



AMERICAN CLERGY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

MISSION OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

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Dear Clergy,

We sincerely welcome you on this "Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – Mission for Peace and Reconciliation." As religious leaders called and prepared by God for such a time as this, we share a profound sense of history and feel the anointing of God as we return to the birthplace of Judeo-Christianity, and the roots of our faith. We are excited to be traveling with you, responding to the call of God to bring healing and understanding to one of the most troubled areas of the world.

The first portion of our journey will be to connect with the "spirit" of the early Christians, including Paul and Peter. We will visit the very sites where the great persecutions and trials of early Christians took place. We will also see the mighty Roman church which sprang from their sacrifice. This will be our preparation for the next step in our pilgrimage— Jerusalem.

In the Holy City we will reach back even further in history to encounter the beginnings of the ministry of Jesus, and the land where Abraham, Isaac, Ishmael and Jacob walked the path of God's will. Retracing the footsteps of Christ to Golgotha, we will join there in humble prayer that the era of the cross and the time of bloodshed will yield to the era of the crown and the time of resurrection.

I Peter 5:4 says, "When the chief Shepherd shall appear we shall receive a *Crown* of glory that shall not fade away." You are the clergy who have boldly stepped forward in response to God's call to take your crosses down and exchange them for a crown. Somehow the spirit of the Lord is revealing to us that this kind of sacrifice and condition is the very thing from which a new history can be made. This watershed moment is no less significant than the time when Martin Luther tacked his 95 theses on the door of the church at Wittenberg University, or when Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King proclaimed, "I have a dream!" Through this heart of sacrifice a new age is dawning: an age in which reconciliation between the sons of Abraham will be realized.

2 Corinthians 5:20 states, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." As Clergy you represent the best of God's ideal for America. You are the Ambassadors for Christ and it is our prayer that the **Jerusalem Declaration** will emerge as a new bond of love between the sons of Abraham. You are the leaders who have been called by God for the historic task of Rebuilding the Family, Restoring the Community and Renewing the Nation and the World. We believe that this mission will succeed in laying the cornerstone of the Kingdom in which all the Children of God will begin their journey back home to our Father who art in heaven.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chang Shik Yang
Chairman, ACLC

Rev. Michael Jenkins
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American Clergy Leadership Conference Symposium
The Cross Reconsidered: *Historical and Theological Perspectives*

Saturday, May 10, 2003
Georgetown University Conference Center
Washington, DC

Welcome Remarks
Dr. Chang Shik Yang
National Chairman, ACLC

Distinguished panelists and speakers, beloved scholars and clergy...

It is truly an honor to join you in this important symposium entitled, "The Cross Reconsidered: Historical and Theological Perspectives." This is not only because of the excellent speakers and distinguished participants, but because of the historical task we are undertaking here. After the 2000-year rise of Christianity to become the world's most populous faith; after a vibrant and vital history that has shaped calendars, cultures and kingdoms, we gather at this Christian-founded institution in the capital of the free world to reflect upon one of the most cherished symbols of Christian faith: the Cross.

How odd that the very same symbol that represents the enduring love of God to Christian believers everywhere conveys intolerance, hatred and forced conversion to people of other faiths. How interesting that the cross became Christianity's central symbol not from the time of Christ, not through the early church, but centuries later, as an assurance of military conquest. How sad that the very instrument of Christ's atoning sacrifice was defiled in the name of crusades, inquisitions, pogroms, persecutions, and even the racial hatred of the Ku Klux Klan. How tragic that the cross which for us has been the gateway to salvation for all humankind is in fact a block and a barrier to Jews, Muslims, and people of other faiths.

We are confident that a thoughtful reflection upon these issues will deepen and transform our understanding of the church's mission in this new millennium. Jesus said, "Let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves" (**Luke 22:26**), while Paul exhorted us to "...offend no one," and gave the example, "If your brother is offended by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love" (**Romans 14:15**). The Lord taught us the true symbol of the Christian faith: "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, that you have love for one another" (**John 13:35**).

In this spirit we have assembled a capable and qualified panel of presenters to reconsider the cross in relation to the purpose and mission of the Christian faith: how and when did it become a symbol of Christianity? Is it the most appropriate symbol at this providential moment? How can we break down the fundamental barriers that divide denominations and faiths from one another?

As you pursue the answers to these crucial questions, I encourage you: do not hesitate to challenge tradition and conventional thinking. We serve a living God, and age to age, that living God has challenged the hearts and minds of believers to climb ever onward and upward as we pursue His will. How difficult was it for the Israelites of Moses' era to let go of their idols and embrace the law? The scripture records that the religious leaders of Jesus' time believed his teaching was destroying that very law, even though he came to fulfill it. Paul acknowledged that our knowledge is imperfect, our understanding only partial. I trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us in all our deliberations today, but it is our job to make fresh wineskins of our hearts and minds, otherwise, they will burst with the new wine.

Our gathering takes place at a watershed moment in history: as world leaders struggle to achieve peace in the Middle East, we deliberate the significance of a symbol that has confounded and divided the children of Abraham: Muslims, Jews and Christians. Against this backdrop Rev. Sun Myung Moon has challenged leaders of these great faiths to tear down the walls, step out of the box and work as one. In response to his call, 135 Christian congregations across the country took down the crosses from their churches during Holy Week, celebrating the risen Christ, victorious through his resurrection. These believers, and many more like them, are ready to trade their crosses for a crown. On Monday, 120 pastors will depart for Rome and the Holy Land, and they will be bringing those crosses with them. We will follow the bloody footsteps of Christ and the early Christians, and will meet with Jewish and Muslim leaders in a true moment of peace and reconciliation. As we bury our crosses in the Holy Land, we will proclaim an end to the era of bloodshed, suffering and pain, and look toward a new era of resurrection and hope.

Once again, I am honored to be with you today, and I congratulate you for being a part of this dramatic and groundbreaking event. There will be ample opportunity for dialogue, and I encourage you to invest your full heart in these discussions, for they will shape the future of our faith. May God bless you, your family, and your congregation. Thank you.



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Imani Temple on Capitol Hill, the National Cathedral of the African-American Catholic Congregation, recently conducted a two-part seminar entitled: *The Black Church and the Cross*. The seminar focused on the historical meaning and significance of the Cross and its role in the contemporary Church. Dr. Cain Hope Felder, noted and distinguished professor of New Testament Language and Literature at the Howard University School of Divinity, Bishop Floyd Nelson of the Lively Stone Bibleway Church, Bishop Carlos E. Harvin, Dean and Pastor of Imani Temple on Capitol Hill and I served as panelists.

The seminar was precipitated by the removal of the cross from the main sanctuary of our national cathedral without explanation. Needless to say, it caused quite a stir. Historically, the Cross, a central icon of Christianity, has been an enduring symbolism for centuries. Many Christians view cross removal as altering the providential course of God for His Son, Jesus, in the work of salvation and redemption. Christians consider the Cross a preordained and indispensable part of the course of Jesus' life and ministry. In short, without the Cross salvation could not have occurred.

The Bible does not say that God sent His Son into the world to be crucified, but so that others might believe in him (Jn. 3:16). Jesus came in the position of the last Adam (1 Co. 15:45) to restore what had been lost in the Garden of Eden by the first Adam. Salvation does not imply death upon the cross, but the total and complete restoration of the earth to its original position before sin invaded the planet.

The position taken in regards to the removal of the cross is that if the people had accepted Jesus as the Son of God (Jn. 1:11), he could have led them as Messiah, Savior and King of Kings back to the Father without being crucified. Jesus' death on Calvary brought spiritual salvation. However, he could have saved the world, raised persons from the dead and forgiven sins without dying upon the cross. Since the chosen people, due to faithlessness, did not understand God's primary reason for sending Jesus into the world, namely to restore it, crucifixion became the secondary mission of Jesus.

The preciousness of the Blood of Jesus is its power to reconnect us as one people to the lineage of God so as to give us true victory. Jesus turned trial into triumph and through his love said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

Centuries later, the cross – an emblem of suffering and shame – stands as a wall of division between Christians, Jews and Muslims in bringing about reconciliation and establishing world peace.

It is time to move beyond the Era of the Cross and embrace the Era of the Crown as Christians take the lead, in the position of the Second Israel, to restore the kingdom of heaven on earth.



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Group A

May 12, Monday	New York JFK	7:15 p.m. Board Alitalia #811
May 13, Tuesday	Rome	9:25 a.m. Arrive Rome Visit Vatican Museum and St. Peters, Paul's Tomb, Peter's Tomb, Sistine Chapel, Catacombs, Milvian Bridge 12 noon Lunch (Al Due Papi – Via Madonna del Riposo) 6 pm Dinner (La Baia – Via Sardegna) Hotel check-in after dinner (Jolly Hotel Midas) 8 pm- Orientation
May 14, Wednesday	Rome	7 a.m. Breakfast- Program 9 a.m. Whole day city sightseeing Roman Forum Colosseum, Circus Maximus (Christian Persecution) 12 noon Lunch (Ristorante Al Cancellone – Via Castro Pretorio) 6 pm Dinner (Ristorante Papa Rex – Via Aurelia) 11:55 p.m. Alitalia #810
May 15, Thursday	Tel Aviv	4:10 a.m. Arrive Tel Aviv 6:00 a.m. Hotel check-in (Hyatt Regency Jerusalem) Rest 12:30 p.m. Lunch Qum Ran , Dead Sea, "unsinkable" swim, 7:00 p.m. Reception Dinner Program

May 16, Friday	Jerusalem	6:30 a.m. Breakfast - Program 8:00 a.m. Visit Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial 11 a.m. – Visit mayor of Jerusalem Visit Mt. Of Olives, Gethsemane, Western Wall 6:30 p.m. Dinner – Program
May 17, Saturday	Jerusalem	6:00 a.m. Breakfast - Program 7:30 a.m. Visit Nazareth, Canna, Boat cruise on sea of Galilee, Mt. Of Beatitudes, Tabgha (miracle of fish and loaves), Capernaum, return to Jerusalem, Jordan River. Dinner – Fellowship
May 18, Sunday	Jerusalem	7:00 a.m. breakfast Holy Sepulcher (Golgotha) End of the Cross – Time for the Crown 11 a.m. – 6:00 pm Symposium 7:00 – 8:00 Banquet Peace and Reconciliation Jerusalem Declaration
May 19, Monday	Tel Aviv New York	1:00 a.m. wake-up call; 2:30 a.m. arrive Tel Aviv airport. 5:35 a.m. Alitalia #808 to Milan 1:05 p.m. Arrive JFK Alitalia #804

General Information

Climate: May average temperatures

Rome: 55 – 74 F

Jerusalem: 57 – 81F

Time Difference:

Rome: Add 7 hours to New York time

Jerusalem: Add 8 hours to New York time

Electrical adapters and transformers are needed. Most hotels in Rome, Jerusalem supply 220 volts AC.

NOTE: don't put medication in your suitcase

Gratuities:

Suggested gratuity for entire trip -- \$50 cash.

Travel agency will collect gratuities before check-in at airport for smooth operation.

