽會에 참석하여 통일교회의 내용을 알고 계신분들이라 믿고 통일원리에 입각한 말씀을 드리고자 합니다.

「하나님의 뜻」이 무엇인가, 이 말은 지극히 간단할 것 같으면서도

어려운 말입니다. 유명한 神學者에게 물어보아도 쉽게 대답할 수 없는 것입니다. 그런데 하나님의 나라를 이 땅위에 이루어 놓기 위해서는 하나님의 뜻을 確實히 알아야 할 것입니다. 이 뜻은 모든 救援攝理의 根本이 되고, 中心이 되며, 目的이 되기 때문입니다.

創造目的是 아담中心한 單一文化圈 형성

하나님의 救援攝理를 성리해 볼때 하나님의 뜻은 하나님의 創造理想을 完成하는 것입니다. 하나님께서 인간을 創造할때 목적을 가지고 창조하셨기 때문에 그 목적은 반드시 이루어져야 할 것입니다. 하나님의 創造目的은 인간 祖上인 아담과 해와를 통해 이루어지게 되어 있었습니다. 하나님을 아버지로 모시고 아담과 해와가 夫婦를 이루어 理想的인 家庭을 이루고, 그들이 子女를 번식함으로써 하나님을 중심한 四位基台를 形成하는 것이 창조이상 이었습니다. 이와같이 四位基台가 조성되면 하나님을 중심하고 아담과 해와가 一體가 되어 하나님의 사랑권에서 벗어나지 않는 것입니다. 이와같이 하나님을 중심한 理想家庭을 이루었다면 하나님의 뜻은 성취되었을 것입니다. 이렇게 됐으면 이 地球上에는 아담을 중심한 單一文化圈이 형성되었을 것입니다. 오늘날과 같이 수많은 민족이 각기 다른 文化와 思想을 가진 것이 아니라 단일 文化, 단일 思想을 가진 세계가 되었을 것입니다. 하나님의 사랑 안에서 家庭을 이루고, 種族을 이루고 民族과 國家를 形成하고 더 확대되어서 아담이상이 實現되는 하나의 세계를 이루었을 것입니다. 예를들면 나무의 뿌리, 줄기, 잎이 하나의 生命으로 연결되어 있듯이 하나님을 중심해서 永遠한 하나의 이상세계를 이루었을 것이라는 것이 뜻으로 보는 世界觀입니다. 이러한 세계에서의 人間들은 모두다 하나님의 선한 아들딸들이며 만인이 메시아와 같은자리에 있게 되므로 救援이 必要치 않습니다. 그런데 인류의 조상이 墮落함으로 말미암아 인간은 비참한 자리에 떨어졌습니다. 여기서부터 救援攝理가 필요하게 된 것입니다. 이 事件은 하나님이나 인간이 다같이 잊을래야 잊을 수 없는 역사상 가장 비참한 사건입니다.

인간조상의 타락에서 타락의 부모가 생겨났고, 타락의 種族이 생겨났고 타락의 민족과 세계가 생겨났습니다. 타락은 團음이 아닌 分裂의 씨가 되었습니다. 개인이 분열되고 가정이 분열되고, 종족이 분열되고, 민족이 분열되었습니다. 이 분열된 세계에서는 자기만을 위한 價値觀을 가졌기 때문에 戰爭의 역사를 엮어나오게 됩니다. 인간의 역사를 돌이켜 볼때 하나님의 創造理想이 아직까지도 完成되지 못했습니다. 하나님 앞에 완성한 모습으로 나아간 한 個人이 없었고 가정이 없었고 또한 社會도 없었습니다. 하나님은 사랑으로 계시기 때문에 모든 개인과 全體人間을 사랑하시려고 합시다만 지금까지 하나님께서는 참다운 사랑으로 그 누구도 사랑해 보시지 못했습니다. 個人, 家庭, 民族, 世界를 사랑하시려는 하나님의 所願이 成就되지 못한것을 볼때 하나님은 不幸한 하나님이십니다. 하나님은 영화로운 하나님이 아니라 비참하신 하나님이십니다.

既成教會에서는 하나님을 영광의 하나님이라고 부르지만, 이 시간에도 하나님은 죄악의 인간을 눈물로 지켜보며, 또 이들을 구원하시기 위해 초조한 모습으로 계십니다. 全知全能하신 하나님이 6천년간 인간을 구원하시지 못한 역사의 배후에는 복잡한 秘密의 사연들이 깃들어 있습니다.

罪의 뿌리는 不倫한 사랑

구원이란 病者를 병이나기 전의 상태, 물에 빠진 자를 물에 빠지기 전의 상태로 돌이키는 것을 의미합니다. 따라서 하나님의 구원섭리는 타락한 인간을 창조본연의 상태로 돌이켜 놓는 것입니다. 곧 구원은 復歸입니다. 救援과 復歸는 墮落때문에 생겨난 것입니다. 복귀된 세계는 하나님이 사랑으로 직접 주관하시는 세계요, 유토피아적인 세계입니다. 이상세계는 몸과 마음이 분열되지 않고 하나님의 사랑안에서 하나씩 있는 세계입니다.

지금까지 인간의 타락은 善惡果라는 열매를 따먹은 것이라고 막연하게 믿어 왔습니다. 그러나 타락은 實果를 따먹은 것이 아니라 不倫한 사랑으로 되어진 것이었습니다. (原理講論 타락론 참조)

2천년의 역사를 가진 기독교는 지금까지 救贖史 일변도의 신학만을 발전시켜 왔습니다. 그런 까닭에 創造神學의 무시에 빠지게 되었고 타락의 근원을 알지 못하게 맹목적인 신앙생활을 해왔습니다. 나는 하나님의 創造理想과 罪의 뿌리를 규명하기 위해 오랜기간 성서를 研究하고 또 靈界에 있는 많은 선지 선열들과 예수님을 만나 이문제를 해결하기 위해 노력했습니다. 그리고 하나님과의 斷契기도를 통해 이문제를 해명하기에 이르렀습니다. 그리하여 타락에 관한 역사적인 비밀을 알아내게 된 것입니다. 제가 말하는 이 내용이 잘 理解되지 않는 분은 原理講論을 참고해 주시기 바라며 아울러 하나님께 生命을 내걸고 결사적인 기도를 드려 응답을 받으시기 바랍니다.

성서는 많은 부분이 상징과 비유로 되어 있습니다. 그러므로 결론만을 말한다면 창세기 2장9절에 나오는 善惡나무는 완성한 해와를 상징하고 生命나무는 完成한 아담을 의미합니다. (창세기 3:24). 그리고 선악과는 해와의 사랑을 뜻하며 뱀은 타락한 천사장 누시엘을 비유한 것입니다(베드로 후서 2:4, 이사야 14:12). 그러므로 뱀이 해와를 꼬여서 善惡果를 따먹게 했다는 聖經의 기록은 곧 누시엘 천사장과 해와 사이에 不倫한 사랑관계가 이루어졌다는 말입니다 (유다서 6~7, 욥31:33, 요한복음 8:44, 로마서 8:23, 마태복음 3:7). 그리하여 인간은 사탄의 꾀술을 이어 받게 되었습니다. 로마서 8장 23절에「聖靈의 처음 익은 열매를 받은 우리까지도 속으로 탄식하여 養子될것을 기다리느니라」고 기록되어 있습니다. 우리가 예수님을 믿어 하나님의 양자가 되는 이유는 무엇이겠습니까? 모

든 高等宗教가 獨身생활을 요구하는 이유는 무엇이겠습니까? 바울이 고린도전서 7장 1절 이하에 할수만 있으면 結婚하지 말라고 간곡히 권면한 理由는 무엇이겠습니까? 마가복음 13장17절에 예수님께서 말씀하시기를 끝날에는 아이 벤자들과 젓먹이는 자들에게 화가 있으리라고 했습니다. 하나님의 창조원리는 한남자와 한 여자가 부부를 이루어 자녀를 번식하는 것이었습니다. 그런데 바울이 結婚하지 말라고 한 말이나 예수님이 임신하지 말라고 한 교훈이나 가톨릭교회에서 神父나 修女들이 결혼하지 않는 까닭은 인간조상 아담 해와가 불륜한 사랑으로 타락하여 사탄의 血統을 번식하기 때문이었습니다. 따라서 요한복음 6장 53절에 예수님께서 말씀하시기를『내가 眞實로 진실로 너희에게 이르노니 人子의 살을 먹지 아니하고 인자의 피를 마시지 아니하면 너희 속에 생명이 없나니라』고 말씀하셨습니다. 여러분! 여러분이 이와같은 역사적인 曲折을 분명히 알지 않고서는 罪惡 역사를 청산할 길이 없을 것입니다.

가인·아벨의 分立役事는 왜 始作 되었나?

創造原理에 의하면 인간은 원래 하나님 한 분만을 섬기도록 창조되었습니다. 그런데 아담 해와가 墮落함으로써 인간은 사탄을 섬겨야할 입장이 되었습니다. 하나님은 아담·해와가 두 主人을 상대할 수 있는 存在로 타락되자 사탄분립을 위한 역사를 쳐나오셨습니다. 해와 타락의 經路에 의해서 非原理的 상대인 천사장과 原理的 상대였던 아담과의 관계를 구분하는 섭리를 하시게 되었습니다.

아담 해와의 사랑의 열매인 가인과 아벨을 볼때 가인은 비원리적 사랑의 表示體요 아벨은 원리적 사랑의 표시체이기 때문에 가인은 사탄편에 아벨은 하나님편에 세우시고 섭리하셨습니다. 여기서부터 長子와 次子의 분립역사가 시작된 것입니다. 하나님의 소유냐, 사탄의 소유냐, 所有權을 결정하는 役事가 벌어집니다. 이것이 基督教에서 중요시하는 세물의 役事입니다. 하나님이 인간을 소유하기 위한 조건계시가 祭物입니다. 하나님과 사탄이 제물을 중심한 싸움을 지금까지 계속해 왔습니다.

아담가정에서 가인과 아벨이 하나님께 바친 제물을 하나님께서는 아벨의 祭物만을 받으시고 가인의 것은 받지 않으셨습니다. 하나님께서 가인의 祭物을 받지 않으신 理由가 무엇이겠습니까? (창세기 4:5) 오늘날 既成神學은 이 문제를 해명치 못하고 있습니다. 기성신학은 성서의 未知의 事實들을 밝히지 못하고 있기 때문에 여기서부터 敎理的인 혼란이 벌어지는 것입니다. 왜 아벨의 제물만을 받으셨는가? 그것은 해와의 타락 경로에 따라 아벨을 하나님 편에 세웠기 때문입니다. 성경의 기록을 보면 하나님은 長子를 미워하시고 次子는 사랑하셨습니다.

니다. 그 까닭이 여기에 있는 것입니다. 蕩滅復歸 원칙에 의해서 다락의 反對 경로를 따라 復歸해야 하기 때문에 하나님은 가인의 제물은 아벨을 통해 받으셔야 할 입장이었습니다. 가인의 제물을 하나님께서 받지 않으시겠다는 것이 아니었습니다. 하나님 편에 있는 아벨을 중심으로 가인이 하나되고 가인과 아벨이 하나님과 하나가 되어야 했습니다. 하나님께서 이러한 攝理를 하지 않고서는 타락한 인간을 解放하실 수 없었던 것입니다.

왜 가인과 아벨이 제물을 통해 하나가 되어야 했는가 하면 원리적으로 볼 때 장자는 차자를 主管하도록 되어 있습니다. 그런데 타락으로 인해서 장자가 타락한 천사장 입장에 서게 됨으로써 아벨은 하나님이 대하실 수 있는 입장에 서게 되었기 때문에 장자인 가인이 차자인 아벨을 통해 하나님 앞에 돌아가야 할 사연이 깃들어 있었습니다. 가인과 아벨, 두 아들이 하나된 후에 그 하나된 기반으로 하여금 부모인 아담과 해와가 하나되어 하나님 앞으로 돌아가야 했던 것입니다.

이러한 관계 속에서 메시아思想이 시작 되었습니다. 여기서부터 救援攝理의 곡절과 사연이 시작된 것입니다. 그래서 하나님이 역사하시는 기독교의 길은 곡절의 길이었습니니다.

야곱은 에서로부터 長子の 基業을 빼앗아

하나님은 하나님편인 차자를 통해 사탄편인 장자를 自然屈伏시켜 장자의 권위를 회복시키기 위해 天的인 悲運의 역사를 펴나오셨습니다.

노아가정에서는「셈」과「함」 아브라함 가정에서는「에서」와「야곱」을 통한 분립 역사를 펴나오셨습니다.

인간의 조상이었던「해와」는 자기의 남편을 否定하고 죽였습니다. 그리고 하나님 조차도 부정했습니다. 이와같은 부정적인 사실을 역사상에서 탕감하기 위해 하나님은 攝理해 나오셨습니다. 기독교의 경전인 舊約과 新約 속에 이 사연들이 깃들어 있습니다.

「아브라함」의 두 아들 이스마엘과 이삭중에서 次子인 이삭이 하나님 편에 서게 되었습니다. 이삭의 부인 리브가가 남편인 이삭을 속이고 長子인 에서를 속인 후에야곱의 편을 들었다는 것은 지금까지 基督教 역사에서 풀리지 않는 수수께끼였습니다.

리브가는 하나님의 섭리의 뜻을 아는 여자였습니다. 하나님편 次子가 사탄편 장자를 自然 굴복시킴으로써 하나님의 長子를 復歸해야 할 것을 잘 알았던 偉大한 여자였습니다.

장자의 位置는 하나님의 傳統的인 사랑의 역사를 이어가야 할 엄청난 責任의 자리였습니다. 그런데「에서」가 사냥을 나갔다가 배가고파 돌아올 때「야곱」은 그 형에게 떡과 광죽을 주면서 장자의 기업을 인수 받게 됩니다. 야곱은 축복받은「아브라함」가정의 血統이 얼마나 貴重한 것인가를 알기 때문에 죽음을 무릅쓰고 에서로부터 장자의 기업을 빼앗게 되는 것입니다. 「아브라함」가정을 중심한 섭리역사에서 「야곱」이「에서」의 장자기업을 어머니「리브가」의 협조를 받아 떡과 광죽으로 빼앗은 것은 역사적인 일이었습니다. 차자의 자리에서 장자를 하나님 편으로 轉換시키지 않고서는 사탄을 굴복시킬 수 없다는 사실을「야곱」은 잘 알았던 것입니다. 해와가 남편 아담과 하나님을 속여서 타락했던 것처럼「리브가」가 하나님을 위해서 자기의 남편과 아들을 속였습니다. 그리고「야곱」도 하나님을 위해서 형과 아버지를 속였습니다. 지금까지 기독교에서는 하나님께서 父과 아버지를 속인「야곱」을 왜 사랑하시고, 그를 왜 축복해 주셨는지를 전혀 몰랐습니다.

아버지와 형님을 속인 야곱을 祝福하신 理由

「야곱」이「에서」로부터 長子の 기업을 빼앗은 후에「에서」는「야곱」을 죽이려 했습니다. 여기에서「야곱」은 고향을 떠나 하란 땅으로 피신을 가게 됩니다. 외삼촌「라반」의 집에서 21년간을 종살이하면서 苦役을 치루게 되는 것입니다. 21년간의 憂難을 극복하면서 하나님의 축복을 받은 가나안 땅으로 돌아갈 것을 결심하게 됩니다. 환경이 변하고 수모를 당해도 本郷 땅을 하나님 것으로 복귀시키겠다는 생각은 변치 않았습니다. 오히려 자기를 염려하시는 하나님을 위로하면서 반

대하는 형님을 自然 굴복시킬 수 있는 實力을 길렀습니다. 형님인「에서」이상의 기반을 닦기 위해서 하나님께 쉬지 않고 기도했습니다. 「야곱」은 21년 기간을 통해 라반의 축복(肉的 祝福)을 받았고 하란 땅에서 천사의 축복(靈的 祝福)을 받은 후 가나안 땅으로 돌아오게 됩니다. 야곱은 자기가 받았던 축복의 전부를 형인「에서」에게 바치게 됩니다. 야곱에게는 財物이 필요치 않았고, 명예가 필요치 않았습니다. 다만 장자의 기업을 하나님의 이름으로 빼앗았던 사실을 公認받고자 했던 것입니다. 많은 財物을 가지고 돌아오는「야곱」을「에서」가 歡迎함으로써「야곱」을 통해「에서」도 축복을 받게 되는 것입니다. 이렇게 해서「야곱」이「에서」로부터 完全히 장자의 기업을 빼앗게 되었습니다. 야곱이 장자의 기업을 빼앗은 섭리역사는 나이로 볼 때 30대에 이뤄졌기 때문에 그 이후에는 腹中에서 전환시키는 섭리를 전하지가 나오셨습니다. 복중에서부터 전환시키지 않는한 사탄의 피가 인간 깃줄 속에 남아 있다는 條件 때문에 腹中에서 전환시키는 섭리를 하지 않을 수 없었던 것입니다.

여러분은 왜 하나님께서 유다 支派를 통해 예수님을 보내셨는지 알고 계십니까? 왜 유다지파에서 예수님이 탄생하셨습니까? 쉽게 대답할 수는 없을 것입니다.

「야곱」의 아들「유다」는「엘」「오난」「셀라」등 3兄弟를 두었습니다. 「유다」의 큰 아들「엘」은「다말」과 결혼했습니다. 그런데「엘」이 죽었습니다. 그 후「다말」은 둘째인「오난」과 살게 되었는데「오난」도 죽게 되었습니다. 이렇게 되자 유다家庭은 代가 끊기게 되었습니다. 아브라함, 이삭, 야곱 3대에 걸쳐 하나님의 祝福을 받았던 攝理가 무위로 돌아가야 할 입장이었습니다(창세기 38장~). 이때「다말」은 시아버지인 유다를 유혹해서 관계를 맺고 아기를 낳게 됩니다. 다말은 죽음을 초월하는 모험을 통해 하나님의 축복의 系代를 잇기로 결심했던 것입니다. 「베레스」와「세라」를 낳을 때「세라」의 손이 먼저 나왔으나 그의 손에 紅絲를 매어 밀어넣고 차자인「베레스」를 먼저 출생시켰습니다. 하나님께서는 왜 이와같은 섭리를 하셨습니까? 이것은 역사적인 비밀이었습니다. 腹中에서부터 血統을 바로 잡지 않으면 안되는 역사적인 탕감조건이 남아있었기 때문이었습니다. 이와같이 복중에서부터 장자의 기업을 차자가 빼앗아 나오게 된 역사를 우리는 聖經을 통해서 배우게 됩니다.

시아버지를 유혹해서 아기를 뱀 다말은 당시의 風習으로 보면 당장 돌에 맞아 죽을 입장이었습니다. 그러나「다말」은 하나님의 축복을 흠모하고, 죽는한이 있더라도 하나님의 뜻을 이뤄드리기 위해 모든 어려움을 克服했던 것입니다.

