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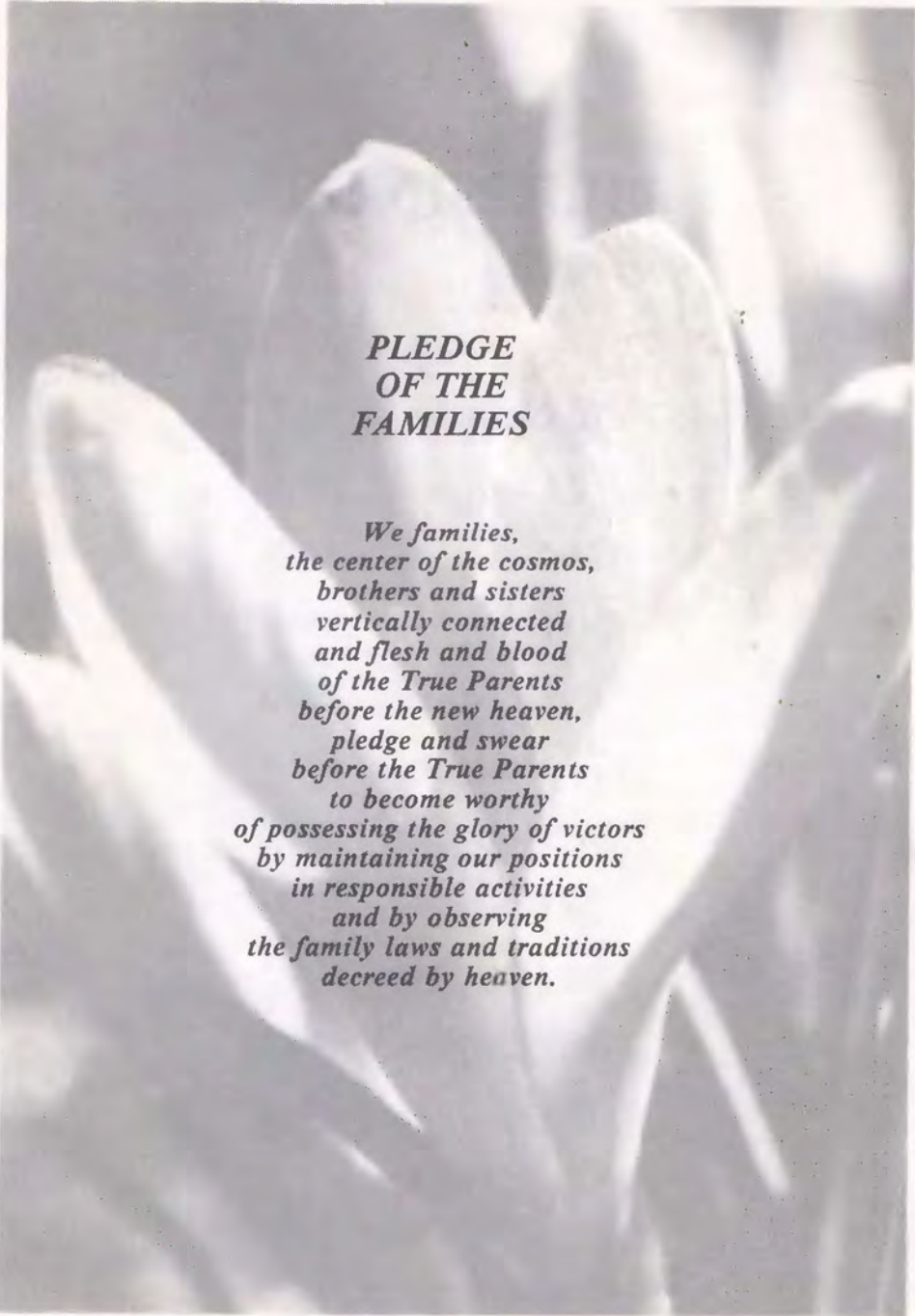
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**PLEDGE  
OF THE  
FAMILIES**

*We families,  
the center of the cosmos,  
brothers and sisters  
vertically connected  
and flesh and blood  
of the True Parents  
before the new heaven,  
pledge and swear  
before the True Parents  
to become worthy  
of possessing the glory of victors  
by maintaining our positions  
in responsible activities  
and by observing  
the family laws and traditions  
decreed by heaven.*

# BLESSINGS

36 Couples	1961
72 Couples	1962
124 Couples	1963
430 Couples	1968
43 Couples	1969
777 Couples	1970
1800 Couples	1975
35 Couples	1979
74 Couples	1977
118 Couples	1978
39 Couples	1981

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## Holy Wine Ceremony

*Following is the first part of Father's speech to the newly matched couples at the wine ceremony on December 31. The rest of the speech will be in a later issue.*

We have learned already through the Divine Principle that all of us are going the road of restoration. To go through the authentic way, the road of restoration, the real course or crux of the problem rests entirely on the family—by restoring the family the whole thing is on its way. This is the key to the solution. So in essence it's rather simple. There was God, there was the archangel and there was Adam and Eve. Centering on God, that family would have been formed and God's tradition of family and king of love would have been inherited generation after generation. This would have been the normal way. The blood relationship, the most important part here, would have come from God.

As a result of the fall the blood we received was not the blood of God. It was reversed. As a result of the fall, instead of God's blood we received Satan's blood. His tradition of love and a different direction have directed mankind. This is what we see today. So ever since that time, the problem

of mankind—all through the generations, was how to get ourselves out of the influence of Satan, by changing Satan's blood, Satan's heart and Satan's affection. How to rid ourselves of him has been the age-old question of every man of every religion. Every righteous man has sacrificed because of this reason.

Very strictly speaking, when you are restoring your family then you have to be purely different from what is in the past. In other words we shouldn't think about any other relationship except the relationship of God. Anything that has to do with our past relationships we really try our best to erase out of our minds if possible. Even our country, as a result of the fall, did not originate from God. We have to try to cut off all the relationships of affection which our mind is drawn to. Otherwise if we want to go to Heaven, then Satan will hold on to you through that affection. The family itself is not free from Satan. You are not an individual, you are a family and you are part of the nation; the nation may not let you go through its boundary to Heaven. Do you understand? It will try to claim you with that

connection. Religion has been expanding every year, every generation and every century. Why? So that individuals and families can influence not only the country, but the world, that no one can stop you.

Today we know that religion is at the world level so that when the Messiah comes, then he can do all in one arrangement because everything is under the influence of religion. Nothing can effectively stop you from going to heaven. Do you understand? This is why religion rules. The Messiah's work goes from the individual level to family level to clan and nation level and world level. He will work on all seven levels, on the world level during these seven years. He is restoring everything from the rock bottom. All at one time, from individual up to the world, is completely redirected with a new tradition and a new blood lineage. This is what the Messiah does through religion. As we know there can be many problems, but the most basic problem is that of blood lineage. There is only one person that can solve that. He is the ancestor himself, the parent himself, Adam himself. Adam is the True Parent. The True Parent is Lord because we have to trace back to the origin to restore. He is the only person who can redirect this blood lineage. The Messiah comes in the capacity of perfected Adam.

As a result of the fall we must all go back to the original state. When we reach there, we don't keep on going in that direction, but we go in a new direction, like crossing. In the fallen pattern we have the individual, family, clan and nation. Now we all go back to the original point of ancestry

and change the blood. Then we form the same individual, family and so forth, only with a different blood lineage. The pattern is the same; only the direction is different. If religion had been very effective; in other words, if the coming Messiah does not receive opposition or persecution, then these would have been formed within seven years, almost automatically, all in one time. But if the world opposes, then it cannot go like that. Instead he will achieve individual victory and then the family will oppose him. If he attends to the family restoration then the clan will oppose him. If he reaches out and secures the clan then the nation which is surrounding them will oppose him. And then the world will oppose him. The Messiah has to go through lots of difficulty to change the whole thing. And this is what in actuality took place for 20 years and the three seven year courses.

We already know that the world has experienced a victorious day. That year was 1976. At that point the entire world came against me in doing my mission, namely restoring the Heavenly direction. Therefore within this last 20 years I had to re-indemnify 2,000 years of Christian history, in particular the persecution that the Christians received. This is why the Unification Church has had to go through intense indemnity, just to indemnify what the Christians went through for 2,000 years. But when the indemnity is fully paid, then there will be no more persecution. This pattern will immediately start taking place. As you know, this is a Satanic world which we've been living in. What makes a Satanic world? Satan's blood,





Satan's tradition, and Satan's love. In order to leave Satan's world we have to cut off Satanic blood and Satanic love relationships. How do we do that? The only way is to love God more than we love others: in particular the Satan-related person we've been loving. We have all kinds of relationships to fallen descendants. We have to have a stronger tie with God than to any ties we have with Satan. Even in the fallen world if we have a patriotic feeling we have to have a stronger feeling of love toward God.

This is a matter of life and death. There is only one thing that we have to be proud of. Nothing else matters except this very one thing. This very one thing is that we are proud of the new blood relationship of love with God. If you have to do it all by yourself, individually, then you have to fight on the individual level, on the family level and on the next level, the next level and so forth. The Messiah is doing it, but strictly speaking if each individual is going to get away from the Satanic dominion, then each individual must do that. There is no way of getting around it. Each one must do it, whether he is capable or not.

But in reality nobody is in that position. Nobody even knows what goes on, let alone be able to fight the individual level, the family level, national level, etc. We can never expect anybody to become successful. God is very much aware of this. His dispensation is that he connects us into the main messianic work. The Messiah does it. So when I received persecution on individual level, the family level, and all the higher levels, it was not an individual matter. It was an

historical matter. The persecution that I have received is not for my individual sake but for the entire world that is about to be connected with me. Only after winning complete victory on the highest level, which is the world level, for the first time we can go to the original point and start in the right direction. The Messiah will have to go around opposition, forming the Unification Church, he will let the Unification Church do everything the Christians were supposed to do to establish the condition to reach clear out of Satan's domination. The Unification Church is automatically connected to the individual, family and all the world's nations; in other words everything is represented here on each level. This is not just the Unification Church but all of religion. Representing all religion is the Unification Church. The Unification Church represents all levels—individual, family, clan, nation and world—as well as all religions.

We are in that position, so it is simple to understand that here there is no problem of race or religion because ultimately our purpose is one. We are going the straightest shortcut; therefore, there are no racial or national boundaries. What are you? What country do you belong to? Who is a Moonie? A Moonie is one who belongs to God and whose work is to indemnify. He is going in God's direction in order to realize the ideal world and Heaven on Earth. He represents the entire race, the entire country, the entirety of religion, entire everything.

Can an individual do that? No. In order for an individual to reach that, he has to have a family, because the family is the basic unit. The mo-



ment you have a family is literally the beginning, the real beginning. You are not alone. Your family is connected with all the families of the world, including my own family. We are going through the wilderness, going forth to Canaan, not on the national level but on the world level.

We are going exactly the same pattern as Moses did, only Moses was on his clan level and we are going beyond that to the world level. I am leading in Moses' position and we are all going through the wilderness toward Canaan. So the wilderness is not a civilized land. It is very difficult, if we look back where we used to be,

where it was comfortable, where there was some kind of enjoyment. It is just like the exodus going out of Egypt. All the Israelites thought about the old days and then became prey of eagles. Once we go out of Egypt and go through the wilderness to get to Canaan, Satan is following you and chasing you, trying to catch up with you, trying to kidnap you and discourage you to stop you. If you are looking back or going slowly, then he will catch up, just like Pharaoh's army. All the evil forces will be following us. But the difference is even though we don't accomplish, or die in the desert, we have at least someone to bury our

dead body. We have that much security. Do you follow? Even though we don't make it we will still continue and go with the spirit that you must remember that no individual can get to Heaven. You must have your spouse. There must be a man and there must be a woman; there must be a husband and there must be a wife. There must be Adam and there must be Eve. Not one, but two, only two can go together. Both husband and wife must be very close along with God. How close? Absolutely close, absolutely inseparable. Stronger than in the Satanic world. Such a family becomes successful, but we have to have stronger ties with God than with each other. You are going back to where Adam and Eve originated. You are going back to the position of Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve 6,000 years ago. Our real Adam and Eve 6,000 years ago, did they know who was man and who was woman? They were aware of each other. They were just like brother and sister. But how about you? You are the result of the fallen world and living in it. Are you as innocent as Adam and Eve at that time, or do you know already? Then that means that we cannot go to the original position of Adam and Eve, that we cannot go to Heaven.

Even though you do not think like that, even though your conscience is clear and innocent, still Satan comes to claim you, saying, "He has my blood." We cannot deny that. Even though we do not think like Satan, still our blood belongs to him. There is no way of denying it. What chance do we have? Satan will not let you pass freely, that is for sure. What are we going to

do about that? You say you deny Satan. But Satan, through injecting his blood in us, already has a claim. How can we get rid of that is the question. But amazing things happen. Without this we have absolutely no chance of going to heaven. But the Messiah will come and he will sign that you no longer have Satanic blood, but the Messiah's blood. The Messiah can claim that against Satan. When Satan signed his name in blood, he did it with intense love. So likewise when the Messiah signs his name in blood, he will have to apply more power of love. The more power of love that is injected in the individual the more he will be deeply conscious of love, love of the parent and love of God. No matter what happens he may forget everything, but he will not forget that. He will connect absolutely with the parents and absolutely with God; eventually, if he is really desperate. On the other hand the parent will really give strong love. Even if God's love comes in, it is kind of offset. It will leave a very, very vague impression.

Let me explain one example. We've been living here, always pushed in one direction by a very strong wind. Now there is another very strong wind going against that. It is a heavenly wind, we find ourselves not moving in either direction, but this one is a little stronger, therefore, the former wind is a blood and love wind of Satan's blind love wind but this one is God's blood- and love-wind. It is stronger. So you experience that you are drifting to this side just a little bit. It is not like a gust of wind, but just a little. But you are on the heavenly side. You have to make sure that happens. That wind is

blowing for sure. Like a sail boat, we will have to be blown by that power that pushes us. But the wind coming from Satan's direction becomes weaker and weaker because more and more people will realize that God's wind of blood and love is stronger. In the beginning, it is very small, maybe 5 miles an hour, maybe even 2 miles an hour, but then it comes faster and faster like a typhoon or tornado, maybe 100 or 150 miles an hour. The world will not like the Moonies, but we will have to advance nevertheless to get to the destination. You see that the entire world and entire America are plagued with sex, drugs, and immorality and the lack of will to do something. But despite this misery and confusion, they are no longer the same people. They changed completely into clean individuals, free from drugs, free from sex, free from any undesirable low morality. Yet they keep on going and they work harder for the sake of all America and all the world and for the sake of God they pick up more speed and then everybody else will follow them.