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Meetings / Events

TUESDAY, MAY 13

08:00 PM- **Welcome & Orientation (*Hotel Jolly Midas*)**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

07:00 AM- **Breakfast: Prayer, Study and Daily Plan**

08:00 PM- **Evening Fellowship & Prayer (*Hotel Jolly Midas*)**

THURSDAY, MAY 15

07:00 PM- **Jerusalem Welcome Dinner & Fellowship**

FRIDAY, MAY 16

06:30 AM- **Breakfast: Prayer, Study and Daily Plan**

06:30 PM- **Dinner: Program, Fellowship & Prayer**

SATURDAY, MAY 17

7:00 AM- **Breakfast: Prayer, Study and Daily Plan**

8:00 PM- **Evening Fellowship & Prayer**

SUNDAY, MAY 18

07:00 AM- **Breakfast: Prayer, Study and Daily Plan**

11:00 AM- **Special Seminar (*Program to be announced*)**

07:00 PM- **Interfaith Banquet- Reconciliation and Peace Program**

JERUSALEM DECLARATION



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FOUNDER'S VISION

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Reverend Sun Myung Moon
The Life of Jesus as Seen from God's Will, and God's Warning to the Present Age,
the Period of the Last Days
20th Anniversary of the *Washington Times* Banquet
Washington Hilton, Washington, DC May 21, 2002

Respected Guests from America and Abroad:

Celebrating the twentieth anniversary of *The Washington Times* has a particularly gratifying meaning for me. The memory is still fresh in my mind how, in May 1982, I made the final decision to publish *The Washington Times* in response to Heaven's direction. This took place while I was being unjustly tried in a New York federal court, in a prosecution motivated by both racial and religious bigotry.

At that time, Communism was sweeping the world like a giant, angry wave. Even America had no effective means to deal with it. I followed the supreme Will of Heaven, which told me that America, the final fortress of the democratic world and a Christian country representing the Second Israel, must be protected from Communism. It is also the Will of Heaven to build the ideal world of peace that God is seeking, that is, the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven, through Christianity. It was certainly not my intention to set up a newspaper company just to make money. Over the years, more than a billion dollars have been invested in *The Washington Times* alone, but I have never regretted this nor felt enmity toward anyone. That is because this was a way to practice true love toward Heaven and humankind.

Already, more than thirty years have passed since I came to America. I have reached the age of 82, and I feel that the time is coming for me to return to my homeland. Before leaving, I would like to convey clearly to America, the nation in the realm of the Second Israel, and to all humankind a message concerning the actual situation of God and the spirit world. This is not just a message given from me as an individual. Heaven is giving its message and humankind must observe it in this age. Until now, humankind has been living in a state of ignorance about the Will of Heaven. First, humanity has not known about God and second, we have not known about the spirit world, where we all eventually must go, whether we like it or not.

Now, we have entered the last days of human history. In the spirit world, numerous religious leaders, beginning with the founders of the four great religions, have accepted the Unification Principle, which is my teaching, as the truth of the highest dimension. They have completely mobilized and are returning to the Earth to resurrect by bringing their disciples and descendants to form new, true families through the blessing of marriage.

Particularly for the sake of America, a Christian country representing the Second Israel, the four founders centering on Jesus have each chosen 120 of their historically famous disciples in order to establish a unified front. Now, through their return to Earth, they are furthering the work of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace and the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations in order to bring complete peace on Earth. They are proclaiming that humankind has no future unless we practice true love, or "a life lived for the sake of others," which is the True Parents' philosophy. Therefore, I would like to take the opportunity I have to give a commemorative address today and deliver a most valuable message to America and humanity on the topic, "The Life of Jesus as Seen from God's Will, and God's Warning to the Present Age, the Period of the Last Days."

Jesus' Love on the Cross, and Its Legacy

If we examine Jesus' Providence of the cross, we see that Jesus, the thief on the right, the thief on the left, and Barabbas sowed the seeds of history. The principle is that what is sown will be reaped. So the first to appear were the rightwing world and the leftwing world, that is, the democratic and the Communist realms, reflecting the "right thief type" and the "left thief type." Centering on Jesus' cross, Islam, the "Barabbas type," appeared next. Reflecting Barabbas, who received good fortune because of Jesus, Islam originated as a force resisting Christianity.

Having been thus sown, history entered the age in which the form of the world was bound together in four major blocs. Gamal Abdel Nasser of the Arab bloc dreamed of uniting the Islamic realm into a unified Arab state. Christianity, meanwhile, is leading a new worldwide trend proclaiming, "Let's unite all religions." As we observe these currents, we see that history, which was sown in tragedy, is now appearing as the fruit of good centered on God for the first time. In the Last Days, such phenomena will become even more pronounced, as that which was sown in the beginning reaches fruition in its exact original form and is harvested. It was inevitable that this would come about because of the laws of the Providence. That is, unification is accomplished in accordance with True Parents' philosophy of true love.

If the democratic world is internal, then the Communist world is external. If the rightwing is internal, then the leftwing is external. For this reason, the Messiah who is to come has no choice but to appear upon the internal foundation of the democratic world, which respects God. He must carry out a movement that absorbs the external environment and unifies the various cultural spheres centering on the mainstream Christian cultural sphere. Such a movement is carried out at the end of history. Such a thing cannot be looked at as circumstantial. The nature of the original cause leads to such a result.

The Merit of the Thief on the Right

When Jesus was crucified, he died along with the man on his right, who was not only a thief but also a murderer. If that thief had not been there, Jesus would have lost his relationship with the Earth and humankind. Even though he himself was near death, the thief on the right defended Jesus. In human history, who took Jesus' side? It was not Peter; it was not Jesus' father or mother; it was not the nation of Israel and it was not Judaism. It was only one person: the thief on the right. One individual alone maintained this relationship. While facing death, he transcended death and placed all his hopes on Jesus. That was none other than the thief on the right. You need to know that were it not for the thief on the right, Jesus would not have been able to resurrect and resume his providence on Earth.

As Jesus was bringing to a conclusion four thousand years of history and the more than thirty years of his own life, there was only one person who connected with Jesus and attended Jesus as the one who embodied his most fervent hopes, even as he accompanied Jesus on the path of death. That was the thief on the right. The fact that the thief on the right has this position means that he surpassed the disciples. He was superior to Peter.

This is so because although he did not know Jesus' teachings, his nature directed and empowered him to attend Jesus at the moment of death, until he breathed his last. Peter, John and the others of the twelve disciples, by contrast, knew Jesus' teachings and even pledged to become new persons, but ultimately were not able to achieve it. You have to know that, for this reason, the thief on the right became a central character in human history, a man who represented the Earth and salvaged the future.

We need the right to inherit this history. We must inherit the tradition and foundation of Abel,

Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Jesus, and beyond, and represent the historical sacrificial offering. Only then can we confront Satan, shouting, "In the course of history, you lost to Noah; you lost to Jacob; and were you subjugated by Moses! I stand on the foundation of all their victories and have inherited the entire tradition of providential history. So be gone, Satan!" Only then will Satan retreat.

If you simply pray, "Be gone, Satan," it will avail you nothing. Do you think that Satan, who has been accusing people for six thousand years and has trampled upon God's providence and devastated the providence of restoration, is going to retreat just because you say he should do so and you believe in Jesus? Certainly not. You need the ability to say, "I am without a doubt a person for whom God has sought through His historical heart. I am a person who has been grafted onto the sacred and holy body of Jesus." Your name must be recorded on the book of inheritance that Jesus received from God. God's book of inheritance records those who inherited God's heart experienced through the four thousand years until He could send Jesus to this Earth. Then, instead of defeating Satan on the cross, you must be able to subjugate Satan and be victorious over him without being hung on the cross. You must take on a body of flesh and be resurrected in substantial form. Only those who are thus recognized as substantial inheritors can enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus' Death Gave Christianity Only a Spiritual Foundation

Until now, Christianity has not been able to pursue the Kingdom of Heaven both on Earth and in the spirit. Christianity has had no choice but to yield the physical world, attending Jesus as the spiritual Messiah and setting spiritual salvation and a spiritual Kingdom as its goals. The people of Israel had a nation and possessed national authority as the chosen people, but worldwide Christianity today is in the position of the second Israel only as a spiritual nation; it has no national authority. Christians have no country. We stand in the realm of the second Israel with only a spiritual foundation, not a physical foundation. Because Christianity was not able to accomplish the original Will of God, who must bring about a Kingdom on Earth that is of both spirit and flesh, there is no other way except for the Lord to come again.

I want to make one declaration to you here today. The crucifixion was not God's victory. Instead, it was Satan's victory. You will remember that Jesus said to those who arrested him in the Garden of Gethsemane, "... this is your hour—when darkness reigns." (Luke 22:53b NIV) You need to know that the cross was the place where the nation that God had prepared for four thousand years was lost, the place where the religious faith of Israel was lost, and the place where the followers of John the Baptist, the twelve disciples, the thief on the left, and everything else was lost.

You need to know that Christianity was not there on the cross. When did Christianity begin? Jesus resurrected after three days and spent forty days meeting the disciples he had lost, who had turned against him. The Holy Spirit descended on the disciples, and you need to know that it was only then that Christianity began. Christians for the past two thousand years have believed in Christianity without knowing that it came into existence not by the principle of the cross, but by the principle of the resurrection. If you realize this fact, then you must repent. Because Christianity began on the foundation of Jesus' resurrection, Christianity has been strictly spiritual.

What would have happened if Jesus had not died on the cross? In that case, the nation of Israel would have followed Jesus' teachings, stabilized and endured. Judaism also would have remained as it was. Jesus knew that if he were to die on the cross, multitudes of people in future ages would have to follow him on the way of the cross, and that they would not be able to do so without shedding blood. Many Christians would have to suffer, and even when the

Lord came again he would have to go the way of suffering. You need to know that this is the reason that Jesus had to pray as he did in the Garden of Gethsemane. Christians today say that Jesus prayed for deliverance because he had a physical body and feared the pain of death. But was Jesus such a trivial Messiah? Certainly not.

What, then, did Jesus mean by saying, "It is finished," when he committed his spirit on the cross? Jesus had come with the mission to save both spirit and flesh, but he realized that he could not completely fulfill God's Will in a world in which there was no foundation. So, he offered himself completely in order to establish a condition for spiritual salvation and allow that providence to begin. Having completed that, in the end he said, "It is finished."

You probably have never featured this even in your imagination. Christianity and Judaism should realize even now that the Lord, who tried to demolish Satan's nation and do away with Satan's kingship, and to accomplish God's will and restore humanity, died a tragic death. When they realize this, they should repent and become one. They should become one and prepare to receive the Lord on his return.

Truth must conform to reason. The time has come for all Christians to throw off the age of blind faith and move ahead into a new age united as one, to sort out this world and bring it to salvation. You need to know that the time has come in which the term "unification" is essential.

Jesus' Three-Day Suffering Course

What does it mean that Jesus suffered pain during the three days following his death? Heaven, Earth and Hell all remained in the realm of death. For Jesus to gain authority over Heaven and Earth, he needed to encompass the depths and heights of this realm of death. For this reason, in order to pursue the connection of life and go the path that could comfort God, Jesus needed to prevail, even if it meant descending into the lowest environment such as Hell and suffering pain. Because Jesus passed through Hell, he prepared a path by which it was possible to make a new beginning toward Heaven. Though he was cast out and isolated on Earth, and finally forced to go the way of death, he was able to leave a path of hope for future generations. That is the reason Jesus had to go on his three-day course.