「다말」을 中心한 攝理의 秘密

시아버지를 속인「다말」에게 하나님은 축복을 해주셨습니다. 유다 支派의 出發이 되게 했던 것입니다. 여기서부터 이스라엘의 새로운 역사가 시작된 것입니다. 가인과 아벨의 失敗를 복중에서 勝利케 했습니다. 하나님이 願하셨던 본래의 長子權을 이 땅 위에서 전환시킨「다말」의 혈통을 통해 萬王의 王 예수님이 出現하시게 됩니다(마태복음 1장).

獨生子 예수 그리스도는 하나님이 사랑하실 수 있는 첫 번째의 사람입니다. 하나님은 더럽혀진 피를 깨끗하게 맑히는 蕩滅條件을 통하여 罪에서 解放된 독생자를 이땅 위에 출생케 하셨던 것입니다. 독생자의 자리는 하나님의 사랑을 받을 수 있는 자리였습니다.

예수님은 聖別된 역사적인 승리를 기반으로 탄생하셨습니다. 예수님을 잉태한 마리아는「해와」「리브가」「다말」의 입장을 탕감해야 했습니다. 시부모, 남편, 세상을 속이면서 예수님을 잉태했던 것입니다. 해와가 아담과 하나님을 否定하고 天使長과 관계를 맺었던 것을 복귀하기 위하여 마리아는 하나님의 뜻만을 따랐던 것입니다.

예수님의 복중 잉태는 논란이 많습니다. 처녀의 몸으로 예수님을 잉태했던 마리아는 주위 사람들에게 손가락질을 받지 않을 수 없었습니다. 그때 마리아는 돌에 맞아죽을 형편이었습니다. 짐작하건데 요셉과의 사이에서도 家庭不和가 빈번했을 것입니다. 여러분 생각해 보십시오. 남편인 요셉이「성령으로 아기를 잉태했다」고 말하는 마리아를 어떻게 보았겠습니까? 사실 당시의 유대인들이 본 예수님은 아버지

없는 私生兒였읍니다.

예수님이 열 두살때였읍니다. 유월절을 예루살렘에서 지내고 돌아갈 때 부모가 3 일동안 少年예수를 예루살렘에서 잃어버리고 갔다는내용이 성경(누가복음 2:41-52)에 나옵니다. 그때 부모들은 예루살렘 聖殿에 있던 예수님을 찾아냈읍니다.

『네 아버지와 내가 찾았노라』 이렇게 마리아가 말했읍니다.

그때 예수님은 마리아에게 『어찌하여 나를 찾으셨습니까? 내가 내 아버지집에 있어야 될 줄을 알지 못하였나이까?』 하고 예수님은 반문했던 것입니다. 이 問答를 볼때 소년 예수는 부모의 사랑을 받지 못하고 자랐던 것입니다. 예수님은 가정에서부터 어려움을 겪으면서 성장했읍니다.

예수님은 異端者로 몰려 죽기위해 오신분이 아니다

이렇게해서 비로소 예수님은 국가적인 아벨로 서게되는 것입니다. 곧 메시아는 하나님의 長子權을 가지고 오신 분입니다. 그래서 당시의 이스라엘 정부나 유대교를 향하여 「왕도, 大祭司長도 내 말을 들어야 한다」고 宣言을 하시게 되는 것입니다. 하나님이 이스라엘과 유대교를 세우신 것은 아담의 文化圈을 형성할 수 있는 기반을 만들기 위해서였읍니다. 메시아를 보내서 人間들이 메시아와 하나됨으로써 아담문화권의 국가를 세우시려 했는데 이스라엘 민족이 예수님을 믿지 않고 不信하여 十字架에 돌아가게 했던 것입니다.

예수님이 異端者의 누명을 쓰고 十字架에 돌아가는 것이 하나님의 뜻이 아니었읍니다. 하나님께서 4 천년간 믿음으로 길러오신 이스라엘 민족이 예수님을 십자가에 못박아 處刑하라고 그들을 選擇하셨겠습니까. 메시아를 처형하기 위해 유대교를 준비하고 이스라엘 국가를 준비한 것이 아니었읍니다.

墮落의 혈통을 이어받은 인간은 역사속에서 빈번히 아벨의 섭리를 부인해 왔읍니다. 하나님은 인간의 역사 속에서 맞고 피를 흘리면서 하나님이 사랑할 수 있는子女들을 찾아 나오셨읍니다. 그래서 수많은 宗教가 희생의 길을 가는 것입니다. 「살고자 하는 자는 죽고, 죽고자 하는 자는 산다」는 逆說的인 입장을 強調해 나온 것입니다.

예수님이 人類의 말아들로 태어났지만 말아들의 權勢를 부인 당했읍니다. 소외된 자리에 서게 된 것입니다. 예수님은 자기의 어머니인 마리아에게 대해서 「女人이여 당신이 나와 무슨 상관이 있느냐」고 뼈아픈 얘기를 했읍니다. 教會의 원수가 되고, 이스라엘 나라의 背叛者가 되고, 로마의 革命家 자리에 섰던 예수님은 하나님의 뜻을 이루어야만 했읍니다.

예수님이 십자가에서 숨을 거둘때 「엘리 엘리 라마 사박다니」를 외치셨읍니다. 「나의 하나님! 나의 하나님! 어찌하여 나를 버리시나이까」라고 목멘 기도를 올렸던 예수님의 心情은 처절한 것이었읍니다 (마태복음 27:46).

完全救援을 이룩하시기 위해 예수님은 다시 오셔야

예수님은 아담이 실수한 것을 完成 시켜야할 제2의 아담으로 오신 萬世의 王이십니다. 예수님은 모든 남자들이 실패한 것을 완전히 해결 勝利의 방패를 가지고 오셨던 분이었습니다. 만약 예수님이 十字架에 돌아가지 않고 하나님의 뜻을 완성했다면 예수님의 所願인 세계의 統一은 성취되었을 것입니다. 예수님은 하나님의 사랑을 중심한 하나의 민족과 하나의 세계를 만들기 위해서 오셨읍니다. 그러나 선택받은 이스라엘이 예수님의 뜻을 받아 들이지 않았고 이로인해서 滅亡의 길로 떨어져버리는 역사적인 한이 남아지게 된 것입니다. 제1 이스라엘인 이스라엘 국가가 예수님의 뜻을 받아들이지 않자 하나님은 제2 이스라엘인 전세계 基督教信者를 통해서 2 천년간 섭리를 이끌어 오셨읍니다. 예수님의 육신이 유대민족의 불신으로 사탄에게 넘어가자 하나님은 殺害된 예수님을 靈的으로 復活시키심으로서 靈的구원

의 길을 여시고 기독교를 세계로 전파시켜 세계구원의 섭리를 펴 나오신 것입니다. 그래서 靈肉 아물은 세계구원을 위해서 기필코 예수님은 다시 오셔야하는 것입니다. 「땅에서 매면 하늘에서도 맴 것이요, 땅에서 풀면 하늘에서도 풀릴 것이라」고 한 예수님의 말씀처럼 인간의 타락이 땅에서 되어졌기 때문에 복귀도 地上으로부터 이루어져야 합니다. 하나님이 사랑하실 수 있는 인간과 세상을 만들기 위해 메시아는 다시 와야 한다는 사실을 알아야 합니다.

예수님은 攝理의 뜻을 따라서 種族과 민족을 統一해야할 사명이 있었읍니다. 33세에 죽어야할 분이 아니었읍니다. 3 년동안 일을 하고 죽어야 했던 것이 아니라 60세, 70세까지라도 계속해서 일을 함으로써 이 地上에 하나님의 나라를 세워야 했읍니다. 하나님은 基督教라는 하나의 宗派를 만들기 위해서 이땅 위에 예수님을 보내신 것이 아니었읍니다. 예수님을 통해서 모든 인간을 구원하고 세계를 구원해야 할 뜻이 있었읍니다. 이와같이 예수님의 몸된 教會는 세계를 구원해야 할 使命이 있는 것입니다. 하나님은 「이 世를 사랑하사 독생자 예수를 주셨다」고 분명히 선언하고 계십니다. 어떠한 特定 個人이나 教派를 사랑해서 독생자를 보내주신 것이 아니라 세상을 구원하기 위해 독생자를 보내주신 것입니다.

예수님 당시의 周邊 정세를 살펴봅시다. 예수님은 세계적으로 대국가인 로마제국이 피체되어서 내적으로 革命이 요구되는 시기에 탄생 하셨읍니다. 만약 예수님을 이스라엘에서 환영했다면 예수님의 思想이 중동지역과 전 아시아 지역까지 전파되고 한편 로마제국과, 선 유럽을 장악하여 하나의 세계를 이루었을 것입니다. 그야말로 명실공히 萬世의 王이 될 수 있는 시대였읍니다. 그런데 이스라엘 민족이 예수님을 죽였기 때문에 하나의 세계를 이루지 못했던 것입니다. 이렇게 됨으로써 기독교는 4 백년 동안 로마의 迫害를 받으며 희생의 댓가를 치루는 蕩滅歷史를 통하여 로마제국을 중심한 기독교 文化圈을 형성케 됩니다. 이때 로마를 中心하고 유럽에 전파된 가톨릭교회가 민족과 국경을 초월해서 세계를 구하려 全力을 기울였다면 세계를 복음화 시켰을 것입니다.

하나님의 祝福은 이태리→英國→美國→日本→韓國으로

예수님의 죽음은 靈과 肉의 갈라짐을 의미합니다. 그래서 文化圈도 人本主義인 헬레니즘과 神本主義인 헤브라이즘으로 분리가 되게 되었읍니다. 예수님의 몸을 사탄이 취하게 됨으로써 당시 예수님의 몸 역할을 해야했던 로마가 헬레니즘을 받아들여 사탄편에 서게 되었던 것입니다.

그래서 기독교는 로마로부터 약 4 백년간 박해를 받으면서 苦難의 길을 걷게 됩니다. 기독교가 공인된 후에는 기독교 封建社會가 오게 됩니다. 그런데 당시의 教區長들이 어찌했습니까? 기독교의 사명은 세계를 구하는 것인데도 불구하고 教權主義에 머물러 있으면서 民族을 초월하지 못했읍니다. 하나님의 뜻은 교권이냐 국가 안에 있는 것이 아니라 세계를 구하라는데 있었읍니다. 그러나 로마 教皇廳이 부패함으로써 세계를 기독교 문화권으로 묶지 못했읍니다.

그후 하나님께서는 英國의 헨리8세를 통한 새로운 섭리를 전개시키셨읍니다. 聖公會를 중심한 영국을 하나님은 축복하셨던 것입니다. 여왕 엘리자베스 I世 때에는 영국이 세계를 제패할 수 있는 기반을 완전히 닦게 됐읍니다. 大英帝國에는 해지는 날이 없다는 말이 나올 정도로 세계를 장악하게 되었읍니다. 수많은 植民地를 갖게된 영국은 식민지를 통해 일시에 하나님의 뜻을 펴야할 經綸이 있었음에도 불구하고 영국은 국가 利益만을 위해서 식민지를 착취하게 되었읍니다. 하나님의 뜻에 의해 세계를 구하려는 영국이 되지 못하고 영국만을 위해 세계를 이용했던 것입니다. 한편 영국 國教會도 教權主義와 國家를 옹호하는 立場에서 신앙의 자유를 극도로 억압하게 되었읍니다. 이로써 세계를 구하시려는 하나님의 뜻은 벽에 부딪치게 되었읍니다.

여기에서 엘리자베스 여왕의 전제와 監督으로부터의 독립을 주장하고 신앙의 순결운동을 부르짖던 퓨리탄들이 국가와 종파를 초월해서 新大陸인 美國을 개척하게 됩니다. 스페인, 네델란드, 불란서, 이태리, 스위스 등 新敎운동이 활발하던 국가들이 힘을 합해서 미국을 개척하고 영국에 못지 않는 종교적인 基盤을 닦게 되었던 것입니다.

美國 국민은 그때부터 完全히 하나되어 하나님을 숭배하고 세계를

구원하기 위해 그들에게 부과된 使命, 즉 세계 구원을 위해 희생하고 奉仕해야 했습니다.

특히 기독교 국가인 美國을 하나님께서는 세계 1, 2차 大戰을 勝利케 하심으로 세계의 主導國이 되게 하셨습니다. 하나님은 美國이 세계의 文化圈을 주도할 수 있는 축복을 내리셨던 것입니다. 그때 美國이 하나님을 부정하는 共產國家를 없애버렸다면 하나님의 뜻은 성취되었을 것입니다.

美國은 세계대전 승리의 깃발 아래 세계구원을 외쳐야 했으나 하나님의 뜻은 생각지도 않고 個人主義, 배금주의에 도취하여 타락되어 버렸습니다. 美國은 윤리, 道德적으로도 타락해 버렸고 축복받은 기독교 마저 몰락의 길을 걷게 되었습니다. 神을 부정하고 宗教를 아편으로 규정하는 共產主義가 美國을 잠식해가고 있습니다. 기독교 국가인 美國이 공산주의와 대적해서 공산주의를 이기지 못한다면 기독교는 멸망해 버릴 수 밖에 없을 것입니다. 歷史上에서 찾아볼 수 없는 가장 비참한 모습으로 멸망해 버릴 것입니다. 美國의 滅亡은 곧 기독교의 멸망입니다. 세계가 精神的으로 타락한 것은 전세계 기독교인의 責任입니다.

하나님은 섬나라 英國의 축복을 탐감키 위해 일본을 택하셨습니다.

하나님은 日本을 明治維新이후 經濟大國으로 발전시켜 왔습니다. 英國의 입장에서 세계를 구할 수 있도록 축복하신 것입니다. 일본은 國主制度나 法律이나 교통질서등 여러가지 면에서 영국의 것과 비슷합니다. 하나님은 英國에서 실패한 것을 日本에서 계승하도록 섭리하셨으나 일본은 세계를 구할 생각조차도 하지 않고 있습니다. 오히려 20世紀에 들어와 神社參拜문제를 中心하고 基督教을 국도로 탄압했습니다. 여기서 文明은 이태리 반도문명과 같은 한국 반도 文明시대로 옮겨지게 되는 것입니다. 한국은 로마 교황청형을 代身하는 國家型이라고 부릅니다.

한국은 아담가정에서 한형제인 가인과 아벨이 싸웠던 것과 마찬가지로 한형제인 남북한이 서로 대립되어 있습니다. 한국의 休戰線은 하나님의 섭리를 歸結지을 수 있는 뜻깊은 사연이 담겨져 있습니다.

세계 16개국의 젊은이들이 6.25動亂을 통해서 피를 흘리며 싸웠던 일은 歷史上 없었던 일이었습니다. 인류가 그토록 所願했던 하나님의 나라, 人類의 祖國을 광복시키기 위한 뜻이 담겨져 있었던 것입니다.

예수님 당시에 예수님과 유대교, 이스라엘이 하나 되었다면 로마를 하나님의 뜻 가운데 세울 수 있었을 것입니다. 그런데 하나되지 못함으로써 기독교는 로마에서 고역을 치루게 되었습니다. 韓國도 이와 마찬가지로 국가적인 아벨권을 형성하지 못할때 고난의 길을 가지 않을 수 없을 것입니다. 여기서 問題가 되는 것은 하나님의 사랑을 중심삼고 兄弟가 하나되어야 한다는 것입니다. 한국은 세계를 구하기 위해서 教派觀念을 초월하고 政黨觀念을 초월하고 民族主義를 초월해서 세계를 구하는 일에 앞장서야 합니다.

한국문제는 세계문제와 직결되는 것이기 때문에 한국이 한국 민족만을 위한 民族主義를 固守한다면 한국의 復興은 기대할 수 없을 것입니다.

그런 의미에서 통일교회와 기성교회가 하나되고, 교회와 국가가 하나되어야 합니다. 하나가 된다면 가인편인 共產主義와 아벨편인 民主主義가 대립되어 있는 한반도에서 한국은 하나님이 직접 主管하시는 가운데 共產主義를 克服할 수 있게 될 것입니다. 아담문화권의 出發地로 선택하신 한반도에서 가장 시급한 문제는 教派를 초월하고 政黨을 초월하고 貧富貴賤을 초월해서 하나가 되는 것입니다. 하나가 되면 북한 공산집단은 멸망할 것이고 中共과 소련까지도 굴복시킬 수가 있을 것입니다. 이렇게 되면 韓國은 세계를 統一할 수 있는 기수가 될 것입니다. 하나님과 宗教를 부정하는 無神 共產主義는 하나님을 숭배하는 唯神기독교 思想에 의해서만이 최종적으로 극복되어질 수 있습니다. 한국은 새 文化創造의 출발지이기 때문에 모든 종교가 한국에 들어와서 꽃을 피웠습니다.

몰락하는 美國 基督教의 復興을 위해 나는 美國에 갔다

이러한 섭리를 안 나는 1972년에 美國에 발을 디더놓았습니다. 1972년부터 3년동안 세계적인 문세를 일으켰습니다. 1975년에는 세계 1백27개 국가에 宣教師를 파송하여 몰락하는 基督教을 復興시키고 精神革命을 전세계적으로 외치면서 선교를 시작한 것입니다. 통일 교회가 가는 길 앞에는 수많은 反對와 迫害가 있었습니다. 美國내에서 반해도 國會가 반대하고, 既成教會가 반대하고, 유대교가 반대하고, 공산주의자들이 반대했습니다.

하나님의 攝理는 퍽박받고 복을 빼앗아오도록 하시는 것을 알기 때문에 나는 반대하는 그들을 밟게 생각하거나 원수로 생각한 적이 없습니다. 오히려 복을 빌어 주고 있는 것입니다. 하나님이 主管할 수 있는 平和와 사랑이 充滿한 하나의 세계를 建設기 위해 撒旦夜우리는 목숨을 걸고 세계적인 活動을 벌여온 것입니다. 이러한 우리의 활동에 세계의 수많은 젊은이들이 호응하고 나섰습니다.

美國에서 반대를 받으면서도 기독교의 復興을 위해 최선을 다 했습니다. 그리고 하나님의 축복을 받아 세계적으로 강대국이 된 美國이 세계를 위하는 政策을 樹立하고 實踐해야 한다고 強調했던 것입니다. 統一教會가 그 막강한 美國행정부인 「가터」 정부와 맞서서 「가터」정부의 간섭을 촉구했던 것은 「美國은 美國만을 위한 美國」이 아니었기 때문이었습니다. 그리고 세가 강력한 反共主義者인 「데이전」 후보를 美國에서 처음으로 지지했던 것은 하나님의 뜻이 그러했기 때문입니다.