In the beginning the people in the Satanic world don't pay attention to us. They think, "Oh, they are an idealistic bunch, I used to be like that." They mind their own business, but they look up a little further, "Oh, I thought the Moonies were nothing, but they may have something." They can see that and they look a little further, "Oh, the Moonies are ahead of the world." They don't know where they are going, but we know exactly where we are going. So who is faster? You are absolutely faster. They are in the wilderness and we are in the wil-

derness. They don't know where to go in the wilderness, but we know how to pass through the wilderness quickly. When we go confidently, then all the world will follow us. We have a canteen full of water of life. We can always turn to that and never lose power, whereas the world doesn't have that. To be in that point, strictly speaking, Adam and Eve must be individually perfect. You are in Adam and Eve's position but are you perfect Adam and Eve now? You are still looking towards perfection. You don't have to be perfect because there is a privilege with the True Parents' relationship. When they go to heaven, then the children will go along with them.

Let's take an example. When Carter became President he moved into the White House. He had many household people, family and relatives. Are each of them qualified? No. Carter is the only person qualified to be in the White House but anybody else can go with him. Nobody questions it. Likewise, the only value we have in going into heaven is the fact that we are children of the True Parents. When the True Parents qualify to go into heaven, then they will ask you if you're a son of the True Parents. But Satan will say, "Go ahead." He will look into your eyes and say, "your eyes don't look like your parents' eyes. And your nose is different from your parents' nose. You must be from a different lineage." He will challenge each and every one to discourage you. Then you desperately try, prove it to me that I am not from my parents. But he has no way to prove you are not children of the True Parents. So when you come against Satan, tell him to prove



to you that you don't belong to True Parents.

All families must be grafted into the True Parents' family. The nation can represent the individual, representing the whole world. Then all things will be connected. This is the way you want to be. So we are about to be grafted to the True Family, not as a mere individual, but as a family, your family representing your clan, your race and your country. In other words you are the family representing the world. The tribe is under the world, the clan is under the world, the race is under the world. Since you represent the world everything you represent in between is already included. Would you work one by one and take a long time? Or bring everything into one, as an individual who has connected to everything? How can an individual and a family do that? What qualifications are needed? So when you marry think of the fact that you represent the world, your nation, your race and your clan. You are an individual, but you are connected to all levels as you are connected to True Parents.

But someone will ask what your qualifications are. Do you have the authority? There is nothing which we did not receive from our original parents. If our parents had not fallen we would have inherited everything. So where can we find those parents? We cannot find them in a palace. We cannot find them in any historical place. But there is a place where we can find the parents. That is what we must look for. Then where is that place? The True Parents are at the center of the Kingdom of Heaven. A man of the highest place. Have you

ever stopped to think about what I am telling you now? It is like a dream. But does it have real content, or is it just a story?

You are quite different people. You are not like the people to be found in the world. All the dirty things, unnecessary things, are washed clean. Our brain has been washed of Satan's blood and Satan's love. The word "blessing," has so much meaning to it. If you can imagine major surgery, you really almost have to cut your body into pieces to graft it with a new body. It's like a big change of blood through transfusion in a major operation. The name "blessing" is just like this. But, who does that? God does it. True Parents do it.

An individual cannot be grafted to the True Parents. It automatically means two. There is no True Parent, it is True Parents. Two parents. No one man can or woman can be individually grafted into True Parents. It takes two of you to be grafted to True Parents. In our Divine Principle we have the realization of the four position foundation. The realization of the ideal creation of God is a product of the four position foundation. Have we made the four position foundation? That four position foundation is based on God's love. Who is the one who is sitting right next to you? Some of you have never seen him or her before tonight. A black or a white may be beside you. Maybe he treated you badly one time in the past. Right beside you may be a German. He was your enemy only a few days ago, but now he sits as a friend. You are about to love him or her more than anybody else, only next to God. You are about

to love them more than their own parents who gave them birth and raised them up for 20, 30, 40 years.

Some of you might think, "Well, I used to know a woman." "I used to know a man who was better than the person sitting next to me." Can you ever think like that? You have all sorts of miscellaneous connections to the past. You may try to compare each one. "Oh, this person is not as good as he or she used to be." Can you say that? Then you will try very hard to think, "I remember there was a time when a man caressed me, but that must have been a dream. I was in love with someone, but it was not reality." This is the way we should think now. At one time you thought it was a serious love, it was a deep love, but now at this point, knowing what we know, all of that was just a dream. Today is more real than what has happened before. This must be more real. Whatever memory we have of the past is not real, but this one is more real. As fast as we forget the past, the better off we are. We have to gradually clear our mind.

Whose eyes do your eyes resemble? They resemble your parents' eyes. Then you might wonder, "Father's eyes are black, but my eyes are blue. How can blue eyes come out of black eyes?" But don't pay so much attention to that your Father's eyes are round and so your eyes are round. Your parents' eyes are under the eyebrows and so your eyes come under the eyebrow. Your eyes have a nose in between, and so do your parents. You can see that there is more resemblance than difference. Is there anything else to say? All of my life I have been sitting on

the floor, not in a chair, so you are sitting on the floor too. You eat kimchee because your parents are used to eating kimchee. Eating kimchee you have to perspire. You eat it because your parents eat it. Is your mind taking after mine? You have been following me on the road of suffering. Other parents would not have led you that way, but I did and you didn't mind it. You understood and were ready to go in that direction. There is so much resemblance there.

Absolutely every part of the world is represented here, 100 countries. In the usual individualistic society, to get married, how long you have to test and try! Now here you are, trusting God with this choice, even with a picture not the person. Satan is flabbergasted. Only after I reminded you what you went through you can understand what a great thing it is. Precisely what's taking place here will take place in communist countries too. Do you think the Satanic world is now trembling? Indeed. Not only one pair or two pairs but when hundreds of thousands of pairs like this are prepared the Satanic world absolutely has no chance.

Let's be candid for a second. Who should touch and caress you? Only your husband. You shouldn't get so close to another man. Even dancing is too close. If your husband says it's ok, you can go ahead and dance with some other man. But as far as I know, there is no Moonie husband who would agree to it. Who is the one who can caress your husband, your body, your legs? Only the wife. It's not you who is in control, but your wife. Don't decide all by yourself, consult with

your wife. On something ordinary you don't have to consult with each other, such as whether or not to love your country, to be filial sons and daughters to the True Parents, or your physical parents. No dummy would ask that to his wife or husband. You do that automatically. If your wife goes shopping and gets a bag full of things and you can find nothing in the bag for you, but only for your father and mother, should you mind? Of course you shouldn't. But if she buys only for herself, then it's not so good. Even though she didn't buy anything for you, but bought everything for everybody else except you, then you have to be grateful for that. If she goes shopping and buys only for her own good and you, and buys nothing for your parents, then such a wife should be scolded. Mother occasionally goes shopping and I am kind of expectant what she will buy. She always comes with an armful of shopping bags but everything is for the family members and other members. Sometimes as a surprise I get a present. It doesn't make me unhappy. It makes me in fact, happy. And I am really proud

inside.

This is a serious time, so now you know how to live. Each woman is in Eve's position, but not as an individual. Each one is not by herself. All the women are holding on tight with Mother. You are connected to the families, clans, races and nations; and even to the world. You are hanging on to Father, one in unity with Mother so much that if someone would cut you off, your hands would not let go. You have to be absolutely seriously one. If you get cut off, you will grow it back. Maybe that is the ideal. An old man would like to be cut off once in awhile so he can grow back new and never get old. So if someone cuts my leg off to discourage me, I wouldn't mind. I'd rather have my leg off, because the leg is going to grow again. So we must demonstrate, we must really feel and demonstrate that Moonies have the power of life, stronger than anything else one has ever imagined. Your life vitality will be strongest. Nobody can catch up with you. From now on you have to have vitality and a will to live. Live well.



## Selections on Home Church

*The following are excerpts concerning home church from some of Father's speeches.*

"Home church is a great accomplishment and the pinnacle of the Divine Principle. After all the struggles of the Old Testament, New Testament, and Completed Testament, home church is the outcome, the ultimate fruit by which the Kingdom of God is going to be achieved. It is the ultimate fulfillment of love. I am telling you to be a teacher and one who loves. Truth and love are the two key words. Why do you go to home church? There are two reasons. First you will educate the people, but after education what would you like to gain? The purpose of education is to awaken them and bring them to the heavenly side. Education will give them birth. Once they see the vision they are no longer in darkness.

"Home church was the ideal of God in the garden of Eden but it was broken into pieces after many thousands of years of difficulties and tribulations. Now finally in the 20th century I have opened the doors. All conditions have been fulfilled and the doors of home church are open for all mankind to enter. That is the history we are witnessing today.

"Your home church is one small world representing all mankind and the entire earth; it is a microcosm of the whole earth. Where you live or travel makes no difference; your home church is the place where you will become a child of the Messiah and enter the Kingdom. Even if you live in Korea and then come to America you will still have to make a home church. No matter where you may go on earth, you must do the home church mission. Even if you went to spirit world now you have to come down to finish that mission because without going through that gate you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

"There are no barriers between you and the home church mission, neither racial, national, spiritual or physical. Jesus gave the key to the Kingdom of Heaven to Peter, and today I give you the key to home church because that is the key to the Kingdom of Heaven. With one turn that key will open the door to salvation for one tribe.

"Today's topic is the slogan for this year of 1980: Home Church is the Base of the Kingdom of Heaven. That is the destiny where true rest lies, where true happiness and joy lies, and

even where true life lies. The person who lives and dies in home church is the person who is truly happy.

"I want you to know that in order to build the base of the Kingdom of Heaven eternally you must first build a base of the Kingdom of Heaven within yourself.

"I want you to know that the term 'home church' is a most precious one. Many, many saints, wise men, prophets and Christian martyrs have waited for the day of home church but they did not have the luxury of seeing it. They did not have anyone to set the highway straight by paying back all the necessary indemnity. There was no way home church could start before I came. Only because I have paid all the past debts can we now undertake home church. I want you to know how precious the gift of home church is."

HOME CHURCH IS THE BASE  
OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN  
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"Do you have your Cain area? Are you Cain or Abel to your home church area? The fact that I have entrusted you with home church means I have approved you as an Abel. It's up to you to work hard and pray. How nice it is when you can consult with one of your people when something needs to be done and see it through to the finish. After one or two years they will understand you much better and try to do this work with you. You never know when the result will come; as long as you work hard now then the result will definitely come. How beautiful it will be when the result comes unexpectedly. A millionaire who watches what you do over

the years will conclude that you are far better than he is. Don't you think he will feel that? Once he feels that way, he is bound to express it to other people.

"Home church will only be difficult at the beginning. The first several steps will be difficult but try to cross over the point of persecution by comparing it with my energy at that particular point. When you go just one more step over that point everything will become easy. Can you do it? At the beginning you may wail, 'Father, I just can't do it.' But as you continue, slowly everything will become easier. Don't worry about trying to save face. Make a new hole and tighten your belt. Make up your mind, grit your teeth and step forward.

"When you go to home church don't try to get into someone's living room right away. Go through the back door and then to the bathroom. Your first thought will be, 'How can this be a bathroom in the heavenly kingdom? I cannot afford to leave it this dirty. Let me clean it.' After the bathroom is clean and fresh you can come out and look at the hallway. You will say 'I cannot afford to welcome Heavenly Father in this dirty hall. Let me clean it up.'

"The person living there will stride up to you and shout, 'What kind of rascal are you? Why do you bother my bathroom?' Then you will shout back, 'What kind of rascal are you? This is my home. I'm trying to welcome Heavenly Father in this home and no one will stop me. I'm going to keep cleaning your house.'

"You can tell them, 'Don't you want to celebrate at least one of God's

birthdays in your home?' The other person will be totally overcome and say, 'Is it true? Can we have God in this house?' You say, 'All you have to do is try me out free for one week. Whether God is coming in through the door or not, try me out for one week.' This is a very effective way to make a sale in America, offer someone a free trial, and if they don't like what you offer they can return it.

"Home church is not a witnessing method. No, home church is our destiny, the final terminal and the fulfillment of the dispensation. Fallen man must walk this road; that is his destiny. More than a man is destined to marry a woman, fallen man is destined to finish the home church mission either on earth or in spirit world. Can you

deny it? How can you erect the Kingdom of Heaven on earth other than by fulfilling the home church mission? This is not a dream or fantasy; this is the real blueprint from God. We have arrived at the final terminal. It is our great fortune to see this home church mission in our lifetime and install the pattern and tradition for history. You repeat the alphabet a thousand times a day in your conversation. In the same way, home church is the alphabet of the Kingdom of Heaven. It should become an intimate part of you. In home church you will find everything. In home church you can find God, Israel, Christianity, anything you want."

**Compiled by Beth Bush**

# Ideal Family

Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak  
to blessed and engaged couples  
in the World Mission Center  
July 9, 1980

As we know from Father's speeches, the ideal family, the blessed family, is the fundamental unit of the Heavenly Kingdom. One other point from Father's words that I would like to explain is that the family is the fundamental foundation for the fulfillment of God's love on the earth.

God's love is all-important: it's the central motivation for our life, for our happiness and joy. But no matter how wonderful and precious God's love may be, if it is not connected with people, with mankind, with us, it has no meaning. In fact, God wants to express His love fully through mankind, through our daily life.

Man is meant to fulfill God's love throughout his life. First, before marriage, or before blessing, each brother and sister needs to experience the fulfillment of God's parental love. Second, we need to experience the fulfillment of the love between husband and wife. And thirdly we need to experience the fulfillment of children's love in our lifetime. Without the fulfillment of parental love we cannot fulfill the love of husband and wife, or children's love. Thus the very min-

imum foundation, for every aspect of the love of God, is nothing other than the family.

In thinking about the ideal family we must consider first the center of the ideal family, which is the position of parents, and then the ideal husband and wife, and finally ideal child. This is the four position foundation, the basic foundation of the total love of God. Without establishing this foundation we cannot attain the fulfillment of God's love.

Another expression of Father's is that the ideal family, or the blessed family, is "God's own gate." Without the ideal family on earth, God has no way to enter our life. How important the ideal family is then! How precious the phrase "ideal family."

But let us compare the ideal family with the reality of our life.