Jesus did not go to Hell for three days just to look around. He already knew about Hell. He needed to go there, pass judgment and pave the way to go from the world of death to the world of life. In this way, he laid a foundation of victory on Earth, which is the world of death and Hell, and established a starting point from which it is possible to reach Heaven.

Even on the Cross, Jesus Was Concerned for Heaven and Loved His Enemies

In the eyes of the religious establishment, Jesus was a heretic, and in the eyes of the nation, he was a destroyer of the religious law. His own clan rejected him and chased him out of his home. The group surrounding John the Baptist rejected him. So he went into the wilderness, but there Satan pursued him. That was not all. Eventually, the entire country mobilized to force him to go the way of death on the cross, the path of Golgotha.

Jesus, though, shed tears for the nation that was rejecting him as a traitor. The Jewish establishment treated Jesus as a heretic, but he shed more blood and tears for them than did any priest. Not a single person of that age would stand on his side, but Jesus was a friend of that age. He was rejected as a traitor, but he was the greatest patriot. He was rejected as a heretic, but he was the most faithful believer.

Jesus walked a wretched path, the path of the cross, where people ripped his clothing, drove him on, and forced him to the ground. That was not all. Evil men whipped and beat him. In

this situation, if Jesus had been like Elijah, he might have said to the people, "I am the only one of the Lord's prophets left." (1 Kings 18:22) But when Jesus left his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane and went to pray, he said, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." (Luke 22:42) This was his greatness. He understood that his body was a sacrificial offering for the nation, a sacrificial offering for humanity and a sacrificial offering for Heaven's Providence.

Because he understood this, Jesus, while not denying his own sorrow, was more concerned about how great a sorrow God must have felt. Jesus had appeared for the sake of the nation and he was concerned how great God's sorrow was to see him rejected as a traitor. Jesus was the prince of Heaven, the central personage of the entire universe, and the Messiah. If he chose, he could have fallen prey to self-pity and asked why he should go the miserable way of the cross. He could have set the entire universe in motion to breathe a deep sigh of despair with him. But he understood that his position was not to sigh in despair. Instead, he even went so far as to feel apologetic toward Heaven for having been rejected.

Jesus bore the responsibility to rally the religious establishment, rally the nation, build the Kingdom of Heaven and return the world to the Father's bosom. Yet when he was forced to abandon that mission and walk the way of the cross, he did not feel enmity toward anyone. He did not pray, "Let this cup pass from me," out of a fear of death. Rather, he prayed this because he knew that his death would add to the grief of the nation and to God's grief.

Jesus knew that if he died on the cross, there would be an even heavier cross remaining for the future generations of humanity. It would mean that the sorrowful history would not end. He knew that the path of Golgotha would not end with him. He knew that the path of death would not end. And he knew that if he went the way of Golgotha, those who followed him would also have to go the same way. Jesus knew that an even more difficult course lay beyond the cross.

As he was made to wear a crown of thorns, and the nails were hammered into his hands and feet, and his side was stabbed with a spear, Jesus knew that these events would have impact far beyond his own death. When he turned to Heaven and said, "It is finished," he did not mean that the path of the cross for the world was finished. He meant that Heaven had received his heart's tearful plea of concern over the cross. We need to know that Jesus comforted Heaven by taking upon himself all the mistakes committed by the prophets and patriots and offering himself as a living sacrifice.

And even beyond that, as he neared death Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34) God had a mind to pass judgment immediately, judgment that was even greater than that of Noah's time. But Jesus died clinging to the nation, clinging to the religious establishment and clinging to the cross. For this reason, God could not abandon humanity but held on to us. Because this bond of heart existed between Jesus, the future generations of humanity and the remaining people of Israel, God has been unable to abandon the religious organizations and people of succeeding generations who have turned against Him. Instead, He has clung to them.

Meaning of the Bread and Wine that Jesus Shared with Us

I am sure you are well aware that God, who had been carrying out His Providence of restoration for four thousand years, could not complete His Will in Heaven and on Earth simply by the Providence of having Jesus resurrect. So He established a new testament in His word, and through it He has worked His providence to bring together His will in Heaven with that on Earth and establish the promised original Garden.

If we look in the Bible, we see that Jesus said the wine and bread that he gave us were the promise and new covenant. After Jesus was on Earth, we received his flesh and blood, and these represented the life of the perfected whole that must be accomplished. At the same time, they represented the providence in its entirety.

What does the fact that we received Jesus' blood and flesh symbolize? This is not just the flesh and blood of Jesus as one individual. In a larger sense, these signify Heaven and Earth and, in a smaller sense, they signify the core and the individual body. Also, the flesh symbolizes the truth and blood of the Holy Spirit. Jesus gave us all this without condition.

What has been blocked between God and human beings? Heaven's Will should be manifested on Earth and everything on Earth ultimately should be connected to Heaven's Will. In this way, Heaven and Earth will move toward a single goal. This is what is blocked. Jesus established a new promise before he departed, so after his death the necessity of human beings, that is, the disciples who followed Jesus, connecting the spiritual and physical worlds remained as a condition. Had Jesus not died, Heaven and Earth would have been connected through him. Because he died, Jesus came to represent the conditions in Heaven and the Holy Spirit came to represent the conditions on Earth.

Respected guests, the time now has come. Heaven's time, for which God has been waiting six thousand years and Christians have been waiting two thousand years, has come. It is the time to build the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and in Heaven on an inter-religious, international and inter-organizational footing. Heaven's fortune has finally arrived. Jesus, Peter, John and the other disciples, plus thousands and even tens of thousands of religious leaders in the spirit world are now of one mind and one body and they are descending freely to the physical world to attend True Parents. Without a doubt, the Unified Cosmic Nation of Heaven's Will and the Kingdom of Heaven in which Heaven and Earth can be as one in eternal peace will settle on the Earth.

Now is the time for America, the Christian country representing the Second Israel, to stand in the forefront. I declare to the world that America has the responsibility to guide all the world's people. But it must not do so with weapons; it must do this in truth and love by living for the sake of others upon the foundation of true love, true life, and true lineage.

Finally, I hope that *The Washington Times*, UPI, and other major media will accept this lofty command from Heaven and take up the task of educating humankind, taking a stance beyond religion and ideology. Please note that I have distributed to you a pamphlet containing messages from leaders in the spirit world. I ask that you read this carefully.

Thank you for your kind attention. May God bless you and God bless America.

ISRAEL and JUDAISM

DAY OF THE VICTORY OF HEAVEN

October 4, 1979, World Mission Center, New York, NY

I want you to know that it is God's will that all religions be united into one. You know restoration takes place according to the law of indemnity, and that God's purpose is the restoration of all mankind. Some people, like Jesus, are in the position to sacrifice for the sake of the world. The Jews as well are in a position to help God restore billions of people around the world. Their sacrifices must not remain in vain; they served an important purpose in the history of God for the sake of restoring all the multitudes of people in history.

Among the religions of the world, the Jews have suffered the most because God's loved ones are always in a position to be a sacrifice. Because God allowed such suffering to come to the Jews, God expected them to be the strongest, most understanding and most united religious people. Who shall play the central role in uniting all religions? God handpicked the Jews and trained them for that role. This is my explanation of the suffering of the Jews from the dispensational point of view; their oppression was not a punishment from God, but was the same glorious sacrificial role that Jesus was given in order to complete the restoration of mankind.

After World War II the Jews had a great opportunity because they suffered the most. They should have become flag bearers and champions of God, calling for unity of all religions, including Christianity, under God's banner. If those two had united then the unity of all other religions would only have been a matter of time. The problem has been that Jewish thinking was always nationalistic, while God's thinking was universal. The Jews should embrace all people of the world for their salvation, and in that case they would have won a true victory for God after World War II. But as long as they have narrow thinking they will face more and more problems. Once they liberate themselves to see from God's perspective, their whole situation will become different. If they think self-centeredly then God will leave and look for some other champions elsewhere.

I want you to understand that because of this failure of religions to unite, communism could rise after World War II. In the event that they take over the free world, the first group of people to be annihilated will be the Christians. The worst bloodshed, never seen in history, will take place and touch all people of the world. The genocide of the Jews in World War II will seem small in comparison as millions and millions of people will die in that bloodletting. God will require the toughest kind of unity to be forged under those circumstances.

Pope John Paul II visited New York recently and received a wholehearted welcome, but do you think he could have been given such a welcome under worldwide communist rule? No, the Pope and all Catholics, Protestants and Jews together would have been killed at the outset. What about the Unification Church? We would be the first to go. In that respect all religious people face a common destiny. My proclamation is that we must unite and go beyond the level of denomination and the boundaries of religions. I established a movement to unite religions, but instead of being united, Christians are uniting with communists to accuse and oppose us. What seems to be unanimous opposition to me, however, is being split by you who crossed over the line to unite with me. You are the people who saw the will of God and want to give your lives to it and fight for this goal.

TRUE PARENTS AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY

December 27, 1981, Belvedere, Tarrytown, NY

Christianity has been the source of the greatest opposition to me, but I have invested great amounts of energy and resources to help bring about a revival of Christianity. Jewish people as well have opposed me, but I teach that Judaism is the elder brother of the Unification Church. The Bible directs people to love those who persecute them. This has been my way of life.

GOD'S DAY MIDNIGHT ADDRESS

January 1, 1992, Grand Ballroom, World Mission Center, New York

Father predicted communism could not go beyond seventy three years and that is precisely what happened. The disappearance of communism from the face of the earth is not the end of the struggle though. The more difficult struggle has been the struggle between religions. Father has been warning more about the danger of religious struggle and the bloodshed of religious people, among Islam, Judaism and Christianity. Look at Beirut and Ireland. Religious wars are killing people. The most senseless killing is going on in the name of religion. Father has been doing a great deal of reconciliation between Judaism and Islam through ICUS for the professors. Father brings together the professors from the Arab territory and Israel territory and mediates their reconciliation through religion. When Islam is fighting against Judaism, which one is on the side of God? We cannot say. Both are right and wrong. Both have certain claims, but it doesn't make a difference. The important thing is that God's will is to bring harmony. In the Bible it says those who bring harmony and reconciliation will be blessed. To bring that harmony is one of the most important things in history and the one who can do it is truly a son of God.

STATEMENT ON JEWS AND ISRAEL

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

Jewish Brethren:

September 18, 1976, at our God Bless America Festival at the Washington Monument, in the presence of an estimated 300,000 people; we stated:

[Judaism, Christianity and the Unification Movement] are indeed three brothers in the Providence of God. Then, Israel, the United States and Korea, the nations where these three religions are based must also be brothers. Because these three nations have a common destiny representing God's side, the Communist bloc as Satan's representative is trying to isolate and destroy them at the U.N.

Therefore these three brother nations must join hands in a unified effort to restore the United Nations to its original purpose and function. They must contribute internally to the unification of world religions and externally to the unification of the world itself.