日本에 있어서는 日本 共產黨과 통일교회가 심하게 싸우고 있는 것은 정치에 목적이 있어서가 아닙니다. 일본의 東京, 名古屋, 大阪, 京都등의 공산주의 市長들을 낙선시킨 것도 하나님의 뜻으로 불매 지방에서 공산주의를 없애야 하기 때문이었습니다.

한국은 사탄의 第一線이자 하나님의 제1선으로서 民主와 共產이 極度로 對立되어 있는 唯一한 나라입니다. 한국은 세계사적인 뜻이 있는 나라임을 한국의 지도자들은 알아야만 합니다. 공산주의를 소화할 수 있는 思想的인 主體세력이 있어야 됩니다.

오늘 既成教會의 여러 牧師, 長老님들을 만나기 전에 나는 全國의 유지 8백여명을 만났습니다. 그리고 오늘 여러분들을 만나게 되었습니다. 예수님과 유대교가 하나 되었다면 예수님 당시에 하나의 세계를 이루었을 것이라는 역사적인 教訓을 생각하면서 이렇게 자리를 같이한 것입니다.

統一教會의 發展보다 모든 教會가 하나되기를 더 願해

나는 기성교회를 반대하거나 피해를 준 일이 없습니다. 그런데 한국 교회는 나를 30여년간 反對해 왔습니다. 그러나 나는 오히려 기성 교회가 하나되도록 기도해 왔습니다. 왜냐하면 예수님의 思想이 하나의 사상이요, 하나님께서도 하나가 되기를 원하시기 때문입니다. 超教派基督教協會를 支援하는 1년에산은 韓國 통일교회 본부 豫算의 2배가 넘습니다. 이것은 통일교회의 발전보다 모든 교회가 하나되는 것이 하나님의 소원임을 알았기 때문이었습니다.

통일교회와 기성교회는 기필코 하나 되어야 할 하나님의 섭리가 있습니다. 그동안 原理公聽會를 열어서 통일교회를 새롭게 認識하는 일을 해왔습니다. 또한 목사들의 해외여행을 주선함으로써 牧會자들이 세계를 돌아보고 牧會에 도움이 되기를 바라고, 한편 세계속의 한국을 정확히 파악하여 教會가 하나되고 國家와 하나되는 일에 기여하고자 했던 것입니다. 牧師들을 利用하자는 것이 아니었습니다. 既成教會는 統一教會의 兇手이기 때문에 형님들을 위하여 기쁜 마음으로 보조한 것입니다. 그런데 통일교회를 망하라고 기도하는 교회도 있고 나를 데려가 달라고 하나님께 기도하는 사람도 있습니다. 아무리 기도하더라도 통일교회는 망하지 않을 것입니다. 20년간 세계인류를 위해 노력한 결과 통일교회는 한국 기독교 이상의 基盤을 이미 닦아 놓았습니다. 통일교회는 형님된 기성교회를 밀어치야 할 사명이 있습니다.

다. 만약 현시점에서 하나되지 못한다면 역사상에 비참한 宗教戰爭을 치루었던 것처럼 향후에 既成教會와 統一教會 사이에도 피나는 싸움이 일어날 것임을 알고 있는 까닭에 우리는 하나가 되어야만 합니다.

나는 기성교회가 필요하다면 통일교회의 전부를 기성교회에 다 내어줄 것입니다. 나는 돈이나 權力이나 그 무엇도 필요치 않습니다. 필요한 것이 있다면 이 세상에 하나님의 나라를 건설하는 것 뿐입니다.

한국에는 세계의 모든 종교가 들어왔습니다. 佛敎, 유교, 기독교 등 세계적인 종교들이 꽃을 피웠습니다. 그리고 최근 回回敎까지 들어왔습니다. 그런데 지금까지 많은 종교들이 상호 協助하는 風土보다는 반대하고 否定하는 입장에서 있었었습니다. 이제는 그 싸움을 終息시킬 때가 되었습니다. 공산주의의 위협이 가중되고 있는 韓國的인 상황아래서 모든 종교가 하나되어야 합니다. 共產主義를 타도하기 위해서 모든 종교가 하나되어야 할 緊迫한 상황에 직면해 있는 것입니다. 그래서 통일교회와 기성교회도 하나가 되어야 합니다. 그리고 그 교회와 국가가 하나되어야 합니다. 그래서 예수님은 韓國의 메시아가 되어야 합니다. 萬民의 王이 되어야 합니다. 그리고 하나님은 하나된 곳에 祝福의 손길을 같이 해주실 것입니다.

세계를 구원하기 위해 비참한 순교의 길을 거처온 기독교의 역사를 결코 헛되게 하는 오늘의 기독교가 되어서는 안됩니다. 공산주의를 소화하고 自由世界를 흡수해서 역사적인 하나님의 한을 풀어야 합니다.

그동안 통일교회는 세계에서 하나님의 뜻을 成就하기 위해 공산주의와 鬪爭을 해오고 하나님의 뜻에 阻害되는 환경과 싸워왔습니다.

내게 必要한 것은 하나님나라 建設 뿐

여러분!

오랜 역사를 통해 고난을 당해온 우리 한국은 지금도 공산주의의 위협가운데 놓여 있습니다. 이러한 국가적 현실을 기독교 지도자 여러분들은 외면해서는 안됩니다. 生命을 바쳐서라도 支援해주고 밀어줘야만 합니다. 그리고 여러분! 통일교회도 밀어줘야만 합니다. 세계 속에서 人類의 내일을 염려하며 외로운 善의 싸움을 싸우고 있는 이유는 통일교회가 살아남기 위해서가 아니라 하나님의 뜻을 이뤄드리기 위한 一念에서입니다.

하나님의 섭리는 인간을 사랑하시는 것이기 때문에 역사 속에 하나님의 숨결이 살아있게 되는 것입니다. 여러분들이 생활속에서 하나님의 살아계심을 体恤한다면 하나님의 부르심에 응답하는 자가 되어야 합니다. 孝子와 孝女는 父母의 심정과 일체가 되고 忠臣은 國王의 뜻과 一體된 사람인 것과 같이 기독교신자는 하나님의 심정과 일체된 사람이며 하나님 나라를 위해 목숨을 바치는 사람입니다. 오늘의 기독교가 관념적으로만 하나님을 믿는다면 망할 수 밖에 없습니다. 지금 亡하고 있는 현상이 세계적으로 뚜렷하게 나타나고 있지 않습니까?

미국의 젊은이들이 통일교회에 들어오기만하면 3일이 되지 않아서 洗腦당한다고 美國사회에서는 야단들입니다. 대학을 졸업한 똑똑한 젊은이들이 어떻게 통일교회에 의해 세뇌를 당할 수가 있겠습니까? 그들은 하나님의 구체적인 뜻을 알고 새로운 人生行路를 出發하기 때문입니다. 그들은 모든것을 초월하여 福音을 증거하기에 全力을 기울이게 되는 것입니다.

이러한 때에 통일교회와 기성교회는 하나가 되어야 합니다. 나는 기성교회를 밀어주고 싶습니다. 여러분도 통일교회를 밀어 줘야만 합니다. 이렇게 되면 기성교회도 發展할 것이요, 통일교회도 발전할 것이며 국가도 발전할 것입니다.

지금까지 기성교회와 통일교회와의 관계를 싸움으로 비유한다면 이미 싸움은 끝이 났습니다. 만약 牧師, 長老 여러분들 가운데 반대하는 자가 있더라도 누가 하나님을 위해서 더 苦生하고, 국가와 세계를 위해서 피나는 苦痛의 길을 갔는지가 싸움의 勝敗를 결정해줄 것이기 때문입니다. 성경이 가르치는 「원수를 사랑하라」는 계명을 누가 더 뜨겁게 실천했는가에 의해서 여러분의 후손들은 승패를 분명히 判定하게 될 것입니다.

여러분!

예수님과 기독교의 소원은 이 땅위에 天國을 건설하는 것입니다. 세계는 지금 분열 속에서 신음하고 있습니다. 가장 큰 분열인 共產과 民主의 분열이 韓半島에서 종기부를 찍어야 할 역사적인 時點에 도달해 있습니다. 이러한 때에 한국에서는 모든 교회가 하나되고 모든 종교가 하나되고 모든 國民이 하나되어 세계통일을 원하시는 하나님의 소원을 實現시켜 드려야만 하겠습니까. 원수를 원수로 갚지 말고 서로 사랑으로 하나가 되어, 세계文明의 結實地인 한반도에 아담문화권의 新紀元을 이룩하도록 우리 모두 힘을 합쳐 나갑시다.

教會와 國家가 하나되어 北韓을 해방하자

한국은 5천년의 빛나는 文化傳統을 지니고 있습니다. 그러면서도 역사 속에는 중상과 모략이 많았고, 시기와 질투가 많았던 것이 사실입니다. 왜냐하면 가인과 아벨의 역사가 韓半島에서 전개되어져 왔기 때문입니다. 지금은 악당이나 간신이나 싸움이나 반대가 있어야 할 때가 아닙니다. 兄弟와 兄弟가 서로 사랑으로 하나되어 하나님의 所願을 이 땅에서 성취해야 할 때입니다.

南과 北이 갈려져 있는 비운의 상황 아래에서 民族大團合運動이 남한에서 부터 일어나야 합니다. 북한 공산주의를 소화해서 世界統一의 기수국가가 되어야만 합니다. 그러기 위해서는 基督敎를 위시한 종교의 단합운동이 일어나야 합니다.

이제 역사적인 하나님의 祝福이 한반도에 임했습니다. 모든 國民이 하나되어 제3 이스라엘인 한반도에 아담문화권의 국가를 건설합시다.

여러분들께서 家庭과 教會에 돌아가시거든 이러한 뜻을 널리 전하심으로써 하나님이 기뻐하시는 교회와 나라가 될 수 있기를 바라면서 본인의 講演을 끝내겠습니다.

□晚餐祈禱

天主教, 改新敎, 統一敎가 親交할 수 있도록...

張承燦 牧師

歷史를 支配하시는 하나님, 오늘 「초교과」主權로 文鮮明先生을 招請하여 講演과 晚餐을 갖게하시고, 1천2백여명의 韓國基督敎界 指導者들이 敎派를 超越하여 한 자리에 참석하게 하심을 感謝드립니다.

아버지 하나님이지여!

이 시간에 天主教와 改新敎와 統一敎의 지도자들이 이와같이 한 자리에 모였아온즉 우리가 다같이 만남의 즐거움을 통해서 피차 親交할 수 있게 하시고 對話를 통하여 앞으로 더욱 合心協力해서 韓國福音化를 크게 이룩할 수 있게 해 주시옵기를 빌고 원하옵나이다.

아버지 하나님!

저희들은 이제부터 우리의 共同的 敵인 共產主義를 撲滅할 수 있게 하시고 우리 祖國을 福祉國家로 建設할 수 있도록 우리의 合心과 協力이 있게 해주시옵소서. 그리하여 5천만 우리 民族에게 福音을 심어 贖罪와 救靈의 事業을 完遂할 수 있도록 役事해 주시옵기를 간절히 祈禱하옵고 願하옵나이다.

사랑 많으신 아버지시여!

이 시간에 手苦하신 文先生님과 이 모임을 準備한 「超敎派」의 任員들 그리고 모든 主님의 從들에게 충만하신 은총을 베풀어 주시옵소서. 이 時間에 貴한 음식을 허락해 주셔서 感謝합니다. 더욱 健康한 몸과 마음을 갖고 主님의 事業을 위해 헌신할 수 있도록 허락하여 주시기를 주 예수그리스도의 이름으로 祈禱하나이다.(아멘)

文先生님은 새 理念 중심 한 세계적인 反共指導者

朴 普 熙 선교사
(뉴우스월드 社長)

文鮮明선생님께서 참으로 오랫동안 만나시고 싶었던 既成教會 指導者 여러분들을 형님이라 칭하시면서 하고 싶었던 말씀을 흥금을 털어놓고 하신 이 講演은 역사적인 일이라 아니할 수 없습니다.

선생님께서는 1974년 뉴욕에 있는 메디슨 스퀘어 가든에서 역사적인 강연을 하신 때가 있었습니다. 그때 하시는 말씀이『오늘 9월18일은 본인에게 있어서나 하나님에게 있어서 하나의 宣布의 날이 되는 것입니다』라고 하신것을 제가 通譯했었습니다.

오늘 만찬회는 基督教 一致의 新紀元 이룩

오늘 이 롯데호텔에서의 大晩餐會는 文鮮明 先生님께 있어서나 하나님에 있어서 우리나라 基督教이 국난을 앞에두고 大同團結하는 신기원을 마련하는 歷史的인 團合大會요 宣布의 날이요 統一의 大會라고 생각할 때 감개무량함을 금할 수 없습니다.

그럼 이제 잠시동안 最近에 있었던 美國大統領 選舉를 치루고 와서 제가 여러 教友 여러분과 同胞 여러분에게 보고 드리고 싶은 말씀을 간추려 말씀드릴까 합니다.

여러분! 이번에 「카터」대통령이 선거에서 참패를 당했습니다. 금번 미국에서 현직 大統領인 카터가 落選되는 그 광경은 어떻게보면 美國에 있어서의 異變이라해도 과언이 아니겠습니다.

미국에서 현직 大統領이 中間 選舉에서 敗北를 한다고 하는것은 역사에 드문일 입니다. 民主黨 大總統으로서는 1888년 「그로버 크리브랜드」라고 하는 大統領이 낙선한 이래 처음이요, 민주 공화 兩黨을 합해 보더라도 1932년 「허버트 후버」大統領이 당시의 經濟公황으로 말미암아 어쩔 수 없는 官國에서 敗北의 고배를 마신 것이 50여년전의역사입니다.

이렇게 現職 大統領이 落選된다고 하는 것은 거의 美國 歷史에서 찾아보기 어려운, 어떻게 보면 난공불락이라 할 수 있는 자리에 있는것이 現職 美國大統領입니다.

또한 美 大統領의 권세는 흔히 말하는 「지저」의 權勢나 「나폴레옹」의 權勢나 또한 「징기스칸」의 權勢에 비할 바 아닙니다. 당시 그들의 權勢가 아무리 높았다 할지라도 그것은 어디까지나 한 나라에 局限된 權勢에 지나지 않았었습니다. 그래서 흔히 하는 말이 「美國 大統領이 기침을 하면 구라카에서는 독감을 앓고, 아시아에서는 세력을 앓는다」는 말이 美國 大統領의 權勢를 나타내는 表現이기도 합니다.

「카터」大統領이 이번에 敗北를 당했다는 것은 常識的으로는 이해할 수가 없습니다. 저는 하나님을 믿는 여러 兄弟 姉妹님들을 앞에 모시고 이것은 분명 하나님의 役事라고 보고 드리는 것입니다.

저는 구태여 「카터」大統領의 실정을, 그의 政治的 失敗를 증거하려 이 자리에 선 것은 아닙니다. 하지만 「카터」大統領의 가장 큰 결점이 있다고 하면 共產主義를 잘 모르는 것입니다. 1976년 그는 선거공약으로서 韓國에서 撤軍을 하겠다고 나선 것을 보면 現實을 모르는 大統領, 그와같은 엄청난 불장난을 저지를 수 있는 大統領이라는 것은

最近 나토 사령부에서 근무했던 장성들이 軍事 專門家들과 더불어 著述한 「제3 차대전」이라는 책에서도 쉽게 찾아볼 수 있습니다.

文선생은 共產主義와 대결하기 위해 新聞社 創設

이책에는 나토 군사專門家들의 見解, 두 소련이 어떻게 세계 적화야욕을 進行시키고 있는가 하는 것을 격나라하게 暴露하고 있습니다.

이 책을 보면 소련을 主軸으로 하는 共產주의자들은 1985년도까지 世界赤化 야욕을 完成하는 것으로 되어 있습니다. 그런데 그 소련의 世界赤化 마스터플랜 가운데 절대불가결한 赤化야욕을 달성하기 위한 하나의 요소는 1980년도에 「카터」大統領을 재 선시키는 것이라고 말했었습니다. 그 말은 「카터」大統領의 再選이 소련의 世界赤화와 불가결의 관련을 가지고 있다는 것을 意味하는 것입니다.

또한 美國에서 이번 選舉戰에 「카터」의 選舉運動에 antagonist가 누구인지 아십니까? 그가 바로 다음아닌 「큐바」의 獨裁者 「카스트로」입니다. 「카터」大統領은 지난 4년동안 人權政策을 내세워 道德政治를 한다고 했습니다. 그 의기는 좋았으나만 결과적으로 볼때 많은 反共 友邦國家들을 골탕먹게 하였습니다.

그동안 南美의 많은 反共國家에서 共產革命이 일어났거나 公산화 되었습니다. 이란사태를 보십시오. 로데시아 事態를 보십시오. 그는 眞實로 反共의 친구를 알아보지 못했고 人權을 유린하고 있는 共產 獨裁國인 소련과 中共과 같은 超強大國에 대해서는 일언반구도 못하면서 소위 데탕트라고 하는 화해정책으로 그들에게 미소지으면서, 이와 같이 二重的인 기준을 적용하므로서 많은 나라를 共產主義者에게 넘겨주는 결과를 가져왔던 것입니다.

한마디로 말씀드려 이번 美 大統領 選舉는 文鮮明 先生께서 이미 말씀하신 바와같이 한 나라의 운명만 걸려있는 것이 아니라 앞으로의 自由世界의 안보와 우리조국 大韓民國의 安保가 걸려 있었던 事件이었습니다.

그런 까닭에 지난 5월 30일 文鮮明 先生께서는 저를 「캘리포니아」에 보내 「레이건」大統領 候補와 歷史的인 회견을 하도록 하셨습니다. 저는 「레이건」씨에게 당신은 하나님의 使者로서 共產主義를 막을 수 있는 하나님의 일꾼으로 たく함을 받았음을 분명히 하고 共產主義가 하나님의 원수요 人類의 원수라고 규탄하는 우리 기독교인 특히 그중에서도 우리 統一教徒들은 온 世界의 力量을 집중해서 당신을 지원할것이라고 約束했던 것입니다.

물론 통일교회와 정치에 가담하는 것은 아닙니다. 또한 政治團體도 아닙니다. 하지만 수많은 우리 신도들은 당당한 美國市民들이기에 美國의 憲法하에 政치를 할 수 있는 權限이 있고 또 특정 候補를 選擇하여 그를 支援할 수 있는 憲法상의 權利가 있는 것입니다. 또한 美國 憲法에 보면 言論의 自由가 있어 美國의 그 많은 新聞社들이 내어놓고 후보를 공천할 수 있으며 이를 支援할 수 있는 것입니다.

文鮮明 先生께서는 일찌기 美國과 日本에서 共產主義와 싸울 수 있는 말씀의 무기로서 新聞社를 創設하셨습니다. 日本은 그 新聞이 世界日報이고 미국에는 두 개의 신문사가 있는데 하나는 「뉴우스월드」라고 하는 日刊紙요 또 하나는 「노티샤스 델 문도」라고 하는 스페인어 新聞입니다.