Last time I spoke to you I explained that our position at the Blessing is not that of perfection but is only the top of the growth stage, the second stage. One stage remains ahead of us. We blessed couples are sometimes confused by the teaching of the Principle concerning ideal family in contrast

to our reality. Furthermore we may tend to compare ourselves with early blessed couples. What is the "ideal family" in reality? What is the standard of the ideal family.

### **The ideal family and our reality**

God created all things before man. What this means is that, though God's purpose and final goal was man, before creating man He needed to prepare the environment. By the same token, there are certain prerequisites for the ideal family, certain external conditions to meet before the ideal family can be fulfilled. The environment of the ideal family must be pure. "All things" in this connection means more than the economic base. There is the beauty of things, the truth of things; a general foundation is required for the ideal family. Unfortunately our generation is in need of restoration, salvation. We should create the ideal family, but there is no ideal foundation to do so. It's a big problem. Ideally, there would be no Satan, no evil environment; in reality, we are in a very delicate and vulnerable situation. The circumstances of our generation are specific to our generation. Think about our sons and daughters, and the third generation beyond that: they will not be like us. It is only our generation that has to lay special indemnity conditions. Please remember this: it's our generation alone.

We can identify several territories. Satan is involved in all areas under the growth stage, ever since the Fall. It was from the top of the growth stage that Adam and Eve fell and therefore it is out of this territory that Satan

took them. God works only indirectly during the growing period; He is involved, but not completely. Furthermore, because of original sin, it is very difficult for God to work with fallen man. Fortunately in the last stage, the completion stage, Satan cannot work, and after the Blessing we are beyond Satan's accusation.

However, our nature as fallen man is an inheritance of six thousand years, not only from our direct physical ancestors, but also in the sense that we inherit all the results of those six thousand years of history. So even though the True Parents could take away our original sin through the matching and engagement ceremony, and the Blessing, we may still have many kinds of serious, evil habits.

Original sin and habit are different. What is original sin? It is the essence of the nature of evil, and the fallen nature of the Archangel. In other words, because of the condition of original sin, Satan can accuse us, claim us and dominate us. It is a very serious condition. That is what the True Parents have removed through the Blessing. Nevertheless, the habits we have acquired through daily life remain. Of course, after the Blessing, because of our determination, or because of a change in our daily lifestyle, or because of the divine internal condition, our life is somewhat different. We have changed. But still we have many kinds of fallen world habits. Do you find it to be so? Yes. This is the unique situation of our generation. It will be different for the next generation, that is, our sons and daughters, and even more for the future generations.



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Let me give an example. Two people asked to evaluate the same thing may give different answers, because each is at a different stage. Contrast the pure attitude of a blessed child with the attitude of someone who has already had many terrible experiences with the fallen world. Their viewpoints are quite different.

After the Blessing we may apply ourselves to the task of moving on toward God's ideal. How are we to get rid of the fallen world habits? It's a very important question. If we don't get rid of them, we will maintain the same external lifestyle, even though our original sin has been removed. But Heavenly Father and True Parents want you to be changed not only internally but in your lifestyle itself.

One very fortunate advantage is that the effect of your own determination, under Heavenly Father's indi-

rect dominion, after the Blessing, is completely different from that under Satan's dominion. Before the Blessing, though the determination may be the same, the result is different, because Satan cannot interfere with your actions. So after the Blessing, please try this out. Find out what good results you can gain from your determination. You can make many changes for the better. There is no Satan. It's a very important internal difference. By the same token, there may be some who, before the Blessing, had little experience of public life in our movement, but who after the Blessing grow very quickly.

Nevertheless, fallen habits do make things difficult for blessed couples. The members of an ideal family, subject and object, should be ideal people; they should have absolutely no fallen habits. In reality, it's difficult



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for all blessed couples. However, we face this path for only one historical moment; we don't want to see this situation repeated, do we? This is the one chance. There is no other way.

The ideal family is built on ideal circumstances, including an ideal external environment. But our environment is still connected with the satanic world; it is not yet restored. So in your

daily life you are continually under many influences, invisible and visible. Think of it: if our local neighborhood and everywhere was beautiful and pure, according to God's original plan, how different it would be! What is the difficulty? It is that the ideal family needs the foundation of an ideal environment, but our own generation unfortunately faces the reality of this fallen world. We are not the ideal, joyful family, but we are trying to build such an ideal family. Therefore, through our hard work, witnessing, we try to restore this world.

Most of you here are engaged, right? You are really free: there is no baby yet; you don't have to worry about your home and financial situation. But your elder brothers and sisters are for the most part very concerned about their financial situation, not only thinking about it, but having to deal with the details every day. The ideal family in the Garden of Eden, the Kingdom of Heaven, would have had no money worries! Everything was already arranged for the ideal family. So here is another kind of difficulty that we have to face as we build our ideal family.

The greatest difficulty of all is that, whereas the ideal family should be built of ideal people, we ourselves are not ideal people. The ideal family belongs above the top of the completion stage of the growing period, after perfection. But because of the Principle of Restoration we must try to build the ideal family in the perfection stage; we are husband and wife with children but we are not yet perfected. For one person to attain perfection is not easy. But the reality at present for a blessed couple is that

one husband who is not yet perfect, with his wife who is not yet perfect, must take care of their own child. Do your blessed children have original sin? No. But will they develop fallen habits? They can pick up fallen world habits very easily. In this sense, to have a child at all is a burden.

The final goal for each blessed couple is the ideal family. But a blessed member, not yet perfect, with a wife or husband likewise, must look after their own children. It would be ideal for us to have no relationship at all after the Blessing, not living together at all, in order to focus completely on attaining ideal manhood and womanhood, and then have children. Then the children would not connect with any evil habits, and an ideal family could easily be created. This would be the best method. Do you want to try it then? There is one very big difficulty with this ideal method: our youth doesn't last long enough! Our physical lifetime is limited, and we need to gain physical children. If we were simply comparing ourselves with righteous people and saints of the past, we could apply such a method, but actually we need ideal children. Thus we have to bear all three kinds of burdens at the same time.

Many members start to have doubts about the prospect of an ideal family as they observe the reality of the blessed families. They see the hard work and struggles of the families trying to manage their life. But if you understand the situation, you realize what a difficult way this is to go. Furthermore, you realize that there is no other way! It's impossible for us to give up.



The restoration is not completed. Our original mind feels a certain pressure concerning our public mission as compared with our family life. According to the Principle, God's love is the source and motivation of our joy and happiness; it is most precious. After gaining God's ideal on the basis of our ideal family, there is no pressure. There is complete freedom and joy. But our original mind understands God's heart at present: God himself is not yet completely happy. Usually, in all circumstances we are having to think about our public mission. If we focus for twenty-four straight hours on our public mission, and next day we take care of our family for just one hour, our mind is uncomfortable. What this means is that in our original mind we understand God's situation, God's heart. Still, having to cope with this tension between our public mission and our joyful family life is not easy; it's not the ideal family at all.

Therefore, as for myself, I am determined that we are going to attain the ideal family, though we cannot reach that goal right away. You and I, our generation, should determine to set ourselves this goal of creating an ideal family; but we have to realize that we have not yet reached the goal. Day by day we are going this path, but still we haven't gained the ideal. If you don't understand this clearly, you will often find yourself struggling and going through difficulties.

Let's look at the True Parent's family. I know their lifestyle and daily schedule very well. Father used to have breakfast at 7 a.m. with several leaders, but not with his own children. For less than two months now, the children have been joining the Par-

ents, but before then it was only Church leaders who ate breakfast with them. Think about the children's feelings. One of them remarked to the Parents once that if there were no disciples at the dining table Father's food would have no taste. What a shameful situation! Of course, having a chance to eat with the True Parents every day is a great blessing, and usually my feeling is that it is not only for my sake but that I am representing all members. But I felt really ashamed after that child's one sentence.

Furthermore, how do the True Parents feel? Father can be joyful with his children, and he can also be joyful with us; but you can imagine that we cannot compare with his own children in giving him joy. Nevertheless, until earlier this year, he organized his daily life this way, even as far as dining. He himself is still leading a sacrificial life. Throughout his life, how much time has Father spent with his own children? Not much at all.

The children normally go off to school early. They get up, they greet their parents by kneeling and bowing, and kissing them, or sometimes if the Parents are already at the dining table they simply greet them with a kiss, and then they say goodbye. And when they come back home, almost always Father is out of the house. Instead, nearly every night the Parents visit each child's room to kiss them as they sleep and, I'm sure, to pray for them, since Father spends almost all the time with members.

So Father himself organizes his own life without too much thought of ideal circumstances for the ideal family.

We blessed couples cannot com-

pare ourselves with our True Parents' family. Our distance from them is, at minimum, twenty-one years. They have already fulfilled their three seven-year courses. We start this year. So my understanding is that after twenty-one years, if we have fulfilled our responsibility and can manage our family life by the standard that the True Parents presently maintain, we will be able to compare our life with theirs. However, the fact is that we have already spent a lot of time on our own family, more than the True Parents presently do. Think of the elder couples. Actually, we are ashamed.

And one thing. Please keep this advice. No matter how concerned you are for your baby, your child, never mention anything in front of the True Parents. Father himself didn't take care of his own child, his own first son. Because of his standard, because of his value, because of his character, we cannot understand how pained his heart was as his eldest son grew up. He is the owner of love. He is really the man of God's heart. So we never heard any mention of it, and couldn't catch how much he hurt during the growth of his own eldest son. He has already done this, and we are to follow the same pattern. We can never make any excuse. We have the good fortune to be able to take care of our own children. You can mention anything to me, to other leaders, or to other members, but please never mention anything in front of him. Do you understand my heart?

### **Archangel, child and husband**

The next point I would like to clarify is the question that many of you are asking: until when is your

fiance in the Archangel's position? Then for how long is he in the child position? And in the husband position?

My overall feeling is that you are too sensitive to this matter, on both sides (fiance and fiancée). Sometimes we are too sensitive to the matter of Abel and Cain, aren't we? Suppose Cain fulfills his responsibility but Abel doesn't: is that any better than if it's the other way around? No, it's not. It's exactly the same situation here, I'm sorry to say, sisters. The most important thing is the fulfillment of your responsibility. What is Eve's responsibility? To guide and teach the Archangel. Communicate with your fiance concerning your understanding of the Principle, your understanding of the True Parents, and your understanding of heartistic daily life. In some cases, he is more advanced than you. If so, then don't ever talk loudly about Eve and the Archangel; it's dangerous for you.

If you cannot guide your fiance concerning the heart, you need to quickly regain your original position. After the Holy Wine Ceremony, you need to quickly develop your heart and your internal character. There is a fundamental difference before and after that ceremony. After the Holy Wine Ceremony, what is your goal? To fulfill the responsibility of Eve. And what is Eve's responsibility? To unite with Adam. To unite completely with Adam.

Every day you should check your heartle, your internal character, your daily life, and the content of your faith, to see how far you are from your True Parents. True Father is your Adam. If you want to talk about Eve,

then you must realize that Adam is your True Father. Without connecting in heart with True Father, without developing a character similar to his, you should never talk about Eve. Thus, after the matching or the blessing, you really need to try to develop your heart.

The Archangel's responsibility is very easy: follow you, obey you, glorify you. "Oh, my wonderful fiancée!" That's all. But your responsibility is not easy. Eve's responsibility is to unite completely with Adam, centered upon God. Please evaluate yourself, how you are doing in this process. It is the most important condition.

Whenever I visit local centers and find the members so sensitive to this issue, Eve, Archangel, and so on, I have to laugh to myself. Think about the Holy Wine Ceremony. First Father gives you the cup. The meaning is not only related to wine. Father wants to pass on to you his character and his precious value and his heart. You are in the middle position, which is very important. Adam's second son, Noah's second son: the second son is so important, like a bridge. You, then, are like a bridge between your Adam and your Archangel. So please consider every day how you will take on True Father's character, the True Parents' heart. Without you, the Archangel has no way to go. I am sorry to have to say it, but generally it is difficult for a brother to develop his heart to reach the True Parents' standard. But on the sister's side it is relatively easy; it is her nature.

Before you come to live together physically, the sister needs to attain a certain standard in Father's heart. This is not only for yourselves. It is very important also for your blessed

children. If you sisters have not yet reached a certain standard as Eve, but your Archangel has obediently followed, how difficult it will be for you! You will really be in trouble. So before you ask any duty of your spouse, first check whether or not your position according to the Principle is correct.

The other case is where Eve is too young, and even the Archangel needs to guide her in heart. In the beginning, Eve needed certain guidance from the Archangel. Even though you hold the title "Eve," if your concept is that you are always right and he is always wrong and he should just follow you, it is unprincipled. Absolutely, if you are developed, you can guide him. But if you lack development it is you who needs his guidance. Anyhow, brothers, before you begin to live together physically, your position is that of the Archangel. That is not bad: even as the Archangel, you can sometimes guide her.

We can go into the details of the stages for the brother, from Archangel to child to husband. But actually the child stage is largely conceptual. Originally the Archangel influenced Eve and Eve influenced Adam. In restoration, the Messiah is in Adam's position, and the influence runs the opposite way: from Messiah to Eve and then to Archangel, who, restored, can then become husband. Originally, if Eve had completely inherited Adam's character, then Adam would have come to be in a parent's position; in restoration of this, the fulfillment of Eve's responsibility implies that temporarily, even for a short time, her position is mother to her husband. She inherits the True Parents' nature, and in this sense goes through a stage

of being a Parent.

Symbolically, when you received the Holy Wine from Father, your fiancé was waiting; his time had not come. Through the condition of the Holy Wine, you are reborn. Then Father and you temporarily take up the position of parents, and together you give rebirth to your husband. In this symbolic process of restoration, we can imagine a period of childhood. But you should realize that in the reality of this process you first should inherit Father's character in actuality. Can you reach his standard before you take up a relationship of wife and husband? No, it is impossible. So it is symbolic.

Please understand it is a simple manner. The Archangel becomes husband. Don't focus on the child stage. After your forty-day condition, when you come together physically, you form a husband and wife relationship.

Thus, before thinking in terms of Eve's position and the Archangel's position, it's better for your attitude to be that of respect for each other. It's not a sin for Eve to respect the Archangel, is it? It's a believer's main attitude: respect anyone. Respect everybody. And you in the Archangel position, you brothers: respect your fiancée. It's natural. Just focus on inheriting God's and the True Parents' character. If you do, then you will have no problem. The attitude most to be respected in someone is their respect for the True Parents. If I really respect the True Parents and attend them, then naturally a person of faith can respect me.

### **Separation**

Sometimes we find it difficult to understand the separation period,

during engagement or after the Blessing. What does it mean?

