

Discovering the Divine Principle Session 3

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Principles of Creation part 2

1 Welcome, my name is _____, and it is my great pleasure to be your host for this segment of our series, Discovering the Principles of Life, the Principle of Creation part 2

The content that we are studying comes from the Divine Principle. The Divine Principle is a revelation from God that was given to the Rev Sun Myung Moon. This particular segment is based on the 2nd part of the first chapter, The Principle of Creation.

In the previous segment we spoke about the 2 nature of God, and the structure and purpose of God's creation. We learned that God is an internal 3 being of heart and God is the source of 4 the energy of the universe. We learned that God is a being of 5 masculinity as well as 6 femininity and that all things exist and grow through the relationships of 7 giving and receiving between their dual masculine and feminine parts.

And we learned that the most essential desire of God's heart, what motivated God to create, was to have an object that He could love and that would be able to fully reflect that love back to Him.

8 In conclusion, the best way to describe God – is as our invisible parent – motivated by love to bring forth the universe and we, 9 His children.

10 In this segment we will cover three areas. 11 We will continue with our study of the Purpose of creation. We are also going to learn about the principle of 12 growth and human responsibility, the responsibility that God gave to us – for the fulfillment of God's ideal of creation. And thirdly, we will conclude this segment with a study of the 13 human spirit and what God has planned for us after we leave this physical world.

14 Let's begin with the purpose of creation. In the last segment we learned that even God needs an object if He wants to experience love and the joy that love brings. This is why God created - man and woman as his children – and the universe, to be the home for his children.

How then, are we to bring joy to God? In the previous segment, we learned that God gave us three blessings; to be fruitful, to multiply, and to have dominion.

15 The first blessing, to be fruitful, means that we are to become a mature person, to be a true son and daughter of God. God intended that each of us act in a way that is true to our conscience. Our conscience is that part of our mind that helps us to see ourselves and others through God's eyes. If we live our life according to our conscience – God will see His character reflected in us and this will bring God joy. God's spirit dwells in this kind of a person. If we look at the Gospel John 14:20 – this is what Jesus meant when he said that we were to be one with God. A person who has grown to this point, would realize their true value in the very core of their being. They would know that they are loved, they would know their identity – that they are a child of God. This is the critical first step – it is the foundation for a successful marriage, career, for a fulfilling life.

16 The next blessing is to multiply. God wanted man and woman to come together as husband and wife and create a family. It's important to note that this blessing comes after we become a true person. God intended that man and woman first mature in their hearts as individuals before they come together to experience the romantic and sexual aspect of love.

When a true man, possessing God's love and a true woman possessing God's love, come together in love – this is where the joy gets really exciting. This is where love blossoms or we could say it's where love explodes like an atom bomb. This is where God can be most fully present. And this place, where a man and woman become one – both in heart and in body, is where a new life is conceived, the conception of a new child. 17 And therefore, it is where we are able to become parents and truly come to know God's deepest heart as the Heavenly Parent of all mankind. This is the 4 position foundation we talked about in the previous segment. (4 realms of heart) It is the school of love – and the cornerstone of God's Ideal of Creation.

If the first man and woman had fulfilled this blessing, their family would have been rooted in the love of God. Their children and all their descendants would have inherited this love of God – and we today would all be living as one great family under God.

18 The third Blessing God gave – is for us to have dominion over all things. God wanted man and woman to be responsible for, take care of, and enjoy the creation.

Obviously we did not create the universe, or even our own bodies – and so we do not have the right to take dominion over things. Originally it was God’s intention that dominion would be based on our becoming His true sons and daughters, fulfilling the first blessing. If we had done so, God would have given His creation to us as a gift, as an inheritance.

19 If we had fulfilled the first blessing – we would view the creation as God does. As God’s children we would have cherished the creation and taken good care of it. Through the creation we are meant to express our creativity – as a means to show our love for each other. Think about it, even with just a simple 6 string guitar – the number of songs that can be written are endless.

When we are able to look at God’s creation with love – we will naturally want to take good care of it. True men and women would not act out of greed and selfishness. We would not abuse the creation as we have been doing – **20** polluting and often misusing the natural resources.

Problems such as poverty are not because we do not have enough resources, but because we have not learned to value ourselves and one another and we do not take proper care of our world. There are adequate resources for all to live a very fulfilling and prosperous life. Sadly our first ancestors did not fulfill the three blessings and many people today live in miserable situations. If we do not change the way we have been conducting our affairs – before long we will destroy God’s creation.

