

Easter, True Parent's Holy Wedding and Us

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Jesus can solely possess God's first love

Mary, when she was engaged to Joseph, received from the archangel Gabriel the surprising message that the Messiah would be born through her. (Luke 1:31) In those days, if an unmarried woman became pregnant she was killed. However, Mary accepted the Will of God with absolute faith, saying, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

Mary consulted with the priest Zachariah, who was her relative and was highly respected. Zachariah's wife Elizabeth, with the help of God, was pregnant with John the Baptist. Elizabeth said to Mary, "...Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! Why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:42-43) With these words, she testified to the coming birth of Jesus.

In this way, God let Mary, Zachariah and Elizabeth know about the birth of the Messiah before anybody else. All of them had the absolutely crucial mission of following the Will of God and serving Jesus. Zachariah's family let Mary stay in their house. Jesus was conceived in the house of Zachariah.

Elizabeth and Mary were cousins on their mothers' side. According to God's providence, they were considered sisters, with Elizabeth as the elder (Cain) and Mary as the younger (Abel). Mary received Elizabeth's help in the presence of Zachariah. Through this cooperation, Zachariah's family, on the national level, indemnified the lack of unity between Leah and Rachel in Jacob's family, and their failure in mother-son cooperation. This allowed Jesus to be conceived. For the first time in history, there could be generated on earth, free of satanic accusation and through a prepared womb, the seed of the Son of God, the seed of the True Father. In this way, the only begotten Son of God, the owner of the first love of God, was born for the first time in history.

Mary had to achieve something that could not be understood by common sense, nor easily tolerated under the law of those times. Mary, Elizabeth and Zachariah had been spiritually moved. They followed the revelation that came from God, and unconditionally believed that it was the will and desire of God.

Although the Son of God could be born on earth, he needed a wall of protection to grow up safely in Satan's world and fulfill the Will of God. God had hoped that these three people in the family of Zachariah would establish that protective foundation. There are many points to consider with regard to how seriously the three had to dedicate

themselves to protecting and serving the Son of God, and how long they were to have been united with each other.

In the Bible it is recorded, "And Mary remained with her [Elizabeth] about three months, and then returned to her home." (Luke 1:56) After that, there is no biblical record of any further communication between Mary and Elizabeth and Zachariah. From the time Mary left Zachariah's house, difficulties began for Mary and Jesus. The family of Zachariah ought to have been the wall of protection for Jesus until the very end.

A short time later, Joseph discovered that Mary was pregnant. How great must have been his shock at that moment! Mary, his beloved fiancée, without having had any conjugal relationship with him, had become pregnant after a three-month stay in another place. It was natural for Joseph to question Mary about who the baby in her womb belonged to. What would have happened if, at that time, Mary had explained everything candidly? If she had exposed everything, it could have been the end of a clan. So Mary simply responded that she was pregnant by the Holy Spirit.

Mary's pregnancy began to show, and the people of the surrounding area became aware of it. What would have happened if Joseph had declared that he didn't know anything about it? However, Joseph was a righteous man. He believed in the revelation of God and defended Mary, saying the pregnancy was his responsibility. Mary may have been ridiculed for becoming pregnant during her engagement, yet she avoided being stoned to death. Joseph, who loved Mary, protected her this way in the beginning. However, there was a great deal of anguish deep in his heart. Once Jesus was born, Joseph's suspicions about the father of Jesus only increased and his heart ached. As Jesus grew older, the two became more and more distant in heart. And because of this, family problems frequently arose. Jesus was viewed as an illegitimate son and, lacking the protection of Zachariah's family and the love of Joseph; Jesus grew up with an indescribable loneliness in his heart.

The Bible, John 3:26-30

They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan—the one you testified about—look, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him." To this John replied, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of him.'" The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The

friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens to him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less."

The Bible, 2nd Corinthians 11:2

I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.

Chambumo Gyeong, page 203, Nr. 1 and 2

1 Not anyone could become True Mother. The conditions to advance the providence to raise a woman to become True Mother were connected with predestined relationships in the providence that focused on the work to restore Eve. This required three women to meet internal and external conditions. After all the conditions were met, True Mother could appear before the Lord and be joined with him in marriage.

These three women were of three generations, representing the formation, growth and completion stages. The unity of grandmother, mother and daughter was like connecting the Old Testament Age, New Testament Age and Completed Testament Age. On that basis, it was possible for heaven to inaugurate the era for establishing the True Parents. Among those women, True Mother is the center. The person representing the formation stage is not the center; nor is the person representing the growth stage. In the ages of history, all must pass through three stages. In the horizontal ages, all can stand on the level of perfection only with the fulfillment of the third stage – the completion stage.

2 True Mother represents all the women of the world. Only one woman representing all the women of humankind could be chosen for the position of True Mother. Three generations had to be connected behind the scenes to prepare True Mother.

Cheon Seong Gyeong, page 1236, Nr. 11:

The Holy Wedding was held fourteen years after the liberation of Korea - seven years plus another seven years. Adam and Eve were to be married at the completion level of the growth stage, which is beyond the standards of the formation-stage Old Testament Age and the growth-stage New Testament Age. That is why I had to pass through a seven-year period for each of those stages, in order to advance to a position where I had attained the completion level of the growth stage. This means I had to go beyond the level of a nation.

