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# Introduction

America's deepest roots lie in the religious faith of her people. Indeed, our Revolution was fought with the conviction that resistance to tyranny was obedience to God. Also, our concept of individual liberty originates with the teachings of Moses and Jesus. Stemming from this tradition, our relationship with God has been the cornerstone of our nation. We have sensed that America was created of God in order to serve His purposes. In this spirit, "In God We Trust" was adopted as our national motto.

Today, however, we are witnessing a dramatic weakening of our religious foundations. Our traditional beliefs and practices no longer seem adequate. Tragically, the result of this is that the very fabric of our society is shredding. The family unit is breaking down, immorality is spreading, crime is on the increase, and our youth suffer from a loss of direction and meaning. Without doubt, the unchecked continuance of these trends will ultimately result in the collapse of our nation. To prevent this, we need to find new vision capable of inspiring us to fulfill the great promise of our first 200 years.

It is this vision which Reverend Sun Myung Moon brings. As a modern day prophet, his vision is a universal one and speaks to that which is deepest in the human soul. He recognizes that America is the leading nation of the free world and that therefore God's message through him has particular relevance to us. Indeed, its

relevance is confirmed by the great number of young Americans who have been inspired by it to dedicate their lives to building the Kingdom of God on Earth.

The two speeches in this book, "God's Hope for America" and "God's Plan for America" provide an introduction to Reverend Moon's thought. For the sake of brevity, both have been edited for publication. The setting for the latter one was the Caucus Room of the United States House of Representatives, where Reverend Moon spoke before members of Congress and their staffs.

In offering this book, our hope is that each reader will discover for himself the insight of Reverend Moon's message and ultimately join with us to make God's blessing in our third century a continuing reality.

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on October 21, 1973)*

# God's Hope for America

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to express my thanks for your coming to my lecture. My topic tonight is “God’s Hope for America.”

I love all of you very much, because I love God—and God loves America and the American people.

It has been a cardinal principle of God’s providence that in order to receive God’s blessing you must first demonstrate your worthiness. Throughout history there have been many righteous people who have done this by leading sacrificial lives. Such persons first denied themselves totally and gave themselves up to God. When He called them, they gave up their homes, their fortunes, their families and their nations.

We must ask, then, what is the will of God? Why does He give His people such a hard time? Individual salvation is certainly important in His sight. He does not neglect that. However, His ultimate purpose is not the

salvation of one person, one church or one nation alone. God's ultimate purpose is the salvation of the world! He wants to create his Kingdom on Earth! To do this He needs an individual to be His champion. Also, He needs one family, one people and one nation to serve as His champions for the ultimate goal of world salvation.

Beginning with this knowledge, let us determine how America has become blessed.

After Jesus' crucifixion and glorious resurrection, the Christian church spread throughout Asia Minor. The principal thrust was Rome. Rome was the target because at that time Rome was "the world." For the world to be saved Rome had to be conquered by the army of Jesus Christ. But this was an impossible battle, an inconceivable goal. The Roman Empire appeared as an impregnable fortress not subject to conquest. Jesus' army was barehanded. They used no weapons, neither swords nor spears. They were armed only with their love of God and Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, they marched fearlessly onward, in conviction and strength.

There can be no stronger army than the one which fears no death. No enemy is invincible against an army of faith. History is witness to the deeds of that army of Jesus. The Roman Empire fell at last, and Jesus conquered Rome. Roman Catholicism became the center of God's dispensation of world salvation. The Pope was in the position to become God's champion.

However, in the Middle Ages, great corruption appeared in the Church, and Christianity disintegrated in spirit. Medieval church hierarchies were interested in their own power, their own authority, and their own



welfare. The hierarchy preserved its power, abused this power, and forgot about God's purpose. They clung tenaciously to their position and ruthlessly persecuted any opponent. The Church leaders claimed lineage from Jesus' disciples, yet they could not rise above their own sins. The Christian spirit in these men was absolutely dead.

