

True Parents' 60 year course has been a rough and thorny path in the wilderness

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1 True Mother delivering this address - 2 Dr. Young Ho Yoon and Wonju Jeong McDevitt offering flowers 3. Gi-seong Lee and Myeong-gwan Lee presenting gifts

On this day of joy and delight for heaven and earth that will be recorded in history, as God's only begotten daughter and the True Mother, I would like to tell you about something I dreamed of doing when I was a fifteen-year-old girl, not so long after the Korean War. The world had also fought the Second World War, after which the two spheres of democracy and communism were in a state of conflict. During the period before and after the Second World War, many beautiful songs were written in the United States.

These are the words of one such song:

*Carry me back to old Virginy [the US State of Virginia]
There's where the cotton and the corn and potatoes grow.
There's where the birds warble sweet in the springtime.
There's where this old black man's heart longs to go.
There's where I labored so hard for old Massa,
Day after day in the field of yellow corn
No place on earth do I love more sincerely
Than old Virginy, the state where I was born.*

Listening to this melody and the words, about the hometown of this old black man, he was likely living in a different place. That time, however, was the time around the Civil War in the United States. Later, there was the Second World War. Perhaps here lies the reason he had had to leave his hometown. So this is a song about someone wishing to return to his hometown before he becomes too old, and to be buried there. How could I, as a girl of just fifteen, love the melody of this song and the story of this old black man As I reminisce over this, I come to realize once more that "God is love."

We came to be the position of the True Parents in 1960, yet without a supportive Christian environment, True Parents' sixty-year course has been a rough and thorny path in the wilderness. You will be aware of all that happened from the time I proclaimed Cheon Il Guk in 2013 to when I proclaimed the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk, where we can all live in attendance to our Heavenly Parent. At that time, I had to decide where to go on a world speaking tour. I decided to go to Africa. Many leaders at that time expressed their concern, saying it would be better to go where we have a slightly stronger foundation. However, I chose Africa. The African continent has seen the most hardships in all of history. Though they were treated as less than human, going through indescribable suffering, I was aware that there were righteous people and prophets who still clung on to God, asking for God's compassion.

I went to Africa, therefore, and met many righteous people. There, I spoke about God's providence and revealed I was God's only begotten daughter. They all welcomed me. In particular, many religious leaders welcomed me. Among them, I spoke with Prophet Radebe for thirty minutes about God's providence. He accepted me as God's only begotten daughter and True Mother, and became True Mother's son.

All fallen people wish to be able to go in front of Heavenly Parent and be loved as true sons or daughters. I therefore explained to Prophet Radebe, "The Blessing does not end with you as an individual. As a prophet, your responsibility is to bring all those who follow you to receive God's Blessing all together, and to open the way for them to become proud sons and daughters of our Heavenly Parent." He has fulfilled his responsibility and I will speak proudly of Prophet Radebe's family.

Now this will not stop at the level of one religious order. In order to guide all the people of Africa to become Heavenly Parent's children, these two hundred thousand followers receiving this Blessing today should fulfill their responsibilities and become heavenly tribal messiahs. If they accomplish this, it will open the way for all those of African descent across the five oceans and six continents, as well as their ancestors, to be registered as Heavenly Parent's children. I will be grateful if they can invest greater effort to help the African continent stand in a position to fulfill its responsibility.



True Mother delivering this address in the Cheonshim World Peace Center and worldwide via the Internet

At the beginning of my speech, I mentioned the story of a black man. Can we deny that this is God's tremendous grace and love. In those days, when I was young, I didn't know so much about Africa. Yet, I am aware that it was God's Will that I, as the future begotten Daughter and True Mother, should open the way to the grace of the Blessing first for the African continent that has suffered the most pain throughout history.

Today, I want to say to all the blessed couples that are working to become CheonBo couples as well as all CheonBo couples that I love you. For the first time in God's providence as well as in human history, the True Parents on earth are building a temple where Heaven's dream is coming true, and where we can live together and in attendance to Heavenly Parent. Please do not forget that you are living in a golden age together with True Mother, God's only begotten Daughter, a time when the fruits you bear through your devotion and effort can be recorded in your name in the Cheon Il Temple.

What you do will be remembered in the eternal world, and you will stand as proud and honorable ancestors and a noble family in front of your descendants. Considering this, I sincerely hope that you will lead your lives so that you can return gratitude and glory for the tremendous love God has given you. I give you my blessing for this.