

The Value and Purpose of the Blessing

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This is a personal reflection that has been written using personal inspirations and understanding of the Divine Principle and True Parents' words.

The value and Purpose of the Blessing cannot be explained using human understanding alone. Neither can they be understood without connecting to the core of God's heart and ideal.

For those who are not familiar with the Unification Movement, the term Blessing, with uppercase B, refers to a life experience that has at its core a marriage ceremony officiated according to the standard established by the True Parents—Father and Mother Moon.

The standard of the Blessing is established not according to somebody's personal preferences, but according to God's ideal. It is in order to fulfill God's providence of restoration that the True Parents have bestowed the Blessing to humanity.

The Blessing is for everybody. However, homosexuality, polygamy, and polyandry are not suitable for the Blessing. Only heterosexual monogamy is suitable for the Blessing. Why?

The purpose of the Blessing is to reverse the path to perdition initiated by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Because the Fall created an environment that led Adam and Eve to become husband and wife away from the realm of God's love, the Blessing reverses the Fall by creating a platform upon which a man and a woman will become husband and wife away from the realm of Satan's love. To be more specific, it creates a platform upon which a man and a woman will be united in holy matrimony with the grace of starting to love each other and everyone in their lives by putting God at the center of their love. This is possible because the Blessing engrafts every

human being to the true olive tree. And this true olive tree is none other than the True Parents.

This means that the Blessing affords to every man the responsibility to restore the position of Adam and to every woman that of Eve. This is why every adult human being is supposed to receive the Blessing. This is also why the Blessing is so valuable.

The Blessing is suitable to heterosexual monogamy not because of anybody's phobia, but because the Blessing gives every man and woman the opportunity to not only stand in the position of Adam or Eve, but to also restore those positions and build families within the realm of God's love. Because the Blessing is about restoring the positions and responsibilities of Adam and Eve and establishing and expanding a God-centered lineage, it is a commitment between one man and one woman. The man represents Adam, and the woman represents Eve.

It is recorded in the Scriptures as follows, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself" (Leviticus 19:18, Mark 12:31). How many of us have considered the word neighbor in in the Scriptures to mean our spouse? Adam's primary neighbor was Eve and Eve's primary neighbor was Adam. On the foundation of the love that we have for God, the Blessing allows us to love our neighbor as ourselves at the very core of our being. And with that love, we can love the world.

The value of the Blessing is that it allows those who receive it to live, love, and conceive in the realm of God's love. Through the Blessing, singles initiate their marital relationships in the realm of God's love. As for those who receive the Blessing as previously married couples, they rededicate their marital relationships, this time, in the realm of God's love. Basically, through the Blessing, everybody is reborn as a God-centered husband or wife. Thenceforth, they will live their Blessed (married) life in the realm of God's love. The love they share as husband and wife, after having received the Blessing, is the love shared by and with God. The sorrow they experience as Blessed husband and wife is the sorrow experienced by and with God. The

joy they experience as Blessed husband and wife is the joy experienced by and with God.

Being that the Blessing allows husbands and wives to not only become one with each other but to also, as a unit, become one with God, why would anybody not want to receive the Blessing? Who would not want to become God's eternal partner?

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