Nevertheless, God continued forward. The Church needed reform, so religious revolution came. Martin Luther launched the new Protestant Reformation and the crackling flames of protest quickly swept over all Europe. Throughout the land, righteous people determined to win liberation from the old doctrines and practices. They wanted to worship God, not the Church. Equality in the sight of God was their claim. Direct communication with God was their desire.

In England also, the people protested the corruption of the autocratic Church. There was an outcry for purification. The Puritan movement began, quickly spreading even amid great persecution. Those who truly wanted freedom of worship soon had either to flee or to be imprisoned. Ultimately, they fled to Holland. Still they longed for some new world, some new heaven and new earth where they could find freedom to worship God.

America must have seemed attractive to those who were dreaming of a new world. Even though America was unknown territory, it promised them the freedom of worship they craved. The Puritans felt a strong desire to create a community of their own. America seemed an ideal place, so they made the courageous decision to

venture there. They risked their very lives, finding strength in their faith, which was stronger than life itself.

Think of it: they had to give up their families, their surroundings and their country, and head toward an unknown land. Their only hope was in God. Every step they took they depended upon God. Their journey was long, and there were many storms. They had but one way to turn. They turned to God. Those Pilgrim men and women were one with God. And that is how they survived.

Put yourself in their position of total reliance on God. What a wonderful faith! I am sure that the faith of the Pilgrim Fathers touched the heart of God. The Pilgrims came to this land full of purpose and hope. They knew that this purpose of theirs was more important than preserving their own lives. Nothing could have given them this kind of courage, this kind of dedication, this kind of sacrificial spirit except their faith in God. When they arrived at Plymouth, the 41 men who had survived the voyage got together and organized their ideas for government. The resulting Mayflower Compact was signed, "In the Name of God, Amen." This is really a wonderful story. It is one of a kind in God's history. It fits into the pattern of the righteous people of history, such as Abraham, Isaac, and Moses. These Pilgrims were the Abrahams of modern history. They therefore had to brave many hardships even after the Mayflower Compact was signed.

During the first winter in America, the population of the hardy *Mayflower* survivors was cut in half. Each day that winter brought a heartbreaking separation

from loved ones. One by one these courageous pioneers died. Still they never lost their trust in God and their vision of the future. Their purpose in coming to America was to build a nation centered on God, to establish the land where they could really share fellowship with each other and rejoice in fellowship with God.

Now it is a significant fact that throughout history, God's people could never be blessed on their own homeland. God moves them out of their homeland and settles them on foreign soil, and there they can become a people and a nation of God. According to the pattern, these people journeyed in faith out of their homelands, came across the ocean to the New World, and here they received God's blessing.

With God, nothing is impossible. Therefore out of the realm of impossibility the independence of America became a fact. The British army fought for their king. For them, the British Crown was supreme. The American army fought for their King, who was God, and He alone was supreme. On this foundation, great prosperity came.

Let me compare two striking examples. The people who came to America—to North America—came seeking God and freedom of worship. When they came for God, they not only found God, but they also found freedom and wealth. At the same time many people went to South America. Their motivation was to find gold. South America is a fertile land, no less than the North American continent. But when the colonists' motivation was gold, they could find neither gold, nor God, nor freedom, and the South American countries remain underdeveloped nations.

America is the miracle of modern history. You have built the most powerful nation in history in a short time. Was this miracle possible only because you worked hard? Certainly you did work hard. However, hard work is not explanation enough. If God had not been the principal Partner, creating today's America would have been impossible. God played a prime role in American history, and this He wants America to know. He has a purpose for this nation.

The religious tradition in America is a most beautiful thing for foreigners to behold when they come to this country. I learned that every day your Congress is convened in prayer. Your President is sworn into office by putting his hand on the Bible. One day I visited a small prayer room in your Capitol building. When your leaders have grave decisions to make, they come to this place, kneel humbly before God and ask His help. Here I saw the true greatness of America. From the highest echelons of Congress way down to the rustic customs of the countryside, evidence of dependence on God can be seen everywhere in America.