Guten Morgen! As you know today is Easter day, one of the most important holidays for Christians. Also as you know, we celebrated True Parent's Holy Wedding this week. I want to share with you the meaning of these two important events, which are very much connected to each other.

If you were asked, what are the most important days in our lives? What are the most important days for us? First, we would answer that our birthday is very important to us, to each and everyone. Next, our wedding day is very important. And finally, the day we die is very important. right? We 1st generation individuals don't only celebrate our physical birthday, but also our spiritual birthday (*that was the day we were spiritually 'reborn'*). To be born individually is the Foundation for The First Blessing, right? And we are not just celebrating our wedding day, but we are celebrating our Blessing day, right? Our (*Marriage-*)Blessing day is very important. It is very different from just a normal wedding, because our Blessing is the Foundation for The Second Blessing where husband and wife are blessed centred on God, after which they have children to make their Four Position Foundation. So our Blessing is very very important for us. Also as you realise, celebrating a Seonghwa ceremony is also very very important. It is more than just a funeral, right? According to Father's word, if we don't do The Blessing and the Seonghwa ceremony, we cannot have rebirth and resurrection on the family level - meaning we cannot go to the kingdom of heaven. So recently, as you know, we are challenged to celebrate Seonghwa ceremonies for two of our local sisters. We are all trying to do our best for our sisters, to support them as they go to the spiritual world - back to the bosom of our Heavenly Parents and True Parents. I observed everybody did very well, but I felt we could do more, so I discussed with Peter Zöhner and tomorrow night we are going to have a conference call with church leaders to go through the tradition of Seonghwa, so that we can come to more completely understand the meaning and proper process of the Seonghwa ceremony.

Those three life-events are very important for us, not only for us, but especially for Jesus, don't you think? And also for True Parents. Concerning Jesus, can we come to understand, what is the meaning of the coming of Jesus on earth? Today in Hoon Dok Hae we read Father's word; are you familiar with these quotes from Father? These are from the Pyeong Hwa Gyeong - The View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation. This is very important for us to read, especially at this time

because this is all about Jesus - about his birth and his life and Jesus' death. It is the first time Father revealed this very important content of Jesus life publicly through his world speaking tour. When we read Father's word, we can feel the pain of Jesus. At this time many Christians around the world are celebrating Easter, but they do not know the real meaning of Easter and the life of Jesus. Christians celebrate only two of these events for Jesus: the birth of Jesus and the crucifixion/Easter. The birth of Jesus was Christmas. They don't know exactly when he was born, but anyway they are celebrating Christmas as the birth of Jesus. And they are celebrating Easter as the end of Jesus' life on earth. But they don't celebrate the marriage of Jesus, is that correct? In the case of True Parents, also the most important day for Unification Church members is True Parents birthday, right? And next is True Parent's Holy Blessing. Finally True Father's Seonghwa. We can compare Jesus' life and True Parents life - looking at the common bases and looking at the differences. You know that Jesus came after 4,000 biblical years of history - the past until then was to prepare for the coming of Jesus as the Messiah, after The Fall of Man. What was the identity of Jesus? Jesus' identity was the second Adam. The second Adam is the one who carried the seed of the children of God.

We read the quotes from the books of Cheon Seong Gyeong, Pyeong Hwa Gyeong and Cham Bumo Gyeong, as well as the Bible. Today I'm going to quote from a certain other passage of Father's word as well. There are hundreds of volumes of Father's words. This is volume 248 page 141 where Father spoke at Belvedere Training Centre on 1st August 1993. So Herbert(*Wolf*), please read the first quote.

“If True Father centred on love doesn't appear on earth, then the seed for true children cannot be connected to the heavenly lineage”.

By this you can understand that true Father has to come on earth having the seed for the true children, just as Jesus came as the second Adam who had the seed for true children - Father said Jesus came to become True Parents. And in Jesus' life the most important thing for him to accomplish was to have the Marriage of the Lamb. During his lifetime Father said the most important thing was that Jesus needs to marry. Unfortunately Jesus could not manage to marry. Eventually Jesus had to go the cross. Father said, if Jesus could have married, then he wouldn't have had to go the cross.

Father explained, Jesus' life was actually incredibly miserable, mainly because he was born as an illegitimate son - if we just see Jesus

humanistically. If you look at Jesus humanistically, nobody wanted to get married to Jesus. Herbert, please read now the next quote from Father.

“There was not even one woman who could stand on heaven's side.”

Father said there's nobody who wanted to marry Jesus. If Jesus now came to Christians and said I want to marry, so many would want to marry him. But at the time of Jesus, not even one person wanted to marry Jesus. Why was that? First, because he was born as an illegitimate son. At that time someone who was born as an illegitimate son, can normally not marry except an illegitimate daughter. It was incredibly difficult. We already read in Father's word, that Zachariah's family was disconnected from Jesus, and they subsequently did not protect Jesus. He grew up with a father and mother who were very ashamed of him. Father mentioned how Jesus was treated by his parents. There was one event in Jesus' life when he was about 12 years old: his family went to Jerusalem, where they 'lost' Jesus for three days. When they finally came back for him, probably they scolded: why didn't you follow us? We were searching for you. But Jesus replied: don't you know I'm in my Father's house. True Father explained, in the countryside (*where Jesus' family normally lived*) everybody knows everybody else. In those circumstances Joseph and Mary and Jesus' siblings were always ashamed of Jesus. Thus when they went to the city of Jerusalem, they purposely left him behind. Father questioned, how come parents can leave their son for three days? What kind of parents are those? You can understand what kind of life Jesus went through. They said, they were searching for him for three days, but that's not true, Jesus knew they did that purposely. Jesus said, don't you know who my Father is? You are not my Father, God is my Father – that's what he meant. Jesus expressed this lamentation to his disciples, you can read about it in the Bible, right? Jesus came to know that he must be blessed to his half-sister; but Mary said no and Zachariah said no and Elizabeth said no.

