

You need them even more than you need the Messiah

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My dear brothers and sisters,

Whom do we need in reality even more than the messiah? In case you are not aware of the answer please read this reflection attentively. True Father answered this question in his speech *"True Parents and Ourselves"*.

This theme is central for us as members of the Unification Church and therefore I would like to encourage you to study this address well, which Father gave on May 7, 1972. (<http://www.tparents.org/Moon-Talks/SunMyungMoon72/SM720507.htm>) Its content is not only decisive for the spiritual life of the First but also of the Second Generation.

True Father explains in this speech that if Jesus' disciples had restored the same position that he stood on, they could have become members of his tribe: *"Therefore, if Jesus had married an ideal spouse and established a family, Jesus' disciples could have married their ideal spouses and established families. In this way, Jesus could have formed a new tribe within the nation of Israel and the religion of Judaism."*

The clan of true sons of God centered on Jesus' children that could have been established after Jesus' Holy Wedding is completely different from the clan of Christians that was in actuality established as God's adopted children in the fallen domain. When Jesus' children were to be born, there would have been the families of the 12 apostles who could perfectly unite with Jesus' children."

We understand this content, but generally we did not apply it well in our own lives in line with Father's explanations that, *"according to the original ideal, Adam and Eve were supposed to have a certain innate foundation. In order to restore that foundation, all of you joined the Unification Church after you were already born and then you witnessed to restore spiritual children."*

As a result of this, you have created the foundation of Cain and Abel. In your case, there was no innate foundation made for you before you were born, so you have to restore it through indemnity. The way to do this is as follows: you must have spiritual children who attend and unite with your physical children even before their birth. Unless you are clear about this, you cannot understand the course of restoration at all."

My dear brothers and sisters, do we have a deep understanding of the course of restoration? If this is the case, then we will thoroughly understand about the importance of spiritual children and their great importance for our families according to Father telling us: *"When the spiritual children unite and serve the physical children of their spiritual parents, even while they are still in the womb, that is the restoration condition of the three archangels uniting with Adam, who was created by God."*

Thus you need more than just spiritual children; you need your own physical children as well. You joined the Unification Church when you were more than 20 or 30 years old, and established the horizontal foundation by witnessing and gaining spiritual children. But those are Cain and Abel relationships, on the level of the archangel. The

foundation to be restored as parents is not indemnified yet. How can we indemnify that foundation?

The foundation is indemnified when your three spiritual children serve your physical children even in the womb. In that way, you can restore the earthly foundation of the three archangels willingly attending Adam while he was being created. Unless you go through this course, the family of the perfection level will not be able to appear.”

We are striving to establish the family of the perfection level and have great difficulties to do this because many of us do not pay enough attention to raise spiritual children who have the heart to serve our physical children, according to what we have learned from True Father: *“Therefore, after the Blessing you will give birth to your own children; By the time your children are conceived; you have to have three spiritual children willing to attend the child that will be born from your womb. Those who are born from blessed parents have to be protected by those spiritual children until they get married, or until they reach the age of 21.*

The spiritual children can never allow the blessed children of their spiritual parents to fall. The archangels had the mission of protecting Adam and Eve And to help them become the ideal couple. The spiritual children have the same mission as the archangels. God has harbored deep grief and sorrow because of the fall of Adam and Eve.

Spiritual children have to fulfill the archangelic mission of protecting the blessed children from falling. Otherwise there is no way for spiritual children to be restored to God's side. I am talking about the relationship between spiritual parents and spiritual children.

Only when your spiritual children fulfill such a mission in relationship with you and your physical children can you finally restore the position of parents, centered on your children.”

Most of us are a father or a mother of one or more Blessed children, but did we lay the proper foundation in order to restore the position of parents in the right way? This is a very fundamental question which we must take to heart and face it honestly.

Father continued in his explanations: *“That is the same thing as Adam and Eve being restored through Abel. Thus the blessed parents can perfect themselves through the second generation, their children, just as the fallen parents, Adam and Eve, could have; been restored through their child, Abel. This is the way restoration by indemnity takes place. Therefore you should not conceive your physical children unless you have your spiritual children. You are not qualified to give birth to and love' your own children without three spiritual children.”*

We all learned this, but how many live according to this standard which is also expressed in the following internal guidance? *“The principle of restoration is to reverse the direction of the fall to the original direction, with utmost preciseness, and to put it into the proper direction. That is why you absolutely need your spiritual children.”*

Let us listen what Father said next about having spiritual sons and daughters: *“In reality, you need them even more than you need the Messiah.”* I chose this content as theme for this reflection because it is indeed very important that we realize this fact.

Who among us has such a consciousness that we need spiritual children more than the Messiah? We talk a lot about the importance of True Parents but in reality we

are not even fulfilling most basic aspects of their teaching like not realizing the incredible importance of spiritual children, whom we need in reality even more than we need the Messiah.

Why do we not take such a statement by our True Father to heart, based on clear explanations according to the Divine Principle? When one has a closer look it becomes obvious how much hypocrisy lies in our general attitude of claiming that we follow True Parents and their directions while at the same time not even taking it seriously when they speak about the course of restoration which we all have to go.

In the speech *"True Parents and Ourselves"* Father spoke about God working to establish a foundation by first developing *"the sphere of servants or angels. Then He has to raise that level of servant up to the level of adopted son. From the adopted son realm. He has to bring it up to the level of the true son."*

Even within the realm of the true son, there is the issue of Cain and Abel. Cain and Abel were born of fallen parents and they fought against each other as fallen children. In the era when the true son centered on God is restored, Cain and Abel must no longer struggle. We cannot surpass the fallen world until we establish complete unity between Cain and Abel.