21 Now let’s move on and talk about the principle of growth and human responsibility. How is it that created things fulfill their purpose? Everything fulfills its purpose of creation by passing through a time-period of growth. Even the Bible does not say that God just made things pop into existence. It states that there were 6 days of creation. But these were not 6, 24 hour periods – these were each vast periods of geological time. As St Paul said in 2 Peter 3:8, time for God is different. For God “a day is like a 1000 years and a 1000 years is like one day.”

We divide the path of growth into 3 stages. We call them the formation stage, the growth stage, and the completion stage. All things come into existence and mature through stages of time. **22** Minerals take time to form, **23** a tree starts out as a seed – then sprouts, and finally bears fruit, and a **24** chicken starts out as an egg and grows in time to become a mature chicken. All things have a beginning, they go through a process of growth, and they reach a conclusion. In human life we go through stages – **25** from our birth and childhood, to our youth, and on to becoming adults.

26 Next, let’s ask the question how things grow to fulfill their purpose? The answer is simple, all things fulfill their purpose automatically. They have no choice. They are guided by the principles and forces of nature, the laws of nature. Our physical bodies, which are a part of this universe are the same. You don’t decide to grow your hair or make you heart beat or digest your food. You can’t take any credit for the functioning of your body. Because it does not work by your effort. It all happens automatically by the laws of nature.

27 Then why aren’t we all fulfilled ideal people? It’s because we are more than a physical body. **28** We each have a spirit and in our spirit we each have a heart. **29** The heart and character of a person does not grow the way our physical body grows. It does not grow automatically to perfection.

The growth of our heart, our ability to love, is something special. Love is not controlled by any law. True love requires our freedom **30**, our choice. Love, **31** when it is true and connected to God – becomes the basis for God’s ideal. **32** When people perfect their love with God they will experience God’s direct dominion of love. When that is achieved, no force will ever be able to break our bond of love with God.

33 But when love is still immature, if love is misguided, if it is turned in the wrong direction – towards our self-centered desires, it can cause terrible pain and suffering, and block our ability to know God. Because love has this nature, God made special effort to guide the first man and woman concerning love.

34 What kind of guidance did God give to the first man and woman? To understand this, let’s go back to the first 2 blessings. The way God’s ideal of creation was to work is that man and woman, as individuals, were to fulfill the first blessing. They were to grow to maturity in heart and character until they resembled God. Only after that were they to fulfill the second blessing, engage in the romantic-sexual love, and form a family. To maintain this proper order God commanded the first man, Adam, and the first woman, Eve, not to partake of the sexual-romantic

love. He guided them to maintain their purity. How long? Not forever, just until they had reached maturity.

35 In the Bible it speaks of this commandment that God gave to Adam and Eve, but in symbolic terms. It says that God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. We will talk about this again in the next segment. But basically what we will discover is that God was telling the first man and woman to keep their purity, to not engage in the romantic-sexual kind of love until they had first matured in their relationship of love with God.

36 Sadly, the first man and woman did not follow God's guidance and they engaged in romantic love before reaching maturity. Their love, instead of centered on God, was centered on their own selfish desires. This began a pattern which has continued until today. This is the fundamental reason that human society is so far from God's ideal

37 Let's talk for a moment about our responsibility. We can put this into a formula. God's will, the fulfillment of His ideal depends on 2 things; **38** God fulfilling His responsibility and **39** humankind fulfilling their responsibility. If we don't do our part – then the ideal of God cannot be fulfilled.

40 This is why the world isn't good. This is why God's will, God's ideal of creation is not fulfilled. It is not because of God's failure or anything God did. It is because the first man and woman did not fulfill their responsibility when it came to God's guidance on love. As we mentioned in the introduction – God did not leave us. We chose to leave God.

When God designed His creation, when He decided that love would be at the core of it all, that he would bring forth children who would be able to love as He loves – He realized that His children would have to share in the responsibility for making love work. Love cannot be forced. God had to give man and woman responsibility for their hearts, and for how they chose to love. God wanted us to be co-creators with Him. **41** This is the significance of God giving the commandment to Adam and Eve. God was saying to us – “I have done all I can do, know you must take responsibility for your own hearts. If you follow my advice, everything will go well and your love and my love together will fulfill the ideal of creation. But if you do not fulfill your portion of responsibility, if you do not use love properly, then suffering and sadness are going to come and you are going to lose the ideal you desire in your hearts.”

The tragic reality is that we Human beings failed to fulfill our part in the establishment of God's ideal. **42** Now what can we do? What needs to be done to restore God's Ideal? What is our responsibility today? How can we return to God? These are the topics we will be covering in later segments of this series.

To conclude this segment let's look at our third and final topic, **43** the human spirit and **44** life after death. Just as God created all things with an internal and an external aspect – the same is true for the universe. There is a physical world, the external universe, and there is a spiritual world, the internal universe.