When you read Divine Principle, it says Jesus did not come to die. Jesus came to become True Parents, build the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven, and accomplish the will of God. But instead Jesus went to the cross, because of what? What was the cause of Jesus' death? Divine Principle explains that it was because of the disbelief of the Israelites - caused mainly by a failure of John the Baptist. But when you read in this [*more recent*] speech, Father says that Jesus

died and went to the cross because of the disbelief of his family members, is that correct? Why did Father adapt his explanation? If Father had explained that point from the beginning, then Father would have had to explain, who was Jesus' Father, and who was the fiancée to whom Jesus should have been married - Father would have had to disclose all these things. If Father had revealed all those things a long time ago, then – honestly speaking - most of us wouldn't be here now. We couldn't digest that. So Divine Principle is pointing out the symptom of disbelief of the people of Israel – which was after all, true. But the deeper cause of Jesus' death went beyond just a failure of John the Baptist; the real cause was connected to Jesus' extended family, which was Zachariah's family and Joseph's family, their (*collective*) disbelief. That was the actual direct cause of Jesus' death.

Herbert, please read now the next one. This quote from Father explains what is the connection between those two explanations - the link was John the Baptist.

“Neither the parents nor siblings received Jesus. Also John the Baptist knew that they were born from the same Father and they were brothers. That was the problem.”

The problem is that John the Baptist knew who Jesus was. Who was Jesus to John the Baptist? A stepbrother. Then the sister of John the Baptist, what was her relationship to Jesus Christ? Stepsister - they had the same Father. If they were to marry it would be incest, is that correct? Once John the Baptist knew that, he could not follow Jesus. Because if he had followed Jesus, he would have had to support that marriage. That's why John the Baptist simply defied and became a spectator - that you can read about in the Bible. In this speech True Father explained: John the Baptist came to know because his mother, Elizabeth, told him about who the Father of Jesus was - that was the problem. If they don't have absolute faith, they can't support Jesus, right?

That raises another question. Why did God have to send Jesus as the illegitimate son? That's the big question. Father explained this. If you read Father's word, it is very clear.

Before Father explained about Jesus, Father explained about all the central figures in the Providence. Divine Principle explains about how all the central figures of the Providence had to go a controversial way. Noah's course - it's very controversial. Think about it, he had to build an ark on the top of a mountain for 120 years. Does that make sense? Or Isaac and Jacob - Jacob's course

was very controversial. Jacob was the first one to accomplish the Foundation for the Messiah successfully, by making a Foundation of Faith and a Foundation of Substance - the first time in our fallen history, is that correct? Jacob had to marry twice, right? In the Bible it says his uncle cheated him, so he married first Leah and after seven years he could also marry Rachel. There were also two servants of each of his two wives, who had children by Jacob. Altogether from these four women, Jacob had 12 sons - one daughter and 12 sons who became the roots of the tribes of Israel. Why did Jacob have to have 12 sons? What do you think? Divine Principle says, even though Jacob successfully accomplished to make a Foundation of Faith, 12 generations from Adam to Jacob still have to be indemnified in one generation horizontally. To indemnify 12 generations, he has to have 12 sons - each one representing one generation. Within his generation, even though he was successful, all 12 generations have to be vertically indemnified through 12 sons horizontally - centring on him and one with him - which is 12 tribes. That's why Jesus had 12 Apostles. Jacob had 72 family members - a tribe, so Jesus had to have 72 disciples. Now because Jacob's family already became a tribe, they had to go to Egypt - four hundred years indemnity - to indemnify the mistake which was made by Abraham - they had to be enslaved in Egypt for 400 years. Thereafter Moses came, etc. etc. - you know those details, let's skip forward to Jesus. Jesus came as the Messiah. However in preparation for Jesus' coming, Father explained the course of Tamar. Jacob had 12 sons, the Bible explains the first son made a mistake, the second son made a mistake together with the third son, the fourth son was Judah. Normally we would expect that Joseph was going to be the chosen one amongst the 12 sons, right? But actually Judah became the one who was chosen to have the Messiah in his lineage, because all three elder sons lost their positions to have the qualification to have the Messiah in their lineages. Now Judah's lineage is so important. How important is it? In his lineage the Messiah has to come. Thus Tamar was called to become so serious to have children to connect that lineage, right? You know the story of Tamar? Father explained the first time officially in this speech. Tamar had no other way to accomplish, except by having incest - to continue the lineage. Is that controversial or not? Very very controversial. Extremely controversial. Father explained all those things. And now Father comes to the point to explain about Jesus, that Jesus has to be born in a very very controversial way. Why do all the central figures of the Providence have to go this very very controversial - seemingly

immoral - way? Have a relationship with your Father-in-law, is that moral? No. Like in the case Jacob, who cheated his own brother, helped by their mother, was that moral? Divine Principle explains that the reason why all those central figures had to go those controversial immoral courses, is because restoration by indemnity must go the reverse way. Because we fell down, we have to go the opposite way back up. So the central figures are the ones that had to indemnify what happened in the Garden of Eden. Elder brother has to become younger brother - that's the principle of making the Foundation for the Messiah.