Through history there have been many blessed people, saints and sages. The important thing, before we ask for any kind of blessing, is to make the most of the blessings we have already received. I always try hard to keep the content of my blessings. Then fresh blessings come to me. Even though I never ask for any new blessing, I find that a new blessing has already come. If you are hungering after a blessing, usually your mind is uncomfortable: you're impatiently waiting for that blessing. But please change your emphasis. If you hold on to the content of the blessing you have already received, then, without your asking, new blessings will come to you. In our lifestyle we cannot be impatient for blessings. If you try to keep the content of your blessings, then your internal lifestyle will be naturally thankful and joyful and happy. Don't be impatient.

### **Concern for the family's future**

What things are you concerned about for your future? A house, your financial situation, your children's education? I don't think you engaged couples are worrying about those things at present. They are serious matters! Later, you will be facing such questions.

Are they really serious problems, or not? Of course, yes, there is a big problem in our external situation. Because of that, Father has been concerned about American couples for several years now, trying to build a good financial foundation with businesses. Think of it: Father doesn't face too many financial problems for his own family, since many members attend him. But he is concerned about

the future of the blessed families. Don't worry how you will manage with your first child and your second child. Father is taking care of all details for thousands and thousands of blessed families, through fishing and other marine businesses, restaurant chains, etc. There is already a seafood restaurant in Boston. Father's method is to have some leader set a good example, and when there is success it is quickly developed. There are car repair companies, factories, Il Hwa ginseng stores, and so on; he thought of all of these, and they multiply in each state and each city. His idea for the future is that every family with three or more children should be in charge of one center or store or branch.

Thus I don't think our financial situation is really so serious. You are concerned about money, but you cannot compare yourselves with the True Parents and the elder blessed couples, and what they went through. You worry about kindergarten and primary school and middle school, etc., but the True Children never had a chance to graduate from our own kindergarten or primary school, middle school or high school. It's really a shame, a painful thing, since the blessed children really need to be educated in our own schools. Anyhow, even though his children couldn't attend our own schools, Father is preparing everything for the blessed children. Already in Korea we have our own primary school, middle school and high school, and we are preparing our university. Before such Parents, we should be too ashamed to be worrying about our own children's education.

But there is another, most serious concern for the future of the blessed families. The most precious thing for our future dignity is the quality of our faith, our heart. What kind of world is the ideal world? It is God's direct dominion, where everybody attends the True Parents, everybody believes in God. In such a society, what is the most important thing? Our faith. So that we naturally attend the True Parents and God. The most valuable asset for your children and your grandchildren is your faith, your way of life, your heart. This is the thing to be most concerned about.

How is it for a blessed child whose parents' faith is not very good? In the future ideal world, there cannot be any barriers. It will be impossible to erase or cover up the reality of our life. Our descendants will completely inherit the true content of our daily life and our life of faith. Some will be proud, and some will be ashamed, not only one time but for all time, for eternity. Thus the present quality of the life of the blessed couples is very important, since it directly influences their descendants.

Furthermore, how will you be able to control the original mind and the faith of your children and grandchildren? It is difficult enough for you to control your body and mind. Your children have their own minds and bodies; they are not yours. So blessed couples really need to pray seriously: "Heavenly Father, please guide my child! Please educate my son and my daughter." There is no other way. Not only blessed couples, but all parents want to have wonderful sons and daughters. The desire of any

parent is that their children should be the best, number one, the most intelligent in school, for example, or excelling in sport, or having perfect health. But for our future society, the most important quality is internal character: what kind of heart and faith will our children have? How can we ensure the proper development of our children's internal character?

Husband and wife become one, completely, physically, and out of the union a baby is born. But we know from Father's teaching that in the vertical sense the union should be not only a physical union but a union of heart, so that the two become completely one spiritually as well as physically. Ideally the baby is born out of the physical unity and the spiritual and heartistic unity. So many people have been born out of mere physical union. But the baby that is born out of complete unity of heart is truly the ideal child. Such unity is not easy to achieve, is it? The base line is the True Parents, and God Himself. Each spouse must first form the relationship of unity with True Parents and God; otherwise true unity of heart with each other will be impossible. The relationships that the husband and wife each has with the True Parents and God is of utmost importance, since it directly affects the character of the baby. Father has said that the child of a blessed couple is the evidence of the parents' external and internal lifestyle. A baby can be born without your complete unity of heart with your spouse; but if you want an ideal baby you must try to unite in heart.

Another word of Father's is that a

blessed child's education must begin before birth, before delivery, before conception! It's common sense to begin educating a child after it is born, but Father's viewpoint is that it's already too late to begin then. Even before it is conceived, a child needs the parents' loyalty and heartistic relation with God and the True Parents. I sincerely want to guide you in this matter; otherwise you will not be able to control your own child, especially concerning internal character. So many times you will need for Heavenly Father's support, and for the help of spirit world. If you have no foundation, how will you suddenly be able to ask for their help with your child? Before you even conceive a child, develop a relation of heart with spirit world and Heavenly Father through your daily life as a blessed couple. Then you will easily be able to ask Heavenly Father for help, and He will be able to support you, on the invisible side. Don't be proud of external techniques or your intelligence. The most important point is internal character: how to serve and attend God.

Think of it this way. Sometimes during a service you hear a testimony, a foreign missionary's, perhaps. When you listen to the story of someone's sacrificial life, your original mind is deeply moved. We often have such experiences. This is exactly the same: Heavenly Father himself, and the spirit world, are moved to see someone living in a sacrificial way, and want to support him. How will they support? Through lineage. Please remember: everything is inevitably passed on, good things and bad things, through the lineage. Even before the Blessing

you should set good conditions, but especially after the Blessing the exact content of your daily life is very important, since everything is passed on to the next generation through your lineage.

Now in Korea the oldest blessed children are 18, 17 and 16. Sometimes I tell them they are the kings and queens of their own parents, because they can liberate them or they can imprison them. A king has a lot of power over his subjects. Likewise, a blessed child has power over his parents. No matter how wonderful the position and the activities of a blessed couple are, if their child is unfaithful and causes trouble, how pained the parents' heart will be! Who would be able to liberate them? Thus the blessed children are king. If they grow to follow Heavenly rules, keeping the precious blessed substance and lineage and heart, how valuable it is! This is your fundamental concern as a blessed couple. Too many couples are overly concerned about their financial situation: that's peanuts.

How, then, do you educate your child even before conception? By living a wonderful daily life as a blessed couple. All results and all your loyalty will accumulate in spirit world, which is already prepared to pass everything on to your blessed child. It's too late to wait until birth, or until conception, because your desire has no limits. After a baby is born, he learns from anything. What's most important is the parents' lifestyle. It's not easy to change your lifestyle after you conceive your child; nor can you suddenly change your lifestyle and attitudes just because your baby is born. It's too late.

A tiny baby doesn't understand his parents. By the time he's six or seven years old, it's too late. Because of the pure nature of the blessed children, they are very easily influenced by their circumstances. They are so sensitive to the way their parents live. So please remember this, and set a certain family tradition before you have children, concerning your prayer life, how you attend the True Parents, how you serve, how you focus on your public mission, how you discuss things with other couples... everything.

If your children can grow up completely in the truth, in faithful circumstances, then they will become strong in facing the outside world. The world is still terrible; we must give our children the strongest protection. They may go through our own kindergarten, our own Sunday school, our own primary, middle and high schools, and even our own university, but after that they will still be intensely interested in the outside world. Perhaps there will be no problems until they are 12 or 13 years old, but then they very quickly become fascinated. They see the freedom and the "good life." A little baby will joyfully follow his parents, from Sunday morning Pledge Service and through the whole week. But as teenagers they will start to think that there is no freedom concerning pledge and morning services, and sometimes they may simply not want to take part. Then what will you do? Before they reach that stage, you must really educate them through your own daily life. How joyful will their own daddy and mommy be in their life of faith? Children need a wonderful life of complete happiness

with their parents and their brothers and sisters.

Here is one example. When your first baby is born, you may have only one room. But in that room you keep one tiny corner as a holy place, and your child is accustomed to seeing daddy and mommy kneel down there to pray sincerely, sometimes with white gowns for a special ceremony. Even before they are old enough for us to explain this to them, we should already have guided them into an understanding. Even as a small baby he should become familiar with Sunday Pledge Service and so on.

In the ideal, restored world there will be no need for Pledge Services. But because of the terrible state of the world now, we need to educate our children. Let them build up all kinds of good memories. Please establish Sunday as a memorial day, and celebrate God's Day, Parent's Day, Children's Day more meaningfully than the outside world celebrates Christmas or Thanksgiving. Through such specially joyful days, with gift-giving, and your explanation of the meaning of the celebration, you will continually be able to educate them. After each Sunday Pledge Service you can give family education. You should have a family service every day, with the emphasis not on some schedule of praying and singing songs but on the importance of such meetings as the time for guidance, and as the time for listening to the children as they explain what's on their mind, so that we can tell them what is good and what is bad.

With such a daily lifestyle, from an early age they should always be

wanting to report everything to mommy and daddy. Then, later on, when they face some struggles or difficulties, they will easily be able to draw upon the close relation they have built up, sharing everything with their parents. Otherwise there will be many times when, because the relation was not close enough, they hold back, ashamed or afraid to discuss something.

The blessed children can easily compare. They will visit their friend's home. Because they are so pure, they are very sensitive; even if externally everything is going smoothly, they will know if there is some internal struggle or fight between the parents, and the children will talk amongst each other. Again, I say, the most important thing is how we can guide them by our own daily life.

You must also educate them how to relate to God. In the beginning, they may confuse the True Parents and God, because of the photo. But later you can explain the difference. Their prayer will be very pure, more than ours. We will be able to learn from them.

Every evening the family can sing songs and pray, and read Father's words, each child taking turn to lead one day. Upon entering the house or the room, the parents bow, or kneel down to pray in the holy place; the children will naturally follow that example when they come inside or when they return from school, even without the parents' demanding it of them.

If someone gives a gift of a cookie, we usually divide it and offer one share for God and the True Parents, saving it on a special dish in the holy place. That portion is offered to a



guest, or if no guest comes then we can later enjoy it ourselves. The first is for God. It is a simple habit, but it's a way for them to learn about God and the True Parents.

Still there can be no guarantee. The evil world surrounds us. We can never stop being concerned for our children's future. But, for all our concern, we may find that circumstances prevent us from taking proper care. In that case, we believe, if we focus on our public mission then Heavenly Father will guide and protect our family. The important thing is the content of our prayer. Of course, we pray about our family's future, but we mustn't let that take priority over the fundamental concerns.

One final point. Although there is external hardship at present in the American family, you are really fortunate compared with what our Parents and the early blessed couples faced. So don't worry about external difficulties. Just keep focused on the fundamental concerns, and everything else will work out.

### **Substance, lineage, and heart**

The Blessing has three essential aspects: "blessed substance," "blessed lineage," and "blessed heart." If you try to keep the content of the Blessing you will naturally try to hold on to substance and lineage and heart.

Before the Blessing and after the Blessing your *substance* itself is fundamentally different. The Blessing is not mere marriage; it is one all-important process of salvation, restoration. Think about your substantial self: after the Blessing, you are fundamentally different from before. Your eyes, your

ears, your nose, your mouth, all your five senses come under the Principle. After the Blessing you should see things selectively. There are all kinds of things going on in this noisy world, but you should be discerning.

Just before the Blessing and just afterwards, you are the same externally. Well, you're very excited, and the color of your face changes a little perhaps! Nevertheless, after the Blessing, Satan has nothing to do with you at all. You are completely different internally; you are of divine substance. So you should hold on to your divine condition.

Of course, just after the Blessing you are not yet perfected. But if you maintain your focus and hold on to your divine heritage, then you will easily be able to reach perfection during the completion period, the third stage.

About *lineage*, "blood lineage." Before the blessing we are of Satan's lineage. But by the Blessing we completely change our lineage: we are not of divine lineage, of God's lineage. We should hold on to this lineage. Please never forget the process that brought about Adam and Eve's fall: they didn't follow Heavenly Father's direction, the heavenly rule. We blessed couples absolutely must follow that heavenly rule during our growing period. After you reach perfection, uniting with your spouse in perfect love, there will be no doubt that you can keep the heavenly lineage. But before that point, there can sometimes be danger. So you must hold on to God's lineage, as more precious than life itself. No matter what the circumstances, you should keep this lineage. It is not only



**The blessed children are king. If they grow to follow Heavenly rules, keeping the blessed substance of lineage heart how valuable it is!**

for your own sake, but for the sake of your descendants. It is absolutely important that you stay pure, clear.

Thirdly is blessed *heart*. The only way your internal heart can develop is through attendance. Of course, we love the True Parents and we love God, and we have a general understanding of heart. To grow to perfection of heart there really is no way other than attendance. Without sin-

cere and loyal love, we cannot attend. But if you truly attend God and the True Parents, your heart will naturally grow to its ultimate fulfillment.

Heart is the final goal. If we gain fulfillment of heart, then there will be no problems concerning lineage and substance, and we will naturally reach perfection.

As I said, after the Blessing Satan cannot accuse you. However, there

are many angels, and saints and sages of history, who can accuse you. It is a serious matter. They regard blessed couples as Heavenly Father's sons and daughters, with precious substantial value. Archangels and angels have only a spirit self; thus their viewpoint is that we couples of substance should attend, help and glorify God all the more. If after the Blessing we fail to keep our position, angels will accuse us. Furthermore, the saints and sages of the past who conducted their life with such great sacrifice will compare their lives with those of the blessed couples, even though they themselves have no relation of heart with God. In fact, there can be no relation of heart below the third stage of growth. The Blessing itself is a minimum require-

ment for such a relation of heart. So they will accuse blessed couples who do not fulfill their responsibility: "How can you be living this way, even though you have a heart relationship with Heavenly Father?" They don't understand heart, but they lived such wonderful lives of sacrifice. As Father has often told us, when we enter spirit world we meet not only God and Satan, but many people and angels. We must be sure that we will be able to enter freely.

After the Blessing, regard you own hand, your face, your body, as divine substance. And remember that you have become true sons and daughters of the True Parents; your lineage is God's lineage. And finally, develop your heart.

# Let Us Become People To Comfort God

Testimony of Mrs. Tae Wha Chong  
(Three couples, wife of President Kim Young Whi)

I understand very well how much you must be longing and missing God and True Parents while suffering for the accomplishment of God's Will. Whatever country I go to the first question of our members is: "Did you come from the U.S.? When is Father coming to our country?" There are impossible circumstances even though True Parents want to come to Japan. When I was leaving East Garden Mother gave me a dress which she had been wearing and said: "Put on this dress when you have a chance to talk to the members while visiting Europe and Japan." Therefore I am standing before you with that dress, though it is hot today. Some members tell me that my profile resembles Mother's because they love and miss True Parents so much.