(cf. our advertisement in *The New York Times*, Sept. 24, 1976)

And yet, in spite of this clear and explicit statement, we were attacked repeatedly and accused of anti-Semitism. Our views were distorted, our struggle, its meaning and objectives misrepresented.

On the occasion of these Hanukkah Days, the Festival of Light and commemoration of your victory over the forces of darkness and evil we wish to clarify our genuine convictions and express our honest and sincere feelings toward you, Jewish brethren.

Towards this end and purpose we publish herewith and bring to your attention the document signed on August 10, 1976.

In the course of their history the people of Israel and Korea have experienced suffering and persecutions by neighboring enemies and expanding imperialistic powers.

As a son of the Korean people, living in this blessed by God land of America, I extend to you, Jewish Brethren, my hand of friendship and wish to state the principles which are guiding the activities of our Movement, especially those regarding the problems and difficulties confronting the Jews of the World and Israel at this crucial juncture of our common human history.

1. The Unification Movement categorically condemns anti- Semitism, the most hideous, abject and cruel form of hatred. We regard the murder of six million Jews in Europe the result of political short- sightedness and lack of moral responsibility on the part of Germany's political and religious leaders, and statesmen from among other nations, in the period between the Two World Wars.

Ignoring the basic teachings of the Scriptures, they acted too late to block Hitler's ascent to power, they postponed the action for his downfall, and they did nothing to rescue the victims who were the captives of his satanic plans and designs.

Only a unified front of all Christian and Jewish forces, inspired by the principles of the Divine Commandments and guided by the concept of human brotherhood, would have been able to prevent the Holocaust, the implementation of the "Final Solution," -- a Cain-inspired action, carried out by the Nazis between 1933 and 1945.

2. The Unification Movement recognizes the divine and natural right of the Jewish people to physical survival and preservation of its specific religious traditions, the marks of its distinctive historical entity. These fundamental human rights must be secured everywhere, especially for Jews living in the lands of the Diaspora.

3. The Unification Movement regards the Land of Israel as a haven for the Holocaust survivors and sanctuary for all those individual Jews who are trying to escape physical persecution and religious, racial or national oppression. The demand for free emigration--the undeniable and inalienable right of every human being--must become the stated policy of the United States in her dealings with foreign countries, and particularly in her relations with the Soviet Union.

4. The Unification Movement, in its efforts to resolve conflicts among nations and harmonize antagonistic social- economic and political interests, will work toward the creation of political conditions necessary for an acceptable accommodation between the Arabs and Jews, and to achieve a genuine and lasting peace in the Middle East, one of the most important corners of the world.

5. The Unification Movement believes that religious and free people throughout the world must cooperate in building a spiritual and organizational unity among nations which will be capable to contain Soviet imperialism, which continues to inflict hardship and suffering upon its own people and is spreading the poison of hatred and dissension among nations of the world, with the ultimate purpose of political global subjugation and enslavement.

6. The Unification Movement is grateful to God, to His true and righteous prophets and saints of our common spiritual tradition who prepared the foundations on which we stand and organize our struggle. We consider ourselves to be the younger brother of our Jewish and Christian brethren, all of whom are children of our Heavenly Father. We regard it as our duty to respect and serve the elder sons of our Father, and it is our mission to serve Judaism and Christianity by promoting Love and Unity among all the children of God.

7. The Unification Movement teaches the Principle and strives toward the establishment of a Unified World Family of Nations guided by the concepts of Unity and Brotherhood expressed in the Divine Commandments, the foundations of our common spiritual heritage. It is our conviction that we must unite in order to attain this Divine and Sublime Historical Objective.

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

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PERSEVERANCE AND CONTEMPLATION

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What about God? Is He isolated from the misery of the world? Is He only concerned about a certain group of people? No, He is everywhere. Islam may be the second greatest religion in the world today but Muslims are acting the same as Christians in this matter. They cherish their own believers and country, but do not care so much about other people and nations. Buddhists are the same; they never think about embracing Christians; they don't know how and they don't care. They don't go out to society and try to solve the problems of the world.

THE 25TH YEAR OF THE UNIFICATION CHURCH

May 1, 1978, Belvedere, Tarrytown, New York

Communist strategy for the future is to take a more active role in nullifying religion, letting Islam, Christianity and Judaism each fight among themselves, as well as with all others. If this occurs then the human race faces annihilation. Through promoting division among peoples and religions, the communists want to benefit their own purposes. God's new religious movement should have the content which can unite not only these diverse religions but even draw together people who follow the different ideologies, such as communism and democracy. If God does exist then He would reason this way, but He also needs someone on earth to pursue this thinking...

All these problems started when man went in the wrong direction in the beginning. From that time everything has been going in a direction opposite to God's point of view. How can we turn the right side to the left side and vice versa? We have to go against the old, established desires. The whole problem is one of changing the direction of the "I"-centered family, "I"-centered nation and "I"-centered religion and world. We have to go the opposite way and live the family life for the nation, the national life for the world and dedicate the world to God. The present way of living in the world must be completely turned upside down. "I" must live for the world, not for "my" sake. Judaism should exist for Islam and Islam for Judaism. Christianity should live for Buddhism and so forth. This is what is meant by the opposite direction.

The Way Of Unification - Part 1

by Rev. Sun Myung Moon

CHAPTER 1: THE ESSENTIALS OF GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL HISTORY

Section II. The History of the Old Testament and the Messiah

2. The Providence Centering On Esau And Jacob

1) God's Providential Secrets Hidden in the Scriptures

Eve deceived and seduced her husband, Adam. Then later she rejected even God. Therefore, through the history of restoration through indemnity, human beings had to pay indemnity to restore the negative consequences that occurred in the process of the fall.

In the process of God's providence for restoration, as seen in the Old and New Testaments, there were many episodes which we cannot understand in terms of simple human ethics. No one could explain the providential secrets that are hidden in these scriptures. Sometimes we see conflicting content between the Old and New Testaments.

Sometimes it's hard to tell this is holy scripture. There seems to be no relationship between the stories in the Old Testament and those of the New Testament, and sometimes there seems to be a lack of historical consistency. In spite of all this, the Old and New Testaments are actually connected as one. This is the secret of God's providence. After the completion of the providence, all these secrets will be revealed. So far no one has revealed God's providential secrets, which explain how the Old and New Testaments are connected as one.

If you look in Matthew, Chapter One, there are four licentious women named Bathsheba, Tamar, Ruth and Rahab. Why do the names of such immoral women appear? There are reasons. The book of Matthew in the New Testament parallels the book of Genesis in the Old Testament. The sad, historical episodes that are recounted in Genesis are referred to again in Matthew. In other words, the Bible repeats the stories in order to reveal that the new history has its roots in those sad stories which are recorded in Genesis.

2) Jacob Steals the Birthright from Esau

After the failure of Adam's family, God continued the providence for restoration centered on Abraham's family. Of Abraham's two sons, Ishmael and Isaac, the second son, Isaac, represented God's side. Centered on Isaac the history of separation began. Just as Eve deceived her husband and God, Isaac's wife, Rebecca, deceived her husband Isaac and her first son Esau, and took the side of Jacob, the second son. This historical story of Rebecca deceiving her husband and son to help Jacob is an enigma in Christian history which has never been explained.

Why did Rebecca do this? It was to reclaim God's offspring from Satan. Rebecca was chosen and placed in the position to lay the foundation for God's offspring to dissolve God's resentment. She understood her position very well. She knew that her position was to help Jacob and have him naturally subjugate Satan in order to restore the birthright.

One day Esau came back from hunting and was very hungry. Jacob bought Esau's birthright with a bowl of porridge. Actually the birthright should be unchangeable. It is the position in which to receive God's eternal tradition, and is passed on to one's descendants. Yet Esau sold this birthright to his younger brother for a bowl of porridge. Jacob, unlike his elder brother, knew the precious value of the birthright. He knew the value of Abraham's lineage, which had been given God's blessing and love. He inherited the birthright from his older brother at the risk of his life. How did he do this? As you know, he bought the birthright from his brother for a bowl of porridge. In doing so he claimed, "Now I'm your elder brother."

According to God's providence there was no other way to subjugate Satan and restore the fallen world except by reversing the positions of the first and second sons. Knowing this, Jacob used his wisdom to subjugate his brother naturally. Rebecca, knowing that she had to indemnify the position of Eve, who deceived her husband and God, deceived her husband and son. God took the side of Jacob and Rebecca. Why? Until today Christians have not understood why God would side with Jacob and bless him after he had deceived his father and brother. This has been an enigma that no one could explain.

Actually, God's providence for restoration is to pursue the realization of His ideal through such obscure methods, which no one understands.

3) Jacob Inherits From God His 21-Year Course

God could not force Jacob to receive his inheritance. This foundation had to be laid by Jacob himself.

When Esau tried to kill him, Jacob left his home and fled to the land of Haran, where he stayed with his Uncle Laban for 21 years and endured the hard life of a servant. Jacob went through this 21-year course of suffering to lay the foundation for the tribal blessing. Through all his difficulties Jacob maintained an unchanging determination to fulfill God's will. Finally he acquired Leah and Rachel and a certain amount of wealth, and returned to his homeland.

He strove to lay the foundation and prepare himself to subjugate his brother naturally upon his return.

On the return home, Jacob offered everything to his brother. "I don't need wives or property; I only need your welcome and formal recognition that you gave me your birthright and blessing." That was Jacob's prayer and position.

In this way Jacob offered all that he had, and Esau welcomed him. So, centering on Jacob, Esau could receive the blessing of God and they could enter the realm of the chosen people of Israel.

Because of this victory God's providential history could continue through the generations, and God could maintain His hope and look forward to the day of liberation, when His resentment would be dissolved.

3. The History Of The Restoration Of The Birthright In The Womb

1) Perez and Zerah

Jacob's son Judah had three sons, Er, Onan and Shelah. The first son Er married Tamar, but he died early. Then Tamar lived with the second son Onan, but he also died. God's providence was in crisis, as this could have been the end of Judah's lineage, which was to inherit the blessing from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. So Tamar disguised herself and went to the street and seduced Judah, and became pregnant. She did this because she wished to continue the inheritance of God's blessing from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Tamar risked her life in order to pass on this inheritance to Judah's lineage.

Tamar became pregnant with twins. When she was about to give birth, the hand of one child came out first. The midwife said, "This one came out first, so he must be the elder brother," and she tied a red string around his wrist. Then he drew back into the womb, and the other child was born first. He was named Perez, which means "breaking out." Afterwards the child with the red string on his wrist was born, and was named Zerah.

Why did God push aside the first son, Zerah, and have Perez born first? When Rebecca was pregnant, she had asked God why the two children were fighting in her womb. God told her that two nations were struggling in her womb, and that the elder one would serve the younger one. Why?

Likewise, two brothers struggled in Tamar's womb. When Tamar asked God why, He told her the same thing He had told Rebecca, that two nations were struggling in her womb, and that the elder one would serve the younger one.

We can see that in this providential episode the second son restored the birthright in the womb. Why did this happen? This is a secret that Christians have never known.