The point here is, Jesus also has to be born through the course of indemnification. What happened in the Garden of Eden? Eve was the one who made the mistake, right? Eve was the sister of Adam and the fiancée of Adam, but Eve went to the Archangel. So someone representing Eve has to come from (*being engaged to*) the Archangel's position, to Adam. Joseph, who was representing the Archangel, was engaged to Mary. So she has to cheat her own Father-in-law (*Satan*) and fiancée - going to Adam's position, which was Zachariah. Eve cheated God, her Father, and her fiancée, Adam. So Mary in the position of Eve, has to go the opposite way, to cheat her Father-in-law and fiancée and come to the have a relationship with an Adam-figure, to indemnify what happened. Not only for Mary, but also for Zachariah and Elizabeth, this was so difficult to accept. Mary has to risk her life to do this; God told her through an angel, and she said I will do it, even though she knew she may die, still she said yes. And God told Zachariah and Elizabeth. So Mary went there, and she probably asked Zachariah: did you hear something from God? and Zachariah said, yes I did. Then she also asked her older cousin-sister Elizabeth, and Elizabeth said yes, she heard. For Elizabeth to give her husband to her younger cousin-sister, is that easy or not? Absolutely not. Without having absolute faith, it is not possible to do these controversial things - to indemnify by going the opposite course of the Fall of Man in the Garden of Eden. So you can understand that Jesus had to be born as an illegitimate son - that is why the Providence was so difficult. That's why Father asks us to have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. If we get stuck in trying to understand logically, trying to understand with human eyes, human sentiments and human morality, it is very difficult to go this way. So we can understand why Zachariah's family members and Mary could not succeed, simply because they lost their faith. They forgot what God once said to them about who Jesus was, and they got stuck in

seeing Jesus with human eyes. That's what Father says, they saw Jesus with human eyes; which was (*actually the most*) immoral. That's what happened to Jesus' extended family, they saw Jesus with human eyes. Then when they looked at the marriage Jesus requested with human eyes, they saw incest. Once John the Baptist knew that, he opposed it. Herbert, please read the next quote.

“Therefore John the Baptist could not follow Jesus as the Messiah. If he had believed in Jesus, then he would have had to allow Jesus to marry his sister, but he wouldn't allow that. Also Zachariah knew of this and wouldn't allow it. Elizabeth was opposed to it as well.”

Father states this clearly, right? If we were in the John the Baptist position, most likely we would have done the same thing. So how important it is, to have absolute faith? Father never stops emphasising, how important it is to have absolute faith. Now we can understand what happened in Zachariah's family.

Father said that Jesus told his mother Mary three times, he had to marry his half-sister. Mary defied Jesus' request, because she thought that was incest. Why did Jesus have to marry his own half-sister? The reason is also indemnity. Jesus is in Adam's position, right? Eve, Adam's fiancée and sister, was taken away by the Archangel. The one Jesus needs to marry, has to be the sister of someone in the archangelic position and has to be taken as the sister of someone in the position of Adam and marry – with Jesus now in the position of Adam. So who is in the archangelic position? John the Baptist. John the Baptist's sister has to be taken here as the fiancée of Jesus - exactly the opposite course. That's why Jesus had to marry his half-sister, which was seen as incest; that's why Jesus was opposed from all sides – Mary, Zachariah, Elizabeth, and even John the Baptist said no. In the Bible, John Chapter 3:26-31, John the Baptist said that Jesus was the bridegroom and those who follow Jesus were the bride, but he - John the Baptist - was just a spectator. He described Jesus as a bridegroom; how many people read the Bible from this perspective? They don't know why John the Baptist said Jesus is 'the bridegroom' and the ones who are surrounding Jesus are 'the bride' - women and men as well, right? They interpret that to mean only a 'spiritual bride'. No, not only spiritual but also substantial. Bride and bridegroom have to marry, correct? All the people of the world have to marry Jesus. Why did they say like that at the time? Would that be possible in a physical way? Since John the Baptist said that they are 'the bride', that means they have to

marry Jesus. How could that happen? As we read in Father's word, the Messiah is the one who brings the seed of God, biologically you could say the DNA, it has to be delivered, it has to be 'sown' in a woman. Originally there was only one woman Eve (*on the earth*), that was not such a big problem, right? Adam and Eve marry and that's it. But now there are myriads of people who would need to receive this seed from the Messiah, but the Messiah is only one man, right? This is not just spiritual, it has to be a substantial marriage. If Father is True Parents and True Parents came as the third Adam, does that mean we are all married to True Father? But Christians say, all Christians are the bride of Jesus - I am raising you up to become a bride of Jesus, that's what this is saying. Think about it: everybody is waiting to get the seed from one man so they can have the children of God, otherwise how could they have children of God? Otherwise they would all continue having children from Satan's lineage. So we would all need to receive the seed from the Messiah Jesus.