In this respect America is a unique nation. Even your bills and coins are impressed with the beautiful inscription, "In God We Trust." No other nation does such a thing. Really, then, is this your money? Is it American money? No, it is God's money. You are the stewards, and God has deposited His wealth in your hands. Similarly, this nation is not the American nation, it is God's nation. She exists for the entire world.

God's purpose is the salvation of the world and all mankind. In America, therefore, you must not think

that you have such wealth because you yourselves are great. We must humbly realize that the blessing of God came to make it possible for God to use this nation to save the world. God wants to have America as His base, America as His champion. She was begun in the spirit of pursuing God's purpose. She must consummate her history in the same spirit. Then America will endure forever!

The problem is America is not maintaining and developing this spirit. Today the world is divided into two major camps and a global struggle faces us. The Communists say, "There is no God." And the democratic world or free world says, "God exists". It is America's position to say to the Communists, "What are you talking about? God exists. God dwells right here, with us." Is America taking this position? No! Today's America is quickly turning self-centered and away from God. She doesn't seem to care about the rest of the world.

Today America is retreating. It is not just an accident that great tragedies have struck America and the world, such as the assassination of President Kennedy and the sudden death of U.N. Secretary-General Hammarskjold, both in the same decade. The spirit of America has declined since then. Unless this nation, unless the leadership of this nation, lives up to the mission ordained by God, many troubles will plague you. God is beginning to leave America. This is God's warning.

When I first came to America, I went to New York and stood on Fifth Avenue during the rush hour. Suddenly tears began pouring down my face. I looked at the wonder of the Empire State Building and the magnifi-

cence of the World Trade Center—the tallest buildings in the world. But I asked myself, “Does God dwell in those buildings?”

I realized New York is becoming more and more a city without God. It was a city of crime. Such a beautiful city was now crumbling. I saw so much immorality and so many signs of godlessness. It was shocking to my eyes as I stood watching during that rush hour. I could see so many things at once that were all intolerable in the sight of God.

I asked God, “Is this the purpose for which you blessed America?” I know God wants to see His spirit prevail in those great buildings and in those beautiful automobiles. He wants to see young people bubbling with enthusiasm for God and the love of others. It doesn't take the Empire State Building to glorify God; it doesn't take a new automobile to glorify God. Even if you have only a rock as your altar, when you pour out your hope and your tears upon it for the service of God, God is with you.

America has been known as the “melting pot” where people of all colors, creeds, and nationalities are melted into one new breed. In order to melt anything, heat is required. Do you know who provided the heat for America? God was that heat. Without God, you could never have melted your people together. If you lose this foundation, America's moral fiber will deteriorate.

Today there are many signs of the decline of America. Think about your drug problems and your juvenile crime problems. What significance do your racial and economic problems have? Also I hear that three

out of every four marriages in America end in divorce. The California state government is issuing more divorce certificates than marriage licenses. Why are all these problems occurring? These are signs that God is leaving America. I can read the sign which says, "God is leaving America now!" If this trend continues, in a very short time God will be with you no longer.

There are many signs of atheism in this once God-centered nation: there have been many laws enacted that only a godless society could accept. There was a time when prayer was America's daily diet. Today you hear prayers in American schools no longer.

For the last ten years American churches have been declining in spirit; they are becoming senior citizens' homes. The future of America depends upon the young people, but the churches are failing to inspire them. Also the mere numbers of the Christian population in America are not impressive. You cannot impress God with numbers, but only with fervent faith. The standard is the quality of Abraham's faith. How many Christians in America are really crying out with fervor for God? How many American Christians feel that God's work is their own work? How many people put God first? How many are ready to die for God?

We need a spiritual revolution in America. A revolution of heart must come. Individualism must be tied into God-centered ideology. Who is going to do this? Who is going to kindle the hearts of American youth? Will the President do this? Will wealthy American businessmen do this? Will American churches do this?