I went to America this year for the first time even though I've been in the family for 25 years. Father told me to come at the time of Washington Monument as a representative of Korean women but I could not go because of difficult legal proceedings. Also when True Parents sometimes came back to Korea they were too too busy to go and visit different places. However this time, I had a blessing of living together with True Parents for

a month in America, and I felt like I made my first call at my parents' home after my marriage. Father spoke about "Let us all go back to God's homeland" after the celebration of his 60th birthday; and at East Garden he really loved me not as a person but as a representative of members who are working hard all over the world. Therefore the love True Parents have given us (she visited True Parents together with Mrs. Lee, a wife of a leader of interfaith [Union Church]) is the love for you brothers and sisters.

I traveled with True Parents' family to the south and stayed at a small hotel which had a room and a kitchen. Next morning Mother woke up early and prepared breakfast for us. As soon as I entered the dining room I was ashamed and sorry. I had cooked and served the True Parents before but this time I became like a child and really appreciated the breakfast. It was like a dream. If someone asks me "What was the biggest blessing while you stayed in America for a month?", I would say "I had breakfast which Mother cooked by herself." Of course the True Parents gave me this dress and bought me this watch, but more than anything else I would like to share this story as a best present. This

is a same present which the True Parents gave to you too.

Also, if a member visits East Garden, whoever he or she may be, Father always goes outside and sends that member off at the time of leaving, putting his hand in his pocket. It is very touching to see him saying, "I wish you could stay in the East Garden longer, but you have your mission to do. When will I see you next time? Take care of yourself. When you go back take a good plane which arrives quickly instead of buying a discount ticket which gives you troubles." Therefore, we did not want to make Father's heart sad when we left East Garden. At the time when we were leaving there were about sixty members invited for breakfast to celebrate Hong Halmoni's (Mother's mother) birthday. We greeted Father, "Father, we are leaving for Boston today, and go to Europe from Boston directly," when Father was talking to the others. Father nodded and saw us off, talking to other people. However, as soon as we arrived in Boston we received a telephone call from Father saying, "Don't leave for Europe from Boston directly. Come back to East Garden and leave." Therefore we went back to East Garden quickly, thinking that Father must have an important message to convey to Korea and to the world. When we arrived Father was in conference with about thirty Japanese members. Father just said, "Oh, you came back," but there was nothing special to say. He just wanted us to stay even one hour longer with him. That was an example of the parental heart of giving more love at the parents' home since the daughter has a lot of hardships when

she is married. I wanted to cry in a loud voice but I shed tears in my heart and deeply vowed, "Father, although my power is small, I will surely love our members for you and Mother as much as possible," and I left dear East Garden. Also Mother gave us advice before we left for Europe since we were just like country girls who came to a big city. She loved and guided us so kindly saying, "Talk this way when you stand before members," and "Don't eat too much even if the food is so delicious, and eat naturally using your napkin well."

Now I would like to talk about my personal testimony. I was born in Hyang Haido in North Korea. I lived there until I was in the third grade of Junior high school after the three years of Korean liberation of 1945. I have parents and a brother and a sister. I am the eldest daughter. My younger sister was blessed as one of the 1800 couples and my parents are also blessed as a married couple. After the Korean liberation on August 15, 1945, Hyang Haido came under the communist policy of Kim Il Sung. I would like to share some things I saw there because I lived under communism from my freshman to third grade years of junior high school.

The Russian troops came in after the liberation but they were very violent and ignorant. They had never seen watches or things which we could get at the countryside store in North Korea. They could not even distinguish real guns from toy guns; once they came into my house and stole a toy gun. Also they always carry black bread, sleep on it as a pillow and eat it

when they get hungry. If they see a watch they just steal it and put on as many as they like.

As soon as Russian troops came in, Kim Il Sung came into power. All the land was taken away by the land reform. Life was so extremely harsh that all we had to eat was gruel once a day. At school, boys had to join the Communist Youth Group and girls had to join the women's union. Unless we participated in the union it was impossible to live in North Korea.

Students went to school early in the morning and had a reading class before the regular class starts, where they read Kim Il Sung's biography or various history books about the Communist Party. There is also an assembly called "Self Critic" where hateful teachers and hateful students are called to the meeting, accused and expelled from the school. Another meeting, called "Rising to Action," is where they gather to blame America and others and propagandize only the Communist party. Students don't study so much at school; instead they go to voluntary work at a factory or go to consolation meetings for workers, and only learn that Kim Il Sung is a hero. Besides there are spies in the Communist Youth Group, women's union, class and school, and nobody knows who is a spy. Therefore young people can't chat freely among friends, which make their friendships estranged. Also, people were forced to move from one place to another to live under the slogan of equal property. Because life was so harsh people took refuge in South Korea whenever they found a chance.

After the North Korean inva-

sion on June 25, 1950, my family took refuge in Masan in South Korea. There were many student refugees from famous high schools of Seoul in Masan, but they didn't have a philosophy. Compared to North Korean students who were armed firmly by communist ideology, students in the South were not strong and not working hard for the unity of South and North. There were many communists in my high school, so I was worried that South Korea would be defeated in this situation.

In North Korea, I had gone to Sunday school earnestly. Later, I met a girl who was always smiling, joyful and serving others in a high school in Masan. I started to go to church together with her because I wanted to serve and live for others like her, which was the first church I went to after I came to the South. But, although I went to the church diligently, it seemed there were no changes in my personality or character. Therefore I put my Bible and hymnal in a cloth wrapper, not letting other people know that I was a Christian when I went to church.

The time came for me to go to college. I majored in home economics because I wanted to become a good wife and good mother rather than pursue some career for my own success. I chose Ewha Women's University which was a mission school because I wanted to have a life viewpoint based on truth and faith. I was born and raised in a happy and favored family, where I could do whatever I desired. However, when I saw my surroundings I could not find any family who lived happily. I could observe people in the village near the university where

I went. I saw many different people and their miserable life; a mother who became sick but could not go to the hospital; a crying baby who could not get milk from the mother; innocent children who were hungry, and a father who did not care for his family and whose property was all taken away by the communists.

I asked myself: How could I survive if I were put in the same situation? Who can give me a guarantee that I would not have such a difficult life or I would not have a worse life? Could I be grateful in that situation and still live happily? I did not have the confidence and started to suffer about the question of life.

My favorite class at the university was "Cultural History of Christianity" given by Dr. Young Oon Kim, whom you know very well. She taught us the Bible very deeply with a soft but clear voice which resounded in our hearts. Therefore her class became a great joy for me to attend.

I was always a very healthy child so I never took medicines. However, I suffered from pleurisy when I was seventeen. Once we have pleurisy the body becomes weaker and weaker. I had a third relapse when I was a senior at the university. I was sent to the best hospital in Seoul, but the doctor could not even tell me the name of the disease. Today cancer is the most terrible disease, but tuberculosis was the most terrible at that time. I wished the doctor could tell me the name of my illness even if it were tuberculosis, so that he could give me the proper medicine. My parents did everything they could for me: they gave me a herb medicine and sent for

acupuncture treatment. But my illness was not cured. I was very serious about the question of my life. I thought about committing suicide but could not do it because of two reasons. One, I thought I would become unfilial if I died before my parents, although I did not have any confidence of becoming filial even if I were cured, as I did not have confidence in having a happy marriage and becoming a good wife and mother. The other reason I didn't commit suicide was a teaching at school which said that if we commit suicide we go to hell.

I wanted to know more about heaven and hell so I read and studied more about the Bible. My physical condition at that time was worsening so I could not sit down because my whole body was swollen and aching. I could not see well and I could not sleep even at night. However, I was determined to study the Bible even if I died. It was hard for me to study by myself. Heavenly Father knew my situation very well and sent three missionaries from Jehovah's Witnesses. I studied with them for about two months, for I was anxious to know about life after death. They explained things well, using Bible verses, which seemed very good, but all I wanted to know was whether there was life after death or not. They later explained that after the war of Armageddon all the dead bodies will come out of the tombs and live forever with their flesh. When I heard this it seemed so ridiculous that I cut the relationship with them because I thought their idea was wrong.

However God sent me my old friend from whom I separated in

Masan five years before. I did not know her address and she did not know my address, but she found me. She spoke about the Principle of Creation and the meaning of the second advent of the Messiah all day long without saying that she joined the Unification Church. The content of her story seemed very good, so I said to her, "You told me a good thing. I would like to go to your church when I am recovered. What is the name of your church?" She answered it is Seoul Church, but did not say Unification Church. I promised her that I would definitely go to her church when my physical condition became better and asked her to visit me again. After that, I could not forget what she told me, and I was filled with the thought that I wanted to go to Seoul Church when I felt better. However, she did not come back to visit me for three months, even after the new year came. Then finally on the day of February the first, around six o'clock in the evening she visited me. She came to me slowly, without knowing how much I was waiting. But she was waiting for the chance and thinking what to do if I didn't accept the Principle. She had been praying that I would recover from the illness if I heard the Principle. She said to me, "There is a great teacher in the back of the Seoul ground. Let's go and listen to him."

We arrived at a small Japanese-style house. When we opened the door, I suddenly thought Jesus must have lived and taught in such a place with his twelve disciples. I entered the room where Mr. Hyo Won Yoo (a former president of the church) was lecturing Divine Principle. I stayed there for

three days and listened to the lectures. When I heard the lectures my body could tell that this was the truth before my intellect could tell. I could sit down normally and did not feel any pain, which I could never do before without using a cushion. I did not feel any pain in my hip, too. It was like a miracle that all the pain was gone. While I was listening to the lectures of Divine Principle I was cured from my sickness, and I believe I suffered from sickness in order to meet God and the Messiah.

My parents were very happy to see me becoming healthy again because they knew how badly I was suffering, and they went to greet Father together with my brother and sister, saying, "Thank you for making our daughter healthy." I felt deeply that I should not die but live for the mountains, trees, grass, flowers and everything because they rejoiced in my recovery.

I hated Jesus' disciples, Mary and other women who followed Jesus, because they put Jesus, whom they loved as a Messiah, on the cross. Why could they not follow Jesus totally and die for him? I had confidence that if I lived in that age I would have died on the cross instead of Jesus, and my relationship with God became very close so that God is my God and I am God's daughter.

Father watched Mr. Yoo giving the Principle lecture beside him quietly. There were about twenty members living together with Father and I could tell how he cared for these members as his own brothers and sisters. I had a dream one night. I was crying on my father's lap repenting and confessing



everything I did when I was a child. I cried so hard and as I wiped my tears away and raised my face up I found my father had turned into Father. It was a strange dream but I thought Heavenly Father taught me something.

I could now believe strongly that there is a world after death, and there is heaven and hell. I could understand the meaning of the physical condition of goodness before heaven just to guide me in front of Father and let me work for him. I convinced myself that I had to go ahead no matter how difficult the way may be for my ancestors because I am their fruit and I am not standing as myself but as their representative. Also I thought that I have to go this way for my descendants, too.

The joy of meeting with God and having a clear viewpoint of the spiritual world was the best experience in all my 25 years of faith. That joy was greater than the joy when I was blessed with President Kim Young Whi, who is good-looking and distinguished, or the joy when my first child was born on the same day as Father's first son Hyo-jin after three years of my marriage. Therefore I always remember that feeling of joy and gratitude when Satan tries to tempt me.

The atmosphere of the church at that time was like spring and filled with love. The room was filled with members centered on Father. And Father guided each of us so well that we felt like telling everything about our past so naturally. One lady was absorbed in telling her story as Father was so interested in listening. She repeated the same story day after day,

but Father listened eagerly until she became tired of continuing her story. Also Father asked us to sing songs. Therefore even old men and women who never sang before prepared at least one song written on a piece of paper when they came to see Father. Father let them sing and studied good points, shortcomings, and the character of members. Also Father could tell and remember well each member's good points, history or ability through their testimony. And later he admired the member's good point which even the member himself did not notice. There is no one who gets angry when he is admired. Father admired the good points of those members whom we thought full of shortcomings; therefore members came to have confidence. Father always taught and guided members like this so everyone could have confidence.

He also suggested: "That color does not suit you because you are fat." "This color will be very good for you since you are slim." "Too long skirt (chogore—Korean dress) will make you look short, so wear a little shorter length one." or "You look very beautiful if you make your hair style this way because you have a round face." Therefore, people who did not have confidence in themselves before could naturally come to get confidence. Even a woman who did not want to look at the mirror because she thought herself so ugly started to try to make herself look better. Who can be against Father, who always guides us like this? Children, adults, elderly people, everybody loves Father so naturally.

A new semester had started for me at university. I had been absent

from school because of my sickness. After I went back to school I started to witness to everyone, my friends and professors, as I myself was a witness that I was recovered completely from the sickness after I heard the truth of the Divine Principle. I jumped to witness everywhere that I did not even realize when my shoes were broken. I was so happy and joyful that I could not stop witnessing.

However, the persecution was severe at that time. The university was against us, saying that the Unification Church is heresy, and oppressed us by demanding that we either leave school or the university. I became absent-minded because I could not understand why the school was like that. There were many students from Ewha University in the Unification Church at that time, but some of them thought that they could go back to the church after they graduated because of the persecution of the school and opposition of their parents. But none of them who thought that way could come back to the church again. There is a time always in heavenly dispensation when God tests whether we can stand strongly as his child.

I could have thought and acted the same way like some of my friends did, but I thought that I would become a witness of the heresy of the Unification Church if I remained in school, which I could never do. I heard the Divine Principle, I went to Unification Church for some months, and yet I did not find any evil thing there. Getting the degree from the university was not my deepest desire. It was this Unification Church that gave me new life, rebirth to my spirit and body and

made me completely a new person. I made up my mind and left the university like I threw away my old shoes.

There was no written script like you have today as "Divine Principle" in the 1950s. President Yoo had an original copy of the Principle which Father wrote, and he gave us a lecture putting it in order. Nobody thought about the Blessing because Father was not married at that time. The Principle talks about the Blessing but it was very vague for us. In the far future after I fulfilled my responsibility, if God gave me a blessing I would receive it, but it was not important for me. Therefore my major of home economics lost its purpose. But on the other hand I thought there must be some meaning that I majored in home economics. Then I thought I studied it in order to serve and attend Father.