레이건 大統領 후보는 철저한 反共主義者

여러분!

美國에 있어 지금 少數 민족으로서의 黑人的 수가 가장 많다고 생각하실 분이 계실는지 모르겠습니다만 1990년도에 가면 黑人的 수보다는 서반아 계열의 미국 시민들이 더 많아지는 것입니다. 그러기에 앞으로 미국에서 反共運動을 이끌어가는데 가장 중추적인 役割을 해야 될 사람은 東洋人과 서반아계열의 사람들 입니다. 왜냐하면 그들은 南美에서 公산주의에 시달렸고 큐바에서 亡命나왔으며 共產革命으로부터 뛰쳐나온 사람들이기 때문입니다. 우리와 같이 共產主義者들의 爆惡性을 아는 사람들이기 때문입니다.

그러나 그동안 이들을 규합하는 사람이 하나도 없었습니다. 文鮮明

선생께서는 지금 美國의 少數民族에게 하나의 빛으로 비취시고 있습니다. 흑인, 서반아계열, 아시아 계열, 이들이 美國에서 少數民族의 서러움을 당할 때마다 선생님께 매달리어 한글 풀려고 하고 있습니다. 그래서 文선생께서는 유수한 反共紙이며 勝共新聞인 「노티샤스 델 문도」라고 하는 서반아어판 新聞을 發刊하시게 된 것입니다.

지난 6월 4일 「뉴우스월드」는 제 1면에 레이건 대통령후보가 危機를 克服할 수 있는 세계의 영도자이기 때문에 「뉴우스월드」는 이분을 공천한다고 선포했었습니다. 그런데 당시 6월 4일만 하더라도 美國의 그 많은 신문가운데 레이건씨를 支持하고 나선 新聞은 하나도 없었습니다. 여러분께서 잘 아시다시피 레이건씨는 徹頭徹尾한 反共主義者이며 또한 그는 하나님을 경외하는 사람입니다.

그는 共產主義를 그저 共產主義라 부르지 않고 하나님을 부정하는 共產主義라고 말하는 사람입니다. 저는 분명히 말씀드리거니와 오늘 미국 대통령으로 당선된 「레이건」씨는 20世紀 후반기에 찾아볼 수 없는 철두철미한 反共主義者이며 하나님을 따르는 自由陣營의 指導者임에 틀림없다는 것입니다. 그의 주위 人物인 전 국무장관 「기신저」 전 나토사령관 「헤이그」 장군등 여러 측근 인물들을 만나봄으로써 그가 훌륭한 영도자임을 더욱 분명히 알 수 있었습니다.

文鮮明 先生께서는 일찍이 美國 歷史를 볼때 40대 대통령이 歷史의 장래를 左右한다고 말씀하셨습니다. 우리는 철두철미 하나님을 사랑하시며 반공에 앞장서고 있는 이 「레이건」씨를 40대 美國 大統領으로 당선케 해주신 하나님께 감사드리지 않을 수 없습니다.

선거날까지는 많은 美國 新聞중 466개지가 「레이건」씨를 지지했지만 共和黨 本部에서 發表하기를 美國의 모든 언론 가운데서 가장 으뜸가는 支援를 아끼지 않았고 제일 먼저 信念을 가지고 「레이건」씨를 지지해준 新聞은 우리 「뉴우스월드」라고 하는 것을 온 天下에 明白히 했습니다.

제가 선거과정에서 이루어진 여러가지 과정을 다 보고 드릴 時間은 없습니다. 다만 여러분께 한가지 증거하고 싶은 것은 이번 美 大統領 選舉戰을 통해 우리 文鮮明 先生께서는 世界的인 예언가가 되었습니다.

뉴우스월드는 레이건大統領 후보의 압도적 당선을 예언

여러분! 韓國에서도 新聞에서 많이 보셨겠지만 정말로 이번 선거전은 막상막하의 백중지세를 이루는 치열한 싸움이었습니다. 제가 얼마전에 韓國에 돌아와서 한국의 여러 지도자들을 만나뵈고 보니 그들은 레이건 후보가 어차피 현직 대통령으로 있는 가터씨를 이길 수 가 없을 것이라는 것이었습니다. 더구나 選舉日이 임박해서는 그나마 앞질러 가고 있던 「레이건」씨의 인기는 떨어지고 「가터」씨는 「레이건」씨를 앞질러 가는 것이었습니다.

이와같은 狀況에서도 文선생께서는 『이번에 「레이건」씨가 되지 않고 「카터」씨가 다시 된다고 하는 말은 하나님의 攝理가 延長된다는 말이다. 지금은 바야흐로 하나님의 危機로서 이와같은 하나님의 危機에 결코 하나님께서 無關心 할 수 없을 것이다』고 말씀하시며 「레이건」씨는 반드시 압도적인 勝利를 거둘 것이라고 저를 타이르시고, 10월 26일 당시 한국에 계시던 선생님께서는 저를 美國에 다시 파송했던 것입니다.

美國의 유명한 政治評論家들과 많은 輿論調査會社들은 이구동성으로 선거전이 백중지세이기에 도저히 누가 이긴다고 판단할 수 있는 사람이 없었고 또 대부분의 경우 現職 大統領의 底力을 무시할 수 없을 진데 결과적으로 「카터」대통령의 勝利로 끝났 것이라고 하는 豫言이 지배적이었습니다. 어찌됐든 이 싸움은 결코 과격적이고 壓倒的인 勝利는 있을 수 없다고 하는 것이 2억 4천만 미국 국민들의 衆論이었습니다.

저는 미국에 돌아가자마자 文先生께서 저에게 指示하신 그 信念을 추호도 굽히지 않고 하나님을 경외하고 믿는 하나의 統一教會의 의지를 發揮해야 되겠다고 다짐 했습니다. 저는 기도를 한후 11월 2일 저희

신문사 전직원들을 모아놓고 『우리 新聞社는 生命을 내걸고 「레이건」대통령候補의 압도적인 승리를 예언하자, 나는 그러한 기사를 文선생에게서 받아가지고 왔노라, 우리 다시 한번 文鮮明 선생님의 가르침을 믿고 實踐해보자』고 力說 했습니다.

그래서 신문 제 1면에 「레이건」씨의 압도적 승리를 예언하기로 결의했습니다. 記者들을 시켜 新聞을 조판해 오라고 했더니 그들은 아무래도 용기가 나지 않는 모양이었습니다. 新聞을 찍어가지고 오긴했으나 조그마한 活字로서 「뉴우스월드」가 예언하는데 「레이건」씨가 이길 수도 있을 것 같다는 정도였습니다. 그래서 그 新聞을 보고서 이렇게 물었습니다. 『兄弟여! 만일 3次大戰이 오늘 일어난다고 하면 어떤 活字를 써서 헤드라인을 만들 것인가』 그랬더니 3 차대전이 발발한다면 그건 世界的인 事件이기 때문에 우리 신문사의 가장 큰 活字를 사용해 題目을 붙여야 한다는 것이었습니다.

그럼 한번도 사용하지 않아 먼지에 쌓여 있는 그 活字를 가지고 「레이건」씨의 압도적인 勝利를 宣告하는 新聞을 조판해 오도록 했습니다.

결국 그들은 저의 심각한 信念에 굴복해서 새로 新聞을 만들어 가지고 왔습니다. 그 新聞이 有名한 「뉴우스월드」11월 4일자로서 레이건 압도적 승리라는 豫言記事이며 이 活字는 3 차대전 발발에나 사용할 수 있는 큰 活字입니다.

選舉날에 「레이건 압도적 당선」이란 標題보고 市民들은 놀라

저는 『이번 「레이건」씨의 당선여부는 우리에게 있어서는 3 차대전 못지않게 重要的 것이다. 「레이건」씨를 당선시켜야 한다는 사실은 오히려 인류를 멸망시킬 수 있는 三次大戰을 미연에 防止할 수 있는 길』이라고 呼訴했던 것입니다.

一般的인 輿論은 「레이건」씨가 1백50~2백명의 選舉人團票를 얻기도 어렵겠다고 했었지만 저는 3백 50명 이상의 선거인단 표를 얻을 것이다, 더우기 레이건씨가 자기 자신부터 포기해 버린 美國에서 가장 큰 주의 하나인 뉴욕주에서 共和黨이 승리할 것이라고 예언했습니다.

또 재미있는 것은 그 신문하단에 反共的인 重要的 인사 한 분을 뉴욕주 上院議員에 출마시킨 기사입니다. 그분의 이름이 「A·다마토」입니다. 그분도 도저히 이길 수 없다고 하는 判斷이었지만 우리는 또한 다마트씨가 상원의원에 꼭 당선되리라고 豫言했습니다. 물론 우리의 서반아어 판에서도 똑같이 報道했습니다.

그날따라 저희는 新聞을 보통날의 篇幅을 發行하여 새벽 4시부터 우리의 추력으로 뉴욕시의 구석구석까지 배달했습니다. 6시부터 投票가 始作되는데 7시가 되자 뉴욕시는 완전히 들로 갈라져서 여론이 비등하게 됐는데 특히 「카터」대통령을 지지하는 파는 이 『新聞이 엉뚱한 짓을 했구나. 왜 가만히 있지 못하고 이런짓을 하느냐』 그러면 서도 그들은 그 新聞을 버리지 못하고 사가지고 가는 사람이 많았습니다.

한편 공화당을 지지하는 「레이건」쪽의 반공주의자들은 이와같은 과격적인 豫言을 보고 눈물짓는 사람이 적지 않았습니다. 이렇게 新聞이 여기저기서 불티나게 팔려 오전 9시까지는 평소보다 篇幅이나 적은 신문도 完全히 매진 됐습니다.

또한 어느쪽을 찍을지 잘 모르는 사람들은 투표소로 가다가 힐끗 옆을 보니 주먹덩이만한 활자로 「레이건의 壓倒的 勝利」라고 보도한 新聞을 보고 대부분이 깜짝 놀라 벌써 선거가 끝났는가고 착각도 했었지만 곧 「뉴우스월드」의 예언이라는 것을 인식할 수 있었지요. 이렇듯 한번 머리속에 「레이건」의 압도적 승리를 집어넣어주고 보니 「레이건」이 이긴다면 이왕이면 이기는 쪽에 찍어주자해서 많은 사람들이 「레이건」을 찍는 結果를 가져왔습니다.

저는 이 신문을 뉴욕시에만 배포한 것이 아니라 飛行機로 와싱턴으로 공수, 와싱턴에 있는 「레이건」씨의 選舉本部에 또 공화당 본부에 날라주었습니다. 그리고 이 신문을 로스앤젤리스로 급송하여 「레이건」을 지지하는 보좌관 일동에게 전부 나누어 주었습니다. 그들은 이제 투표가 막 진행되는 이 시점에서 新聞을 보고는 혹은 눈물을 흘리고 혹은 가슴을 움켜쥐며 충격을 받기도 했습니다.

「레이건」씨의 공보비서인 「린 라스 쟁거」씨는 이 신문을 받아들고는 도저히 참을수가 없어 신문을 가지고 「레이건」씨가 있는 방으로 뛰어 올라갔습니다. 그는 그냥 올라가지 않고 UPI 通信社 사무실에 들려 寫眞記者를 대동하였습니다. 그때 이 신문을 받아든 「레이건」씨는 희색이 만연한 미소를 지으면서도 그 자신도 정말로 믿을 수 없다고 하는 표정이었다는 것이었습니다.

하나님을 新聞 1面 톱 標題로, 이는 新聞史上 처음

그 공보비서가 「레이건」씨에게 하는 말이 「레이건 大統領이시여 지금 그렇게 제실 때가 아닙니다. 어서 그 신문을 들고 寫眞을 찍으십시오」 그래서 「레이건」씨가 이렇게 新聞을 들고 寫眞을 찍은 것입니다. UPI가 이 사진을 찍어가지고 아직도 美國 全地域에서 투표가 進行되고 있는 가운데 電送寫眞으로 全美國과 全世界에 보냈던 것입니다.(미국의 동부와 서부는 3시간의 時差가 있음).

그러기 때문에 많은 有權者들이 투표소에 다다르기 전에 레이건씨의 壓倒的인 勝利를 豫言한 이 「뉴우스월드」의 신문, 「레이건」대통령 후보가 이 신문을 번쩍들고 찍은 寫眞을 全國에서 보게되었던 것입니다. 이것이 心理的으로 全國民들을 「레이건」씨의 승리로 몰고 갔음이 틀림없는 사실입니다.

여기에 이를 객관적으로 증명할 많은 사람들의 書信과 電報가 있습니다만 지금 그러한 것을 다 여러분께 證據할 시간이 없습니다. 어찌 됐든 「레이건」대통령의 이 勝利는 오후 8시부터 開票가 始作되어 한 시간 15분이 지난 9시 15분에는 벌써 사실이 明白해졌던 것입니다.

여러분! 생각해 보십시오. 全美國의 2억 4천만명 가운데 어느 누가 「레이건」의 압도적 승리를 豫言했습니까? 그 많은 신문사들, 그 많은 TV와 라디오, 그리고 여론조사 회사들이 하나도 맞추지 못한 것을 文鮮明 선생께서 맞추고나니 그들은 「뉴우스월드」의 威力앞에 무릎을 꿇지 않을 수 없었던 것입니다.

그래서 그 다음날인 11월 5일 저희들은 또한번 우리 하나님을 믿고 경외하며 형제 자매 여러분들께서도 같이 기뻐해줄 수 있는 또 하나의 역사적인 新聞을 만들었습니다. 이번 新聞에는 「레이건」대통령이 우리 신문을 들고 찍은 사진을 크게 실고서 제일 꼭대기에 하나님 감사합니다(THANK GOD)라는 표제를 붙였습니다.

여러분! 조용히 생각해 보십시오. 역조창생을 創造하시고 오늘도 運行하고 계신 萬物의 主人公되시는 우리 하나님 아버지, 그럼에도 불구하고 모든 세계 사람들은 그 하나님을 짓밟고 하나님의 이름을 높이려 들지 아니하며 하나님을 榮華롭게 하지 않았지만 적어도 우리 新聞만큼은 역사상 다른 新聞이 못한 일을 한번해보자는 각오아래 주먹만큼 큰 글자로 「하나님 감사합니다」라는 題目을 붙였던 것입니다. 言論 역사상 이렇게 하나님을 영화롭게한 신문은 하나도 없었습니다.

이런 의미에서 또 한번 새 歷史를 이룩하고 하나님을 믿고 경외하는 형제자매들 앞에 보고 드리게된 것을 무한히 幸福하게 생각합니다. 이렇게되니 이제는 모든 視線이 統一教會와 文鮮明 선생님과 뉴우스월드에 집중하게 되었습니다. 그 다음부터 電話가 빗발치듯 걸려오는데 도대체 어떻게 그렇게도 正確하게 알아맞추었느냐는 것이었습니다. 正確하다 할 수 밖에 없는 것은 「레이건」씨가 압도적으로 勝利했을 뿐 아니라 그렇게 不可能했던 뉴욕주도 「레이건」씨의 승리로 돌아갔으며 「엘 다마토」 상원의원 후보도 근소한 차이로 당선되고 보니 우리 신문에서 豫言한 세가지가 100%로 적중했기 때문입니다.

그러기에 모든 專門家들이 물어오는데 「어떻게해서 선거결과를 그렇게 정확히 알아냈느냐?」 또는 「여론조사하는 方法을 그곳으로부터 배우겠으니 세미나를 베풀어줄 용의는 없느냐?」는 것이었습니다.

지금은 교파 초월해서 하나로 뭉칠때

여러분! 結論的으로 말하건데 「레이건」대통령의 當選은 결국 우리나라 政府와 3천 7백만의 同胞와 앞으로의 안보에 있어 이와같이 다행한 일은 없는 것입니다. 「레이건」대통령의 勝利는 우리 政府와 나라에게 有益한 結果를 가져다 줄것입니다. 왜냐하면 「레이건」대통령은 오늘날 世界問題의 초점이 소련이요 「크레믈린」이라는 것을 알고 있습니다.

「카터」대통령이 다시 大統領이 되었다면 반드시 1981년 내년도는 美軍撤収 문제가 다시 대두될 것입니다. 「카터」대통령은 駐韓 美軍 駐屯을 無期限 연기한 것이 아니라 그는 당시 國民의 여론에 못이겨 한국에서의 철군을 잠정적으로 연기했던 것입니다. 1981년도에 再檢討하겠다는 말은 자기가 大統領이 되고난 후에 결정한다는 것으로 그는 철군을 強行할 사람입니다.

이 얼마나 몸서리치는 일입니까? 여러분! 저는 文鮮明선생을 24년동안 모셔왔습니다. 그분의 祖國愛는 철두철미합니다. 그분의 조국에 대한 信念이 하나님께서 우리 大韓民國을 사랑하시게 하는 原動力이 되는 것입니다.

8.15해방이 온 것도 하나님의 은혜요, 6.25발발시 소련이 결석한 가운데 UN 安全保障理事會가 열려 한국에 參戰토록 하게 한것도 하나님의 恩惠라 생각치 않을수 없습니다.

저도 文선생님의 信仰을 본받아서 1978년 美議會의 「프레저」소위원회에서 추호도 두려움없이 싸울 수 있었습니다. 그때 선생님께서 하시는 말씀이 「너는 다윗으로 美國會에 나가서 골리앗 앞에 외친다고 생각하라. 다윗은 하나님 여호와와 이름을 가지고 나가싸워 이겼지않느냐, 너도 하나님과 주님의 이름을 가지고 두려움없이 외쳐라」라는 命命을 받았던 것입니다.

여러분! 우리 모두 소망을 가집시다. 하나님께 所冀를 갖고 우리 祖國 大韓民國에 소망을 가집시다. 이제는 教派를 따질 때가 아닙니다. 우리조국에 비상시기가 왔습니다. 이제 우리는 3.1精神으로 일어서야 합니다. 3.1운동의 33인 가운데는 天道敎人도 있었고 佛敎人도 있었고 또 基督敎人도 있었습니다. 이런 모든 애국지사들이 교파의 장벽을 넘어서서 나라를 구해야 하겠다는 一念으로 뭉쳐 대한독립 만세를 외치지 않았습니까?

오늘 우리모든 教派들은 3.1정신으로 뭉쳐 教派를 초월, 하나님과 祖國이라는 굳은 信念으로 단결하여 일어설 때가 왔다고 생각합니다.

文鮮明 선생께서 말씀하신대로 「우리의 政府와 우리의 기성종단과 거기에는 天主教와 改新敎와 統一教會등 모두가 하나되어 굳게 뭉쳐나간다고 하면 저는 10년 이내에 南北을 하나님의 이름으로 統一할 때가 반드시 올 것」이라고 하는 그 祝福을 믿는 것입니다.

