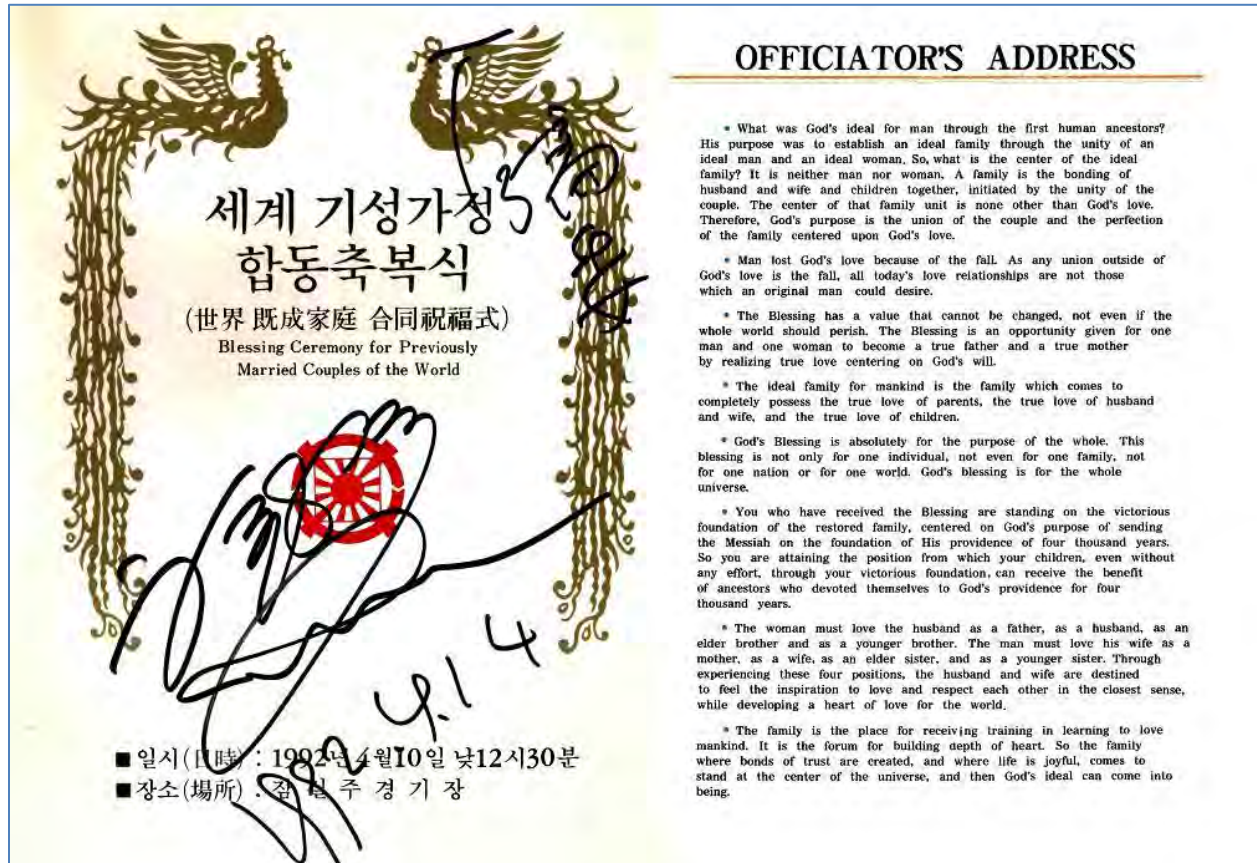


Testimony from the Unification Mission in Jordan

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Blessing Ceremony for Previously
Married Couples of the World

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* What was God's ideal for man through the first human ancestors? His purpose was to establish an ideal family through the unity of an ideal man and an ideal woman. So, what is the center of the ideal family? It is neither man nor woman. A family is the bonding of husband and wife and children together, initiated by the unity of the couple. The center of that family unit is none other than God's love. Therefore, God's purpose is the union of the couple and the perfection of the family centered upon God's love.

* Man lost God's love because of the fall. As any union outside of God's love is the fall, all today's love relationships are not those which an original man could desire.

* The Blessing has a value that cannot be changed, not even if the whole world should perish. The Blessing is an opportunity given for one man and one woman to become a true father and a true mother by realizing true love centering on God's will.

* The ideal family for mankind is the family which comes to completely possess the true love of parents, the true love of husband and wife, and the true love of children.

* God's Blessing is absolutely for the purpose of the whole. This blessing is not only for one individual, not even for one family, not for one nation or for one world. God's Blessing is for the whole universe.

* You who have received the Blessing are standing on the victorious foundation of the restored family, centered on God's purpose of sending the Messiah on the foundation of His providence of four thousand years. So you are attaining the position from which your children, even without any effort, through your victorious foundation, can receive the benefit of ancestors who devoted themselves to God's providence for four thousand years.

* The woman must love the husband as a father, as a husband, as an elder brother and as a younger brother. The man must love his wife as a mother, as a wife, as an elder sister, and as a younger sister. Through experiencing these four positions, the husband and wife are destined to feel the inspiration to love and respect each other in the closest sense, while developing a heart of love for the world.

* The family is the place for receiving training in learning to love mankind. It is the forum for building depth of heart. So the family where bonds of trust are created, and where life is joyful, comes to stand at the center of the universe, and then God's ideal can come into being.

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In Jordan, it snowed seven times between December 1991 and March 1992, causing serious traffic hazards rarely seen in the capital Amman. Everyone wondered what caused this snow of the century.

Shortly afterwards, however, True Father announced that Muslims can receive the Blessing without being converted to the Unification faith. From Jordan, four couples headed to Korea for the Blessing event. The seven snowfalls seemed like purification needed to receive the holy Blessing.

Furthermore, soon after the Blessing, the dialogue between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization advanced rapidly, and the peace process became the top news for several consecutive days. Finally, Yitzhak Rabin, former Prime Minister of Israel, and PLO Chairman, Yaser Arafat, received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1994.

In the background of these events, Muslims were blessed, and I truly felt that the spirit world of the Arabs that had been filled with animosity and sadness was comforted and saved by True Parent's blessing. Needless to say, True Parents were the key to peace in the Middle East.