You may want to ask, "Who are you to say these things to the American people?" Then please raise your

hands if any of you can take the responsibility for this country. I know that God sent me here to America. I did not come here for the luxurious life in America. Not at all! I came to America not for my own purposes, but because God sent me. For 6,000 years God has been working to build this nation. He has a very great stake in America. The future of the entire world hinges on America.

My followers in Korea bade me farewell in tears. I know there are still many things to do there. But working with only Korea would delay world salvation. America must be God's champion. I know clearly that the will of God is centered upon America. I gave up my surroundings in Korea just as many people have in the history of God's providence. I do not come to this country to make money. When I came to America, I committed my fortune, my family, and my entire life to America. I came to a new country where I can serve the will of God.

The time has come for the American people to be awakened. Because of the noble beginning of this country, God sent His blessing and promise. The sacrificial devotion of your ancestors was the foundation for God's blessing. If you betray your ancestors, if you betray God, there is only one way for America to go. It will go to destruction. Since America was built on the pillars of faith in God, if God is moved out of American life, your nation will be without support. Your decline will be rapid.

We must be humble. We must initiate from this moment the greatest movement ever on earth, the



movement to bring God back home. All of your pride, your wealth, your cars and your great cities are like dust without Him. Somebody must begin, and begin now. Even under persecution somebody must begin. Someone must give himself up for the purpose of God and bring God back home. We must have our churches filled with fiery faith; we must create new homes where our families can be really happy, and we must finally create a new society, a new spiritual nation where God can dwell.

I have initiated a youth movement which is probably the only one of its kind in United States history. This is a new Pilgrim movement. Does it seem strange that a man from Korea is initiating an American youth movement for God? When you have a sick member of your family, a doctor comes from outside of your house. When your house is on fire, the fire fighters come from outside. God has a strange way of fulfilling His purpose. If there is no one in America meeting your needs, there is no reason why someone from outside cannot fulfill that role. America belongs to those who love her most.

In the last few weeks, and in particular in the last few days, our Unification Church people greeted every one of you—and not just once, twice, or three times. You are almost tired of them, I am sure. But put yourself in their position. Why are they doing this? Does it bring them any material profit? Eighty-five percent of the young people in our movement are college graduates. They are capable of earning tens of thousands of dollars a year, but instead they are going out on the streets asking you to come to these lectures. Their hearts are compassionate. They have one purpose: They want to

save America. They want to bring God back to America and they know that by serving the world they can save America.

These young people are here to rekindle America's spirit. America has a great tradition. All you have to do is revive it. We need a new movement of Pilgrims with a new vision. Indeed this new Pilgrim movement has come—not for America alone, but for the world. In other words, the movement for world salvation has begun in this country. America is the base and when she fulfills her mission you will be eternally blessed.

This is God's hope for America. This is God's ardent hope for you. For myself, I made a covenant with the young people of America that we will strive in partnership with God for this great crusade. I want you to join, I want you to support these young people.

There is nowhere else to turn. When you bring God back into your home, your home will be secure. Your juvenile delinquency problem will be solved. There is no good answer to the racial problem except God. Communism will be no threat when God is made real. God will increase your wealth. This is the one way that America can save herself.

This is my deep desire, from my heart, that America will see the glorious day of renewal. And for this reason I come to speak to you with God's hope for America.

I really appreciate, particularly tonight, every one of you who comes and listens so thoughtfully. May God bless your home, bless your work, and most of all, may God bless America. Thank you very much.

*(From a speech given in the House Caucus Room  
of the United States Congress on December 18, 1975.)*

# God's Plan for America

Honorable Members of Congress, Distinguished  
Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is indeed a great honor to come to speak to you today in this beautiful setting of the House Caucus Room of the United States Congress. This is the second occasion for me to be invited to address the distinguished members of Congress. My first occasion came on October 8, 1974. Now, fourteen months later again, I have this honor.