앞으로 21년이면 야곱이 하란땅에서 苦生했던 것과 마찬가지로 우리가 21년만 뭉쳐 피땀흘려 고생한다면 自由世界는 완전히 共產世界를 解放시키고 하나님의 복음이 모스크바에까지 울려 퍼지는 그날이 반드시 올 것이라고 確信하면서 여러분 앞에 선 榮光을 감사하는 바입니다.

□ 祝禱

그리스도의 恩惠가 永遠히 超敎派 運動과 함께 하시옵기를

梁 豐 源 正 領

이제는 우리 救主 예수 그리스도의 恩惠와 우리 아버지 하나님의 無限하신 사랑과 聖靈의 感化와 役事하심이 超敎派運動과 오늘 이 자리에 모여있는 모든 聖徒들 가운데 永遠토록 계시기를 祝願하옵나이다. (아멘)



The Weekly Religion

A New Era in the History of Christianity

Rev. Moon a Guest Speaker at Dinner for More than 1000 Church Leaders Representing 17 Denominations.

(On Nov. 18, 1980, one thousand two hundred church leaders representing 17 denominations attended the ecumenical council meeting held at the Crystal Ball Room, Lotte Hotel, Seoul. This signalled the new beginning in the history of Korean Christian churches in that its purpose was to unite all different denominations. Rev. Moon was invited to be the chief speaker at the meeting attended by leaders of the Catholic Church, Protestant Churches, and the Unification Church. Their presence was a living testimony to the God-centered brotherhood of all these different churches.)

At this meeting, Rev. Moon declared: "When God created man, His purpose was to establish an ideal society centered upon love." Then he went on to assert: "All the Christian churches, whose obligation it is to fulfill the will of God, must be united in the manner in which Esau and Jacob were joyfully and tearfully re-united."

Speaking on the subject, "Jesus and Christianity from the Standpoint of God's Will," Rev. Moon called the Christian leaders there "elder brothers." He emphasized: "The history of mankind is the history of restoration which realizes the purpose of God's creation through the restoration of Adam's family by a central figure in God's Providence." He went on to say: "Christianity, the second Israel, was inevitably split into Esau and Jacob on account of the fallen nature of man, yet unless they are united, they can't fulfill God's will."

He then made the point that "The problem we face in our world today is how to unite the established Christian churches and the Unification Church

with love centered upon God, and to unite this one Church with our Nation; then and only then can we liberate North Korea and even de-communize China and the Soviet Union."

Continuing in the same vein, he remarked: "Only because I knew this will of God, did I willingly face the worldwide opposition and finally succeed in the dissemination of Unificationism throughout the world. Furthermore, I have strongly supported the ecumenical movement in Korea, even though this means increasing the church budget by 200 percent."

Rev. Jai Suk Lee presided at the meeting, but it was Rev. Heung Soo Kang, the former President of N.C.C. (National Council of Churches) who gave the welcoming address: "It is customary, in any welcoming address, to extol the virtues of the honored guest to the skies. However, Rev. Moon, our honored guest today, has accomplished so much and is a personage of such enormous stature that the poor words of mine, no matter how complimentary, will not be able to convey even one-tenth of his greatness..." He went on to testify: "In Japan the majority party, the Democratic Self-Rule Party was helpless, yet through the vigorous campaign of the Unification family members, the mayors of Tokyo, Nagya and Osaka—all known to be Communist sympathizers—had been defeated in the last election. This was a political miracle under the circumstances—and also such a great feat that such political leaders as Prime Ministers Fukuka and Kishii both gave Rev. Moon a big hug tearfully in public." Rev. Kang pointed out, "Thus

Japan's ego was hurt and as a result the opposition was aroused against Rev. Moon and his Church."

Rev. Kang went on to point out: "At the Washington Monument Rally, an unprecedented historic event in U.S. history, where more than 300,000 people were gathered, Rev. Moon proclaimed to the world that he had been commanded by God to come to America and save her. This, of course, caused such controversy not only in America but all over the world. I would add that Rev. Moon could do this only because he had such deep and unshakable convictions as a truly great religious leader."

The meeting began with a prayer offered by Rev. Soon Kyung Kim, followed by the reading of the Bible (Ephesians 4:1-6), then a hymn sung by a famous Dutch opera star, Henk Lemmers; after which Rev. Moon gave his lecture, and Rev. Seung Chang offered a prayer; the dinner followed and finally, Gen. Poong Won Yang of the Salvation Army closed the meeting with a prayer.

A special mention must be made of Col. Bo Hi Pak, who talked about the Church's anti-Communist activities in the U.S.A., and also about the incalculable assistance that the Unification family members had rendered in the victory of Mr. Ronald Reagan, a great anti-Communist leader.

Col. Pak pointed out that the Unification Church was not a political organization, yet through its News World and Noticias Del Mundo, the Church has played a decisive role in the election of Mr. Ronald Reagan to the U.S. Presidency.

The Great Family for all mankind is the ideal of God's creation. The understanding of God's Will made it easier to face the initial opposition to the Unification Church.

Jesus and Christianity from the Standpoint of God's Will (Excerpts from Rev. Moon's Speech at the Dinner)

We Must Transcend Schism and Denomination; the Collapse of World Christianity; the Korean Church Must Take Charge. Christianity has the Mission of Saving the World; If It Fails to Beat Communism, It will Perish; the Meeting of the Established Churches and the Unification Church Unavoidable.

What is the purpose of God's creation of man and the universe? An interpretation of God's "Will" may look simple but it is exceedingly difficult. If we unravel God's providence for salvation, we see that God's purpose is the realizing of His ideal of creation. The purpose of creation was to be realized through Adam and Eve, ancestors of mankind. The ideal of creation was to establish an ideal family through the marriage of Adam and Eve who love and worship God as Father.

If after the husband and wife became perfect and had their own children, they were all united, parents and children, and established an ideal family centered on God, then God's Will was to be fulfilled, and a simple, homogeneous culture formed, centered upon Adam himself. In God's love, Adam was to multiply his own kind, to establish a nation, and to create a world that would fulfill Adam's ideal. If all these had been done, then there would have been a world connected by the Tree of Life all the way up to the loving God. In this world, then, all human beings would have been God's sons and daughters and would have been in the position of a Messiah.

All were to live as God's children, yet because of the Fall, they fell to a very lowly and miserable level of existence. This event neither God nor man can forget no matter how hard they try, and it is no doubt the most tragic event in human history.

A glance at this history will show that God's ideal of creation has not yet been fulfilled. There has never been an individual who may go to God in the state of perfection—nor a family, nor a nation in that state. God is not a God of glory but of misery. In Christianity God is God of glory, yet at this moment God is tearfully watching sinful man and also is anxious to save him.

There must be some complicated reasons why the all-knowing and all-powerful God has not saved him.

According to the Principle of Creation, man was created to serve only God. But due to the fall of Adam and Eve, man has stood ever since in a position to serve Satan. When God found that Adam and Eve fell into a position to serve two masters, He began a history that divides into Satan's side and God's side. God's providence lies in the fact that because of Eve's fall a distinction must be drawn between her unprincipled love with the archangel and her principled love with Adam.

God continued His providence when the fruits of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, became the manifestations of unprincipled love and principled love, so that God positioned Cain on the side of Satan and Abel on His side. It was from this point that a history of division between the first son and the second son commenced. This is the work of sacrificial offering, considered very important in Christianity. God's condition for the possession of man was the sacrificial offering. God and Satan have continuously waged a battle over this sacrificial offering.

Why is it that in the case of Adam's family God turned down Cain's offering but accepted Abel's? Today's Christianity cannot answer this question. But the reason why God accepted Abel's sacrificial offering was that God positioned Abel on his side. According to the principle of restoration through indemnity, because restoration was made possible only in the opposite way in which man fell, God could receive Cain's offering only through Abel. As Cain must be united with Abel, before God, so Adam and Eve must be united in worshipping and serving God.

The idea of a Messiah originated in this situation. It is here that the providence of salvation began on its torturous course. God must work His Providence through a tragic history in which He must subjugate the first son who was on the side of Satan through the second son.

God unfolded a history of division through Shem and Ham in Noah's family and through Esau and Jacob in Abraham's family. It is a historical fact that in the history of providence centered on Abraham's family, Jacob, with the help of his mother, Rebekah, deprived (robbed) his elder brother Esau of his birthright for a bowl of lentil soup. After he accomplished this, Jacob went to his maternal uncle, Laban, and worked for him for 21 years. At the end of 21 years, he received the blessing (physical) from Laban and the blessing (spiritual) from an angel at the river Jabbok; after which he headed for Canaan. When Esau welcomed Jacob who had brought him many cattle, he, too, received the blessing through Jacob.

The history of God's Providence in which Jacob took over Esau's birthright was accomplished when Jacob was 30 years old, and this fulfilled the providence whereby a switch was made for Jacob and Esau in their mother's womb.

When Judah's son died, his family line was about to end. The history of God's blessings for three generations—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—was to come to naught. But Tamar, the daughter-in-law of Judah, seduced him, and gave birth to twins. To Rebekah who conceived Esau and Jacob, Jehovah said, "The sons in your womb shall become two rival nations. One will be stronger than the other; the older shall be a servant of the younger." In the same way, Tamar, who carried twins, was told: "The older shall be a servant of the younger." As they were born, the midwife tied a scarlet thread around the wrist of Zerah who appeared first, but he drew back his hand and the other baby (Perez) was actually the first to be

born. The Bible tells us here that the second son takes away the birthright of the first son even in the womb. (Genesis 38: 29-30)

Tamar, who had become pregnant by her father-in-law, would have been stoned to death, as the customs then dictated. But she overcame all this because she was fulfilling God's Will, even at the risk of her life.

History of the tribe of Judah got started on this confusing note. Jesus was born the King of Kings, out of a long line that goes all the way back to these people.

Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, too, had a long, complicated story like that above. She deceived her parents-in-law as well as her husband. It was inevitable that she was the object of criticism from everyone, as she was supposed to have been a virgin. She found herself in a position where she was to be stoned to death. It may be assumed that in her relationship with Joseph there were frequent quarrels. In the eyes of the Jews, Jesus was an illegitimate child. Jesus, the only son of God, grew up in this tragic environment. But he came to the world as a Messiah who had the complete birthright in an Abelian Age on a national level. No wonder he could make judgemental remarks to Judaism and to the Israel government.

Although God sent Jesus as a Messiah to fulfill Adamic civilization centered upon God on this planet, the people of Israel killed him.

It was not God's Will that Jesus should be branded as a heretic and crucified on the Cross. It was heartbreaking to hear Jesus cry out in anguish just before his death "Father, Father! Why hast thou forsaken me?"

Jesus came to this world to build a nation and world centered upon God's love. But Israel rejected Jesus' teachings, and as a result, history became a history of perdition. When the first Israel rejected Jesus, God continued His Providence through the second Israel, the Christians, on the world-wide level, for the last 2000 years.

Jesus's teachings were supposed to unite his people, but because he died upon the cross, he could not become the King of Kings. God did not send him to start just another faith. It was His Will to save the world through Jesus. Thus Christianity, which is the substantial body of Jesus, has the mission to save the whole world.

However, Christianity after the death of Jesus has been sectarian. God clearly declares: "He so loved this world that He has sent His only son." He did not send him because He loved one person or church in particular, but to save the world.

At the time of Jesus, the politics of the Roman Empire was corrupt. If Israel had welcomed Jesus, then his teachings

would have spread throughout the Middle East and then moved on to India and to the entire Asia. Then those would have Christianized Europe and the entire world, resulting in world civilization. But since Israel killed Jesus, Christianity began its history of indemnity in the Roman Empire, thus building a Christian civilization within that Empire. This expanded the foundation of the spirit world. If at this juncture the Roman Empire had united with Christianity and, transcending just one religion, tried to save the world, then it could have subdued and Christianized the entire world. As it was, it came to pass that during the Dark Ages, the Catholic Church became highly corrupt.

After this period, God continued His Providence through Henry VIII of England. God blessed England centered upon the Church of England. So during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, England laid down a solid foundation to conquer the whole world. No wonder the sun never set on the British Empire. However, England, which had such extensive colonies all over the world, failed to help these colonies, merely exploiting them for her own benefit. As a consequence, God's Providence of world salvation through England could not be realized. It is at this time that the Puritans of the Protestant Church, transcending one nation and one country, went to a new continent, America.

The American people must be united from this time on in their worship of God, so that they could successfully carry out their mission of saving the whole world for which task they should make sacrifices and serve other peoples. God made the Christian America win victories in WWI and WWII, so that she could emerge as a leading nation.

Consequently, if America as a superpower should overcome God-denying Communist countries, then from that moment on God's Will would be accomplished.

However, today's America is severely intoxicated by extreme individualism and materialism, and she cannot accept God's Will. America is morally fallen, so to speak, and even her blessed Christian Churches are on the way to serious decline. If Christianity cannot beat Communism, then Christianity will perish. It would perish in the most tragic manner, without any historical parallel. The fall of Christianity would result in the demise of America. World Christianity is indeed responsible for the moral and spiritual bankruptcy of the world.

Again, in order to indemnify the history of England, an island country, the epicenter of the civilization moves on to another island country, Japan. Japan has modeled herself after England in legal institutions and even traffic regulation. This implies that God has blessed

Japan in the place of England so that she can lead the world economically and save the world, too. But although she has emerged as a leading economic nation, yet it does not even occur to her that she should save the world. So the epicenter of civilization moves from there to the Korean peninsula which is very similar to the Italian peninsula.

I can say that Korea could supplant the Papacy in Rome. As in Adam's family Abel and Cain fought each other, so in the Korean peninsula the northern and southern halves are at loggerheads with each other. If in Jesus' time Jesus, Israel, and Judaism had been united, they could have laid down the foundation to take over the Roman Empire. As it was, they had to pay the steep price of hardship and humiliation. The situation is the same for Korea. She would have to pay the same price too, if she failed to establish an Abel nation. The crux of the question here is that the brothers in the north and south must become one, centered upon God's love. In order to save the world, Korea must transcend all denominations and sects, and nationalism too. Because her problem is intimately bound up with the problem of the world, she cannot expect prosperity if she remains narrowly nationalistic just for her people.

In this light, we can now see that the Unification Church and established churches must be united, and in turn, they and the nation must be united. Then, and only then, will North Korean Communism fizzle out; and besides, Red China and even the U.S.S.R. will be subjugated. Thus Korea shall become a standard-bearer for world unity.

In 1972, sensing what was to come, I went to America. For three years since 1972 I aroused a world-wide controversy. In 1975 I dispatched missionaries to 127 countries, tried to revive the tottering Christian churches, and began preaching with passion all over the world to launch a spiritual revolution. There was, of course, a lot of hostility and opposition to the Unification Church. In America alone, the U.S. Congress, established churches and Judaism vigorously opposed us. Since I knew that it is God's Providence that the persecuted are blessed, I never even for a moment looked upon any of these as my enemy. Frankly, I prayed for them. I asked God to bless them. So we stepped up our evangelical work at the risk of our lives to restore the Garden of Eden full of God's love and peace. We worked day and night unremittingly.

Before I met you, my elder brothers, who are the ministers of the established Christian churches, I had met with 800 leaders of our country. I really had in mind my inescapable thought that if Jesus and Judaism had been united as one, there would have been one world under God, an historic event that did not take place.

It is God's Providence that the Unification Church and established Christian churches will be united, no matter what. If they are united with God's love, and also united with our country, then Korea will secure a new dominion over the world. It is along the 38th parallel that democracy and communism are confronted with each other. If the Unification Church, established Christian churches, and the nation become one, then Kim Il Sung can be easily defeated. If so united—that is, the churches and the country—then we shall have a very strong base for help from the U.S.A. and Japan.

Knowing that "we must all be united" is a very important lesson from history, I was very anxious to meet with you all. You of the established Christian churches are the elder brothers to the members of the Unification Church.

Some among you pray for our destruction, but the Unification Church shall never perish. For 20 years now, the Unification Church has laid down a very solid foundation all over the world, so its foundation is, I'm afraid, more solid than that of the Korean Christian community. We of the Unification Church have a mission to help the established Christian churches. The reason is simple: you are our elder brothers. As the history of Christianity shows, if we don't unite, we may end up fighting a bloody battle, which we must avert at all costs. We must unite, after all. This we all know.

If it is God's Will, we of the Unification Church are prepared to hand over everything to you of the established Christian churches. I don't need or thirst for money, power and other things. If I need and want any one thing at all, it is to establish God's Kingdom of Heaven

on Earth. That's all.

The final account of the world civilization will be settled in Korea. Japan is a country that has inherited the blessings that God bestowed upon the British Empire and America. But the civilization will flower in Korea. As Christian churches are united in Japan, so they should be united in Korea, putting a full stop to schisms and denominations. Sixteen countries shed blood to defend Korea, because God had chosen her to carry out His mission. As in Jesus' time, Jesus, Judaism and Israel should have been united, so in our time the Unification Church, established Christian churches, and Korea must all be united. When we take a close look at the present situation in the Korean peninsula, we must realize that all religions must unite with the objective of victory over Communism. The solution to the problem of Korea hinges on the unity of all religions. I want to extend my sincere help to the established Christian churches. You, my elder brothers, should do the same to the Unification Church. If this comes to pass, then the Christian churches will prosper; the

Unification Church will prosper; and finally, Korea will prosper.

If this does not take place, then the established Christian churches will perish. Whether this is going to be so or not, whether you do the right or wrong thing now, shall be judged by your children and grandchildren. Among younger people today, there are so many who prefer the Unification Church, which teaches them the living proof and presence of God, to the established churches.

What Jesus desires now is also what the Christian churches desire. It was, you remember, one world centered upon the spirit that he himself desired.

Now, the history of mankind has been that of Cain and Abel; hence so much slandering, jealousy and struggles have existed.

At this historical juncture, the epicenter of world civilization has moved to the Korean peninsula. Our people should desist envy, jealousy and divisiveness, and become one. By being united, the Unification Church and the established churches will build an Adamic civilization in Korea, which is the third Israel.

A Welcoming Address By Rev. Hung Soo Kang

Rev. Moon is the one who knows God's Will. No amount of praise will do justice to his great achievement.

It would be more appropriate this evening for one of the leaders from larger denominations to give a welcoming address on behalf of Rev. Moon. However, I have been chosen for the simple reason that I am supposed to have known him longer than anyone else. It is customary in a welcoming address to exaggerate the virtues of the one being introduced, yet I strongly feel that no matter what I can say in his praise, it will not even cover one-tenth of his greatness and his works.

In 1974 I went to Japan. There I was handed a pamphlet entitled, "Let's Destroy the Unification Church!" It said: "The Unification Church is a very ambitious and evil religion which seeks to enslave the Japanese people and make a dependency out of Japan for Korea. Prime Ministers Kishii and Fukuda, who welcome Rev. Moon with a bear hug, are endangering the sovereignty of Japan in the future."

