

Cheon Il Guk True Parents Theory Sermon Competition for the resolution of victorious entry into the Cheon Il Sanctum in Cheon Won Gung

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The Cheon Il Guk True Parents Theory Sermon Competition for the resolution of victorious entry into the Cheon Il Sanctum in Cheon Won Gung was held on August 21 at 9 AM in the Hyo Jeong Cultural Foundation. The final round featured four preachers who achieved excellent results through the regional preliminaries worldwide and in Korea.



Before the competition, Michael Balcomb, Continental Director of Heavenly Europe, prayed, "Today's sermon competition is not a mere event, but a step towards realizing Heaven's will and providence centered on Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Therefore, we all should listen, learn, and inherit from this event today. Please allow us to spread the light of life while attending the one and only True Mother in this era."



In her welcoming speech, Wonju Jeong McDevitt, Vice Chair, Cheon Mu Won, said, "This amazing 'True

Parents Theory Sermon Competition' was prepared with True Mother's deep heart and sincerity. She personally reviewed everything multiple times, from the program to the judging method and the award ceremony. Even at this moment, True Mother is watching and cheering for the preachers representing each continent with overwhelming joy." He added, "Today's True Parents Theory Sermon Competition will be a time of learning and simultaneously a time of hyojeong, offering gratitude and glory to True Parents. I sincerely cheer for each preacher participating on behalf of every continent worldwide."

Song Yong-cheon, Director General, World Mission Headquarters, said in his congratulatory speech, "This event is more significant than any other competition in spreading the essence of Heavenly Parent, the status and value of True Parents, and the truth of Christian providence to the world, and in inspiring the correct view of providential history to blessed families." He continued, "I hope that starting with this competition, more people will become representatives of True Parents who keep, follow, and spread the word."



The judging panel comprised Cheon Il Guk leaders and theology professors, ensuring a high level of expertise. Criteria for fair evaluation included:

- Accurate delivery of True Parents' teachings within the time limit

- Emotional resonance and empathy with True Parents' message

- Effective communication of True Parents' heart and circumstances

- Helping the audience understand the essence of Heavenly Parent and the significance of True Parents

These criteria aimed to assess both the content and impact of each preacher's delivery, focusing on their ability to convey True Parents' heart and circumstances, and inspire the audience. In his overall review, President Doh Hyun-sup of Sunhak UP Graduate University, said, "I hope that the hyojeong sermons shown by the four preachers will be helpful to Cheon Il Guk leaders, and I pray that the blessing and love of Heavenly Parent and True Parents will be with all those who spare no sincerity and effort for the completion of Cheon Il Guk while attending True Mother."

In the following award ceremony, Song Yong-cheon and Doh Hyun-sup presented awards and prizes to the winners, congratulating them on behalf of everyone.

The grand prize (Hyo Jeong Award) was awarded to Mica Amanlaman, Regional Vice-President of Heavenly Africa. The first prize (Hyo Sung Award) went to Diane Kelalu Hack, Pastor of FFWPU-USA. The second prize (Hyo Shim Award) was given to Katsumi Kambashi, Senior Pastor of Heavenly North America 2. The third prize (Hyo Haeng Award) was awarded to Satoshi Iida, Director of the International Family Department of FFWPU-Japan Headquarters. Additionally, five preachers who advanced to the finals also received the Hyo Haeng Award, certificates, and prizes, spreading True Parents' love generously to all preachers.