According to the Principle, only when we establish the foundation of substance can we go beyond the realm of the fallen world for the first time." Let us ask ourselves honestly: Have we gone beyond the realm of the fallen world by establishing complete unity between Cain and Abel? On which levels have we achieved such an essentially required foundation?

Father explained: *"In the New Testament era, indemnity was paid through Jesus, the substantial Son of God. Now the standard of Heart has to be established in the Completed Testament age, based upon the indemnity victoriously paid in the former ages. The true standard of the family can be established for the first time on the earth after all these things are restored. That is the level we are expected to have reached at the time of the Blessing."*

The blessed families are to have their own physical children, but before that they are supposed to have their children of faith, their spiritual children. Spiritual children represent the embodiment of Jesus in the spiritual world. Your physical children represent the position of Jesus when he was alive and expecting to establish a victorious foundation on the earth. Thus, they also represent Christ of the Second Coming."

Again, let us be honest: Who among us lives with the consciousness that our physical children represent Christ of the Second Coming? How deeply do we appreciate the position of Blessed Children and how much are we investing in order to educate them in the right way so that they can fulfil their destiny as representatives of Christ of the Second Coming.

Father told brothers and sisters: *"At this time, the Christian realm of the spirit world called Paradise is not united with Christianity on the earth. This situation is almost like Jesus being split into two. We are in the position to bring unity between these two disharmonious realms. We can set up the condition to bring about their unity through the unity between our own physical and spiritual children. Our spiritual children stand in the position of Cain, or the archangel; Abel, in the position of Adam, symbolizes the realm of the physical world, and is represented by our physical children."*

Unity between our spiritual children and physical children means unity between the spiritual world and the physical world. If your own spiritual children and physical children are not harmoniously united, the realms of the spiritual world and the physical world, particularly the two realms of Christianity, will not be united. Basically, the split between the spiritual world and the physical world came about as a result of the division within the original family. Therefore it has to be restored on the earth, by the unity of the spiritual and the physical children of the Blessed families."

My dear brothers and sisters, how much have we been investing for the sake of establishing heartistic unity between our spiritual and physical children as Blessed families? When we become aware of the sad answer in this respect then we will also understand why so many of our Second Generation are in trouble: Because we did very poorly in educating them to see core aspects of our True Parents' teaching clearly.

About the course of our church True Father told the early members on May 7, 1972: *"It has been the path of the Unification Church to successfully indemnify horizontally the vertical historical path. In order to restore a result or consequence, you have to find out the cause that brought about the result and reverse the process. We absolutely need spiritual children. Adam and Eve had three archangels, who were supposed to attend them as their servants all of their lives. Adam and Eve could not become the perfected son and daughter of God without them. Thus, they are required in the restoration through indemnity. From this viewpoint, for men and women alike, three spiritual children are needed, representing three archangels. Those three archangels have to unite with you perfectly.*

God first created the angels and archangels and then He created Adam and Eve with the help of the unity of the angels. We have to restore that standard ourselves. Before having physical children, spiritual children have to be born. Physical children are to be born only on the foundation of spiritual children, just as God created the angels first and then created Adam and Eve second, That is the Principle."

How seriously do we take the Principle which our True Parents have been teaching and practising throughout their lives? They have shown a true example of giving their lives for the sake of loving their Cain children wholeheartedly so that we may unite with their direct children, our true Abel, but we failed widely to respond properly and this is the clear inner reason for all the difficulties found in the True Family today.

I am speaking in this reflection about the general reality of our church where we lost so many of our Second Generation – because we did not offer them the right kind of education concerning God's Will for all of us.

Naturally we want to protect our children from suffering but it does not work if there is a debt to be paid due to the First Generation not fulfilling their responsibility as quoted in Father's words at the beginning of this mail.

In the book *Blessing and Ideal Family* we find the section entitled *"The mission of the spiritual parent and the formula of love"* where we can read Father telling us: *"Without loving your spiritual children more than secular parents love their children, you cannot restore them. A person who was pulled away by love has to be pulled back through love. In this way, on the foundation of three spiritual children who have been established on the standard of love that harvested victory, you can love your physical children. This is the formula of love.*

Father also has maintained that kind of lifestyle. Without going through that formula, the foundation of perfection does not come about. Thus, if you did not establish

spiritual children completely, no matter how lovely your physical children are, you cannot live together with them in your house.”

Do we live with the understanding that the formula of love includes loving our spiritual children more than their secular parents love them? How many of us take is seriously that not matter how lovely our physical children are, we cannot live together with them if we did not establish spiritual children completely?

Did our True Father give us this direction to make life hard for us? Surely not. He knows the Principle of Restoration very well and wanted to help us avoid deeply painful experiences with our physical children – what has meanwhile become a reality for many parents because there was not enough protection from the side of spiritual children for our physical sons and daughters.

Here is one more quotation from Father’s speech about the topic *“True Parents and Ourselves”*: *“You are loved by God; still, to seek after God’s love should not be your concern. If you are loved by God, you are standing in the position of Abel. Abel is in the position of Adam, so he must have three archangels supporting him.”*

How many of us stand in a secure position of having at least three spiritual children who are one with them in heart and mind as a foundation of protection and support? If we are lacking in this respect then we can understand why there may not be more of God’s blessing in our lives – because we did not invest more for His Love to be present through building true heart to heart relationships.

May we all recognize clearly where we stand from God’s point of view and invest wholeheartedly to deepen our heart to heart connection with our True Parents and with the ones for whom we are directly responsible as individual, family, tribal or national messiahs.

Sincerely yours,

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