

## Message at the Ceremony for the Victory and Dedication of the Cheonwon Gung

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Isn't it a beautiful day? Have you now gained a sense of what this sanctum looks like? This is a historic day, not only in human history but also in the course of Heaven's providence, through which the temple where our Heavenly Parent can be attended on earth has been established on earth. When we consider how much effort our Heavenly Parent made for six thousand years to restore humanity, all the joys, sorrows and vicissitudes he went through as well as all the sufferings he has had to endure as he waited for this day to come, we can realize that it is indeed a day of blessing and gratitude, a day to be celebrated. Now that, after six thousand years, True Parents have finally been manifested before all of humanity centering on this Korean Peninsula, not only the people of Korea but also all peoples of all nations in the world can become the children of our Heavenly Parent on this blessed day.

Though True Parents were actually manifested on the third month, and the sixteenth day of 1960 [by the lunar calendar] from Heaven's viewpoint, True Parents were placed in a perilous environment, like children by the riverside with every risk of falling in. It was a cause of heartbreak for him, and the life that True Parents have had to lead during the past six decades has been such that we all cannot but feel that we have failed him over and over again. Even though our Heavenly Parent had endeavored for thousands of years to embrace humanity as his children, in the end, True Parents had been thrust into such an environment of helplessness that they had to toil for sixty years. Sixty years, though it is a short time in terms of Heaven's providence, may be considered a long time by human standards, and the human body has limitations. Given that the long-awaited dream of our Heavenly Parent can only be realized through True Parents, we should all feel sorry that it has taken this long.

We have a busy year before us. As all of you gathered here are leaders and senior members of the Unification Church, you need to properly know the truth of the heavenly providence. By attending this two-day workshop, I wish for you to be in a position in which you know the truth of what takes place through the manifestation of True Parents and what your responsibilities are. Then you will be able to rid yourselves of everything and make a new beginning on May 5, 2023. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, it has been more than two years since you were able to come to Korea, hasn't it? You have missed Korea and me very much, haven't you? Take a good look, then.

I'll say a few words at luncheon later. That is why our life on earth must be free from shadows. Anything that could form a shadow should be thrown away. Our appearance when we ascend to heaven must be clearer than crystal. Perhaps some among our members have experienced this.

If there are any shadows in the sixty-year history of the Unification Church, we need to eliminate them all before we move forward. The workshop will take place April 19–20 at the Cheongshim CheonBo Training Center, and I hope that you will make special devotions to rid yourselves of everything and be newly reborn as individuals, families and churches. From here in the shade, I am gazing upon you sitting in the sunlight, and you look more beautiful than even daffodils.