As soon as I realized that, Father said that he had to go to America. Father said it to a few members in a small room. We were very happy with Father and we wanted to stay with Father always, even though he mentioned going to America. It was just like when Jesus and his disciples went to the Mount of Transfiguration 2,000 years ago and they told Jesus that they would make three booths and not leave the mountain because they were so comfortable being with Jesus. However, Father said that he had to go to America someday, ignoring our hearts. I thought Father's words would come true even though it was beyond our imagination to think about America or the world mission because of the persecution in Korea in those days was tremendous.

I asked Father to put me in the

position of the kitchen so that I could use something of what I learned at school before Father went to America. Father was very happy to hear that and allowed me to work in the kitchen. Then Father told me, "As you are going to work in the kitchen, which is the most inconspicuous place, you should not wear colorful chima-cho-gori (Korean dress)." He wanted to teach me to be humble always since it is easy to become arrogant when working and attending Father directly. Thus I began to work in the kitchen, and I heard later from the elderly women who were working before me that they had been praying for three months that young people who graduated from the university might work in the kitchen and serve Father since the time had come for the younger generation.

It was twenty five years ago when Father had very simple and poor food. Father told me that I should not prepare more than three dishes. There was a time when we did not have any rice and Father had only brown barley. Father always cared about members who were on pioneer missions. Everyone fasted on his birthday for the first three years at that time. Father fasted on his birthday too. Even though we asked him, "Master, we will fast for you, so please do not fast yourself." Father always fasted on his birthday.

Members who were out for pioneer witnessing had to fast naturally because they had nothing to eat. Father therefore comforted me, "You may think that there is no progress in the kitchen intellectually and emotionally (heartistically). But think about the

brothers and sisters who went out for pioneer witnessing. At least as you are in this kitchen you don't need to suffer from hunger, while they are working hard without eating."

There were not enough fruits or drinks to give Father's children in those days. I had to say to them, "That drink is for Father," when they became thirsty and opened the refrigerator. Even now my heart is painful for the fact that I could not give them even one bottle of cider or coke. I used the fat part of one carrot for Father's dish and the rest for food for Ye-jin. Even now I'm sorry for her and my heart aches when I remember these things.

I would like to share my heart that I felt while attending True Parents as one of the first three blessed couples. There is a saying "If you do your best and give the best of your sincerity, Heaven will be moved by that." Father does not eat unless we put our heart and prayer from the shopping no matter how expensive and nutritious the food may be. Members sometimes bring food or clothes for Father. One time Father did not even touch the food. I wondered and asked the member who brought the food. She was crying and said that she haggled over the price. Father knows all these things very well. If we purely think about Father and buy things without hesitating, Father will appreciate and eat even if it is just a baked sweet potato. We did not have a car at that time, so we had to carry all the groceries in the bus or train. When we put those groceries down on the floor because they were heavy, Father did not eat. Father ate everything when we prepared with the heart of giving

and thinking to serve the best regardless of any external conditions. It was such a joy and happy feeling which took all the tiredness away (just like when I recovered from the sickness) when Father ate everything we prepared with sincerity. When we prepared breakfast we always prepared one extra and put it aside until lunch time, prepared one extra dish at lunch time and put it aside until dinner, and one extra at dinner time until next morning, so that we could serve food at any time Father came. However, when I thought by my own judgment that Father would not come back so early and gave the reserved dish to a hungry member, Father always came back early and asked me, "I'm very busy so give me some food quickly." I was embarrassed many times in that situation. He is really spiritual. Also when I wanted to give a rice cake to Father but I did not have time for shopping or making it, wonderfully someone always brought rice cakes. It was not just one person but sometimes three or seven members brought the same rice cake which I wanted to give to Father. It was amazing.

There was a time when Mother worked in the kitchen for three days after the holy matrimony of True Parents. There was no gas oven, hot water or refrigerator in the kitchen of the Korean church twenty years ago. We cooked on briquet in the cold kitchen. Mother came in such a situation and cooked for three days. I was very surprised to see Mother cooking so skillfully and promptly in the unfamiliar kitchen. And I was deeply moved by her that she was the right person to be Father's wife. As Mother prepared

dishes with confidence and served Father, he really enjoyed the meal. It was truly delicious. Since then many different kinds of vegetables appeared on Father's table. Father ate only white fish and did not like the fishy smelling red fish. However, after the three days of Mother's work in the kitchen he changed to eat any kind of vegetable, fish, or Western food cooked in butter and milk. Also, before then he only wore a long sleeved shirt even in the hot summer, but after the holy matrimony he began to wear short sleeved shirts. These all owed to Mother's effort.

This year (1980) is really a significant year. We celebrated Father's 60th birthday and this is the final year of Father's 21 year course. I guided the Korean members for the preparation of this significant 60th birthday as the best fruit of his final year of the 21 year course. I guided them to put all their hearts that they could never give in their whole life when they plowed the land, planted the seed, cooked food, and made dresses. Unfortunately I had to ask outside professional people for the preparation of the dresses because of the complicated work of embroidery. It was difficult to choose someone from outside who had a good skill, good ancestral merits and a possibility of becoming a family member in the future. However, as I was really serious and sincere, spirit world helped me. Spirit world taught me who was the right person through spiritualists. Also spirit world taught me a color which the True Parents might be pleased with.

I also knew through my experience that we should not quarrel with

each other while baking cookies. Therefore I prayed that these outside tailors would not chat or quarrel when they made the dresses. Sometimes I brought a gift for them, comforted, encouraged, and asked them to work with a sincere heart. Later they told me that they had never worked smoothly like that time in their countless items of work. I was really happy to hear that and I understood that the spiritual world was helping and working together with us because Father's 60th birthday was so meaningful. It was hard work to have prepared things for Father, and it was also hard to send them safely to America. However, we could send everything we prepared for the True Parents. I was very happy after I had finished all these things and I was sitting alone after the celebration and prayer of Father's 60th birthday in Korea. I was thinking of the True Parents and that it was lonely not having this celebration with them in Korea but it could not be helped. Then one elder sister came to me, who had been attending Father since he was in North Korea. She took my hands and said to me, "Thank you very much, Mrs. Kim. I am really grateful for your having prepared all of these things for Father's 60th birth-

day. You are a glorious person. Not everyone can do such work. Because of you, this big task was done. Thank you very much. Truly you are a glorious person." When I heard such words I felt something in my heart and I could not help tears. I felt in my heart that we had to comfort Heavenly Father like this who had been searching for us in tears for 6,000 years, given us new life and brought us up as His children. I also asked myself if I had ever comforted True Parents like this. And I thought this was a very important thing. I deeply understood that we have to have many reports which can comfort Father's heart. I understood this neither in my mind nor in my heart, but I understood in my bones. It was really a grateful thing. That sister comforted my effort, but I was grateful for Heavenly Father for letting me understand this important thing.

Neither man alone nor woman alone can make a happy family. Happy families can only be made by loving each other. Then all children can become happy. Therefore let us truly unite with one another and work hard for the progress of God's will.

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# From the Foreign Mission Field: Experimenting with Home Church

By Elisabeth Unger

Turkey is a Muslim country; therefore, any kind of religious activity is illegal. We cannot witness. But it is not only we who cannot witness, even Muslims cannot witness to other Muslims. Furthermore, if you try to change some idea of society, even though it is not religious idea, that also is illegal. So it is not just our situation, but everybody's situation.

My husband, Harald, became a missionary in Turkey late in 1969, having been sent alone from Austria. I joined the Church in Turkey in 1971. I had been sent from the United States to Turkey in 1968 as a missionary by the United Church of Christ. I never expected to change to another kind of mission. I had gone to Turkey knowing nothing about the country, filled with the childish kind of idea of "converting the heathen." When I arrived, I discovered that I would be teaching music in a Turkish girls' school supported by the mission. I was very frustrated by the missionary community that I found there; everyone had nice houses on the hills overlooking the Bosphorus; they had big cars and big families. They did their jobs very nicely, but had little

contact with the religious world. On Sundays, they went to church and sang hymns, but they would never confront a Turkish person and speak to him about religion because they were afraid of being kicked out of the country.

As a result, I became very anti-mission. I did my job because I liked teaching, but I lived away from the missionaries. I decided that I would just live in my own way. The first year I was a pretty dedicated missionary teacher. The next year I was just a pretty dedicated teacher and a very selfish lady. The third year I was desperate—desperate in terms of really wanting to serve God in some way, but feeling that I had entered the wrong situation.

In 1971, I heard about a group in Turkey that tries to promote the development of Turkish youth, but not in a religious way. They set up a dormitory in a city called Tarsus, to house young boys from the villages while they attend high school. I was offered a job as a housemother, teaching the boys English and watching out for them. It paid a very low salary—just a place to live. I thought

this was the answer to my dreams, this was the way I could serve. During this time I had been having many dreams in which my grandfather, who had been a Baptist minister and missionary in Japan, was leading me towards something, but I did not know what. I just assumed that it was this job.

So everything was arranged. I resigned my position at the girls' school and wrote to my parents that I was not coming home. Then, the last week of April, I received a telegram saying that because I was unmarried, too young and a foreigner, I could not have the job. I was crushed. In my prayers I accused God saying, "Look, I really wanted to do something right and serve you, and now you have closed another door in my face. I just do not understand it at all." That night in my dream my grandfather told me that maybe this was not the right thing. He suggested that what he was telling me about was still to happen, and that the next day might be the key day.

The following day was Sunday, and I thought that since I had not been to church in a long time, I would go to the local Protestant church. I sat in the balcony and looked down on the other people there. I could not see individual faces, but around the head of one young man was a bright yellow light. I could hardly wait for the service to finish. After it was over, I went rushing up to him and said, "I am Elizabeth Biro. I don't know who you are but I really feel that you are the person who is going to change my life."

Harald nearly fell over. He had

been in Turkey for two and a half years, and had never found even one person interested in anything that he wanted to say. He was suffering very much. At that time, he was living with some students in a small apartment, trying to stay strong in faith in the midst of a terrible atmosphere.

He talked to me for a while, and soon afterwards came to visit me. All this time I was asking my grandfather in my dreams whether this was what he had been guiding me towards. He would only say that I had to be patient, and keep my heart open so God could let me know the truth.

So Harald would come, bringing Miss Kim's book, to teach me the Principle. His English was very limited, and I did not know any German, but we both knew some Turkish. Therefore, much of our conversation was in Turkish. To study the Divine Principle, I read the book in English and he followed along in German translation. There was no way he could teach me directly.

I had never heard of indemnity conditions before. He was very thin, so I would prepare a big meal for him when he would come. The first time he ate everything on the table. The next day he was to return so I made even more food. But this time he said he was not hungry. The following day I did not prepare so much food, but he was famished and ate it all. This pattern continued—one day he would eat, the next day not. I did not know that he had set a condition of 144 fasting days during the year, determined to find someone who could accept the Principle.

I could understand the Principle

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very quickly. Since I had so many dreams during the previous year. I realized that it was exactly what I had been expecting.

Beginning in 1974, I traveled to the United States and Japan with the global team of the International One World Crusade. In early 1975, Harald went to Korea, where we were blessed together with the 1800 couples.

Because we don't have financial support, we had to spend what seems like an inordinate number of hours a day working at jobs. It is hard to decide how much time to devote to work and how much to mission.

It has been a challenge to discover what kind of activities we can do in our situation to serve the people and the country. Harald taught German at one of the universities. He had found quite a number of good people in that way. But it takes a long time because he has to drink tea with them for many months before he can form any kind of basic friendship upon which to begin to speak about religion.

After Parents' birthday, Harald started home church work in Istanbul. We chose a neighborhood close to our house. Since Harald is a landscape architect by training, he wrote a very nice letter to all the people in the area, offering his help in any way that he could, fixing their homes, making their gardens more beautiful, cleaning up the streets or repairing the fountains and roads. Together, they can try to push the city government to pave some of the roads, lay cobblestones or clean up the empty lots that are used as garbage dumps.

By the time we left Turkey for

training at the end of June, he had visited all 360 homes once, and none of them rejected him. Many welcomed him very positively and they had already started various projects in the neighborhood. People are very amazed by this. They believe that only a foreigner could have initiated something like this, because no Turk could ever get other Turks to work with him. People tend to think, "Me alone, what can I do? I can't influence any change, so why bother. Why make a start?"

Last year, before we had actually started home church work, I felt very frustrated. Our son Benedikt (Beno) was born two years ago, so I was at home all the time with a small child. There was nobody else in the center with me. Sometimes I felt that I was not very different from any other mother anywhere else in the world—just taking care of my little boy. Then I found out that the children in the neighborhood finish primary school about the tenth day of May, and classes do not resume until the first of October. The children have nothing to do during the whole summer. I searched and searched; what could I do, so that I could still be at home, but help these little children in some way? So I decided to start a library.

With a limited budget, I approached different publishers in Istanbul and got quite a lot of books. Then other people, especially foreigners, who heard about my project, gave me gifts of money to help get some more books. Now we have approximately 400 books, ranging from first grade through high school levels.

Originally I invited the children



**Harald and Beno Ungar**

to come Monday and Thursday mornings between 10 and 12, to get books, but the doorbell was always ringing all day long, all summer long. It was wonderful anyway. They were so excited about having books to read that they could not wait many days.

My goal was not that I should be the librarian, but that the children themselves should take care of the books. So this summer, when I learned that we were not going to be in Turkey, I talked with two of the

most mature high school girls and asked them if they would take care of the books in the downstairs of their house, which they were happy to do. So the project is continuing this summer, under their supervision.

Last year when I started the book lending, Beno was only nine months old, so I was still tied to the house most of the time. It is working out very well, and the children enjoy coming and playing with him. Sometimes it is difficult to get them out of



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the house, but I don't mind so much.

I find that Beno is a great door-opener for me. Now two years old, he is still very blond, with blue eyes, whereas Turkish people are dark skinned, with heavy moustache and eyebrows. They are just amazed by this little white child, and call him "snow man."

If I go to the home church area, immediately the doors are opened. Everybody wants to have Beno come into their house, play with their chil-

dren, drink their tea, and eat their cookies. With many people we have not been able to form a deep relationship yet, but at least they welcome us in a nice way and we can begin to serve them.

I also work with young mothers, trying to help them understand about raising their children, that it is not enough just to feed and clothe them, but that they must attend to the spiritual side of their growth as well.

# Reflections on the CARP Experience

By Alice Boutté

The pleasures of real family life had just begun for my husband, our 4-month-old son and myself when Father called us for the CARP mission. We had finally gotten settled in Norfolk, Virginia and had gotten some second-hand living room furniture in a little rented house, which was beginning to feel like home, when the momentous phone call came. Father had requested us to meet in East Garden 3 days later. After that, we would leave on a bus to California to work with CARP and someone named Tiger Park for 2 or 3 years.