One time in the latter years of his life, Jesus went to a wedding of his relatives in Canaan, Mary was there and Jesus went there to meet his mother. Why did he go there? To greet them? To say congratulations? No. Father said, he went there to give a message to his mother: you are not taking care of my marriage, which is most important because I'm the Son of God. I told you I have to marry, but you didn't support it in any way and now you're supporting the wedding of others? And his mother responded, why don't you make a miracle? She wanted to show off in front of her relatives. They always looked down on her son Jesus, so she saw that as a chance for her to show off in front of her relatives. Then Jesus said to her: woman, I have nothing to do with you. Can you imagine the lamentation of Jesus? That was the last chance Jesus told his mother; he had already told her three times. After that he couldn't ask her any more. He had to give up that pursuit, and from then on had to make a foundation otherwise.

It then became the mission of the disciples - they are the ones who needed to support Jesus to marry. But they had similar problems. What kind of problems did they have? They came to understand that Jesus was an illegitimate son and Jesus was trying to marry his half-sister. If you were one of those disciple at that time, could you accept that? They also had their own 'framework of morality'. They saw Jesus within that framework, and concluded: he cannot do that. That's incest. That's against the law.

So in the end everybody abandoned Jesus. Jesus could not have a marriage on those foundations, first not with the support of his own extended family, then not with the support of his disciples. He tried one more time. Do you know what he did? There's a report about Jesus meeting a Samaritan woman at a well, Christians read this in the Bible, about Jesus on his way through Samaria. They accept this encounter and interpret several things, like Jesus embraced all peoples, Jesus didn't discriminate against anybody, but that's not the point. The point here is Jesus wanted to marry even that woman, can you imagine? That's what Father said. Let's read this passage from the Bible:

John 4:10-18 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our Father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."

I read this in the Korean Bible and basically what I understood was: Jesus met that woman alone after his disciples had gone into the town to buy food. Jesus said to her if you know who I am you are going to ask me for the living water with which you will never be thirsty again, is that right? What does that mean? Is that the water from the well? No. And interestingly enough, he was asking her bring your husband. He knew she doesn't have a husband. He knew that woman who was at the lowest level having had five husbands before and now she does not have a husband, and Jesus said to her, bring your husband. Very interesting, right? Eventually Jesus told that story to his disciples, otherwise we wouldn't be able to read it, because there were only two people at that meeting. Jesus did not say to her directly, you should marry me; she must have understood, but evaded Jesus - that's why Father said, there was not even one woman who wanted to

marry Jesus, why? Even that woman knew Jesus was an illegitimate son. That was Jesus' life.

In conventional celebrations of Easter there is no mention of that resentment of Jesus. Jesus is not there, Jesus is here. We are the only ones who understood the historical heart of Jesus. Finally Jesus had to go the way of the cross. And Jesus had to say the last word, what's that? First, he said I am going to come back; second, when I come back, I will do the Marriage of the Lamb. And third, you all have to be the bride of the Second Coming, right? All of history points to the fact that True Father has come as the substantial resurrection of Jesus - today is the day of resurrection, right? Spiritually resurrected on this day, right? But Jesus must just resurrect physically. We know this from the resurrection of John the Baptist - he was the resurrection of Elisha; he was the substantial resurrection of Elisha. Father is the substantial resurrection of Jesus. That's why he says he is the Second Coming right? He has to have the Marriage of the Lamb. If people try to interpret the Bible literally, then all Christians have to marry Jesus. That's not possible. Other Christians say, that means a spiritual marriage. No. It has to be a substantial marriage also. Jesus was not married. A spiritual marriage is not enough. Jesus has to marry substantially - to be True Parents.

Who is the fiancée of Jesus at his second coming? True Father is the Second Coming, does he have to marry his half-sister? No. Because the world has now expanded. At the time of Jesus, Jewish people / Israelites were the ones who had the Foundation to receive the Messiah. If Jesus had been accepted through his successful marriage, through John the Baptist that would have been connected to the Jewish people / Israelites and to the world, and the kingdom of heaven on earth could have been established at that time. Now Christianity has expanded to the worldwide level. So Father is this resurrection of the Second Advent of Jesus. He has to marry the one who is the substantial Holy Ghost. Is that right? The whole of Christianity has to be the wife of the Second Coming, but someone has to be raised up to substantially marry the Second Coming of Jesus as the bride in the Marriage of the Lamb. The Marriage of the Lamb is not just a spiritual thing, it is a substantial thing. The whole Christian history of 2,000 years was to restore the position of Eve, the substantial bride of the Second Coming. That's why after Jesus was resurrected, the Holy Ghost was working through Christianity. Christianity is the religion of the working of the Holy Ghost - this is most important. In Christianity some people interpret that the Holy Ghost comes

from Mary, but that is not the case.