During the last fourteen months I have become an increasingly controversial figure for the mass media and have made headlines in the newspapers throughout the country. Some magazines have even had cover stories on my movement, and have put pictures of me on the covers of their magazines. I am flattered that some of the pictures were even more handsome than I am and that although I am not paying one penny for advertising, they

are making me very famous. I do not know how to thank them properly.

The focal point of controversy with the media is the claim that I am brainwashing American youth. In view of this, may I ask one question to this audience of distinguished American ladies and gentlemen?

Are Americans really that foolish? Can they really be brainwashed by Rev. Moon, a Korean? I know your answer is no. My answer is no, too. No American is so foolish. I respect Americans very much, and I am surprised at such accusations.

Today, however, I did not come here to defend myself. I came to speak what God has asked me to speak. As for the rest, I will let history be the judge. I would like to share with you the topic, "God's Plan for America."

In order for us to understand God's plan, we must first understand the original will of God.

God is eternal, unchanging, unique, and absolute. If those are the qualities of God, then God's original will must also be eternal, unchanging, unique, and absolute. When God created man, He had a definite purpose and ideal for the world. This ideal world was a unified world of love. God was to be the Father of that world and men were to live as brothers and sisters in a unified world of one culture. That world was supposed to be one family of man.

God originally planned one world of unification. Therefore, today unification is our goal, and it is the most important and the most difficult task of mankind.

Unification must be achieved on all levels, between the mind and body, between different families, different peoples, and different nations, between the Orient and

the Occident, and between God and man. In other words, when God fulfills His purpose of creation, we will find one unified world where the ideal of creation is realized.

We can easily see, however, that today's world of reality is far from being the ideal world of God. Consequently, we must recognize that there is something fundamentally wrong with our world. What is it?

Quite simply, our world does not manifest God's original blueprint. This is due to the fall of Adam and Eve which brought about the separation between mind and body, between families, tribes, and nations, between the Orient and the Occident, and ultimately the separation between God and man. This fall resulted in our divided and disharmonious world.

Fallen man can be compared to a patient who has lost his original health. Just as a patient needs a cure, fallen man needs salvation. And just as a patient needs a doctor to restore his lost health, fallen mankind needs a Savior to restore him back to God's original blueprint. In this sense, salvation is equal in meaning to restoration, and the person who comes as the doctor to mankind is the Messiah.

Next, we need to understand what God has to do in order to prepare for the coming of the Messiah, and what the Messiah wanted to accomplish when He came.

The first thing God needs is the establishment of a central religion, and the second is a chosen nation. In other words, it is God's pattern to prepare these two elements, a central religion and a chosen nation, to receive the coming Messiah. Only upon such a foundation can God send the Messiah, and only upon this founda-

tion can the Messiah fulfill the providence of restoration of the entire world.

According to this pattern, God first chose Judaism as the central religion and Israel as the chosen nation. Their mission was to serve as a foundation to receive the Messiah and to consummate with Him the salvation of the world, regardless of the sacrifice.

To fulfill this formula, God worked very hard for the four thousand Biblical years prior to the coming of the Messiah. Through Judaism, which He inspired, God nurtured and disciplined the Israel people. The whole scheme of God was to have the foundation ready for the Advent of the Messiah. The Messiah is the one who is to consummate human history once and for all. He comes to realize at that time one ideal world, which is the fulfillment of God's will and of the longing of the people.

However, what actually happened two thousand years ago when the Messiah came? That goal was not realized. Judaism and the chosen people were caught up thinking about the glory that the Messiah might bring to them by conquering the world. They did not realize that God's supreme will is world salvation; they thought only of themselves. We can clearly see their differences of aim. God and the Messiah had set their eyes on the world, but the Israelites looked only to themselves.

When Jesus Christ, the Messiah, took the initiative and moved towards the goal of world salvation, and tried to lead the synagogues and people in this revolutionary direction, the chosen people of Israel and Judaism adamantly rejected Jesus' leadership, and finally had Him nailed to the cross. Thus the will of God failed to be fulfilled. Consequently, the Israel people who failed to

respond to God's will lost their nation and have faced a tragic destiny.