At this time Father explained the urgency of CARP's mission in America—to stop the influence of communism and revive Christianity among American youth. There was no question that such an indemnity condition needed to be made by blessed couples in America. He explained Eve's indemnity course and how Mother had been tested by God and by Father until she could prove she loved God more than husband and children. Now we must be tested the same.

And we were. About 33 of us went by bus to California after shopping and dinner with Mother. In Los

Angeles we met the man people called "the Tiger" and approximately 50 to 70 young but somewhat worn-out looking CARP members. There were no centers for the wives to stay in, so we started out in 3 jammed motel rooms. We moved frequently. There was a lot of confusion, a lot of communication breakdowns, and little organization or money. Coming from the peace and quiet of our homes, the whole thing seemed so unreasonable. Nobody seemed to know what was going on and everything seemed to be done wrong. Because of the language barrier we couldn't communicate very well with Tiger Park, and we were also somewhat afraid of him. When he chastized us many were in tears and in despair for days afterward.

Those first 2¼ months far away from everything and everyone I loved were the hardest for me. I felt nothing but accusation and judgment most of the time. My heart was still in shock from the rapid separation. So was my husband's, so that I worried about him, too. I couldn't give up my heart, myself, to the CARP members or to the mission. I never felt so inadequate to do even the simplest things, like

going up and witnessing to somebody. It seemed to take all my energy and will just to be on the front line again, living in such instability. The schedule was chaotic and exhausting. I was in the early months of pregnancy; I tired easily, I cried easily. My arms ached to hold my baby; they felt so empty and useless without a baby in them. What were we doing, this group of 40 mothers jammed into motel rooms on the opposite side of the continent from our very little children? It felt absurd sometimes, lonely most of the time, heavy all of the time.

I took it all quite personally. It seemed that God had suddenly abandoned me, and was telling me that I wasn't good enough, that I didn't qualify to be with my husband and little boy, that I wasn't a good enough wife and mother, so that's why He had to kick me out and tell me to grow up and change some more first. It was hard to have any bigger vision of what we were doing out there in the beginning.

So I couldn't go to God for comfort because I felt He was the one that was pushing me out, telling me to do this crazy thing. My heart could not yet connect with Father in these circumstances. Emotionally I felt abandoned by God and True Parents. In turn, my husband felt I had abandoned him and our baby; the only ones who understood were the other wives. Sometimes we pulled each other down instead of up. Yet if we had not had each other to lean on, perhaps it would have been more than we could have borne. Father was merciful to send us out together.

Feeling as I did, it was hard to

bring any witnessing results on those California campuses. I couldn't love the CARP members, couldn't feel close to Tiger Park, couldn't be grateful for my situation, couldn't have faith that God was really going to take care of my husband and child in my absence, couldn't feel my value at all. The front line was hard after 7 years in the family. I was 34, had one child and was expecting another. I felt like I was starting out all over again as a new member—witnessing, fundraising, having rallies and New Hope Student Festivals. It was a new beginning for the American movement, yet I felt so old and worn out and burdened, I really didn't know from day to day if I could go on.

Surely God through our True Parents had put us in a truly desperate situation. We couldn't endure on the front line, sacrificing our husbands and children, without accomplishing something! But I couldn't accomplish the mission without God. So I was forced to find God, somehow.

### **Reverend and Mrs. Park**

Reverend Chong Goo Park is a very wise man. He put his struggling CARP wives and the tired, insecure CARP members out on the frontline immediately. There was no time to think and brood, just do. He scheduled weekly New Hope Student Festivals around L.A. campuses and encouraged us to confront our opposition on campuses immediately. He encouraged us to fight immediately, fight hard, and fight to win. Be bold, be out front, be proud. Act first, don't be afraid of mistakes. Evaluate and think later. So we responded swiftly

to every bad student newspaper article. We counter-demonstrated every pro-communist demonstration. He showed us who Satan was and how to fight him. The confidence and righteousness of members increased. I began to perceive for myself what Father had been talking about—how only *we* could stop the moral decline and communist influence in America. I could see CARP and Reverend Park's kind of leadership was needed, not only by America, but by the Unification Church and its members.

And when I was called on to speak out at several rallies we held at San Francisco State and Berkeley, I even began to feel needed for the first time. I began to feel grateful to Reverend Park that he had made use of my little speaking ability which no one else had.

By the time we left California, to go to Boston, my heart had been moved often enough by Reverend Park's pure heart, humility, real sacrifice and guts, that I began to feel a real loyalty to him. Mrs. Park won my heart as well. She shared her testimony with the wives and it brought us all to tears. She went through so much more than any of us: compared to her I had nothing to complain about. She was over 40 and yet she outdid her husband in climbing to the top of the 12,000 footer in the Rockies during our CARP 12-day seminar in Boulder, Colorado that June. She has a very strong will, and a very deep and faithful heart. She spoke to the wives in Boulder after distributing gifts to us, urging us to help Reverend Park because he really needed us. I was touched by her humility and her real

loyalty to God's will, even though the children and herself were continually being sacrificed for it. She had been sacrificing herself and her children for God's will for years, not just for months. I felt that I wanted to help her. Maybe, I thought, if we could do what must be done quickly, Reverend Park could begin to spend more time with her and the children.

### **The First Summer**

That first summer in CARP was spent at Camp Mazumdar outside L.A. where I was workshop mother during our first summer witnessing campaign. By now we were "old" CARP members. We were "broken into" our CARP mission: we wives had gotten to know each other and we had begun to get used to Tiger Park. We had been to Boston, New York, and Florida, Colorado and back to California again. We were now in a position to help break in the newer additions to CARP like the seminarians who came that summer. Reverend Park put more of us into mothers' positions. It became easier to care for members, to see our value in CARP, and to support Reverend Park.

Reverend Park came to Camp Mazumdar often. I witnessed his desperation for, but tremendous confidence in, getting results. He would sleep with the guests rather than in the staff cabin. He loved confrontation and directness—anything that came from the heart. He encouraged people to have give and take with him. He never allowed his position, either as CARP director or as a 36-blessed couple, to put an unnecessary distance between himself and members. He

always thought of himself as an older brother, and he was, in the deepest sense of the word. He knew how to listen with a compassionate heart. He knew human nature very well; how to handle different people. He was genuine, operating from God-centered intuition, centered on a deep heart to which his intellect was a lively object—something I had never experienced close at hand before. Because he was not calculating or position-conscious, diplomacy was not his strength. But living and speaking the truth was, even when it hurt others or hurt him. I began to understand that he *really* loved Father more than anything else and he just didn't care what anybody, except Father, thought about him.

### **Birth of Our Second Baby**

By the time I left CARP in September, 1979, to await the birth of our second child, I realized that I had already inherited quite a bit spiritually from being around Reverend Park. Compared to the first two months, I felt reborn, resurrected from the dead. My husband and child had miraculously survived in the meantime!

My son seemed to have no resentment or insecurity that I had left him. He kept faith, as did my husband. It had been very hard on him, a devoted family man, to grasp how God could demand this separation when God's ideal was for the family to be together. He didn't understand the Principle of Restoration nearly as well as the Principle of Creation. He hadn't understood why, but he too, had kept faith.

Understandably, it wasn't easy for the husbands to feel close to Reverend Park. Logically, they understood God's

will and Principle, but emotionally he was "the guy who took my wife and kids away." Yet one by one Reverend Park won the respect and affection of many of our husbands, even their eventual participation in CARP. When I first saw my husband again in Boston after 2 months in CARP, Reverend Park met him for the first time. Before we left together, Reverend Park pushed a \$100 bill into my hand, saying "Have a good time." I protested, knowing CARP's financial situation was, as usual, on the brink of disaster, but he walked away. It was a very precious gift, not to be spent on food and movies, I felt. I told my husband, "I want a real ring with this money." I had been wearing a temporary brass ring given at the 74 couples' blessing. So in Gloucester we found a beautiful amethyst gold ring for exactly \$100.00, and from then on it has been like a post-wedding engagement ring binding us together though we've been apart. God, through Reverend Park was bringing us somehow closer together through this separation than we had been before.

In February 1980, after 5 precious months at home for the birth of our daughter, Cara, we brought our two children back to the nursery. It was harder to offer our son up this time because we'd grown close to each other. He wasn't an infant anymore, but a walking and talking 1½-year-old. He knew who I was. I had pondered this moment of returning to the nursery with Tierson many times while home. I would become quite emotional and my heart would literally ache, anticipating how difficult it would be. What if Tierson sees the



nursery and Ulla (his faithful onni) and screams and cries out, "No Mummy, no go, no go." I knew I couldn't bear it. Would I take him back, telling my husband I couldn't go through with it: "Let's go home and forget God. This is too cruel to Tierson, it will damage him too much." I just didn't know what I would do if there was a painful scene. I remember desperately bargaining with God on the way up to the nursery holding Tierson on my lap. "If you really want me to do this, then please help make it easy. I can't bear it otherwise." And He really did.

As we drove up the drive towards Gracemere, I felt an invisible protective shield covering our whole family. It took away my worst fears, my heaviest emotions, and left me in sort of a light, suspended state of faith. But it wasn't just me, it was the same for my husband, though he never said anything. To my surprise I found myself saying enthusiastically, "Tierson, soon we're going to see Ulla. Ulla's waiting for you. See her? Here she is." And there she was at the entrance of Gracemere, waiting. She was excited to see him again. I could see they had a real relationship, too. Tierson knew her immediately and smiled, but he didn't want to go stay in her arms. Back to my arms—but not for long. No, he ran into Gracemere, and was climbing the big staircase showing off his progress, and with a great sense of familiarity ran around the house, picking up old toys and, best of all, seeing his old playmates. He was happy to be there. It wasn't *our* home, but it was clearly *his* old home. Ever since that time I always felt as I neared the

nursery the same kind of protection from worry, as if I were entering another world, in sort of a bubble where no Satan, no worry could come. Once I could experience peace while at the nursery it became easier to feel peaceful about the children being there even when I was far away. From that time on, I intuitively felt that Heavenly Father really was watching over them, that He had such a real stake in the nursery that if I continued to worry, then I really didn't trust Him very much.

After I had gone over the hump of learning to trust Heavenly Father with the care of my children, accomplishing my mission in CARP became much easier. I could focus better. So could my husband. He was going along with the whole thing much better the second time we left the children there than he had before. In fact, I began to observe that he was learning to get along with his central figures better than he used to. He seemed more tolerant, more flexible, and had a better sense of humor about things than before. And though he never said so, I think secretly he was beginning to get quite a kick out of visiting the nursery and have 12 or so kids come running up to him, jumping all over him, wanting to be picked up and hugged, "Tierson's abba, pick me up." Fathers are definitely a popular item at the nursery, no matter whose they are!

The second year in CARP was more fulfilling. Being liberated from family worries, I seemed to grow. I could invest my heart in brothers and sisters more. I could feel I was really doing something, really helping, not

just surviving in CARP until my tour of duty was up. The sisters needed an older sister to confide in, the brothers too; especially those with a lot of responsibility.

### **Restoration of former missions**

The last year was a restoration of missions I had before, but in which I never felt victorious. As workshop mother for CARP's 7 and 21-day summer programs in Barrytown, I felt a deep sense of restoration of earlier days as workshop mother in Barrytown and Washington, D.C. It was, for me, a most remarkable and joyous summer. As a staff we seemed to break through so many old but never overcome barriers as to how to relate with new guests and win their trust, how to deal with parents, and how to develop a natural genuine caring family atmosphere. God was really with us; new members were so much more courageous, stronger and righteous than we had been. They had dreams of Father and often openly expressed love, respect and gratitude for him during their first 3 weeks of workshop. Again, by the end of the summer, I was aware that through CARP, I personally had restored some failures from earlier workshop missions in the Church.

The most obvious restoration of the past for me came, however, as an IW. I had been sent to the Midwest as an IW for the Church 3 years before. Here I was in the same general region again as an IW, only this time for CARP. This time I knew from the start it was set up by Heavenly Father to help me restore my failures before as an IW.

It was probably one of the most profound yet fulfilling times in my whole life. CARP, in one year under Rev. Park's leadership, had made a strong spiritual foundation and a good organization. Each region had a good strong leader who had a personal relationship and loyal heart to Rev. Park. So, younger leaders in the region could really inherit something and grow under their regional leader. A stronger leader made it possible for me to be more of a mother (less of a father), for which I was deeply grateful. There had not been such a regional system in the Church when I was an IW. In addition, there were more members in each center, usually 7 to 10, so it was easier to support the center financially and there was time to witness and work on campus. The mission was clear, to stop Satan by stopping communism. We could usually see the enemy everywhere and there was excitement in knowing that we now had what it takes—spiritually, ideologically, and materially—to do the job. Victory was just up ahead. Reagan's election last November was a most fulfilling example of this new spirit, this new era that CARP seemed to be bringing to our whole movement, even to the nation.

I'll never forget fund-raising with flowers at a traffic light on Halloween night in downtown Chicago four days before the election. It seemed like the rest of America was turning into a sordid, masked charade. It was as if Satan really wanted to show his awful glory to me that night—to try to prove that he was stronger, that he would surely take America on November 4, not God. Playboy bunny girls, in their

scant costumes, strutted the streets; even police officers were flirting with them. Many adults in the cars were in costume and masks, going to parties, having more laughs being somebody else and escaping from themselves. Some wore absurdly clownish masks, but too many were ghostly and very demonic. People persecuted me heavily that night; the men were especially crude. People were letting go of their baser instincts. After all, it was Halloween, an excuse to let the evil side out. It was so intense a scene, my fears for America as well as myself were so real, that I couldn't keep fundraising.

I went into a MacDonald's, found the most obscure corner, and as silently as possible wept over my cup of tea. "Is this what I have been working for all these years and sacrificing so much for the last 2 years? Is this the real America? Is this all there is left of America? God must be so angry. Is this what Father has sacrificed his family, his reputation, his money, his members for?" I felt desperate for victory with every cell in my body. "We can't lose, we can't." How can God let us lose it all when we have given everything we had for Him to win? It began to dawn on me that maybe Father's offering to heaven the sacrifice of the blessed families during this time was preventing Satan from accusing him that he had not done everything he could for this victory to be possible for God now.