2) Providence in the Womb

The providential event in which Jacob took the birthright from Esau took place when Jacob was in his thirties. When you look at the fundamental issue, God's intent was to restore the birthright through the history of separation from the time of the womb. Otherwise Satan would continue to claim human beings based on his blood relationship with them. In that case, God could not claim human beings as His own. So He carried out the providence of separation in the womb.

Because of the human fall history began with the separation of human beings into God's side and Satan's side, beginning in the womb. Since God wanted to restore His original blessed lineage, He had to lay a foundation to unite these two worlds, also beginning in the womb. This was the only way that indemnity could be paid for the providence for restoration to advance.

Under Jewish law at that time, when a widow became pregnant or was accused of adultery she could be stoned to death. Yet in order to resolve God's resentment and restore the birthright, Tamar bravely accomplished a mission which no one else could do. What kind of prayer do you think she offered to God?

I'm sure Tamar prayed like this, "Oh God, I miss your blessing. I just want to continue your blessed lineage, so please forgive me. No matter how many times I face death, if only I could continue the blessed lineage of Judah through this adulterous behavior, I have no other wish."

With this kind of desperation, Tamar was willing to face even death in order to fulfill God's will and resolve His resentment. Tamar's filial piety and obedience to God's will was truly amazing. God had to work His providential history through this kind of complicated situation.

So God blessed Tamar, and Judah's family lineage could be resumed.

In other words, God could finally, through Tamar's lineage, indemnify in the womb the fallen course of Cain and Abel and lay His long-cherished victorious foundation on earth. As God wished and had predetermined, He could change the birthright and prepare Tamar's lineage for the birth of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ.

From this time a new arrangement in the history of Israel was made possible. If this had not occurred, even though Jesus Christ had been born from the womb, Satan could still have accused him. In other words, as previously explained, without the victorious foundation in the womb Jesus Christ could not have been born. Now the nation of Israel could appear on this foundation, with the birthright and its authority restored in the womb. Because of Tamar's victorious foundation, through her lineage Jesus Christ could be born.

3) When Could the Messiah Come?

You may think that upon this foundation the Messiah could come immediately, but that was not the reality.

Why? Nations had already been established in the Satanic world, but Israel had only set up a people. The people of Israel could not confront the nations of the Satanic world. So God prolonged history for 2000 years.

He blessed the Israelites, saying, "Grow up quickly!" With this blessing, the Israelites sought to establish a nation. This prolonged the history of Israel for 2000 years. In this time, centering on Judaism, the Israelites built a nation. At the same time God made a promise to the Israelites saying, "I will send you a Messiah."

Who is the Messiah? What kind of person is he? The Messiah is the first son of God. The term "the only begotten son of God" originates here. You speak of Jesus Christ as the "only begotten son of God" without knowing this historical background. The "only begotten son" means the one who receives God's first love. He has the right to be called the "only begotten son" because the tainted blood of the fall has been cleansed; he stands in the position to love and receive love from God directly; and he comes in the position to pay all the indemnity to clean away the stains left by Satan. That's why we call him God's only begotten son. No one in the 2000 years of Christian history has understood this.

The way of Christianity should have been determined based on a clear understanding of these fundamental things. But Christianity today is not like that. Without knowing the fundamental essence of a problem, you cannot find a solution. Likewise, if Christianity today wants to be the religion of hope which can offer solutions to human problems, it must first know these fundamental things. Yes, what Christianity needs most is God's tradition.

The Messiah is the person who receives God's love and comes to earth as God's only begotten son, who has been liberated from Satan through indemnity to purify the tainted satanic blood. But as I said earlier, the Messiah could not yet come. He could come only after the nation of Israel was established. He had to come to the Abel realm, with God's birthright, as the representative of a nation.

4. The Birth Of Jesus And The Messianic Mission

1) The Birth of the Only Begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ

When Jesus was born, the Israelites had established Judaism and were working toward the unity of church and state. They were preparing themselves to confront the Roman Empire. At this time, finally, God's only begotten son was born.

In order to give birth to Jesus, Mary followed a course with which her parents and husband did not agree. Have you ever thought about why Mary did this? Eve denied God, her father, and Adam, her husband, and fell. So, according to the principle of restoration, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, an ear for an ear," God had to take this back from Satan.

Mary was engaged to Joseph. That was the same position Eve was in, engaged to Adam. In order to restore the Fall through indemnity Mary had to take a dangerous course, going exactly the way opposite to Eve's.

Under Jewish law, an adulterous woman could be stoned to death. In spite of this, Mary, for the sake of God's will, determined to offer herself as a sacrifice. Denying her engagement with Joseph, she became pregnant with Jesus. You must know this. From the moment Mary was pregnant, there was absolutely no condition for Satan to accuse Jesus, or to claim that any trace of his love relationship remained in him.

Because Jesus was born upon the foundation of indemnity laid by Tamar and the Israelites, Satan could not claim that any trace of his love remained. So finally, the new son of God's hope could appear. From the very moment Mary was pregnant, Jesus was the son of God.

Because Jesus was born in the center of God's love, the words "only begotten son" are correct. You must know there has never been anyone like Jesus Christ, who was born upon such a foundation of restoration through indemnity.

You must know that Jesus was the saint of saints. You should not have blind faith. There is no perfection in ignorance. It is so difficult to complete the Will of God, even after you understand it. Even though the mighty omniscient God wanted to see His Will fulfilled, Adam and Eve fell. Do you think you can accomplish God's Will in ignorance? No way!

When Mary was pregnant with Jesus, she was in the position of Eve, Rebecca and Tamar. She deceived her husband, her father-in-law, and her own father. What did she do? She became pregnant. Her position was to indemnify on God's side Eve's relationship with the Archangel by becoming pregnant. Rev. Moon is not arbitrarily giving you the clue to the solution of this enigmatic problem. I discovered these things while pursuing the love and heart of God, who has been working His providence to save mankind.

The issue of the holy birth of Jesus Christ has been controversial in Christian society. You may wonder how I found out about this. What do you think, is Jesus Christ the son of man or the son of God?

Here I can tell you clearly, Jesus Christ could be the son of God because he was born from the womb upon the foundation of indemnity, laid through the history of separation between Cain and Abel, and the first son and the second son. In other words, when he was born after ten months in the womb, he was already sanctified as God's son. You must know this clearly.

4) What Kind of Being is the Holy Spirit?

What was God's Will? First, it was to set up the standard of perfect man and woman. Then, to establish God's family centered on His love.

However, was God's family established? No, it was not. Jesus knew God's Will and believed in it. But because the people of Israel did not believe in Jesus, Judaism and the 4000-year historical foundation for Jesus Christ collapsed, and he died miserably on the cross. Who has understood the terrible plight of Jesus until today? No one.

Now you know because Rev. Moon is telling you. If this is true, how glad Jesus must be that we now know. The completion of God's family was impossible unless Jesus Christ, the bridegroom, had been able to find a bride to become the True Mother. Without Jesus' family, the Will of God was not completed.

After Jesus died, when 120 disciples were gathered in prayer on the day of the Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended. The Holy Spirit was the Mother spirit. Jesus was in the position of the Father, and the Holy Spirit was the Mother spirit. The one who knows a man best is his wife; no one is more completely united with her husband than his wife.

Precisely what kind of being was the Holy Spirit? If Eve had been perfected she would have become the substantial mother. But because of the fall, the essence of Eve was taken back by God. This essence was to return as a substantial image when Jesus Christ took a bride. But since Jesus lost the foundation to become a bridegroom, the spirit could not come down and Jesus could not take the position of substantial parent.

So he had to take the position of spiritual parent with the Holy Spirit. Otherwise he would not even have had the foundation to lead God's providence.

Therefore Christian believers speak of the necessity of receiving the Holy Spirit. Why do they need the Holy Spirit? Because Eve, the wife, committed sin, women have to take on the pain of giving birth. Therefore the Holy Spirit works to bring rebirth to Christians. To be redeemed, we need the love of Jesus and also the love of the Holy Spirit. That's why Christians speak of receiving the Holy Spirit.

5) Spiritual Restoration through True Parents

Two thousand years ago Jesus Christ came as the second Adam. He came as the Messiah with the mission of True Father, to save all mankind. But because he went the way of the cross, the True Parents couldn't appear in the flesh. As a result, spiritual redemption was made possible, but physical redemption was never realized. In short, until today, there have been no True Parents who could bring both physical and spiritual salvation.

So we have to be born again through the second coming of the Messiah, who comes in flesh and spirit as the True Parent. Now we believers must be born again to a new life from the mother's womb, conditionally or symbolically. This is the way we are walking. Until today, the Holy Spirit has played the role of mother. So we have to be born again through the mother's spirit and Jesus' spirit.

Of course we are born from our mother's womb, but when we look beyond that, the origin of our life is from our father. We can change and restore our lineage by going back to our mother's womb, but we still have not received our father. Until today, with the power of the mother-the Holy Spirit-Christians have awaited the father, the origin of life, and hoped to return to Jesus. Before the fall, the lives of his sons and daughters already existed as seed in Adam's body. The seed which will become a son or daughter exists in the father's body.

From the fundamental point of view, spirit and body must be born together. So to start again, our spirit and body must return to the position of the seed.

To complete this providence, Christ must come as a parent. So we must be reborn as restored life through the Lord of the Second Advent. When you reflect on the content of Rev. Moon's teachings, you will know clearly whether or not you need the Messiah.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "You will not see the Kingdom of Heaven unless you are born again." Nicodemus asked, "How can I be born again? Can I return to my mother's womb?" Jesus said to him, "You are a well known rabbi, a famous teacher in Israel. How could it be you don't know this?" Jesus was really speaking of this principle.

In Christianity, the resurrection and new life refer to this. Blood lineage is restored through the mother. Original sin must be cleansed and tainted blood restored to God's lineage through the mother.

Yet to be re-created as a pure new life and born again is only possible through the True Father's body. Only through the True Father can complete salvation of spirit and body occur. In this way sinless children could be born with no need of salvation, eligible to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Now you know how difficult the process of restoration is! Rev. Moon not only had to discover this truth, but also had to fulfill it. Now I am teaching you this for free. You are like students who receive a diploma without studying! You must know what a precious position you are in.

Section III. The Current Of God's Providence

1. From Israel To Rome

1) The Israelites Should have United with Jesus Christ

It was not God's will that Jesus should be accused of heresy and so go the way of the cross. Do you think God chose the Israelites and prepared them through 4000 years of faith and suffering for the mission of killing Jesus Christ? If you truly believe that this was the mission of the chosen people, I could say you are crazy. No, God did not prepare Israel for 4000 years to kill Jesus. God did not prepare the Israelites to make villains for the murder of Jesus.

Even though Jesus was born as the first son of man, he did not have the power and authority of the first son. He had only the position of Abel.

The authority and power of the first son was denied him. Because he was in Abel's position, when the external, Cain realm (the Israelites) denied the Abel realm (Jesus), Jesus had no way out. Therefore, the sorrowful events of history took place.