Thus Christianity also lost the foundation of the chosen nation and had to seek a new land elsewhere. The Christians set their eyes on Rome and marched to Rome despite untold persecution and numerous martyrdoms.

At this point, we can learn one important lesson: When the chosen religion and people fail their mission, God must abandon them, and establish a new central religion and pick another chosen nation to form the new foundation for the providence. Christianity succeeded to the mission of Judaism, and the Roman Empire succeeded to the mission of Israel. In order to pay indemnity for the failure of Judaism and Israel which God had prepared for 4,000 years, Christianity had to struggle under incredible hardship for its initial 400 years. Finally, however, it prevailed and became the state religion of the Roman Empire.

At that time, God expected the Roman Empire to become completely one with the papacy and to uphold the goal of world salvation. If the papacy had clearly known the will of God, united with Rome, and advanced towards world salvation, with the willingness to undergo any sacrifice, even the cross, they would surely have achieved the goal.

However, the papacy fell prey to the same self-centeredness which destroyed Judaism. The papacy exercised its power for its own selfish glory. This was precisely opposite to the will of God. So God abandoned the papacy as the mainstream of His will, and this resulted in the Medieval Dark Ages. The dignity of the papacy had fallen and later was further weakened by the rise of humanism.

Nevertheless, God's will continues to march on. God needed a new champion, a new form of central religion to succeed in the mission. Protestantism arose by the will of God, to further pursue the goal of world salvation. It is not a coincidence that during that period Henry VIII, King of England, revolted against Roman Catholicism and, in order to justify his divorce, enacted a new law through the parliament, thereby founding the Anglican Church.

This was a golden opportunity for Great Britain to embrace the Protestantism which was spreading throughout Europe. If Henry VIII had repented for his sins and allowed himself to be the instrument of God, and if he had worked towards unity between his new church and the nation, he could have fulfilled the age-old dream of God's world salvation because after having lost hope in the Roman Empire, God had prepared the British Empire as a new possible champion for the world salvation. For this reason, the British Empire was given extraordinary blessing, and in less than 400 years, the small island nation expanded its influence throughout all five oceans and six continents, and became the greatest nation of the world, inspiring the saying: "The sun never sets on the British Empire."

The abundant blessing poured upon the British Empire was not for the sake of the British people alone. It was not even the British people's own doing; rather, it was due to the intervention of God, who purposely made the British Empire great. God's sole hope was that the British Empire take up the role of His champion for world salvation. In England, an idealistic religious movement sprang up. The Puritans dreamed of an ideal nation. If they, together with the Protestants, had united



with the British Empire, they could have brought forth the literal "United Kingdom," a kingdom transcending all national barriers.

However, the British Empire did not comprehend the divine call; furthermore, the people took the abundant blessings solely for themselves. Instead of pursuing God's dream of world salvation, they persecuted the Puritans and drained the wealth of their many colonies. This grieved God's heart beyond description. At that time, the persecuted Puritans, undergoing untold difficulties, desperately sought a new Canaan where they could enjoy religious freedom. That new Canaan, the land of new hope for them was the American continent. Many decided to cross the Atlantic Ocean, to risk their lives in order to go to the new world. Their sole desire was to have freedom of religion and they were solely dependent on God. Today they are known in American history as the Pilgrim Fathers.

Most important, however, is that along with the Pilgrims the blessing of God also shifted to America. Her cosmopolitan people, heavily influenced by Protestantism, conceived and formed a nation. In order to safeguard their freedom of religion, they declared independence, fought against the British Empire, and won the victory. The birth of this varied nation centered on Protestantism was the origin of America.

We must understand that America was formed to be the new flag bearer of God's will, to move towards world salvation through cooperation between religion and state. America's mission is abundantly clear. It is to fulfill the desire that God has had since the beginning, to make this world one world of God, a world in which His ideal

will blossom. It is not by accident that America's founding spirit is described in the motto, "One nation under God." This was already destined in the will of God.

