

## The Ultimate Destination of Love

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There are many sorrowful people around us, and there are many who are not sorrowful. Our families, cities and nations are either sorrowful or they are not. Some are developing and others are not; some people are smiling and others crying.

In this way everyone is different, yet everybody dislikes sorrow and a place of solitude. Everyone also seeks joy, glory and happiness. The same is true with every family, society and even every nation. Everyone tries to avoid sorrow, seeking glory, and for that purpose everyone endures hardships. The same is true with the world. If there is a being who controls the whole, then that being should definitely be the

same as human beings. Heavenly Father is definitely the same as human beings.

Love wasn't meant to be given in a lonely, suffering place but in a free, glorious place. God's heart is such that He wants to give His utmost love in such a receptive environment.

On earth, is there any human being who can do that? We have to think about it. That utmost love is not to be given only to a certain individual; rather it is to be given to families and to the whole world. This is the essence of love.

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God's desire is not confined to a certain individual. Heaven seeks the whole, hence, the distinction between public life and private life. Public life is for the sake of the whole. Therefore, to serve the expectations of the whole is to lead a public life. Joy cannot exist only for yourself. It would be chased away by the joy of the whole. I think God is that way. Therefore, those who are wise live for the future, not only for the present. Hence, you see the necessity of faith. Once you have faith, hope can exist. Victory should not be confined to the individual level; it should be for the whole.

It is not good to think that you are you and I am I. The truth is that you are me and I am you. We need to attain that level of awareness. Individual victory can only bring forth individual joy. However, if individual victory is dedicated to the whole, then it can belong to the whole. Therefore, individual sacrifice can bring about public victory.

The greater the sacrifice, the greater the value. By following this principle, the world can prosper. Sacrifice for others always accompanies the path of love. We cannot walk that path by any other method. We cannot rejoice as individuals. In this sense, victory cannot exist in religion. Of course we exist as individuals, but we as individuals exist for the sake of our nation and for the sake of the whole world. We must understand that clearly. We as individuals should symbolize the world. Hence, individuals should live for the public.

It is in this way that God's love expands infinitely. We must not live only for the sake of the Unification Church but for the sake of our nation and for the sake of the world. Although we may have to sacrifice ourselves, we must walk this path. This is the way we as individuals should live. When you see a beautiful sunset, do you want to see it only by yourself? In your truest heart you would want everyone to see such a beautiful thing. So the eternal Kingdom of Heaven cannot exist only within an individual. It can exist only within the whole.