How do we know that a spiritual world exists? **45** If you believe in God – it's easy to have confidence that such a world exists. God, who is eternal, beyond time and space, made us to be His objects of love. If each person's existence were to come to an end – God's would be forever heart broken. One of the most painful experiences is for a parent to lose a child. God did not create in order to experience eternal torture. God created to experience the joy of love. Therefore God designed the objects of love to be like him – to be eternal. For this reason we can be confident that there is a spiritual world.

46 You can also know there is a spiritual world based on spiritual experiences. If you have never had a spiritual experience – you may know someone you trust who has. I know several people who had the experience in which someone they loved appeared to them at the time that they passed away.

47 Or, if you believe in the Bible – the Bible makes it clear that there is a spiritual world. In Matt 17:3 Moses and Elijah, who had been dead for hundreds of years, appeared and talked with Jesus and his disciples. And on several occasions the Bible speaks of Angels. Angels are spiritual beings, similar to people, who have a spiritual body, but no physical body.

Many don't believe in the spirit world because they can't imagine where it is. But now, with the advancement of science it is easier to understand – how 2 worlds can exist together in the same space. **48** For example, we know in this room there are light waves, there are sound waves, and there are all kinds of other energy waves – for TV, for radio, for your cell phones. And these all fill this room. Then how is it possible, that all these different kinds of waves of energy can

occupy the same space at the same time? This is the nature of energy. Different wave lengths don't bump into each other. So, even though every corner of the room is filled with light, the sound of my voice can still be heard.

In the same way, the spirit world and physical world both exist, without bumping into each other – because they are made of different types of energy.

49 Let's describe these 2 worlds. The physical world is what we are most familiar with. We each have a physical body and a physical mind. Our body has 5 senses, the ability to see, touch, smell, taste, and hear the physical world.

Our spirit is similar. We each have a spirit body and a spirit mind. Our spirit body also has 5 senses – the ability to see, touch, smell, taste, and hear the spirit world. These spiritual senses became dormant after humanity was separated from God. But from time to time, people's spiritual senses are opened. Such as when the disciples of Jesus were able to see and hear Moses and Elijah.

50 In the ideal – God had intended that people be the mediators between these two worlds. Our physical body encapsulates all the elements in the physical world and our spirit body encapsulates all the elements in the spiritual world. And, through our bodies we were meant to have a dominion of love over these two worlds as God's representatives.

Probably the most important fact we need to understand from this topic is that your spirit **51** body and mind are eternal, **52** whereas your physical body and mind are temporary. If you are lucky your physical body may live 100 years. But one thing is sure – we are all going to die. Our physical life is going to end!

This means your spirit and its growth and its health are ultimately your most important responsibility.

How then does our spirit grow? **53** Just as our physical body grows by taking in nourishment – such as air, **54** sunlight, **55** food and water – **56** our spirit also grows by being nourished. It receives nourishment from God, God's love and truth. In an ideal world, this love and truth was originally meant to come to us through our parents, who are supposed to be one with God.

57 But love and truth, although essential, are not enough by themselves. We need another element which we call the Vitality Element. This is where our physical life becomes critical. You can't grow to become a loving true person unless you put love and truth into practice through your physical activity **58** – through the way you live your life. If we receive the inspiration to love others, it won't change who we are unless we actually go out and love other people. Our ability to love, to be a good person – can only develop when we receive this vitality element that comes from putting into practice what we believe in our minds and hearts.

59 By the same token – if we practice a selfish way of life, if we live a life based on false ideas – such as, "I am valuable only when I have money, position, and when others admire me," - our spirit will actually receive unhealthy vitality elements and it will go down. It will become sickly and it will grow more and more distant from God.

We can compare our spirit as it grows in our physical life – to a baby developing in the womb. The womb is a temporary place – but it is critical if we want to live in this world of air and sunlight. If we don't develop our lungs, our stomachs, or our basic muscles, when we are born into this world we aren't going to be able to function. Likewise – if we do not take time to receive God's truth and love, and if we don't practice that truth and love in our lifetime – we are going to find ourselves in a very difficult situation when we pass on to the spiritual world.

60 In conclusion, what is the ideal of God's creation? It is a world in which we are able to receive God's love and truth and practice that love and truth in our daily lives. It is a world in which each person is able to freely grow to embody God's heart and character. It is a world where men and women are able to come together to form families of love – and to live with others as one great family. This is what religious people have called the kingdom of God. We call it one family under God. And finally, by fulfilling such a life – when we pass on to the next world, the spiritual world – we will be able to dwell happily in our eternal home.

61 Thank you for joining us in our study of the Principles of Life. In the next segment, the Fall, we will explain how humanity lost God's ideal of creation.

God Bless you!