When the Israelites opposed him, Jesus Christ was alienated from Abel's position. That's why Jesus said of his mother Mary, "What has she to do with me?" These were painful words. Do you know why Jesus said these words? No one knows or has revealed the reason. When the Israelites became the Cain side, Jesus on the Abel side became the enemy of Judaism. He became the object of ridicule and criticism. At the same time, the Romans viewed him as a revolutionary against Rome. Owing to all this, God's will could not be completed, fundamentally because the Cain realm, the Israelites, did not unite with him.

Jesus called out on the cross, "My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?" Why do you think he prayed like this? Do you think he would have prayed so if he had completed the will of God? He couldn't carry out God's will completely.

How he longed to unite with the Israelites! Jesus came to establish one nation and one world centered on God's love. Even though he yearned for the Israelites to unite with him, they did not believe in him. So the first Israel crumbled and

the second Israel, Christianity, inherited the lineage. In other words, because Israel did not accept Jesus and his will, God carried out His providence for the next 2000 years through Christianity.

2) What if the Israelites had Welcomed Jesus Christ?

If Jesus had not died, what would have happened? His hope for world unification would have been realized. He would have completed God's Will.

First, Jesus would have united Judaism, the Jewish tribes and nation, and the Arab region in which the descendants of the twelve tribes were living. Jesus' goal was to bring unification, centered on one religion, of all tribes, nations and the world. Even though this was Jesus' mission, he was killed just three years after he began it. He should not have died at the age of 33.

Rather, he should have lived until he had completed the Will of God by saving all the people and the world and becoming King of Kings.

The Bible clearly states that God sent his only begotten son Jesus Christ because He loved this world. If the Israelites had united with Jesus, God would surely have realized His Will.

Let's look at the situation of Israel at the time of Jesus. The Roman Empire, the strongest empire in the world, was declining and becoming spiritually impoverished. A revolt or radical revolutionary change was likely. This was the situation at the time of Jesus' birth. At that time in the Orient, Indian civilization had developed centering on Buddhism and Chinese civilization centering on Confucianism.

As a religious leader, which direction would Jesus have gone after the unification of Judaism? He would have gone to the countries of Buddhism and Confucianism. If the Israelites had welcomed Jesus, the Messianic idea would have easily spread throughout the Middle East, India and the Far East, as well as the Roman Empire and all of Europe. Jesus would surely have united the world in his own time.

In other words, if the twelve tribes of Israel had united with Jesus in walking this religious way, the entire Arab world would easily have united with him. Upon this foundation he would have won over the Roman Empire, Europe and all of Asia. Jesus would have established a new religious realm and would have become the King of Kings. Even if the Roman Empire had opposed him, with the support of the Buddhist and Confucian powers in the East, Jesus could have united the world in his time.

Unfortunately Jewish people rejected Jesus and he was sent to his death; the hope of the unified world was lost.

Let's think over what would have been established if the Israelites had welcomed and united with Jesus. If that had happened Jesus would have become the King of Israel, united his disciples, and brought unity among all the descendants of Abraham including the twelve tribes of Jacob and the Arabs. They all would have become part of the family of God's children.

Jesus would have secured the sovereignty of God centered on the nation of Israel, and established the Constitution of the Heavenly Kingdom. At that time, once God's sovereignty had been substantially realized in a nation, no one would have dared to challenge it. The nation that God wished to establish through Adam would have been realized through the second Adam, Jesus Christ the King. The Roman Empire would have knelt down before God as prophesied in Isaiah Chapter 9:7-9: "The Lord thunders; He sits on the throne of David; He has set up His throne and His judgment seat. He will judge the world with justice and try the cause of the peoples fairly. So may the Lord be a tower of strength for the oppressed, a tower of strength in time of need."

After Jesus went to the cross his disciples had to go through all kinds of bloody persecution and suffering, and march toward Rome with bare hands. Eventually, within 400 years, the Roman Empire did kneel down in front of these bare-handed people. If Jesus had lived to lead these people, surely in his own time he could have brought the Roman Empire under God's control.

At that time the Roman Empire was the center of the world. God had prepared the Roman Empire for the sake of the restoration of the whole world. Once the Roman Empire had been transformed into the Kingdom of Heaven, it would have been easy for the rest of the world to follow.

If Jesus had established the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth in Rome, Roman power would have been used in spreading his message throughout the world. Jesus would have gone on to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth all over the world.

If that had happened, today there would be no churches-Roman Catholic, Methodist, Church of Christ, Presbyterian, etc., would not exist.

There would have been no denominations. When you arrive at your destination, you no longer need your car. We would all have been citizens of the Heavenly Kingdom. Christian history would not have been written in blood; there would have been no martyrs, and no cross hanging in churches. Had this happened the mission of the Messiah would have been completed, and there would have been no need for Christ to come again.

The betrayal of Jesus was a miserable event. Because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, God could not realize His ideal in the Garden of Eden. Because of the chosen people's betrayal of Jesus Christ, God could not realize the Kingdom of God on Earth.

3) The Israelites Didn't Know the Will of God

Even though the Israelites had been waiting for the Messiah, they didn't recognize him when he came. Why did they fail to attend him? The reason is simple. The Messiah came to earth to save the world and all mankind. God had chosen the Israelites not for their own sake. You must know this. He did not choose the Unification Church for its own sake. God did not choose Rev. Moon for his own sake, but for God and for the world.

In the Bible, John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world that He sent his only begotten son, that whoever believed in him would not die, but have eternal life." God gave his only son not for the sake of Christianity. Christians must be aware of this. Jesus came not for Christianity, he came for all mankind. Jesus was not the Messiah only for the Christians. If they are not aware of this the Christians will surely perish.

The Israelites didn't understand this. They thought the Messiah, the King of Kings, would come to bring them blessings and glory after he conquered the Roman world. But that was not God's Will. God's Will was that the Messiah would come and sacrifice the Israelites for the sake of the world, teaching them the heart of God to serve all mankind. Only after winning over all mankind would the day of glory come to them. Do you understand?

The expectations of the Israelites were at cross purposes with the Will of God. The Will of God and the Messiah was to save the world and humankind, and to straighten out history. The Israelites thought the Messiah came for the people and nation of Israel and their history. So they had divergent purposes. When Israelites looked at the Messiah they couldn't believe their eyes, so instead of welcoming him they opposed him. They expected the Messiah to win support from Rome and eventually to govern Rome. But they couldn't believe that this Messiah could do that.

The Israelites had received the blessing as God's chosen nation to lead the world. But since they were at cross purposes with God they could not reach their destination, and the chosen people who should have attended God and served His purpose failed to serve God and were punished. For 2000 years they wandered around the world without a nation.

4) God's Blessing Moves to the Italian Peninsula

Why do you think God put so much effort into setting up Judaism, as well as Buddhism and Confucianism in the Orient? This was all for the Messiah. God set up a worldwide realm of religious culture so that when the Messiah came it could provide peripheral support for him. Christianity had to endure 400 years of persecution and sacrifice in Rome to indemnify history and establish the Christian culture centered on the Roman Empire.

So where did God's blessing go when it was taken from the Israelites? It went to the Italian peninsula.

Because of his death Jesus' spirit and body were separated. Thereafter two main cultural spheres developed: the physical culture of humanistic Hellenism and the spiritual culture of theistic Hebraism. The Roman Empire, representing Jesus' body, first accepted Hellenism, under Satan's dominion. So Christianity was persecuted in Rome for 400 years.

God set up Christianity as the national religion in Rome only after the Christians endured 400 years of persecution, bloodshed and indemnity, finally winning over the hearts of the Roman people. After the Roman Empire recognized Christianity, the period of the Patriarchs began. How did the Patriarchs handle the situation? They were dogmatic, authoritarian and divided, and so they could not rise above the national level and take up their worldwide mission.

5) History of Judaism and the Roman Catholic Church

Why couldn't the Israelites receive Jesus Christ? They thought that when the Messiah came he would immediately conquer the Roman Empire and the Israelites would control the whole world. But that was not God's Will.

His Will was not to have the nation of Israel spiritually conquer Rome and the neighboring countries and control the world. God's Will was rather to use Israel as a sacrifice for the sake of Rome, the neighboring countries and the world.

God's Will is not confined to one nation; His idea is to go beyond the nation. His Will is not limited to one religious denomination; it goes beyond the denomination. However the Israelites, stubbornly concerned with their own national interest and authority, did not trust Jesus, who advocated internationalism. This resulted in horrendous tragedy.

As in Israel, in Rome God's Will was not to remain in one nation. It was to save all humankind. Did Rome accomplish its mission? No it didn't. Due to corruption in the Roman Catholic Church, it could not unite the world into one Christian culture. If at that time the Roman Empire had united with the Roman Catholic Church to pursue God's will, unswervingly going the sacrificial way of the cross to complete their mission, they could have saved the world. However, what did the Roman Catholic Church actually do? It centered on the Pope and forsook God's Will. It subjugated many nations and boasted of its authority.

In John 3:16 the Bible says: "God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten son, that whoever believed in him should not die, but have eternal life." Do you think this message was intended to save individuals? No, it was intended to save the world. God's love was not only for individuals. It was not only for Christianity. God's love was for the world. This world included the Roman Empire and the nations of the Orient. What did God intend to do after Israel welcomed the Messiah?

He wanted to save the world, then, with all mankind proclaiming "Hallelujah!" He wanted to make Israel the central nation of the world. But Israel wanted immediate glory as soon as the Messiah came. The Catholics also wanted immediate glory and the expansion of papal authority.

2. From Italy To England

1) God's Blessing Moved from Italy to England

When the Roman Catholic Church did not fulfill its responsibility, God's blessing inevitably had to move elsewhere. When God withdrew His blessing from Rome the Medieval Age became the Dark Age, and the proud Roman Catholic authorities were brought down in the midst of humanistic ideology.

At this time God initiated the new Protestant movement and opened the way for world salvation once again. God bestowed His blessing on the English Protestant movement, centering on Henry VIII, who led the movement to oppose the Catholics and change the constitution of the church. So God's Will left Rome and moved to England, and a new providence for world salvation began.

Thus the small island nation of England, developing its ocean-going capabilities, quickly became a world power. The world said, "The sun never sets on the British empire."

God blessed England not for the British themselves, letting them conquer the world and enjoy the cream of civilization just for themselves, but for the sake of world salvation. In other words God blessed England because, upon its world foundation, He wanted to save the world. At that time England should have been aware of God's Will and internally united with the Puritans, who dreamed of an ideal country centered on God's Will. Then England should have spread God's Word throughout the world on the foundation of its colonies. If she had done so, England would surely have been able to unite and save the world.

In reality, what did England do? It was unaware of its mission and colonized other nations for its own interests. It failed to become a nation for the sake of world salvation, and exploited the world for its own sake. The Anglican Church tightened its authority, supported the government and forgot about world salvation, and persecuted the Puritans who advocated new religious freedom. God's Will to save the world centering on England came to a dead end.

The Puritans, who advocated religious liberty, struggled against the authoritarian monarchy. Finally they crossed over to the new continent of America, at the risk of their lives. Beyond denomination, beyond nationality, these Puritans pioneered America centered on God's Protestantism. They strove to build the ideal country of God. They left behind their homeland, which had persecuted and oppressed them for their faith, to save the world and build an ideal world in which they could serve God freely. So they united and pioneered America and laid a religious foundation that matched England's. Here people were able to establish a world level Abel Christian realm, in opposition to the world level Cain Christian realm, by uniting the Protestant forces. In this way God began the providence of restoring the Catholics, in the position of the first son, through the Abel Protestants.