At that time, I made the following comment: "I am not a Moonie at all. But let me ask—will the Unification Church enslave Japan by military might? No! What the Unification Church preaches is far from it. It merely advocates that not only Japan and Korea but the whole world should worship God as Father and become brothers—all the races and people of the world. The Unification Church is preaching a very high ideal indeed. You must have some serious misunderstanding about the Moonies. I'm sure."

In Japan I saw a movie in which Rev. Moon spoke to Japan's Prime Minister and his cabinet members, members of the party in power as well as opposition parties. In this lecture, Rev. Moon had this to say: "Man's life has no true meaning unless it is lived in accordance with God's Will. We must live with love; we must live for others. Statesmen and politicians who work only for the good of their country alone do not obey God's Will." After his speech was over, Prime Minister Fukuda came to embrace Rev. Moon, and said, "I've been most profoundly impressed by the words of a great leader of Asia!"

They were no longer proud Japanese statesmen and politicians. They expressed their gratitude to him in the humble terms. Nor was this all: Mayors of Tokyo

and Kyoto, Osaka and Nagoya were associated with or affiliated in some way with the Communist Party, but the young Moonies of Japan actively campaigned against them with the result that they all lost their elections. Even the leading party of Japan, the Democratic Self-Rule Party, could do little or nothing to stem the tide of Japan's Communist Party. But over 60,000 Moonies of Japan managed to boot them out of office. I understand that Kim Il Sung spends 70 billion yen to spread Communism in Japan. Who can really stop Kim Il Sung but the Japanese Moonies!

Again the Unification Church held the biggest rally ever in Washington, D.C. This was unprecedented in American history. Rev. Moon, who led this historic rally, prayed fervently in the face of much opposition: "God bless America!" He said, "I came to cure the sick America." It takes a great man to talk like that.

I have also read in "Rev. Moon and the Unification Church," a book written by a well-known American theologian Frederick Sontag, that it is almost a miracle that the Unification Church, with only 20,000 members, can successfully stage a mass rally of "Day of Hope" throughout the fifty states of America, receiving golden keys to many cities and honorary citizenship in those cities.

When Mr. Donald Fraser, Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on International Organizations decided to cast aspersions on Korea and her people, Col. Bo Hi Pak, a special assistant to Rev. Moon, stood up in defence of his people. He looked the congressman in the eye and boldly declared: "Mr. Fraser, you are a devil's messenger and a front man for Communists. Otherwise how could you torment good people and denounce an anti-Communist nation like Korea?" After the congressional hearing, Mr. Fraser ran out of luck and lost his senatorial campaign in his home state.

This would have been impossible if God had not had His finger in American history.

In 1975, the Unification Church held a huge "International World Rally" at Yoido, where 1.2 million people were gathered. Young Moonies from more than sixty countries passed a resolution: "If the Republic of Korea should be invaded by the North Korean Communist army, we would form the Crusades to defend the fatherland of our faith to

the last man." This impressed me to no end. Wherever the Unification Church takes root, there springs up countless young men and women of all races and nationalities who love Korea and her people. The number of these people is steadily on the increase. This is an unprecedented historic event that we Koreans should not take too lightly.

The fact that the Unification Church has established its missions in over one hundred twenty countries all over the world must be regarded as one of those rare "miracles" in the history of the Christian Church.

In the past, Rev. Judson succeeded in converting just one person in Burma after six years; Rev. Morrison, one Chinese after seven years; Rev. William Kelly converted one person after seven years. This historical fact demonstrates how exceedingly difficult it is to gain one convert—to spread the faith in a foreign land. On the other hand, the achievement of the Unification Church foreign mission is without parallel in the two thousand year history of Christianity. Besides, people of all colors from Korea, Japan, America, Germany, etc. work and live together in harmony. They all look upon Korea as fatherland of their faith, upon Rev. Moon as the Savior of their lives, and transcend the racial differences and the national boundaries. They believe in and put into practice the motto: "All Mankind is One Family."

I sometimes wonder where the worldwide activities of the Unification Church will lead in ten, or twenty years. The future outcome, transcending the racial differences and national boundaries, amaze us. I also hear that the Unification Church is heartily welcomed in Africa and South America.

We all must consider it an honor to hear the words of wisdom from the one who initiated and leads this worldwide religious movement. I pray that as a result of our meeting tonight, the established churches and the Unification Church will merge into one.

As in ancient biblical times, Jacob and Esau, after a long separation were again united in tears of joy, so in our times the Unification Church and the established churches should be united into one at any cost. If they both work for God's Will, then the Christianization of the world, I feel sure, is near at hand.

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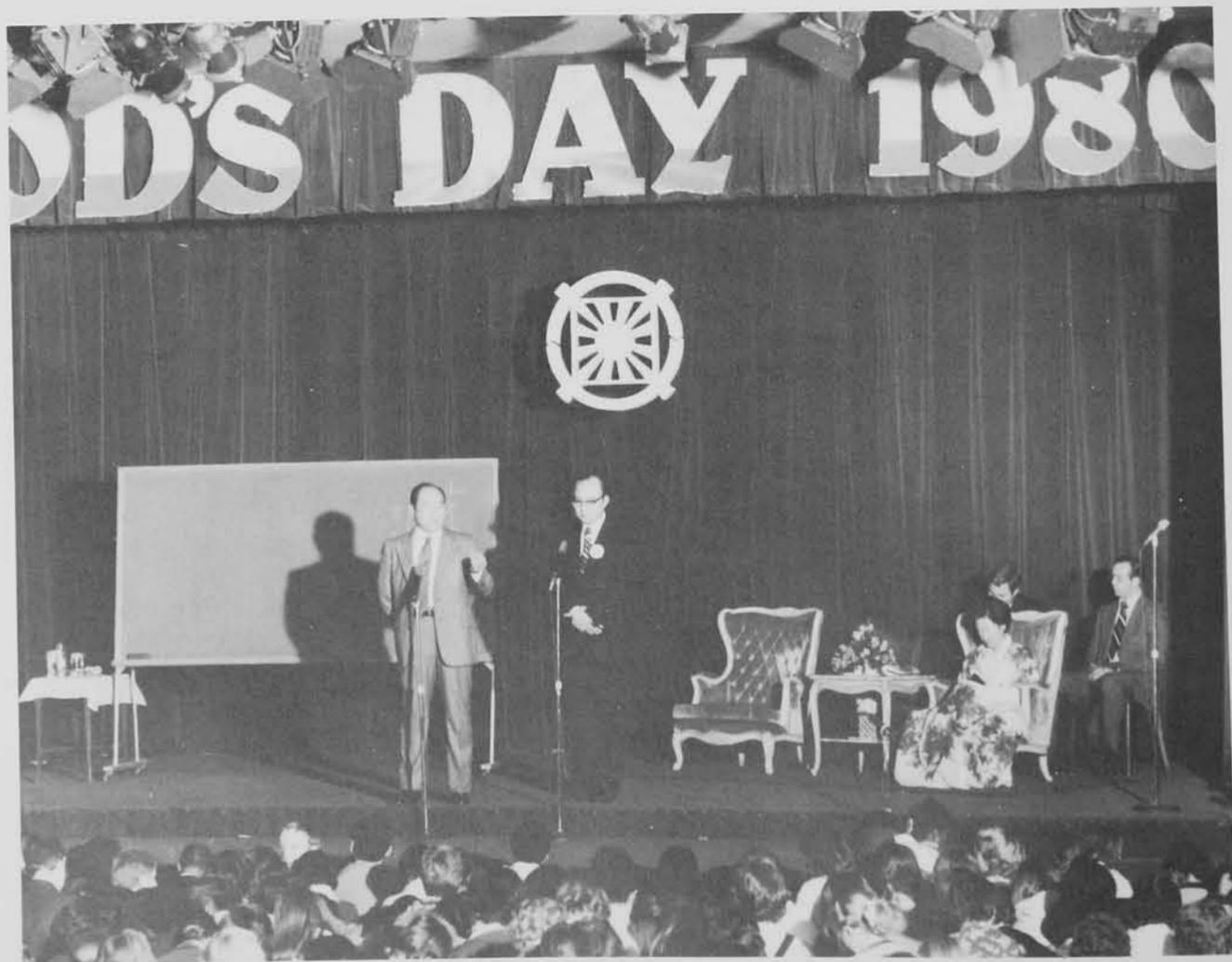
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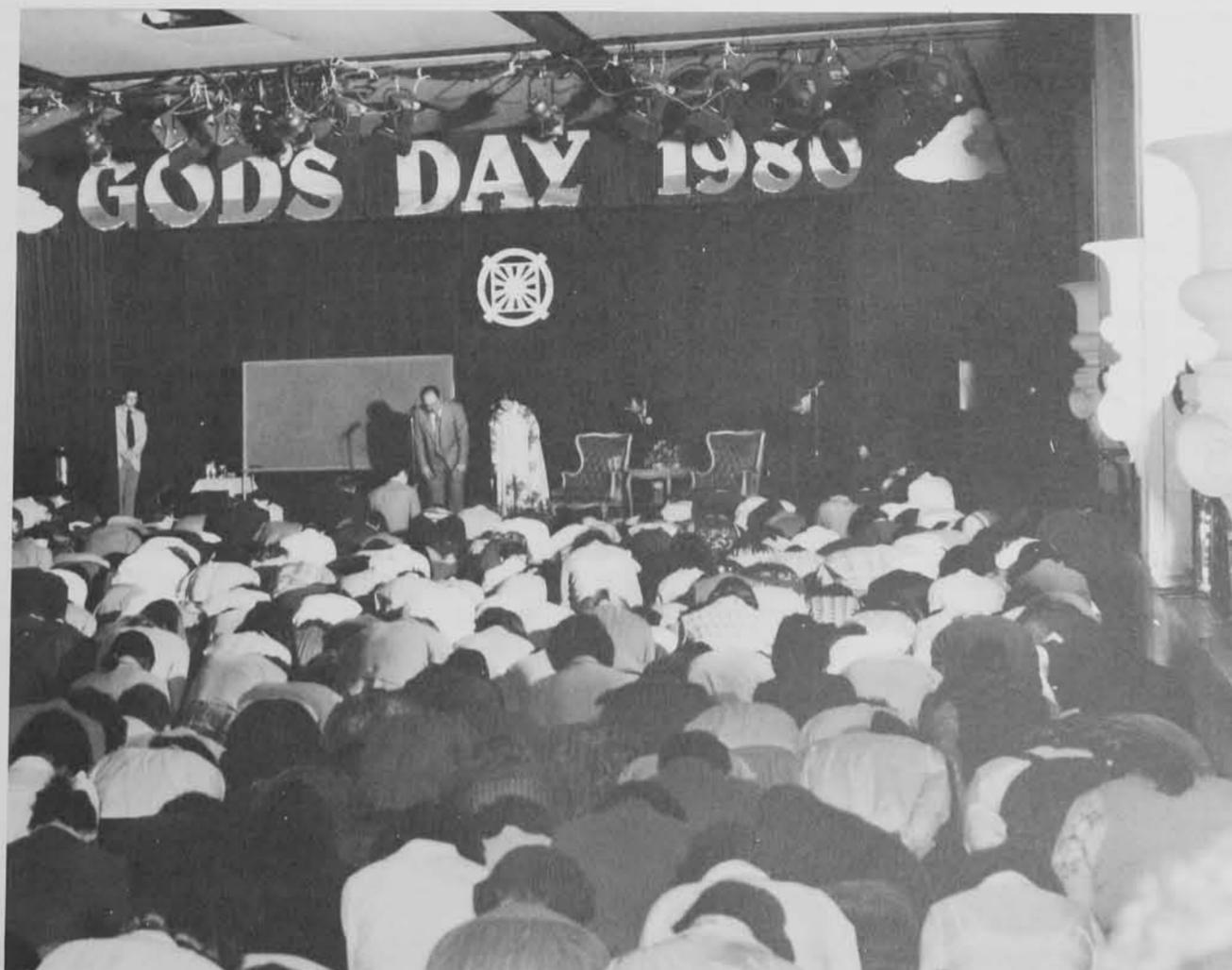


God's Day

January 1, 1980
Father's Midnight Prayer



and Talk



Father's Prayer

Loving Father, the moment has just passed which ended the year of 1979 and the decade of the 1970s. On this solemn new day of commencement for the 1980's, we are offering our praise and gratitude to you, Father.

Loving Father, out of many nations of the world you remembered the miserable nation of Korea. Out of all the Korean people you summoned this son from such humble surroundings. I remember your historical efforts to raise this son. From childhood through my teens and twenties, although I was immature and didn't quite know your Will, you were behind me, hoping and caring about my future. As I became more mature, you made me realize what the Will of God is and that you, the center of Heaven and master of the universe, are the Father of all mankind. I thank you today that in the midst of my toil you worked so hard to teach me so many things.

In my struggling historical path, I appreciate your giving me the period of upheaval and tears during the time of my youth as I approached the age of twenty. Father, from my twenties and thirties you worried about the fate of Korea and the future tragedy of her people while I solemnly prayed to you that Korea could have the happiness of liberation. When I recall those days it seems like yesterday. With Korea's liberation, your Will to lift high Asia's new light was realized in this land with this unworthy son. You were always concerned about my confrontation with difficult circumstances. On October 14, 1950, in a situation of life and death, you gave me the grace of love to receive the joyful gift of life.

After that, I reflect on my coming to South Korea, the land of regret and sorrow. After a ten year course of blood and sweat, I could have the day of holy matrimony in 1960. Once again I look back upon those days of treading the thorny path of history. At the holy wedding, only a small handful of lonely people gathered together in one small place in Chung pa-dong, humbly kneeling and appealing to you. Then we proclaimed the three 7-year course, which was the beginning of a new era in history. At that time we were very lonely. Many people worried and doubted whether God's Will could be accomplished and historical victory could be attained so soon. It seems like yesterday when we recall those days.

During the first 7-year course, we paved the way for Mother and indemnified Children's Day, Day of All Things, and the regrettable path of Adam and Eve. In 1968 we proclaimed God's Day: the true day we can attend God and rejoice with him. Those days seem like yesterday when I recall them.

In 1970, during the second 7-year course, I had to drive all the blessed couples out in order to consecrate the family offering for the sake of the nation and world. Those days are a heartbreaking, painful memory for me. I didn't want that to happen, but because the church and nation did not fulfill their responsibilities, we had to bear such an extremely heavy burden.

Father, you desired Christianity to raise the flag of victory in God's providence and sound the victorious trumpet for the Kingdom of Heaven. For that cause, numerous people were prepared by you and sent through lonely and tearful circumstances where they were supposed to inherit Heaven's will to blow the victorious trumpet inaugurating the eternal blessed Kingdom of Heaven and praising the day of glory for the family, church, nation and world. All of them, however, fell into the dungeon of historical regret without fulfilling man's 5% portion of responsibility. Whenever they fell into the way of death, Heaven always suffered and heaved a lonely sigh of despair. Once again the depth of your aching heart is reflected to me at this moment.

Because I know that the way to Heaven is such that many people sent by you have always been opposed and persecuted, this unworthy son of yours has never felt any pain in that situation. But I know how painful you were to look at those situations and how much historical regret has been accumulated. It seems like yesterday that, thinking those things, I appealed to you in tears.

The established churches, which you had prepared for 6000 years, fell into the bosom of Satan and your lonely children, harboring Heaven's will, had to risk life and death and go the lonely path of suffering. They had to shed tears for the established church and nation and bear the family cross, in lonely situations, even though they were supposed to take care of their own children and spouse. I am recalling the three year period before 1971.

After completing the family and tribal offerings for the nation, I had to leave Korea to begin the worldwide course and to prepare for the third 7-year course. Once again, I reflect on those years: 1971, 72, 73. It seems to be only yesterday that I blew the trumpet to march forward in the foreign land of the U.S.A., the center of the democratic world. Already seven years have passed since then, however, and numerous things have happened.

We have been in difficult circumstances, engaged in a difficult battle, but you have always been guiding me to victory. This glorious victory does not belong to Unification Church or to me. It is only your victory. Once again we praise your victory, Father.

Now the lamentable struggling years of the third 7-year course have passed. Father, I sincerely express my deepest gratitude for your grace which brought the decade of the 1970's to a beautiful completion. The decade of the 1970's was filled with tears, persecution, suffering and unfairness. We know that the decade of the 1980's will be filled with hope and glory. The Unification Church has to lift its face and receive with praise the light and happiness, proclaiming that before Heaven and earth.

Father, on this first day of the year, I pray that you will govern this country and the free world and achieve the realm of victory for the resurrection of life by trampling down death. May your glory be enhanced and your 6000 year accumulation of lament and sorrow be soothed and comforted. I pray that the holy and sacrificial mission which Christianity has had for the past 2000 years would be fulfilled and that all the regrets and grief of the Unification Church would be soothed. May your compassion be on your children of five different races who are kneeling before you.

We pray that our minds would be governed by you, not by ourselves. In the 1980's we would not be shameful children, but we would become your glorious children by unmasking all shamefulfulness and by completing all immaturity of the 1970's and by fulfilling our responsibilities in the 1980's.

Yesterday we heard about the right path of Abel. Since we know our path very clearly, we will march forward gloriously, with new determination in the 1980's. I pray that in the decade of the 1980's, your blessing will be upon the Unification Church to become a proud church extending all over the world.

Now we are greeting the new year of 1980 and the new decade of the 1980's. I beseech you that your blessing be upon all of us. Father, the motto of this year is, "Home Church is the Base of the Kingdom of Heaven." I pray that each one of us will be determined to establish his own base for the Kingdom of Heaven and make his own place to find peace. We know clearly that the foundation which the Unification Church will establish after 10 years of this decade will depend on our willingness to invest our effort and determination in bloody strife to expand our heartistic foundation. Therefore I beseech you Father, that we never complain but we always thankfully invest our utmost effort, and that we present ourselves with gratitude as living offerings before you, and that we will never be hesitant or cowardly, but we will be bold and strong.

Father, please bless this day. May your eternal love and grace be with us. Father, numerous children in Korea, Japan, the United States and all over the world celebrate and remember this day. May your generous hand of blessing be upon each of them.

I pray all of this in the name of the True Parents. Amen.

**World Mission Center
Midnight, January 1, 1980**

The year of 1979 is finally over. The year of 1980 has dawned with great hope and glory. In 1980 we can find a very important number, eight. As we learn in the Divine Principle, the number eight denotes a new beginning and new hope. The Unification Church just welcomed the 1980's. Now what is the goal and direction of our movement? This year our job is to undertake substantially the home church providence.

From the providential point of view, the third seven-year course would have been turned entirely into the home church crusade. The goal and slogan I gave on the first day of 1979 was "Home Church and the Completion of the Kingdom of Heaven." The new slogan for 1980 is "Home Church and the Completion of the Kingdom of Heaven." The new slogan for 1980 is "Home Church is the Base of the Kingdom of Heaven."