Thus Christianity and the United States together are supposed to take on the respective missions of Judaism and Israel. By fulfilling God's expectation, America is going to consummate God's will and lead God's 6,000 years of Biblical history on to final victory.

In other words, America has been chosen as the nation to receive the Messiah for ultimate world salvation in our century. America's 200-year history has served as indemnity to pay for the 2,000 years of history since the crucifixion of Christ. In this short 200 years America has been given extraordinary blessings spiritually as well as materially and has grown to be the mightiest nation on earth. Now America is in the position of the second Israel. Christianity and the United States together can fulfill God's will and create one unified world with all the nations joined into one.

The American people must realize that God's blessings have not been poured on America for her own selfish purposes. These blessings are for the sake of the world. Americans must realize that this great nation was conceived and caused to flourish in order to serve mankind. America must accept the challenge of God and spearhead the task of the salvation of all mankind, regardless of the cost and sacrifice.

America must not repeat the failures of Israel, the Roman Empire, and the British Empire. America must become a new example of success, not repeat the failures. America's cosmopolitan character is a great advantage because through her unity America can serve as the

model for God's Kingdom on the world-wide scale. History has never seen a nation like America where the five different colors of skin are united into one brotherhood. There was a great possibility of division here in America because so many different cultures were rubbing against each other here, but with God's help, America has not only remained united, but has prospered as well. America must be wise enough to read the meaning behind her blessings.

America today has truly achieved the pinnacle of civilization both spiritually and materially and has qualified herself to be God's representative. Remember, the first Israel longed for the Messiah. By the same token, America must be longing for the Messiah to come again and consummate with Him the unified world in which God's ideal of creation is realized.

It was God who led the Allies to victory in the First and Second World Wars, and it was God who inspired the United States to organize the United Nations. Originally, the United Nations was intended to be a prelude to a world government centered upon the Christian ideology. The inclusion of Communist states was absolutely not God's will.

America committed many mistakes in her postwar management of international relationships. After the victory of World War II, God expected America to further strengthen her leadership of the Allies and to safeguard and manage the defeated countries and their protectorates. If America had clearly learned God's desire, she would never have yielded anything to the Soviet Union, the chief of the Satanic world. America would have strengthened the unity between the free nations and moved closer to culminating the restoration of the world to God. On the contrary, however, America know-

ingly or unknowingly gave up many helpless nations in Asia, permitted the Communists to claim Eastern Europe as satellites, and allowed Korea and Germany to be divided.

Through the victory of World War II, God meant to expand His influence. In order to win that victory, God and His camp paid a tremendous price through the blood of many young people, but that costly sacrifice almost became vain when so much benefit was turned over to the communists who deny God. The blood of these precious American youths who were sacrificed is crying out from the ground.

Furthermore, when America retreated from commitments to safeguard free nations such as Vietnam and allowed them to be victimized, America's credibility fell to an all-time low. The cries of accusation are getting louder and louder. The United Nations has lost its original function and it has unfortunately become an arena for Communist propaganda. Israel, the United States, and Korea are being pushed further and further into the corner. We increasingly reap only shameful embarrassment.

But, that is not all. America has been plagued by domestic problems which are becoming more serious every day. The racial problem is one, the drug problem another, juvenile delinquency, dissolution of the family, ever-increasing crime, and not one of them is easy to solve. The most vicious of all, however, is the problem of Communism. Because Communism is a God-denying ideology, the churches who believe in God should spearhead a movement of victory over Communism. But the churches are declining sadly and in some cases serving only as senior citizens' homes.

Families, nations, and the whole world are all based

on an extremely individualistic outlook of life and are moving further towards selfishness. I am afraid that America may be hastening the day of judgment. I know that if America continues along the present road of apathy and complacency, God may leave America, and when God leaves America, His blessings will also leave, and only misery will remain behind. There are many signs of such a possibility if we look carefully at our painful reality. A new awakening must come to America on all levels, particularly among the leadership to which you members of Congress belong.