In Christian history - you probably know western Christian history better than I, so I will skim over details: Rome. Catholicism. Almost exactly 500 years ago, Martin Luther started the Reformation. Calvin. English Protestants emigrated to America. Then American Protestants came to Korea at the end of the 19th century, right? At that time Korea had no Christians at all - that was very strange. Korea was connected to the continent of China. China had already so many Christians in the past. Korea had none. Until 1876 Korea did not open the door to the Western world, can you imagine? This is a very unusual history. Even Japan already received Christianity in the 16th century - even if they were persecuted. But there were no Christians in Korea. Then Protestants from America came, and then suddenly that faith exploded on the Korean Peninsula. Pyongyang was called the second Jerusalem. Even today which country has the biggest churches in the whole world? Korea has one church that has 800,000 members. The whole of Yoido Island is packed with cars on Sunday from the members of that church. Even in Korea today in the early morning you can see so many Christians going to church to have morning service.

However there was quite a lot of persecution at the time of Japanese occupation of Korea. The Japanese changed Korean history; it was not allowed to speak the Korean language; they changed everything - also religion, we were not allowed to practice our own religions. Koreans had to bow down to Shinto shrines. Of course devout Christians refuse to do that – what they called idol worship. Many Christians became independence fighters. Japanese killed many many Christians. In some cases they drove them into their churches, locked the doors and set those churches on fire. Other times they put the cross on the ground and forced everybody to step on the cross - if anyone went around they killed them. So many Christians gave up and bowed down to the Shinto shrines. But there were also many noble Christians who never did that, especially many 'spiritual groups'. They rather went to prison and underwent all kinds of persecution, but never gave up. There were spiritual groups representing East and West, North and South, men and women and they went through all kinds of indemnity courses. That would take several hours to explain, but I don't want to go into that now. However in this way, indemnity was paid for Father to be in his position. And Mother also comes from one of those spiritual groups. Mother comes from three generations of the Inside Belly Church [*Bogjoong-gyo*] that is the church that had the

understanding of what is Jesus and what is the Fall of Man and that the Second Coming is coming soon as a baby. The Inside Belly Church prepared clothes for the Messiah's coming - from a baby to a man: clothes, shoes, hats, etc. - for each year of his life. Even in some cases church members cut their hair and knitted socks from it for the coming Messiah. We can read more about it in Father's word - Cheon Seong Gyeong.

Father said, True Mother has to come from three generations of 'only daughters', right? Why? Women are representing the Holy Ghost, right? So Cho Halmoni grandmother was representing the Old Testament age, Dae Mo Nim was representing the New Testament age and Mother is representing the Completed Testament age (Chanbumo G:p 203 No 1). Mother has to come through the line of those 'spiritual groups', that were the preparation for the Second Coming, and preparation for the substantial Holy Ghost. And Father said, also she has to come under the age of 18 (*CSG: page 1235, no. 7*). Father said the Holy Wedding has to happen 14 years after the liberation of Korea (*CSG: page 1236, no. 11*). True Father said: it is very clear that only True Mother could fulfill all those conditions to become the substantial Holy Ghost – the only begotten daughter.

Cho Halmoni Grandmother and Dae Mo Nim were completely united with True Mother. They knew this baby was the Daughter of God. So they told True Mother from the beginning: your Father is God. They had a revelation already when she was conceived. Even when Dae Mo Nim was married at that time they had a prophecy. And when Mother was conceived, already Satan knew that and tried to kill her. From an early age, it was really difficult for her to survive. She was born in 1943. Korea was liberated from Japanese occupation in 1945. Especially the end of the Japanese occupation was so severe, incredible persecution, people's lives were incredibly difficult, right? After that chaos, in 1950 the Korean War started. You can imagine: Mother was born in 1943 and the Korean War started 1950 - how old was she? She was living in North Korea and they had to flee to South Korea. Mother told of how she could survive. Mother said, without God's protection she would not have survived. You can read about it in the book Cham Bumo Gyeong – there are many many accounts of how mother could survive. Mother told me personally, whenever she saw the Han River bridge she was reminded of those desperate circumstances. At that time during the Korean War, there was only one bridge over the Han River. At one point it had to be blown up, to delay the advancing North

Koreans. She had just crossed over that bridge, before it was blown up. Even many soldiers were killed. Mother told, at that moment her uncle - Dae Mo Nim had one brother his name is Hong Sung Jong, Father says three 'only daughters', so mother has an uncle who graduated from Waseda University [*in Japan*] specialising in pharmacy. He was originally from North Korea but at the time he was a soldier of South Korea. He was an officer working in the medical area. He was probably taking care of VIPs, because he had a jeep. Normally no officials had jeeps, even for generals it was difficult to have jeeps. He knew the confidential information about when the bridge was going to be blown up. So he quickly instructed Grandmother and True Mother to get in his jeep and he took them across the bridge before it was destroyed.

When I heard that story, something came to mind. What do you think it was? I was reminded of 'The Terminator' movie. The boy is the Messiah, the mother of the boy is desperate to save him because he was always in danger; and then who was 'the terminator'? Mother's Uncle saved her. In this real-life story it was not Arnold Schwarzenegger, but Mother's Uncle, Hong Sung Jong who desperately protected True Mother. Actually Mother's Uncle, Hong Sung Jong, only passed away last year in October.

