

My Unificationist Memoirs Chapter 77

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The Only Begotten Daughter, Part VI

"Good is never accomplished except at the cost of those who do it, truth never breaks through except through the sacrifice of those who spread it."
--John Henry Newman



From the moment Lucifer whispered the lie into Eve's ear, truth fled human understanding and unchecked desire stood in its stead, shaping human consciousness and behavior. The Word, Heaven's design and desire, was not made flesh and remained unrealized, while human beings, orphaned, stumbled in darkness deprived of the awareness of God's parental heart. Evicted from the embrace of the Garden, isolated and alienated, we no longer found our rest in God. Even our dreams bore the freight of anxiety and despair, feeding our waking imaginings with desolation and terror. We could not discern good from evil while our futile actions built a reality without eternal substance. Unable to even conceive of God as our Parent weeping for us, we projected our fear and anger, and transformed our Heavenly Parent into the God of judgment. In the infamous phrasing of Jonathan Edwards, we conceived of ourselves as "sinners in the hands of an angry God," predestined to pain.

Out of this darkness and chaos, God has been working to resurrect and restore us, finally making the Word flesh and love incarnate.

Over the long course of human restoration, we have painstakingly emerged from the darkness as each era provided more light to navigate on our journey home. It is no accident that providential figures left their parents and homelands seeking God's Word through journey. By orphaning themselves, they separated from the disappointing ties of a misbegotten world with all of its ephemeral traditions and misguided assumptions, and attempted to embody new understandings. Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Jesus, Augustine, Francis, and of course, True Parents, without exception walked the path of persecution and difficulty far

from the homes of their birth. As the increasing burden of the providence fell on the shoulders of successive generations of central figures, they sought to encounter the world on Heaven's terms, and endured the rejection and murderous hostility of the many who felt mortally threatened by exposure to the heat and light of new revelation. Even while the spiritual and intellectual level of humanity has risen over time, the terms of engagement between the forces of Heaven and the lords of this world have remained the same, "They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated--of whom the world was not worthy--wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth" (Hebrews 11:37-38). Possibly the only difference between the past and the present age, is that the industrialization of murder and the bureaucratization of persecution, extended the efficiency and reach of the state and the population affected, unleashing an orgiastic, apocalyptic bloodbath for more than a century.



True to historical and spiritual type, the Only Begotten Son and the Only Begotten Daughter of God, walked the path of suffering to liberate God and humanity. Driven from the relative obscurity and isolation of their family homes in northern Korea, their mission thrust them onto the world stage. Truly, their humble provenance has proven to be a stumbling block for the powerful and privileged. As Nathanael asked about Jesus, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46), so too have our True Parents been greeted with a skepticism rooted in disdain for their obscure origins. If we are wise, we will recognize this scriptural irony as a further affirmation of Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han's cosmic role: God has always raised his champions from the most humble beginnings as evidence of His providential

work. The impossibility of the circumstances serves as proof of Heaven's anointing and grace.



As True Mother labors to restore this world after True Father's ascension, the chasm between her origins and the mission she has undertaken appears even more daunting. And yet, each day's labor affirms True Mother's charism and the power of God's love to heal this broken world. No other woman in all of human history has assumed the spiritual and physical challenge of liberating all of Heaven's children from the chains of Satan's world. No other woman in all of time has physically embodied God's Heart--and at enormous personal and family cost--carried our Heavenly Parent's Maternal Love to the far reaches of the earth and into our longing hearts, beyond nationality, race, religion, and culture. No one has done this. No one has wept with Heaven over the suffering of God's lost children and sought to comfort Heaven with the determination to realize the total salvation of all those who ever lived, are living, or will ever live. Which woman has done this? Who? Only Hak Ja Han, the Only Begotten Daughter of God, the Mother of Peace, and the Queen of Heaven, "a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars"

(Revelations 12:1). Though her majesty is eternal, her motherly touch is intimate, reaching our hearts in their silent depths, and moving us to tears of gratitude and pledges of commitment. Once we taste this love, we want to join in the humble labors of our Mother to give rebirth to this world.

The lightning is striking from the East to the West, its thunder shakes the foundations of this world. Those with eyes, see; those with ears, listen. Open your hearts and receive Heaven's love. Be transformed.