

The Mission of the Messiah (1)

Sun Myung Moon

December 29, 1985

Cheon Seong Gyeong, Book 2: True Parents, Chapter 2: Section 2.3



Photo date and location unknown

What is the purpose of the Messiah? It is to complete the vertical foundation and bring forth the horizontal foundation. Then, who is the Messiah? The Messiah is the one who comes with a firm grasp of the fundamental plan for attaining the individual, family, national, and global standards of vertical completion. He does so by uniting to the vertical standard everything connected to the heavenly way and the public purpose that God and humankind must pursue. (71-79, 1974.04.28)

There are two beings in the universe who claim to be great -- God and Satan. These masters of good and evil are fighting against each other. They are waging a battle of good and evil over human beings.

To what degree is Satan extraordinary? According to anthropologists, human beings have lived on earth for one and a half million years. Throughout this time, Satan, as the overall commander leading the battle on the evil side, has inflicted heavy casualties upon God's side and has bound Him fast. This is why I am teaching about Satan's extraordinary power.

Who should end this battle? Neither God nor Satan can end it. You must be hearing this for the first time. Who can bring to an end the fight between the evil spirits and good spirits? Neither God nor Satan can. Then, who can put an end to it? Only a true person can end the battle. Without being a central figure of love who can be followed by all people, the true person cannot end the fight between God and Satan. As long as we are not liberated from this fight, future peace will be an impossible dream for the world, and ideals will be nothing but abstract, sentimental concepts.

Then, who can resolve this fight? For this task God has sent a representative. This is the typical concept of the Messiah. The Savior is the person who liberates not only people but also God. In addition, he punishes evil. The one responsible for the overall task of liberating God and liquidating evil is the Savior.

The character se in Savior (guse-ju) refers to the world. God gave His only begotten son because He loved the world, not because He loved Christianity. Many Christians memorize John 3:16 and repeat it over and over! It does not say that God so loved Christianity that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. It says that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son. What is the mission of the Savior? It is to liberate God and punish Satan. Who will get rid of this bitter enemy who has sunk his teeth into human beings and is accusing them so viciously? God cannot get rid of him. Only the Messiah, the Savior, can do that! (136-219, 1985.12.29)

What will the Messiah do when he comes? He comes as the commander, who for the first time in history, will lead the battle to regain the sovereignty, territory, and citizenry of a nation and, on that basis, take back the world of God's creation. This is the mission of the Messiah.

In subjugating Satan, it is not enough just to defeat a nation. Since Satan also has global sovereignty, we must strip him of that global sovereignty as well. Only then will the realm of liberation unfold on this earth.

God created the Garden of Eden as a garden of freedom and peace. If there is any shadow of Satan's opposition anywhere on earth, the ideal of that garden will not be realized. The Kingdom of Heaven on earth will be completed only when the shadows of Satan's antagonism have disappeared from the earth. We can start the liberation movement in the spirit world only when this task is completed on earth. This is the path the members of the Unification Church should follow. (57-128, 1972.5.29)

What is the task of the Messiah? On the individual level, he has to subjugate Satan and eradicate Satan's lineage, thereby paving the victorious road for the individual. He must then pave the road of victory on the levels of the family, nation, and world. This is the path the Messiah must walk. In other words: first, he must pave the road for individuals; second, he must pave the road for families; third, he must pave the road for nations; and fourth, he must pave the road for the world.

After the Messiah wins the individual victory, Satan will mobilize worldwide. The nations and the democratic world will join forces to attack him; he must fight against them and win. He must do this on the family and worldwide levels. In other words, he must win just as Jacob prevailed over the angel and just as Abel should have succeeded over Cain. This is a one-on-one fight. Now, all of Satan's world must be struck, and for this a representative nation is needed at the front. This nation is Korea. (54-197, 1972.03.24)