Dae Mo Nim was absolutely united with True Mother. Mary failed because she saw Jesus with human eyes. But Dae Mo Nim absolutely believed that True Mother was the Daughter of God. She protected and served Mother and believed in Mother – to supporting her to become True Parents. She told her: I am not your mother, I am your nanny. She never said, I am your mother. So she was following True Mother 100%. That's why Father said, that Dae Mo Nim and True Mother succeeded for the first time in human history. When Father saw Mother for the first time, Father exclaimed to God: thank you so much for sending Hak Ja Han to Korea. That's what Father said, right? Mother was raised up by God as the consummation of Christian history, as the substantial Holy Ghost. At one point Father found her. Father and Mother were raised up by God in different ways. At one point they met with each other and 1960 was their Holy Wedding. Jesus' life was accomplished in True Parents Blessing.

Grandmother and Dae Mo Nim become absolute one with True Mother and succeeded vertically. Now that has to be indemnified horizontally in one generation. Father married before 1945. Why did

Father marry before? That marriage ceremony was not the Marriage of the Lamb. Sung Jin Nim's Mother united with her family against Father, persecuting and accusing him. She knew who Father was. Hee Jin Nim's Mother was the second one; both their families came from those 'Christian spiritual groups'. They were the prepared ones, who knew that the Second Coming is coming in Korea. Vertically three generations were representing the Old Testament and New Testament and Mother is representing the Completed Testament age. The Old Testament and New Testament have to be indemnified by two women - indemnified by two wives horizontally, before True Mother - even if Sung Jin Nim's Mother had succeeded.

We think that Father is teaching family values, as in Divine Principle Chapter 2, we are not supposed to have more than one wife, right? But if we try to 'force that mould onto Father', then our faith may not survive. Just like at Jesus' time, they tried to 'force that mould onto Jesus', but Jesus was a different person. We are not the ones to directly indemnify those things that happened in the Garden of Eden. But He is the One. If we had to do that, our life would be really really miserable. Think about Jesus' life and True Parent's life. Only the providential central figures must go that way. Think about other religions. Actually Confucianism is very rational, quite moral and there is not so much anyone can oppose. Buddhism somehow also, but at least you can mostly understand it. But Christianity is really really troublesome from the moral perspective. Think about drinking the blood of and eating the flesh of a human being - is there any other religion like that? That's the Eucharist. Critics point out that the Christian Bible it is not a 'moral book', but full of adultery. Jesus' blood lineage, which is recorded in the first chapter of the New Testament, is what? Jesus' blood lineage, out of all Jewish people, were the descendants of Tamar - you know Perez and Zerah. The Bible says Perez and Zerah were born from Judah and his daughter-in-law. That's very controversial. Why? Because it was the indemnity course. Christianity is the central religion that takes responsibility for the Providence of Restoration of The Fall. That's why among all religions, Christianity has to play the role to indemnify what happened in the Garden of Eden and all of history. Christianity seems to be very full of contradictions. So should we question True Father, why did Father marry three times? No. Father had to marry three times in order to indemnify. Even if the first wife had succeeded, at some point Father would have had to tell her, I have to marry again and she would have had to be

absolutely one with Father, because Father was not doing those things for his own sake. He was doing these things to go the way of the cross, to indemnify.

Mary had to go that course. Elizabeth had to cooperate, release her husband and Zachariah had to do his part. That was an indemnity course. We are not the ones to have to go that way. How grateful we must be that we don't have to go that way? All blessed couples were spared from having to go that way. Father took that position and indemnified it. He is the only one that had to go that way. And if those two wives absolutely united with True Mother True Parent's course would have been much easier.

The first wife had a very difficult situation. We heard about that. Father at one point without explanation left her, so she had incredible resentment. You can't imagine how much she was persecuting the Unification Church. Everywhere she went she spoke out - those Unification Church people are terrible, for years and years. But the Providence is this, these two have to be absolutely united with True Mother to indemnify the past, otherwise the Old and New Testament cannot be liberated. Why did Jacob have two wives - was that the Providence or not? Father said that was the Providence - to restore Cain and Abel. One of the reasons why Mary and Elizabeth have to unite is because of indemnifying Leah and Rachel - all of those things are intertwined. It's not so easy to explain. Many times members and/or second generations ask me: I heard this and that, is that true? Just answer yes or no. If I said just yes, that (*over-simplification*) might kill their faith and they might leave the church. That's why I cannot say yes, nor can I just say no. They say: I want to know the facts, so you just tell me 'the truth' (*meaning only either yes or no*). That's unrealistic. Think about it, Father said, if Mary had told 'the truth', Jesus could not even be born. Because Elizabeth told 'the truth' to her son, that was the beginning of the problem. Another example: we had many many guests in the 1970s; so many people came to our church and had seven day workshops and they were so amazed, right? Really inspired - for sure this is the truth. Then at the end of the lectures they heard, Rev. Moon is the Messiah. Then they asked, Oh I heard of Rev. Moon, isn't that the leader of the Unification Church - that sect? And we said, yes that's right. Oh my God, goodbye. You heard that many times, right? Many times people responded like that. Think about it. We like to think: I am strong enough, so you just tell me 'the truth'. I heard that second-generations don't want to ask me questions anymore, because I sometimes answered

for more than two hours - the explanations were too long. They are afraid of too long explanations. But if I said, just yes or just no, and that answer caused their life of faith to die, what would be the point?