This slogan shows us that without home church the Kingdom of Heaven cannot become a reality. What kind of Kingdom of Heaven are we talking about? The Kingdom of Heaven is where there is rest and sabbath, where there is true joy and happiness. When you take that rest do you do it all by yourself? You want to enter the kingdom together with your wife, with your children and parents, with your tribe, your nation and the world. No matter how much you are longing and ready to take sabbath, if your parents are not in a position to take sabbath with you, or your wife or children, then certainly you cannot very well take rest. In the Unification Church you are proud of having True Parents. If you are serving them but they are not in a position to take rest or have peace then would you take a rest all by yourself?

Of course, I as an individual could not all of a sudden initiate a nationwide crusade or movement. I had to start from the family level. The Unification Church has the ultimate goal of building the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. What is the basic component of that kingdom? The family is the building block of the Kingdom of Heaven. There a husband and wife become parents and together they become the foundation.

Because Korean Christianity failed to accept me in 1945, I went on with the arduous task of winning our own foundation after fourteen long years of struggle. At that time I erected the foundation upon which Mother and I could be installed as the first True Parents in the history of man. In other words, by then I had established a bulwark strong enough that the opposition of the entire nation and all of Christianity could not break it down; no matter what, our movement would have enough strength to sustain itself and still go on.

Even though Mother was installed as True Mother, we would not live as a happy family right away. A three-year period of purification and separation was necessary, a period which was very important prior to moving on to the next stage of the dispensation. In order to go into a second seven-year course, all conceivable indemnity must be paid on the family level. This first seven-year course was the period of erecting the foundation upon Mother's installation, and the period in which Mother was to be perfected as the True Mother. It was the period of growth for Mother herself.

As you know, the human fall came in the perfection level of the growth stage. Therefore, the seven-year course Mother and I went through together was the period to cross through the growth stage to perfection stage, the period in which I would restore and install Parents' Day, Children's Day, and Day of All Things. The most important condition Mother and I made during the seven-year course was that no matter what difficulties or obstacles and hardships came upon us, we would not complain. We would not even feel discouraged inside, or anguished or rebellious in any way.

As you can see, it was God's method to utilize Satan to give Father and Mother the worst kind of test and tribulation. This is the way I had to be hardened and proven to be the True Parent. For Mother too, Satan created incredible instances in the first seven years, one after another, in which Mother could easily have given up and said, "Father, you are too

great a husband and I simply cannot follow you. I'm not worthy of you, so let me pack and go." She could very well have done that many times during those seven years.

To make things worse, when Mother was already so heavily burdened I was not a comforting husband. I started out as the worst kind of cruel husband. That was the standard I set at the beginning because that's the way I also tested Mother, even harder than Satan. Knowing that Satan was going to test her, I tested her myself first. That was my purpose. Even though I tested her worse than Satan, still some hint of purpose behind it could be understood by her. That made it easier to bear than Satan's tests. In this way we became closer and closer for 3½ years.

After those seven years, our victorious foundation proved in front of God and in front of Satan that I was an invincible husband and that Mother was an invincible wife. No matter how difficult Satan's standard was, God was justified in saying that we had passed the test. The many other blessed couples who came knew that the True Parents had set the true standard, and they followed that standard by uniting with them and serving them without a word of complaint. By doing so, they could obtain the same degree of perfection.

During the seven-year period I had blessed many couples, and they could easily have exclaimed to me, particularly the women, "I just don't understand you. What kind of husband are you? How can you treat your wife like that?" But these blessed couples who passed the test know one thing: no matter how many things I did that they didn't understand, they were at least sure that I was absolutely God-centered, and whatever I did was for God. The 36 couples, 72, 120, and 430 couples were blessed within that seven-year period, and they knew one way or another what a difficult path Mother and I trod. Since they knew what kind of difficulties we had to overcome, they could not complain.

After that seven-year dispensation the time finally came to set up God's Day. Only after the seven-year course was completely secured did I declare God's Day. From the original point of view God's Day should actually have come first, then Parents' Day and Children's Day and Day of All Things. But because of restoration, all other conditions had to be ready before God's Day could be set up. That was finally done on January 1, 1968. Since God's Day was declared victoriously in 1968, everything is restored and celebration begins with God's Day. The first seven-year course was the time in which the True Parents were concretely established and upon which God's Day, Parents' Day, Children's Day and Day of All Things could be restored to God.

In the meantime, the national level of opposition and persecution against our movement was gradually decreasing. Upon the victorious foundation of the first seven-year course our movement transcended persecution, and whether it came from the government or the Christian community, it didn't hinder us at all. This is because I and my family took all the indemnity for the sake of our movement. Adam should be the one who stands like a tower to receive the persecution coming from the entire nation. That is the Adam role and I never hesitated to take it. The first seven-year course was for restoration of Adam and Eve, and it has been completed. The True Parents were installed and the True Family has been declared in heaven and earth.

The second seven-year course is the one in which the blessed couples had to take a major role. Their responsibilities were to teach the government and nation how to treat the families of the nation. At the same time, as the families of the nation, they are teaching other families how to serve the nation. This second seven-year course was the period of the total mobilization of the blessed couples. All the blessed couples in Korea and some blessed couples abroad were mobilized to take up the torch for the second seven-year course, and in 1970 I ordered every blessed couple to leave their family. The wives took up the front-line role and I sent them out. Why? Because the women had to experience what True Mother experienced before them. They had to go the same route to learn that particular tribulation.

When the heavenly order came to leave their homes for the mission, then their loved ones—their husbands and children—could become the enemies of the mission. Because the husbands were in a position close to their wives, they could easily try to dissuade them from going. Then they would be the first ones to block the heavenly dispensation and actually be the worst satans. The best way for the wives to overcome such a temptation would be to regard their husbands as their enemies. By thinking in that way it wouldn't be painful to deny them and go out. By thinking of her husband as her loved one it would hurt a wife to refuse him, but by thinking of him as her enemy she was in a position where nothing could stop her. Then she could obey absolutely.

Each mother had to look at her children as her second enemy for the same reason. Then even if the children cried out and tried to stop her from leaving them it would not hurt her and break her heart. By doing so, if Satan was trying to invade then her standard would block him and protect the children. This is why the Bible teaches that the closest members of your family are your worst enemy in the last days. We must fulfill that scripture in the Unification Church. These are not just empty words. This is the actual history I am explaining to you.

All the blessed mothers in those days were given their marching orders and nothing would stop them. They decided to give up their children and leave them with someone else to be cared for. In this country you have many welfare organizations, but in Korea there is no such thing. So they wrote short letters and left their children with their unwelcoming relatives, knowing they would be criticized. Their letters said, "I am not abandoning my child. I love him, and I will come back in three years. Will you please take care of him until I come back?"

You can imagine what the parents, in-laws and the public would say. They bitterly criticized those women and criticized me and our movement. People said, "Reverend Moon put those couples together and now he's separating them. He never even thought of their children. What kind of cruel man is he?" There was no direction from which criticism didn't come. But during those seven years the one group of people who adamantly refused to complain against me was the Unification Church husbands and wives. They looked like victims but they welcomed the mission, and even the children sometimes said, "Mommy and Daddy, go ahead and don't worry about me." How could Unification Church couples be so strong? Because there was a living example in front of them, Mother and I, who had gone through much more tribulation. Compared to that suffering, the blessed couples knew that their own suffering was small.

The major members of the Unification Church knew that incredible opposition would come to them, but they knew that the most accusation and criticism would go to me. They felt very protective of me, wanting to shield me and not let my name be tarnished. That's why the Unification Church core foundation has become tight and strong. Therefore, the love of God is coming to my family and will be connected to the blessed couples. That inseparable bond between True Parents and true blessed couples was made under overwhelming adverse conditions.

The first six months were the worst period. Throughout the entire nation there was criticism and negative publicity. People knew all about our movement and how our young couples were leaving their children and going to the front line. As time went on, people knew they were missionaries of the Unification Church and then they asked, "Aren't you the women who left their families behind? Why did you do that?" Then the true testimony was given. "Yes, we love our children and we love our husbands, but we love this nation, the people of the world and God more. We want to demonstrate by the most painful experience of leaving these children behind that we want to save this nation. We love this nation and people more than we love our own children."

After one year these people who were negative began to weep together with our people, praying together with them and coming to help. Even without knowing the contents of the

Divine Principle they wanted to be with them and be supportive. After two years passed public opinion was unanimous that if all the Korean people loved their country as much as Unification members, then indeed the nation would be saved. Furthermore, no matter how great the communist threat would become, it could be stopped. That was the conviction of the people.

During these three years of tribulation unity was made with the people, and even unity between the government and the people was enhanced by our heroic actions. By doing so a condition was established: by our members' abandoning their children for three years, all other people recognized their sacrificial work and came to value and respect our movement. Then they wanted to do something to help the children who were left behind. Thus, through the children a link was made between our members and other churches and the common people. That formed a condition for God's blessing to flow not only to the Unification Church but through us to all the people, even to negative Christians and people who criticized us.

The providence of the second seven-year course was such that I wanted to save the nation by sacrificing my own beloved family. That was the theme of it. It also made restitution for Jesus' time, when incredible opposition came from Judaism and the Jews who ultimately crucified Jesus. By offering the family as a sacrifice on the altar of God and going from the position of receiving the worst criticism to the position of welcome, a base was formed for the restitution of Jesus' ministry as well. Our members in Korea have successfully fulfilled the second seven-year course through their own portion of responsibility.

This was why I could come out of Korea for the worldwide dispensation in the third seven-year course. Furthermore, the dispensation of God was pushed three years ahead of time. Always the providential schedule has been delayed, but for the first time in history I could advance the schedule and come to this country in 1971. At the onset of 1972 my global ministry could begin. The remarkable thing was that during the initial period of my ministry in 1972, 1973 and the middle of 1974, the Christians of America gave me an open-armed welcome and red-carpet treatment, even though Korean Christianity failed to accept me in 1945.

America is a nation of people from around the world, and American Christianity represented world Christianity. By America's initial acceptance, God was in a position to forgive Korea's mistake. By doing so the condition was sustained that God could still give blessing to the entire world through America. By the end of 1974 I had won an unprecedented heavenly victory here in America, receiving the total welcome of the American people and the Christian churches. I visited every state at least once, and visited many major states several times, sweeping the country and kindling a spiritual revolution. I received around 850 welcoming proclamations and honorary citizenships and citations. Even Jimmy Carter gave me one when he was governor of Georgia.

Upon the foundation of this worldwide victory I returned to Korea with honor and with strength to truly go on the offensive. My goal was to teach strongly the Korean Christians and government who so adamantly opposed me. What was the situation at that time? At first the Christian churches and government united together against me, but then after 2½ years what happened? There was a big fight between the Korean government and the Christians. I was very strong in saying that the government must be strong to stop the aggression of communism. The Christians thought they could confront and criticize the government, but when the Unification Church stepped in between they were forced to fight the Unification Church instead.

This was the reversal of the relationship between Rome, Israel and Jesus 2,000 years ago when the Roman government sided with the government of Israel to crucify Jesus. Today Christianity is in the position of Judaism at that time, and the Korean government in the position of Israel. God wanted the government of Rome and Israel to support Jesus

and stand up against Judaism if necessary, but exactly the opposite situation occurred: 2,000 years ago Jesus was not accepted by Judaism, by Israel, and certainly not by Rome. America today is in the position of the Roman Empire 2,000 years ago, and in 1974 America welcomed me. Then when I returned to Korea the government welcomed me, and instead of uniting with the Christian churches who were attacking me the government stood together with us. That was historical restitution.

No matter how external America's unity with me was at first, this nation set a condition of welcoming me. Therefore, with that power I could go back to Korea victoriously, no matter how much Christian opposition existed there. Opposition is mounting here in America only because American Christians are affected by the Korean churches. Also there is agitation by communists internationally, people who know me as an archenemy of communism. The new opposition grew because of the planning between American churches and Korean churches, as well as conspiracy between communistic elements. The United States government and the media have been exploited by these forces. Initially, however, there was a pure welcome, and because of that condition America can still be saved.

Furthermore, no matter how much people may scheme to ruin us, we have built up enough strength already to not only resist but win over them. I know that no matter how much Christians come against the Unification Church, they are going to be defeated. No matter how much the communists come against us, they are going to be defeated. Once the necessary foundation is made, we can declare the new age, and now, no matter what the people say, a new age has dawned.

When I initiated the three seven-year courses there seemed to be a stone wall blocking us, with one obstacle after another. At that time many early members thought there was no hope, no way to break through all the barriers. Everyone was discouraged, but what happened? After winning each incredible battle and completing each of the seven year courses, it seemed almost as though a big construction company was going out in front of me, laying a super highway. This is why after the victory of Washington Monument I could declare that Moscow is our next goal.

No matter how much the international communists struggle for world conquest, they cannot proceed according to their own schedule. Their decline is inevitable, and they will have worse internal arguments and splits among themselves. Russia and China fight even more bitterly with each other than either of them fights with the United States right now. The communists thought they had the one unified ideology which could bring world conquest, but now they are busy fighting among themselves.

I can say very clearly that without the Unification Church, America has no hope. The free world has no vision of hope without Unification Church. Furthermore, the Unification Church can go on and truly liberate communism. No one except the Moonies has the ideology or the power of love to do that.

I have made a most important declaration: all the historical debts of the past have been paid. Now the time has come when I can focus completely on building. The time has also come that Mother and I can take some rest. At the outset of this talk I said the Kingdom of Heaven is the place of sabbath and true peace. No satanic power has any right or condition to claim True Parents' family or the Unification Church movement. We are above their accusation.

The final role the American movement will take in addition to what the True Parents and the Korean and Japanese blessed couples have done is a 2½-year condition by the blessed couples. I want America to go ahead on a global scale and show in front of God and Satan the determination of the American blessed couples. That's why I have asked the American blessed wives to go to the CARP movement for 2½ years. It is the final condition the women are going to undertake in America. If this final condition by the American blessed couples is fulfilled then even if you volunteer for such

things there won't be any opportunity. This is the final chance. After that the home church crusade will be wide open and home ministry will be our way of life. In other words, you will not face the indemnity Mother and I went through. You won't have to go through the same condition the Korean blessed couples went through in those harsh years.

Now everything you do is building a lasting accomplishment that will become your tower. The men and women going out into home church will be harvesting and bringing things in. We are moving across the boundary. We no longer belong to the old age or old territory. We are moving into a new territory and a new era. That is why I told you that home church is the base of the Kingdom of Heaven. We can now build the physical kingdom with our own hands. In the past the Unification Church missionaries endured incredible situations. Your elder brothers and sisters were kicked and spat at, and even killed, but that era is now over. You don't have to face that. When you speak the Divine Principle you will meet people anxiously waiting for the message and you shall be regarded as their savior. The people are waiting for you to come.

This afternoon Tiger Pak reported that 150 brilliant college students came to the CARP week-long workshop in Florida. He reported that those students were really excited when they heard our lecturers teach the Principle and they looked like real Moonies. I told Tiger Pak, "Don't you know that it ought to be that way? Don't you know God's timetable? It's just about that time for that."

You are in the same position. Just concentrate and totally unite and do things beyond the standard I established. All you have to do is try to cross over the boundary of the worst persecution I have been receiving. If you exert your energy trying to bring yourself over the line of my own suffering, once you go one little step beyond it the entire spirit world will come down upon you. A new horizon will be wide open.

Home church will only be difficult at the beginning. The first several steps will be difficult but try to cross over the point of persecution by comparing it with my energy at that particular point. When you go just one more step over that point everything will become easy. Can you do it? At the beginning you may wail, "Father, I just can't do it!" But as you continue, slowly everything will become easier. Don't worry about trying to save face. Make a new hole and tighten your belt. Make up your mind, grit your teeth and step forward.

When you go to home church don't try to get into someone's living room right away. Go through the back door and then to the bathroom. Your first thought will be "How can this be a bathroom in the heavenly kingdom? I cannot afford to leave it this dirty. Let me clean it." After the bathroom is clean and fresh you can come out and look at the hallway. You will say, "I cannot afford to welcome Heavenly Father in this dirty hall. Let me clean it up."

The person living there will stride up to you and shout, "What kind of rascal are you? Why do you bother my bathroom?" Then you will shout back, "What kind of rascal are you? This is my home. I'm trying to welcome Heavenly Father in this home and no one will stop me. I'm going to keep cleaning your house."

You can tell them, "Don't you want to celebrate at least one of God's birthdays in your home?" The other person will be totally overcome and say, "Is it true? Can we have God in this house?" You say, "All you have to do is try me out free for one week. Whether God is coming in through the door or not try me out for one week." This is a very effective way to make a sale in America, offer someone a free trial, and if they don't like what you offer they can return it.

I want you to know that the term "home church" is a most precious one. Many, many saints, wise men, prophets and Christian martyrs have waited for the day of home church but they did not have the luxury of seeing it. They did not have anyone to set the highway straight by paying back all the necessary indemnity. There was no way home church could start before I came. Only because I have paid all the past



debts can we now undertake home church. I want you to know how precious the gift of home church is.

Your 360 homes are your tribe. If your name happens to be Smith, those 360 homes are the Smith tribe.

Now home church is available for all mankind. I have done everything on a global scale to pay for the past 6,000 years and now I am asking you to take care of one little corner of the land with 360 homes. Can you say you cannot do it? If you say you refuse this task then you are entitled to the worst hell, not heaven. That is true because it is so obvious that home church can easily be done.

When I say "base", what do I mean? Usually a base is a launching pad like the pads at Cape Kennedy. When a rocket is launched, the capsule for the astronauts is on the top. The engines for take-off are on the bottom, then the booster engines in the middle, and the capsule put on top. What you are doing is building a rocket. You build the engine on the base first, and that's the most difficult. Then you build up and up and up all the way to the capsule where you can stay. Once you have finished constructing it, all you have to do is push the button and lift off. After a successful launch you can look back and see your 360 home church families all around you.

You don't need any additional explanation, do you? Can you go on and finish without me? Let's meet together when we complete home church and then we can have a victory party. I am looking for one person: the champion of home church. Whoever consummates the home church dispensation shall truly be recognized as the tribal messiah and will issue invitations to Mother and me to come to the first completed home church on earth. I am looking forward to that home church and am anxious to see whether it will come in Japan, Korea or America. I will ask the same question to the Korean congregation and they will say, "The first champion of home church will be in Korea." The Japanese will say it will come in Japan. So you have fierce competition!

It is not very easy to win at home church. You need to do

three things: think differently, plan differently and act differently. Your way of life must become different. Instead of walking the normal way at a normal speed you need to be shouting out and running down the highway. If you have that kind of stamina then I can see some hope in you to win the home church championship here in America. Can you do it? Your answer is very clear.