Let us re-examine whether God is dwelling in our hearts. How about in our homes? in our nation? Is God dwelling in the White House? There is even great concern over whether God is still in our churches. Without God nothing flourishes. No unity at any level can be achieved. God serves as the cement. Unity between mind and body, husband and wife, different families, peoples, and nations, between the East and the West, and furthermore, between heaven and earth and between God and man will bring forth one world of God. Most important, once God becomes real in our lives, soon there will be no trace of Communism. When the sun rises, the darkness automatically passes away. With God everything is possible; no problem is too big. Without God, however, our problem is beyond our reach.

Once we know this principle, we must realize that our urgent task today is to reach out to God at any cost, and America must reach out to the world for its salvation, even at the price of sacrificing America herself. America must wake up. Her people must unite and launch the unifying movement of God and achieve the unification of Christianity and of all religions. Right now there must

come a fresh spiritual revolution to ignite a new fervor in Christianity, in national spirit, and to pursue a higher vision of the world. This must happen in America.

Yet if we examine today's Christian churches, there is little hope that they can ignite a spiritual revolution. We need a new ideal, new leadership which will educate and inspire all people into spiritual rearmament. The present ideal of democracy is not strong enough. A new ideological movement is absolutely necessary. That new movement must be centered upon the truth and love of God; that new movement must have the power to overcome Communism. We are now eyewitnessing the formation of such a movement. We are now the eyewitnesses to a fresh electrifying spiritual movement in which American youth are joined together pouring their energy towards the new horizon of world salvation. That movement is none other than the Unification Church movement.

The Unification Church movement has a philosophy, an ideal, and a plan of action. It manifests clearly God's plan for America. Its philosophy is large enough to embrace and unite the material civilization of the West and the spiritual civilization of the East, and it has the capacity to create one unified culture of the world. It projects the hope of realizing the ideal world in which God's purpose of creation is fulfilled here on earth.

As with everything, the ideal world must have an initial starting point. In the divine will, Korea, the final bastion of the free world in Asia, is now serving as a link to bring harmony between the civilizations of the East and West. Korea will be the ignition point of God's final dispensation. Therefore, according to the will of God, the United States must safeguard Korea—not for Korea's sake nor for the United States sake, but for the sake of

creating the world of unity, harmony and peace.

While America is lying complacent without realizing the many dimensions of her historical mission and retreating into herself in a shortsighted goal, there must come a messenger of God to serve as her alarm and inspiration. May I humbly testify that God has sent me in the role of an alarm and inspiration to America.

To conclude, the supreme test of America in the will of God is at hand. First, America must avoid the failures of Israel, the Roman Empire, and the British Empire as God's chosen champion, and second, America must return to the founding spirit of the nation and rise up as God's instrument to save the world. Through a close cooperation between religion and state, America must accept the challenge to become the co-worker of God in His Kingdom-building here on earth. America must be willing to sacrifice for God's purpose. She must rush forward as God's flag bearer. When America does this, her prosperity will be eternal. When America fulfills God's will, His blessings upon her will increase forevermore.

The unified world of God's ideal, or the Kingdom of God, which He proclaimed in the beginning, shall by all means be accomplished here on earth. Today I hope you and I have laid the first cornerstone. May God bless you, your home, and your work. Above all, may God bless America.

Thank you very much.

**“God originally planned one world of unification. Therefore, today unification is our goal, and it is the most important and the most difficult task of mankind.**

**Unification must be achieved on all levels: between the mind and body, between different families, different peoples, and different nations, between the Orient and the Occident, and between God and man. In other words, when God fulfills His purpose of creation, we will find one unified world where the ideal of creation is realized. . .**

**. . .America’s mission is abundantly clear. It is to fulfill the desire that God has had since the beginning, to make this world one world of God, a world in which His ideal will blossom. It is not by accident that America’s founding spirit is described in the motto ‘One nation under God.’ This was already destined in the will of God.”**

*from “God’s Plan for America,”  
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