Still we all have our own limited framework and we are trying to see True Parents within that framework. When church elders try explain something more deeply, members and/or second generations often retort: why didn't Father say that from the beginning? Father said, in the beginning we weren't there. That's also why Father's word often enhances our previous understanding of Divine Principle. That's also why Jesus said: I cannot tell you the truth. We have to understand why Father often said, I could tell you, but if I told you that, you would have to go an (*additional*) indemnity course. If we could maintain absolute faith, then we don't have to go the way of the indemnity course, but unfortunately it is so difficult for us to maintain such absolute faith. Father's course as the Messiah is a very controversial course, I appeal to you to appreciate 'that bigger picture'. Once Father said something to you, otherwise Satan is accusing so much - you knew that and you didn't do it, right? So Father hesitates to say many things to us. And then we retort: Father why did you do that? Father has to go his course. The most difficult course for Mother was to have unity. Father told Mother many times, your responsibility is to win the heart of Sung Jin Nim's Mother. Hee Jin Nim's Mother was always in the church, therefore that was not such a big problem with her. Mother had to go a very difficult course because of Sung Jin Nim's Mother - to win her heart. Father could not help her. But eventually Sung Jin Nim's Mother confirmed before she passed away: True Mother is True Mother, without True Mother there cannot be True Parents. Three women eventually became one centring on True Mother.

So we cannot get the seed of God through True Father directly. Should all the people of the world have a relationship with True Father? No, that's impossible. By becoming one with True Mother we can receive the seed of True Father; these three women who had a substantial relationship - two others united with True Mother, that is the condition to restore all the people of the past. Then all the sisters have to be what? All the members have to become one centred on True Mother, become one with True Mother, right? That's why when we are Blessed, and even in the Holy Wine Ceremony last time, the procedure is not brothers first, but sisters first, right? Sisters receive the holy wine from True Parent's position and sip the first half, then the husbands bow down to their wives and sip the

second half (*of the glass of the holy wine*). With that both receive the seed of God, the seed of true children; that's why all Unification Church members are the bride of True Father.

When True Father and Mother became the world level substantial centre, that was 1992. We remember the inauguration of the Women's Federation for World Peace and Unification. At that time Father said: all the blessed wives have to completely unite with True Mother. True Mother is the centre of all the women of the world. When that time comes, all the people of the world need to be united centred on the substantial Eve who is connected to Father. That is the way to have the relationship with True Father. That's why at one point Father used that allegory: all the blessed wives are my concubines. Did you hear that? Yes, it's better we don't 'shout that from the rooftops' because it's not so easy to digest, right? But spiritually that simply means, connected to True Father. If we don't believe in all these things, it is going to be a problem, right?

Jesus and True Parents, the fundamental difference from us, is that they share the same heart and feeling of God, who is watching His children dying. You know the parents of children who are sick, those parents are much more serious. If you are one with God, one mind with God, you feel God's heart – if you shared the mind of God, the heart of God, the will of God, then you cannot sleep. That's why True Parents could not sleep. It is not because he is supernatural person. I saw that also with True Mother.

The difference is that the True Parents have the feeling of God - the suffering of God and the suffering of mankind.

So please brothers and sisters, we have to understand now, this is our life. We were born and we were 'reborn'. We can understand the will of God and the basic principles of Restoration and we have been working so hard. If anyone criticises my brothers and sisters, I feel so upset because I can feel - my faith is that – each one of my brothers and sisters are greater saints than any saints in history. Is there anybody who sacrificed for the Messiah for almost 50 years (- *like our sister here, Maresi Silberbauer who passed away here near Vienna last week* -) I heard she joined in 1969. How many years has that been now? That's an incredible course. Jesus' disciples could not even last for three

years – then they all left. In human eyes our brothers and sisters are maybe quite humble people or something like that, but it is my honour that I have the most respected brothers and sisters. I may have the name of being a leader who has some position in the organisation, but that's nothing. What I am most proud of is my brothers and sisters. What I want to do is, I want to testify to God and True Parents and to the people, even in the spiritual world, to their own relatives, to their own children, to their descendants, how much my brothers and sisters are great people – that's what I want.

So each of us has our birthday, our spiritual birthday as well and we have our Blessing - which is incredibly important, even Jesus could not accomplish that in his lifetime. And now we have one more thing, what is that? The Seongwha ceremony. Recently three sisters departed from us since I came here. I have a great respect for them, because until they died and went to the spiritual world, they didn't betray True Parents, in spite of going through all those difficult courses - even though they had their challenges. They are successful people at least, right? We are on the way. Until I die, until that point I should not repeat what the disciples of Jesus did, because I am the disciple of True Parents. I'm standing in that same position. We had many lessons already. I explained to you about some of those lessons. If we haven't learned from those lessons - from the mistakes of Jesus' disciples - we are going to repeat them.

Unfortunately we hear now and again of a few of our contemporaries, brothers and sisters who are distancing themselves from our faith, leaving the True Parents because of their own limited moral framework - often even reproaching True Parents, why did you do that? We should not question them. They did all things for us and for the sake of God. So my brothers and sisters, today is Easter. We really must understand Easter and console Jesus, and congratulate Jesus that True Parents made Jesus' dream come true - True Parent's Holy Wedding.

In conclusion: WE ARE THE ONES WHO MUST BECOME THE SUBSTANTIAL 'BRIDE' OF TRUE FATHER, BY UNITING CENTRED ON TRUE MOTHER.

Thank you so much.