I want you to know that what I said this morning will be put into practice by all the Unification Church members around the world, not just you. You have tough competition. Within three days the entire world will hear what I said this morning and then everyone will want to catch up with you for the three-day delay.

Today's topic is the slogan for this year of 1980: Home Church is the Base of the Kingdom of Heaven. That is the destiny where true rest lies, where true happiness and joy lies, and even where true life lies. The person who lives and dies in home church is the person who is truly happy.

What kind of ranking would you want to get—number one or number one thousand million? This is the appropriate morning for you to make up your mind. I want you to know that in order to build the base of the Kingdom of Heaven eternally you must first build a base to the Kingdom of Heaven within yourself. So make up your mind what kind of grade you want to get. To reach that rank do you need everyday supervision or do you need someone snapping at you every minute?

If you've really made up your mind that you're going to be the champion for home church, that means I am already a success at the outset of 1980. Do you want to make me a success? Your yes sounds like ye-su, which is how Koreans pronounce Jesus' name. Does that mean you are going to give your life like Jesus did for the sake of your own mission?

This is your first 1980 promise to God and me: that you are going to be a home church champion and win the most successful rank. Will you fulfill it?

God bless you.

God's Day Pledge



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“Home Church is
the Base of the
Kingdom of
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1980 Motto



God's Day Message

**Grateful God's Day
World Mission Center
January 1, 1980**

This year we are celebrating the thirteenth God's Day. This is also the year I will welcome my sixtieth birthday. Do I look old? No? Thank you. But no matter what you say, time is marching on and you cannot negotiate with it. Time doesn't listen to you.

Eighty per cent of the congregation this morning is more

or less the age of my sons and daughters. I will celebrate my sixtieth birthday soon, but do you think that I once had a youthful time in the past, just like you, or was I born sixty years old?

In Oriental philosophy the sixtieth birthday has a special meaning. According to the Oriental concept sixty years makes one complete circle, so that when you reach your sixtieth birthday you complete one full circle and start a new one in the other direction.

The number six has a very important meaning in biblical



history. Heavenly Father created everything in six separate days and on the seventh day He took sabbath. The Sabbath is like the beginning of a new circle, so six makes one complete circle or creation.

In communist history the Bolshevik revolution came to Russia in 1917 and in 1978 they celebrated their complete sixty-year circle. Now they have to start a new turn. Since communism is sixty years old it now has to go around in a different direction. The new circle they are starting will be smaller and more feeble.

The puzzle in contemporary world history is how the communists could come to dominate so much of the world in just sixty years.

Communism is a very low-level ideology, and therefore,

when communists took over each nation they started with the laborers and uneducated people. But God is the highest possible level, with the highest possible standard, so there are two different worlds—the physical world and the spirit world. The spirit world is much higher than the physical world. The communists cannot deal with the reality of the spirit world, so their philosophy has focused on materialism. Matter forms the essence of the communist ideology. Satan has been taking the world over piece by piece with this ideology and trying to make matter almighty.

First of all, the heavenly ideology must be better than Satan's ideology. Satan came up with a convincing, though imperfect, ideology, and when Satan's side worked harder than the people on God's side, he took over the world. If that

is how Satan took dominion then there must come a time when a godly man will develop a better ideology than the satanic one. There are many scholars and researchers developing materialistic and atheistic philosophies. Communism is the most highly developed of this kind of philosophy. To counteract it, godly people will search more intently to find the truth about the spirit world and physical world together, not just the physical world alone. That is the logical process, don't you think?

Good men and evil men have been fighting ever since the fall, so what do you think God will do when good men want to research the highest truth and philosophy? He will be excited and say, "Go ahead. Do more!" There have been two distinct camps since the fall of man. Evil men have fallen prey to Satan, who became their master. On the other side, there are good men and always behind them God is giving His support. God certainly wants to win the battle over evil by working through the good man.

In the satanic world men focus all their activity on accumulating material. They seek knowledge in order to get money, and they seek power to hold their material. They even use love to keep material. Everything is motivated by their desire for material. That is the ideology on the satanic side.

On the other side, everything should be for the purpose of finding God. That is the complete opposite of the satanic philosophy. On the heavenly side people seek knowledge for the sake of God. They seek power for the sake of God. They seek money for the sake of God. They even seek to possess love to fulfill God's will.

Let us coolly analyze American society today. Is America today more centered on money and prestige, or is America seeking God and disregarding everything else? By your own analysis, is America as a whole more on the side of God or on the side of material and Satan?

Since Satan strived very hard, God had to say to him, "All right, go ahead. Take over the world." But God knew very clearly that according to Principle satanic dominion could not last beyond one full cycle of sixty years. Satan can have from number three to six, or thirty to sixty years. In other words, one complete cycle in the history of communism is finished, and in the next thirty to sixty years it will go in a different direction, forming a smaller cycle. The communists' power will decline in thirty to sixty years' time, but it would happen in an even shorter time if the free world really united together.

When Satan told God he wanted to have the world, God gave him permission because Satan's side was working very hard. Do you think that God became totally helpless, or did God know that Satan's prosperity would last only sixty years? God prepared to send someone who could truly represent God's side sixty years later. In the Divine Principle a preparatory period normally lasts three years. From 1917, when the Bolshevik revolution took place, Heavenly Father very quietly prepared for another great day sixty years later. Who was born in 1920, three years after that? Reverend Moon. Now Reverend Moon is a giant name, but in 1920 he was just a little baby in a cradle, crying for mommy's milk. I will not go into detail here, but the important thing is that God in heaven has planned out history. When God allowed satanic people to take over the world, He was already preparing heavenly

fortune.

When God's champion was born, would He want to see him being lazy, living a relaxed and mediocre life? Is that how he would become God's champion? Would God want him to work harder and more meticulously than Satan, tasting the worst possible hardship and tribulation and yet still become a winner and champion? God wanted His man to be the deepest thinker and find the solution to the most incredibly complicated problems. His son should have the sharpest eyes of all, eyes that can penetrate the spirit world and see the truth there. Satan cannot do that, but God's man should be able to.

God also wants His son to be a champion of self-denial in all kinds of feelings—for example, in withstanding hunger, in denying the feelings of loneliness or greediness, the pull of sleepiness, the desire for physical love. God wanted His son to do so well in these things that no one could excel him.

Is it logical that a person has to make himself superior in order to become God's champion? When Satan looks at me, what do you think he'll say? Will he say, "That is incredible, but actually, my children can do better than that. No problem"? Or will he say, "How in the world could God make a man like that?" Even compared to the toughest satanic standard, what I have done is incredible. Not one of Satan's children can compete with me.

Do you think that I ever had fights when I was young? Once I decided to fight I would go on with the fight twenty-four hours a day. No matter how strong my opponent was, he had to surrender because I would go on and on and on until the other side surrendered. In my village I had a reputation for being a fearful young man. However, with superior thinking, superior vision, superior hearing and superior taste I penetrated deep into the heart of God, discovering the incredible truth about God and man. That is the Divine Principle. Finally God knew that the hidden truth of the universe, the truth about God and His grief was unlocked.

When I returned to the physical world after unlocking that incredible truth, I wanted to implement what I had discovered. Then the whole environment came completely against me and circumstances tried to knock me down. I started my fight in communist territory, and the entire communist system came down on me, trying to stop me. Everything you can imagine threw its whole weight upon me, trying to knock me down. But what is the difference between the world and me? The world is desperate in trying to stop me, hitting and kicking with all its force. But I always have room for smiles, for loving and room for tolerance. That is the difference. Do I look very desperate today?

If there is truly a living God existing in this cosmos, how will He feel if He sees a man come out who is prepared and determined to fulfill God's will and challenge the satanic world? Will He be happy to allow him a chance to do so? If I were in God's position, I would say I needed a man just like me. I would say, "My son, it's all yours. Go ahead and do anything you want to handle it." In God's eyes I may not be the most handsome or the tallest person; I look like a stump. Yet with my sharp reasoning, deep philosophy, and penetrating vision and dream for the sake of the world, don't you think God will get excited about me? Would that kind of man,

motivated and trained and going through such hardships, be classified as a good or evil man? I think that kind of man would be an evil man! (No!) Yes! (No!) Yes! (No!) I surrender. Thank you very much.

When I began my tough march toward the goal, I determined that I would go over the hill of sixty years of age successfully. Why sixty years? Because I already knew God's plan and knew that in Divine Principle Satan's reign could not go beyond sixty years, and that his second cycle would begin his decline. Then at that moment I would climb up for the sake of God and humanity. I knew that the glorious, victorious day was coming, so in order to be ready when that day came I wanted to get all kinds of qualifications ahead of time.

The Korean government and the Korean people were trying to bring me down. Japan tried to bring me down. Now America is trying to bring me down. And of course the communists are trying to bring me down. Even the Christian churches and Jews are trying to bring me down. All the powers were trying to ground me and make the rocket explode before lift-off. But was I grounded or did I take off?

Now the completion of one giant cycle of sixty years has finally come. Now I am beginning a new circle, and that circle has no limitation. I can make it as big a circle as possible. It is going in another direction, but instead of stopping it is going to make many big circles, one after another.

When we observe the phenomena of our world we see that everything has certain limits. Everything in life has a saturation point after which nothing more can be added. There is always a limit. Everything makes a circle, soaring up high, and then accelerating downward, but unless new power is added as the first circle is completed, the next circle becomes smaller, and the circle after that becomes even smaller. However, if you have pushing power that thrusts you up further than the first circle, you can go on and on and on. Always the problem has been that once you go up it's easy to go down, but once you come down it's very difficult to go back up higher than before.

Material is the lowest-level thing that God created. If material things are at the center of your life, you will be weighted down and be unable to go back up. But Unification ideology is not based on material. Our base is spiritual and our real boss is God. Therefore, as we swing around the limitless energy of God will pull us up higher and higher. With the pulling power up in heaven you can go way up instead of winding down.

You joined with me and we are completing the circle of sixty years together. Where are we going down to? We are going down to home church and there we will find even more thrust and firepower. What you will find is that home church is the base for the Kingdom of Heaven. Home church is like a gasoline tank and you are going down to the home church like a fireball. What do you think will happen? The explosion will lift you all the way up, and give you the speed you need to go all the way to heaven in one stroke.

My very special, secret weapon that Satan couldn't find was home church. I prepared it like a secret bomb and now it is complete. The time has come to ignite it. The time has come for the fireball to land. Then home church will become

a launching pad to the Kingdom of Heaven. That is why this year's motto is "Home Church is the Base of the Kingdom of Heaven."

Once you land, home church will all of a sudden become a launching pad and you will lift up together with me. Then everyone will be looking up with their mouths wide open. Communists, Christians and Jews will all be gasping with their mouths hanging open, exclaiming, "That's Reverend Moon!" When you fly up in the sky and look down, all the powers that opposed us will look like peanuts. How great you will feel! Hallelujah! In preparation for that moment my entire body was used in hardship and in test after test. But this time all my senses will be excited and happy, exploding with joy.

You may be so excited and jubilant up in the air that you get exhausted from dancing around and maybe doze a little bit, but still your rocket will be flying further and further, and when you open your eyes you will find yourself in the bosom of Heavenly Father. God will take care of you like a doctor taking care of a patient and give every cell an injection of His love. Soon you will wake up and find yourself completely drunk in the love of God. That will be the first time God would ever taste love. Then God would be discovering for the first time the true taste of love, true smell of love, true feeling of love, true vision of love.

God will be like a hungry person eating up the intoxicating fragrance and taste and touch of love. Then God Himself will be intoxicated in love, the love of man. Do you think God can get drunk? At this time God will get intoxicated and fall asleep. As he is lying there, momentarily unconscious, He begins to sense something all around Him, a whispering, a presence, and the sound of breathing. That feeling is so good that He will want it to go on and on. Then God would open His eyes wide and see His children all around, His sons and daughters touching Him. Would He say, "I'm terribly unhappy". Just the opposite. There is no adequate word to describe how He would feel. It's so mystic and incredible that no human language can possibly describe what God feels at that moment.

In the meantime, He feels deeply grateful. God has gone through so much sadness and tragedy after all His suffering that He will feel thankful happiness. Today the topic is "Grateful God's Day." Which is going to be the happiest day for God? God's Day falls on January 1. Why does that day make God happy? Whom does He meet on that day? His true sons and daughters.

Satan's number is 66, because Satan took the number six in the garden of Eden. Therefore, God always consummates His dispensation with the number seven. Since number six is over, we are moving into number seven now. Satan has gotten the glory so far, but from now on Satan's side will get the hardship. God's side, the heavenly side of Unification, is moving on to heavenly prosperity in the decade of the 1980's. When you do right, every conceivable idea and dream in the dispensation of God will be completed before the year 2000.

Why is the year 2000 so important? I was born in 1920 and twenty plus sixty equals eighty. When you add eighty to 1920 what year do you come up with? This year I have been battling forward for forty years. These forty years were equivalent to the Exodus of Hebrews from Egypt and their wandering in

the wilderness. These forty years I have been working for the dispensation on the global scale. Now this forty-year period is consummated, so what is next? Entering the land of Canaan on the worldwide basis is next. When you look at my testimony, then at the background of history and the work I have fulfilled, then you know that what I told you is correct and based on truth.

I already mentioned that Satan operates from number three to six. During this period Satan will try his best, but when we do a superior job then during this time we can finish the task. In other words, we can only be persecuted for a maximum of sixty years. We can turn the tide around during this time. You just wait and see. In 1960, when the True Parents were installed, there was only a handful of members in Korea and Japan, a very small number. When they gathered, I spoke about the world future, with visions of the 1980's, 1990's and the year 2000, of the global dispensation and having members in 130 different countries, and of how communism would decline.

I am intoxicated by the charm of all your beautiful faces. Why do you all look alike? Because you all have one True Parent. That means you are all capable of receiving the love of God. The channel has been opened now, the channel which was closed for 6,000 years. Now it's open to you. Let's open the door of our minds. You say to the world, "Everyone, please come into my mind and swim, and enjoy it. My mind is wider than space so any plane can come into my mind and fly. The pilot of the Concorde doesn't even need to open his eyes. Even if he flies blind, he'll never hit the wall. Even if you fly over the wall of my mind you won't need to worry because my mind will expand ahead of you wherever you go."

If ever I had the chance to grab a microphone and speak to the American people for many hours in fluent English, in the native tongue of the American people, a few hours I could make 240 million Americans cry in front of their television sets. All I have to do is expose them to my experiences, nothing more. It wouldn't even take a week; overnight is good enough to turn the nation upside down. Do you think I have the content and ability to do it? Do you think that Reverend Moon, who is not an American, who is not a black man or a white man, who is just a Korean man from the Orient with a yellow face, could still do it? That's the puzzle. That's why people just don't understand us. But don't you think it's a dramatic way of proceeding with God's plan? God is a very dramatic person, really.

It can be said that God is very fair. Look at Korea. For 5,000 years it had nothing but tears, nothing but tribulations and hardship. But in the end, by giving Reverend Moon to the country, God balanced out all that suffering. He gave hardship to Korea, but also extraordinary blessing. Don't you think so? You can say that God is very fair. If a man of my caliber and mission was born in America as a white man then we could accuse God of being unfair.

Your eyes reveal the depth of your mind. Western philosophy, therefore, is rather shallow and on the surface. You cannot absorb anything deep inside, but want to get it all out front. The Oriental attitude goes deeper and is more sustaining, but neither is ideal. The Oriental is too internal and mysterious, while the Westerner is too open and shallow,

so I had to find the happy medium. Therefore, Oriental people are admiring Western civilization. On the other hand, Westerners are longing for the mystery in Oriental civilization. Is that true? When such a craving comes from both worlds it is one indication that the day of fulfillment is at hand.

When you pursue the religious way of life you have to deny yourself and deny more of the material world. That's the only way you can get deeper in a religious sense. In the material world, however, when you know more and have more experience you can always reach out and gather more. When the Orientals pursue only religious, spiritual perfection then they have to deny the material world. Then someone else has to harvest it, and that's what the Westerners have been doing. This has been expressed through Western colonialism. That was not completely bad actually because God needed someone to develop the world He created, the world which religious people were seeking to deny. Therefore, the major Oriental countries like China and India were overtaken by the Western powers, who controlled those nations for many years. That was a sign that a new religious awakening was close at hand. Do you know why? Since Oriental people were focused on finding spiritual perfection, they needed the Westerners to come and help them develop the other way of life as well. That's what God planned.

After World War II a new age of equality began. The Western influence started democratic winds blowing all over Asia, bringing an influence that would make the people free and equal. We know that the Westerners who developed the material world were usually greedy and wanted to keep all the wealth themselves. But actually all material belongs to God and He wants it developed for the use of all humanity. Therefore, God used the cold, brutal power of communism to shatter the wealthy capitalist nations. Marxism teaches that economic wealth belongs to the government, and that it shall be used for the benefit of all the people. God is even taking advantage of communism for His heavenly purpose.

America today is at a very important stage. God has given an incredible amount of material blessing to this nation, but it is not just for the sake of America. God's assets should be divided up by the American people and used for good, for the sake of the world and humanity. God wants America to be a steward and develop its wealth for the sake of godly people. Since America has not done that, only Satan can claim it and it will benefit communism. That was not God's original intention. Do you think America is totally immune from communist infiltration?

This is a very philosophical analysis of the final days of the world. America should know what her timetable is and where she is. The only way that America can survive and prevent a communist takeover is for a man like Reverend Moon to come and tell the American people that their wealth doesn't belong to them alone. The only way America can ultimately survive is by giving that wealth for the sake of the people of the world. This is exactly why we develop our fund raising—we ask Americans to give their money and then we use it for the sake of the people of the world. Since Americans haven't given it to the world, we are going to give it to the world in their place. The MFT fund raising effort is important in the sight of the heavenly dispensation. This is not just arbitrary

rationalizing. Not at all.

My topic is Grateful God's Day. It doesn't matter how many people are gathered in this auditorium or how many thousands come to hear me. The question is how many people come who truly love God and are thankful to God. God needs men and women to come for His God's Day celebration and God feels so close to you who are here. God cannot resist the urge to touch you. That's the kind of God's Day we must make.

If you really make yourselves that kind of men and women then your relation with God will be so close and intimate that God will long for you as you long for Him. You and God will be inseparable. Then you are already liberated

and there is nowhere you cannot go. Whether here on earth or up in heaven, you will have no limitation. The entire universe will be yours. That is going to be the privilege in our hands and all we have to do is use it. You have a special right or special authority granted by God. It is more than a privilege.

You can think, today, "Father, you have given me absolutely everything I need. You have spoken everything I wanted to know and I don't need any more. All I want now is action. If you speak to us any more, it will only complicate my mind. Father, I'm going to do it." Those who say so, raise your hands, please.

Thank you. God bless you.

