2) The Anglican Church and the Puritan Movement

You know what happened between Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, don't you? Henry had no son and wanted to divorce Anne, but he faced great opposition. The Catholic Church opposed him, so he wanted to change the law in order to justify his divorce. He left the Catholic Church and set up his own Anglican Church. This is history.

Henry should not have done this. He should have repented about this. Yet he opened a new providential stage by uniting with the new Protestant movement on the national level. Queen Elizabeth was Protestant. She welcomed Calvinism. Through the Statute of Westminster, Article 33, Queen Elizabeth laid the foundation for England to accept Calvinism. It was God's Will for England to defeat Spain and strengthen its ocean-going power.

England inherited all the historical foundation of God's blessing to Christianity. At that time if England, beginning with Henry VIII, had embraced all European Protestants for three generations, England would have become the kingdom of freedom, the elder brother and mother nation. It should have embraced all Europeans who sought religious freedom.

The name of England is the United Kingdom. Literally this name transcends the nation. England, once only a small island and the base of pirate gangs, became the mighty British Empire. The sun never set on the British Empire. This was not because they were so capable. It was possible because, after the failure of the Roman Empire, God needed a new central nation in which to set up a new tradition and a new path.

That's why God blessed England and enabled it to conquer throughout the world. If England had united with God's Will there would have been no nation of America. The world would have been united at that time. But the way that the British colonized and exploited India for 300 years was not God's Will.

God made a good foundation upon which England could have united its colonies in Asia. Isn't that so? If England had known God's Will and marched forward with the Protestants to unite the new nations for the sake of world salvation, then England would have been able to establish a world culture. Today's America wouldn't have existed. Isn't that so?

The Puritans tried to reform the Anglican Church and establish God's ideal in England. They sought to build God's ideal church and nation. But since the British monarchy persecuted them, they had to go to the far-off land of America to seek freedom of faith.

3. God's Blessing To America

1) The Protestant Movement and the American Pioneers

We can see that the medieval Roman papacy had forgotten God's Will to save the world, because they were corrupt and consumed by their own ecclesiastical authority and dogma. They had forgotten the world, seeing only their own power and foundation, and negating all forces that opposed them. Originally they should have been thinking they were ready to sacrifice themselves to save the world. Instead they thought only of protecting their own power and glory.

Since God's Will was to save the world, He could not allow this situation to continue. He had to either destroy it or rejuvenate it, so He initiated the Protestant movement. Martin Luther came and directly confronted the papacy. His thought was to love God and to teach the world the ideas of equality and freedom. He believed that this was God's desire, and that God would help him.

In England, the Puritan movement tried to influence Parliament and form a new government centered on God. But the government didn't accept this movement and continued to oppress it. The Protestants who sought freedom to worship God were persecuted all over Europe.

These movements arose naturally. The leaders of the Protestant movement dreamed of a church in which they could freely serve God and move beyond the medieval Roman papacy. In the course of this movement they became aware of a new continent. In search of freedom from the dogmatic, totalitarian European church, the Pilgrim fathers, dreaming of a world where they could freely practice their faith, crossed the Atlantic Ocean and arrived on the American continent. They came in search of freedom to worship God and to build the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth on this new, free continent.

Crossing the Atlantic Ocean was a dangerous undertaking at that time. To gain religious freedom, the Pilgrims left their beloved parents and homes, forsaking their families and homeland. Believing only in God and relying on His love, they set out on their voyage. They never resented God, no matter what difficulties and trials they faced. These people kept their faith and determination to build a nation where they would be free to practice their faith. They relied absolutely on God.

On board ship they prayed to God when they were ill, and remained united centered on God. God must have been moved by their faith, watching them overcome great difficulties and suffering for His sake.

"You are the first people since human history began to take such risks for My sake. You forsook your families and nation, so I will give you a better nation, better tribes and clans than those you have given up." This must have been God's determination.

You know that the Mayflower arrived in New England in winter. It was November, the weather was cold and the Pilgrims didn't have enough food. Some of them died of hunger. Yet even though these amazing people were dying, they kept some seed to plant for the next year.

They certainly had the faith that God would open their way in the future, and build through them a nation of freedom and blessing. That's why they walked even the way of death happily, leaving behind seeds for their children to plant. They could bless their descendants while going through a difficult sacrificial way themselves. They did this only because of their faith in God. You may know that the last 41 survivors made an agreement in the name of God. The fact that the ancestors of America kept their faith until the last moment before they died was an historical event.

Without faith, could they have prayed to God in gratitude with their last breath? You must know that your ancestors strove always to attend God, day and night, wherever they went. God, knowing the corruption of the Roman papacy, readily bestowed His blessing upon these American ancestors.

The Pilgrims had a different motive from other emigrants in leaving their homeland. They left in pursuit of a nation that could save the world and be a fatherland of faith. This was a great thing. This idea was in accordance with God's hope, who wanted to save the world beyond the Roman Catholic Church. So God could not help but bless them.

American citizens, God blessed America not only so you could have good meals and good times. God blessed America to save the world. America must not betray God's Will. God wants to work centered on America. If your ancestors had come to America for their own sakes, God would never have blessed them like this. These early immigrants to North America came only in search of the freedom to worship God, nothing else. But they found God and freedom and money also. The immigrants to South America were the opposite. They went in search of money. They side-lined God, and went in search only of money. They went at the same time and in the same position as the northern immigrants, but they lost God and freedom and money. Now those countries are underdeveloped.

It is a miracle that America became a first-rate world-level nation in 200 years. This was only possible with God's protection and blessing.

5. The Mission Of Christianity From The Viewpoint Of God's Will

1) Who Will Take Responsibility for This World?

What is God's Will? Of course, God's Will is to save individuals. But His Will is also to save the world. Individuals need salvation, but God needs an individual who believes in Him and wants to be saved for the sake of the world.

God wants a representative family, but He wants it for the sake of the world. God wants a representative tribe, also for the sake of the world. God wants a representative nation which declares it will take responsibility to save all nations of the world. Don't you think God wants this?

The Jewish people and the nation of Israel thought the Messiah would come only for themselves; that's why they failed to receive the Messiah. They had no idea that the Messiah would come to unite them to save the world. God's idea and that of the nation of Israel were at cross purposes.

From this viewpoint, Jacob was the representative of the family, Moses was the representative of the tribe, and Jesus came as the representative of the nation and the world, with the central mission of saving the world. Isn't that true?

God's will is not only for one denomination. He wants to sacrifice one denomination for the sake of world salvation. Today many Christians think, "I believe in God, I believe in Jesus, so I can go to the Kingdom of Heaven." If you believe in Jesus only for your own salvation, it is not in line with God's providential point of view. We never think of the whole world. Very few people think beyond the salvation of their own family and their own nation.

Today, from the viewpoint of God's will, one should desire individual salvation for the sake of the world, and family salvation too for the sake of the world. Tribal and national salvation should also be for the sake of the world.

CHAPTER 2: THE PROVIDENTIAL VIEW OF KOREA

Section II. Korea As The Third Israel (Part 1)

1. The First Israel And God's Will

1) The Beginning of the Realm of the First Israel

Now, what we have to know is the meaning of Israel in the Bible. What is the meaning of Israel? Israel! "Human being" includes man and woman. Israel does not mean that man defeats woman or woman man. It does not mean that you are the victor over any person, any family or any environment. If so, why do we call it victory? It means that we are victorious in the fight with Satan.

The word "Israel" came from the era of Jacob. After suffering through twenty-one years of drudgery, on his way back to Canaan Jacob triumphed in wrestling with an angel at the ford of Jabbok. The word "the realm of Israel" began then. Whom did Jacob triumph over? He triumphed over an angel, who was substituting for the Archangel. What is the Fall? It means that man was defeated by the Archangel. For this reason, to realize salvation and restoration, man had to fight the angel substituting for the Archangel and make him surrender.

Well, what was the essential plan of Jacob who received the name "Israel"? That is another problem. Jacob, who triumphed as an individual in his struggle with Esau to win the birthright and then ran away, knew that God was with Abraham, whom He had blessed, and had the ardent heart to stand on God's side. In spite of being the second son, Jacob tried to form a family which could inherit God's blessings, and pursued such a family before everything else. For these reasons, there are some anecdotes of immorality in the Bible. But judging from the viewpoint of the providential history, it was in the nature of things.

After suffering through twenty-one years of drudgery, to accomplish the Will, Jacob returned from Haran to Canaan. What was the reason behind that? He thought of a new family. The family was not his own family. He may have missed seeing Esau's family and Abraham's, and returned. Centering on these blessed families and his family, and wanting the land to become a territory on which the universal God's Will could be fulfilled, on his way back to Canaan he triumphed in wrestling with an angel.

The motivation to gain the word "Israel" was not to enable to Jacob's family to live well. Jacob returned centering on the three generations of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Nobody had more hope that these blessed families would prosper than Jacob did. If a family stands God's side, the satanic world is deprived of the family; therefore, a country is in doubt. Consequently, if the satanic world is robbed of the country, the world, heaven and earth become questions.

Thereupon, on the foundation of the whole clan, with his family as the center, Jacob fought. His property mattered little to Jacob, and his servants didn't matter to him. At the sacrifice of these things, he hoped that the whole clan would prosper and that the three generations of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in obedience to God's command, would center on the realm of Israel which took the victory with the great God's Will, and he wanted the clan to develop into a worldwide people. You have to know that as God had blessed Abraham that his descendants would flourish like the innumerable stars in the sky, Jacob kept the Will in his mind and hoped the worldwide people would be in the realm of God, and so went through the battlefield.

Then whom did Jacob triumph over? He triumphed over Satan. There are many families and clans, but the situations in which they are placed. . . Jacob, centering on his family with twelve sons and daughters led by him, began the course. To be based upon the ideal Will of God led by Abraham's, Isaac's, and Jacob's clan as well as Jacob's family, the blessing of Israel was initiated. To be magnified, longing to be a representative people who could go to the ideal world, they started as a successful people going toward the great world in the future and the ideal of God. It was God's original Will and the royal responsibility that the chosen Israel people might be the model. As the Will and responsibility united, the beginning of Israelite realm was possible. Heaven developed this Israel people, with its twelve tribes, built the state of Israel and the religion of Israel-Hebraism. Through the long history of four hundred years, God built the religion and state of Israel and promised the Advent of the Messiah. "I will send the Messiah. Though you fall into any difficult situation, if you receive him, the difficulty will be settled." This was the Messiahism which God promised to the people of Israel. (168-301)

2) The Direction the Religion and People of Israel Would Choose

As you know, Israelites underwent troubles in Babylon. Escaping from the life of prisoners, Israelites returned to Israel in three waves. The returning Israelites established a temple with new materials. Harkening to the prophets, they gambled to

improve the religion internally, and the state externally. God prepared the foundation for the Messiah through the four hundred years.

If the Israelites would receive the Messiah, what would happen? God's Will of the Messiah's advent was not only for Israelites but also for the whole world. The Messiah should be received not only in the physical world but in the spiritual world as well. Why so? Since man fell, Satan ruled the physical world, and hell was formed in the spiritual world. Hell came into being. The territory ruled by Satan is expanded from the earthly hell to the heavenly hell. Therefore, we have to become free starting on earth. If man had not fallen, the earthly hell would not have been formed. An ideal heaven would have been formed. Because due to the Fall, the two worlds turned into territories ruled by Satan, we have to restore them. We have to overcome.

If so, who can overcome? To overcome the course one has to go along the same road as Israel. The road is not two, but one. What is the road the chosen nation and religion of Israel had to undergo? It is universal. The mission is universal. Even though God chooses the specific people of Israel, they have to fulfill the mission not for themselves but for humankind.

Including the Jewish religion, there are numerous religions in the world. There are Buddhism, Confucianism, and Hinduism. The religions are various, but they must not fight one another. After being established, they must go to the one world together. The races of the whole world must not fight one another, but must become one. There must be the thought that can lead religions not to fight, but to unite.

We need the thought that can unify religions and rally the chosen people. Because the realization of God's ideal of creation is universal, the chosen religion and people have to keep the thought which corresponds to the ideal of creation. (168-303)

3) God's Will of the Dispensation for Salvation through the First Israel

The Israelite people were placed as a colony under the tyranny of the Roman Empire. But they thought that, as they were the chosen people, if the Messiah would come down, they could all at once break down Rome, make all the world give in, and turn the whole world around their little fingers. As the coming Messiah would judge the world and freely handle everything with authority, they hoped that Israel could form the privileged base and act as leader. That is, they hoped to dominate the world. Next, they were thinking that they would become the center and the highest class even through sacrificing the whole world.

But the Will of God is different. Israel is a small country. The Israelite religion is a small one. Centering on that religion, God wanted to govern and make the world one. God wished to save the world. But Israel took no regard for the world. If Israel doesn't sacrifice for the world, the world can't be connected, and if the Israelite religion doesn't sacrifice for the world's religions, there is no way to make them unite.

The Israelite people have to unite humankind and religions and connect as one body with religion as inner and nation as outer. The Israelite nation and the Israelite people were in such a situation.

Then, what mission did the Messiah coming in obedience to God have? Through the religion and state of Israel, even if they are sacrificed, the Messiah's mission is also to solve the environments in Asia, such as Buddhism of India and Confucianism of China. God knew it. The Messiah knew it and came down. Further, the Messiah must save the Roman Empire, an enemy.

Such was the thought of God and the Messiah; on the other hand, the people of Israel and the religion of Israel wanted to make all of the East as well as Rome their servants, and dreamed of the world they could dominate. As such, it was good as a dream. After the Israelite realm prevailed at the world level, establishing God's complete religious territory, it might become possible; but in the situation of Israel it was not possible yet. The providence of God is not so. It is through the state of Israel and the religion of Israel's sacrifice that the providence of God has to win over the numerous religious realms of the Orient and the Roman realm of Hellenism. This is the God's providence. This is the issue.

If so, for what did the Israelites hope through the unification of the Israel state centering on Hebraism? Priests and the Jewish leaders thought the same. They thought that if the Lord would descend upon them, they would be installed in the highest positions and could turn the world around their little fingers.

That thought is wrong. God's providence for salvation is a global providence. The providence for salvation is the providence for all the people. It is not the providence for specific people in a specific religious realm centering on a specific religion. The providence for salvation liberates all the people and all the nations.

Why would God liberate all the nations? God would make all one nation where God's Will could be fulfilled. Why would God rally all the religions? God would make them all one to fulfill his Will. So we should return to the world God originally wanted to realize. That is a problem. (168-304)

4) Cause of the First Israel's Failure

Despite the advent of the Messiah in Israel, why did not the religion and the state of Israel unite with him? Although Jesus worked miracles with an ardent heart, made an environment in which no one could give offense to the Will of God, and tried to lead them, why did the Israelites send Jesus to the cross! Because the Hebraism leading the people of Israel and the state was a religion centering on a specific people. The people of Israel is a specific people, and through the religion with the people as the center what is to be realized is a specific world. It is to restore the specific world.

Then, what is the specific world! There are a state and a people which are liberated from the satanic world and can always unite as the realm of Israel. The specific world consists of them. God's original will of sending the Messiah is to make such a world. So, through sacrificing the Judaic religion, the state of Judea is led rightly. Through sacrificing the religion and the state, the world is led rightly. Since the state has to obey the Will of God, it must not center on its families and people, but lead by the world ideology which places all other people above its people. Why couldn't the First Israel fulfill God's Will? Because they centered only on themselves, they didn't think about anything except the people and the religion of Israel. This was the problem. They thought the religion and the people of Israel were above everything else. That is wrong. Their prime concern and God's were different.

God thinks the most important thing is the unification of the world through the nation and the people of Israel, and the unification of the religions through sacrificing the religion of Israel. The Israelite religion and nation had to make the world and its religions united. God and the Messiah wished that this movement on the earthly world could liberate also the hell of the spiritual world under this standard.

The Messiah, who is the center of faith, manifested before the Israeli people. There was a difference. "We don't know anything except the Commandments of Moses. That is best," Israelites said. The Commandments of Moses were just to settle the war between Judea of the two tribes of the southern Kingdom and Israel of the ten tribes of the northern Kingdom. It was just a war to save the people of Israel. They knew God's Will of the Old Testament, but they by no means thought of God's Will beyond the Old Testament to save the world. Because the Israelites couldn't see the world beyond the Old Testament, they couldn't accept the Messiah. That is the cause for the First Israel's ending in failure. (168-306)

2. The Second Israel Centering On The Spiritual Standard

Jesus came down as the Father and the Holy Spirit descended as the Mother of humankind. But they didn't become the parents of both body and soul, but have worked as spiritual parents. The death of Jesus on the cross wasn't a victory over Satan with unified body and soul. Jesus was killed by Satan. The body of Jesus was given to Satan and only the soul of Jesus resurrected. As Jesus was resurrected after forty days and gathered his disciples, the Second Israel began centering on the spiritual standard. Such has been the 2,000-year history of Christianity until now.

Then, where is the First Israel? The First Israel perished. Judea as the first Israel perished due to the death of Jesus, and the Second Israel appeared. God had led, protected, and brought up the Israelites, who waited for the Messiah for 4,000 years, so God sent the Messiah on that foundation. But the people would not accept the Messiah and expelled him to the road of death on the cross. So this people stood with the enemies of God.

The Israelites became a stateless people from then and could become independent only after the Second Advent of the Messiah. In the process of the world's indemnification of the sin of the death of Jesus, the people eventually came to be in trouble for much of the 2,000 years. After condemning Jesus, who descended as an ancestor of all people, and causing his bloody death, the people of Israel have been through much trouble as a stateless people.

The Israel of that era was an authoritative nation both in soul and body. On this foundation, Jesus had the responsibility for liberating the nation and for recovering the world; but the Israelites didn't accept the Messiah and expelled him to death. Therefore, Jesus had to go to the spiritual world.

Nevertheless, Jesus had performed his duty of loyalty and filial piety which could establish God's Will. Going to the road of death also, as a substitute for all the people, the Messiah tried to fulfill the mission and the responsibility of Heavenly bonds and establish the morality of loyalty and filial piety: "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." (Mt. 26:39) For this reason, even though Jesus died, Satan couldn't conquer his standard of devotion, and the spiritual standard of Israel was erected due to his spiritual resurrection.

Christianity is the spiritual Second Israel, not one of spirit and body. Accordingly, Christians have been persecuted everywhere. The Israelite people became a wandering people, a stateless people, and hoped to become a substantial nation with a spiritual foundation. This is the 2,000-year history of Christendom till now. (19-207)

3. Korea Chosen As The Third Israel

The Orient could have been unified. There was a foundation upon which Judaism could embrace religions such as Buddhism, Confucianism, Hinduism, and the Zoroastrianism of the Middle East. God's providence was to restore the territory, saving the realms of the religions, and to center on the East, through Jesus' work. But it would go the opposite way due to the death of Jesus and the sacrifice of his body. It would enter Rome, go around the world, and return to the East.

From the Vatican, God's providence moved through America via England. It took 2,000 years. It moved purely. By the principle of restoration through indemnity, reverse phenomena occur. England corresponds to Japan and Korea is a peninsula that corresponds to the Roman peninsula where the providence was centered before England. Through these phenomena, the formation of the foundation which indemnified and liquidated the failures and unfinished work could prevent Satan from entering. This is why the providence runs the course according to the principle of indemnity.

The coming world will move centering around Asia. Why so? Jesus was divided into body and mind. If he had not been divided, but had remained intact, the world would have come to center on the territory of Asia, through the absorption of Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and the religions of the Middle East, which would make one realm of religious culture and absorb Rome. Once Rome was absorbed, the battle would be won. However, the original religious foundation was stolen due to the death of Jesus. Satan took Jesus' body. Rome took the body. We have to go the reverse way, for restoration. The hope and ideals of Christians, keeping God's will in their minds, should be to center on both state and church and so be in the position to go toward a unified world. However, they lost the bases of nation and established religion and became a piteous throng entering Rome.

They had to pay the price with the blood of 400 years to restore those bases. They had to indemnify. Then, if the period is coming, where does it enter? It moves into a state on a peninsula, like Rome's, via a state as an island country. In Asia, Japan is like England. Therefore the culture of Japan follows the English culture.

Then what is the role of Korea? Korea is in the position of Rome. It is like the Vatican. Well, what is Korea? Korea has to be a country to save all religions of the era and all human beings, according to God's Will, and establish the unified world and the unified heaven. Why? Because the era of the terminal culture is coming. The era is representative of the papal realm which ruled the world with the Vatican and peninsula as the center.

When North and South are unified under this situation and can manage the religions of the world and all the people, the religious realm of God's Will manifests. The realm of people and the realm of state are built up by God's Will.

Korea was divided into North and South. What is the Fall? It is the division of soul and body. In the worldwide sense, the North is materialism and the South is spiritualism. This seems to correspond to the fruits of the Fall. Therefore, both fight each other. Body and soul fight. This is in progress. Now where are the Communistic world and the Democratic world? Both are completely exhausted. Complete exhaustion. Then, what is the Principle of our Unification Church? It is the substance to form the realm of the Third Israel. Korea has to become the Third Israel with the ideology of the Second Advent.

Considering the Korean race, in spite of the long history of 5,000 years, the people are special. The Korean hates to be under the control of anyone. He would play the head role everywhere, would not be devoted to anyone.

If so, what is the privilege which Korea has to possess? Only by inheriting God's thought; shall Korea have this privilege. God's thought. What is the thought? It is "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Like this, you have to keep God's thought in your mind. The thought of God is to save the world. To save the world, God places a religion at the head. So, even though sacrificing itself, the religion has to save the world. (168-311)



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"A man shall leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife... therefore what God has joined together let no man put asunder."

-Matthew 19:4-6

"You shall know them by their fruits."

-Matthew 7:20

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