Father's heart really touched me. For the first time I began to realize why Father had really sent us out. In the early months, I somehow felt that Father was heartless, expecting some impossible standard of motherhood from me that I couldn't grasp, and

because I hadn't measured up to it, out I went until I shaped up. From the level of feeling somehow punished for poor behavior, I had grown and grateful that God was giving it to me. I could see that through this our family was coming closer together in heart to God and that the families who were participating in this CARP condition were coming closer to each other, too. There was a sort of growing communal bond among us now and among our children at the nursery, too. I could see that Father was indeed sharing with us a deeper level of his heart and God's heart than we could have known in any other way. But it wasn't until this Halloween night (over a year and a half since I joined CARP) that I really understood in my heart for the first time, a much deeper level of Father's heart. It wasn't just out of true love for me, my family and the blessed families in general that Father had sent us out. Now I understood, in a much deeper way than before, that more than us, more than his spiritual children, more than the whole Church, Father truly loves the American people and loves the people of the whole world. Because Father is in love with God, he loves all humanity like a parent. Father loves America more than anyone. He has given up more to save this country than anyone. He has shed more tears for the country than anyone. Out of love for this miserable humanity that had so repulsed and frightened me that night, Father had been willing to sacrifice everything dearest to his heart. He had been willing to risk losing even some of us, his spiritual children, in order to prove to Satan that he

loved Satan's children more than Satan himself did. It was because he had such a big heart that he had sent us out. It was the only way he could show God's love for the world, by giving to it those he loved most.

It occurred to me for the first time, that perhaps it hadn't been easy for Father in his heart, either, to send us out. He must have seen how young in faith we were, how vulnerable we were. He must have known we would suffer, perhaps turn away from him. But he, too, had to obey God's law, as well as us. No matter what protective parental instincts he had for us, he was willing to take the chance (that he would be misunderstood by us and our families again) for our spiritual growth, for the possibility that God's greater blessing would eventually come to us through it. I had been preoccupied with my own situation so much that I really hadn't been able to consider Father's heart in the matter all this time. But that night, his heart finally reached me. I could begin to feel his absolute love for God. I could understand dimly the kind of heart that went behind the tears that he shed when he first came to America and stood looking down 5th Avenue. Even that very small episode in Father's life had not been much more than an abstraction to me before. Only now after 36 years I could finally shed tears for my own country and only now begin to understand what an incredibly deep heart Father had in shedding tears simply upon taking his first look at New York City. What a long way I have to go to really connect in my own heart and experience with all the rest of my life. His heart is so

deep and wide that I knew then I could never cross it in my lifetime, just touch it now and then.

But I was grateful that night that I could even touch it. It had been a long time since I had heartistically met with Father directly, the first time since he had sent us to CARP. Since I had felt deeply that night Father's despair and desperation over America, I could share the joy of Reagan's victory with Father deeply too. I felt it was God's victory, Father's victory and my victory too. I felt we celebrated it together. For the first time I could really feel that I had helped my country. I wasn't an onlooker to a victory or a passive participant in it, or a cheerleader for it, but I was on God's team, out there fighting for it with everything I had. I can't go home and be with my children as if life is normal again if he loses. With this kind of desperation I prayed for victory.

I could no longer separate my desire to be with my children from my desire to see the country separate from Satan. The fate of the former seemed connected to the fate of the latter. During this time my personal life, my family and my nation all became intertwined into one in my heart. I found myself intimately hooked up to God's heart and situation. There was simply no point in thinking about being with my children if the whole country was about to fall on its knees and collapse. What kind of family life would we have in such an environment anyway? You simply have no choice but to put God and nation first, I told myself.

Reagan's election was a turning point in my spiritual life. It was as if God personally told me, "You see,

when you can forget your own worries and take on a few of mine, cry for the country and not yourself, then that makes it easier for me. And when it's easier for me to work in this world, then it's better for you and your family anyway. So that's what I have been trying to tell you all this time: You worry about my situation and I'll take care of yours, okay?" I said, "Okay. You win." I felt as if God and I had made a private deal under the table so to speak, in secret, so no Satan would find out and undermine it somehow. From that time on I felt so much closer to God and True Parents that it made the last few months in CARP a most rewarding time for me. I was able to internally as well as externally conquer or "digest" my own situation. Finally, I could surrender myself, children and husband into God's care and invest myself much more in the providence around me. I could take on God's problems more and more willingly, not reluctantly. I could love brothers and sisters more deeply and be more worried about them and their spiritual lives than my own family. I found I had more to give members than I ever had before as an IW.

### **Husband's Letter of Support**

But my greatest reward spiritually came from my husband in the form of a letter written in early December, a month after Reagan's election. He never wrote much or even expressed his feelings verbally very much so this page-long letter in itself was quite an event. But it was the contents that filled my heart with joy:

"Lately I am beginning to see more clearly the value of your world

and the actual richness it adds to our life. I am proud of you, very proud of you and what you are doing. I feel that what you are doing will ultimately bring our family very close together."

It was simply stated. That was almost all he said in the letter. To me those words were more precious than gold; they were priceless. I wanted to frame the letter and hang it somewhere. It was the only medal of honor I would ever need. I had won his support. But I hadn't done it, God had done it for me in my absence. We had both come a long way in 2 years, but the change in him was definitely more dramatic. When I had left for CARP his reaction was "I don't understand it, I don't like it, it's wrong for a mother to abandon her children. (He called the nursery an orphanage for quite awhile.) But if *your* conscience tells you to do something, do it. I won't stop you." And now he was saying that he was proud of what I was doing, that he could see the value in it. Later he would say, "I'll support you, whatever you decide God wants you to do. If you think you have to stay another year in CARP, then I'll support you. What you want to do, I want you to do, too." I could hardly believe my ears. My spirit was so liberated. I felt so infinitely grateful to God for taking care of my husband. Heavenly Father had certainly upheld His part of the bargain. In fact, He had gone overboard, beyond my wildest expectations. My husband's victory of faith made me very proud of him. I could begin to really respect him for the uncomplaining, cheerful, but lonely sacrifice he had made during the two years. I vowed that when I did come



**Tom and Alice Boutté with children Tierson and Cara.**

home at last that I would try my hardest never to complain if he had to go away for his mission and leave me behind. I would compete in trying to support him as much as he had finally supported me.

With my husband's support, my work seemed almost effortless near the end. There were no internal blocks left to hold me back from wholeheartedly giving myself to God's work. God spoke to me so quickly and clearly when I prayed. He was right there with the answers, my constant guide and companion.

#### **Tested like Mother**

But in the very end, it was touching True Mother's heart that was the richest blessing of all, next to renewing and deepening my love for Father. I

realized we had been tested like she had been, to see if we could love God more than husband and child. If it had been deep for me, I can imagine clearly how much greater her faith had to be. She had been completely utterly alone. We had had the support of the other wives. Even so, we had each wept from loneliness, from having lost all our traditional sources of human value, especially our families. But Mother lost much much more and I know wept much much more. She gave up everything for Father and started her course with everybody against her. Even Father did not comfort her but pushed her and tested her ruthlessly. He had ordered Tiger Park to "train" us well, too. We received our share of bad treatment in the beginning. But still, I could realize by

comparison how it must be much more painful for Mother in every way. Yet she endured silently and kept faith in God. She proved by her own prayer, intuition, wisdom and love that she was Mother of all, for she loved and served unconditionally even those who scorned and rejected her. She won their hearts, by herself, with no help from Father. Once she had made internal heartistic victories in the face of so many difficulties and won the love and respect of others, then Father raised her up from the servant's position gradually to the True Mother's position. But the point was that she was in the shoes of a servant, the youngest member, not in a mother's position at all. I couldn't appreciate before really what Mother had accomplished until Father put us through a similar though much less difficult course ourselves. I realized finally that in order to restore the true internal value and dignity of Eve's position, lost since her fall, Eve must go through a course of losing all external position and worldly value (what she normally gains through her own achievements or through her husband's position and bearing children) so that she is confronted by such a situation into seeking her unique internal value from God, apart from position or work, apart from husband and children. This was Mother's course and to a lesser degree, it had been ours. We had started out on CARP as witnessing, fund-raising front-line members along with everyone else and only slowly as we made our own foundation of faith and substance were we raised up to the position of CARP mothers for centers and regions. We cannot finally gain value

and respect because of the great works we do, or the children we bear or great man we are married to, or even just because we are blessed couples. We have to win value and respect from what is inside of us, not outside of us—the quality of our hearts.

Only by walking Heavenly Father's course can the quality of our hearts develop. So God had put us through a suffering, lonely course like His in order to inherit His heart. And the shortest way to go Heavenly Father's course is to follow and obey Heavenly Father's son, our True Father, no matter how difficult or unbearable it seems. And Mother did that first, before any of us. She followed the Messiah (who in her case happened to be her husband as well) 100%. She did it more completely, more obediently, more faithfully than anyone. *How* she did it is something I really want to understand. She's become the example to me, in a very real way now, of how to be a true object to God. After all, she came from the fallen world like the rest of us, born with original sin, and restored herself to perfection by uniting completely with the Messiah. If she can do it, then there's hope for the rest of us, too. Mother's victory is the foundation of our hope of victory, too. She is our mediator to reach the Messiah, our proof, the evidence we need that we can reach him. In these last two years, Mother really became *my* true mother, my Messiah, too, as well as Father. I love them both so much more deeply. And understand them so much more. How different they are, as Father and Mother, and yet how alike.

And so it ended. None of us are

the same for it, thank God. But this mission was like no other, for it wasn't just personal growth that was attained or restoration of my own past failures. There seemed to be a transformation on every level; to me it felt almost like miracles. I saw the rebirth of much of our membership through Rev. Park's example and leadership. I saw CARP as a movement restoring some of the failures of the American Church, particularly regarding leadership training. I saw my husband grow in faith and my children flourish quite happily. But most of all, I saw my country turn to God. Whether it will stay turned to God remains to be seen. Yet I feel as if it depends on those of us who know the Providence and are

willing to keep making conditions for it to be protected. There is no time left to waste.

I only wish I had had more loving faith in Father sooner. He had explained it all to us at the start. It should have been enough, but it wasn't. I realized my heart had a much further way to go in this course than my intellect. I had needed evidence, proof, that by giving up the children and husband, God would take care of them. I couldn't completely trust that He would or could. But He did. And now I feel ashamed that it took me so long to truly make this condition from the inside out. I could have done and given so much more so much sooner, if I had only had a little more faith.



# The History and Practice of Our Church Traditions

## Part III: Holy Salt

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Our True Parents have introduced many traditions for members of the Unification Church. One of the most common of them is holy salt. The purpose of this article is to include some points of history and providential significance as well as to provide answers to some of the questions which members have asked about holy salt and its use.

### History

On the day of the True Parents' Holy Marriage in 1960, Father gathered disciples and members. All in all, slightly less than two hundred people attended the meeting. Yet it was an historic one because at the time Father introduced the tradition of holy salt. He brought salt which he had blessed before the meeting and divided it among all who were present. As well, he gave each a piece of paper with his signature (Korean signature seal) on it as an additional remembrance of that day.

At the time of the True Parents' blessing, Heavenly Father told True Father that He actually wanted to destroy all things of Satan's world. Heavenly Father didn't even want to

*see* the things of Satan's world any longer. However, the only creations directly under the dominion of Heavenly Father were the True Parents. For that reason, God couldn't completely demolish this world. Yet as one process for restoring this fallen world to the ideal, Heavenly Father instructed our True Parents to make holy salt. He further told them that when they blessed any item with holy salt, it would no longer be in Satan's dominion; it would then belong to the dominion of God. Therefore, Father and Mother need to make a condition with Satan in order to use the things under his dominion. Such a condition is made when they bless things with holy salt. Through our belief in the True Parents and by standing on their foundation of victory over Satan, holy salt has the same effect when members of the Unification Church use it.

Father couldn't make holy salt before the time of his blessing; he had to wait until there was absolute victory over Satan.

### Providential Significance

The True Parents have two as-

pects to their mission. On one side they are concerned with the restoration of fallen mankind. On the other side, they must create the standard of a brand-new world centered on God.

Before his marriage, Father was alone. In Heavenly Father's eyes, True Father had tremendous value; he had sacrificed himself for the world and he shared the burden to restore the fallen world with God. Yet Satan did not agree with God's viewpoint; *he* felt that True Father had not yet laid a strong enough foundation of indemnity conditions to be able to stand at the top of the growth stage in order to reach fallen man and offer him the process for salvation. Satan had a point; such a task would be impossible for any *individual* to do. Yet even Satan had to agree that as a couple, the True Parents stand on the apex of the new world, and when fallen man is reborn through them, spiritual and physical salvation was possible. In the fallen world no such position exists. It is impossible for one sinful individual to cleanse another sinful individual.

We pray to God in the loving and precious names of the True Parents. The True Parents are our mediators to God. Even Father and Mother pray to him in the names of the True Parents. To stand in the position of the True Parents is to stand in the position of the ideal. In this sense, they have supreme value. However, there is not yet an ideal world in which they can live. The things within Satan's world are tinged with evil and sin. Had Adam and Eve not fallen, all creation would have reached perfection. We can just imagine that even the vegetables and fruits they would have eaten would

have been perfect creations under God and that there would eventually have been an ideal factory which produced ideal clothes for Adam and Eve. Yet throughout history, the True Parents have been the only ones to make a victorious foundation to separate themselves from Satan. Except for the two of them, all *things* are still under Satan's dominion.

The book of Revelation in the New Testament explains that the things of this world will be burned or broken. This refers to the fact that Adam and Eve will be "reborn" and the things under God's dominion restored while those under Satan will be destroyed. A holy person *should* have holy things. Father needed to find some substance which could be used as a condition to purify the things of Satan's world and make them (invisibly) holy even though they (physically) would look the same.

The Bible speaks of a new heaven and a new earth. This actually began at the time of the True Parents holy wedding. It signifies the beginning of the end of Satan's dominion over this world. By using holy salt, we become the participants in building the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. That God could allow the True Parents to set up such a condition shows a definite broadening of God's territory.

From a providential viewpoint whenever we use holy salt we essentially engage in battle with Satan: we take things from his world and ask God to accept them under His dominion. This is extremely powerful. Because we have the blessing to use holy salt we must realize that we are not ordinary people living on earth. We

are people of God, holy people still living in an unholy world.

### **Purpose**

All members of the Unification Church should understand what a privilege it is to be able to use holy salt. We should always be conscious of its meaning: using it changes things from Satan's dominion to God's. Striving to live spiritual lives, we are desperate to become free from Satan. By using holy salt, in a very basic way we obtain some of that freedom.

History has recorded the lives of famous saints and people of deep religious conviction. Yet none of them had a perfect give and take relationship with God. Even the relationships which Noah, Abraham and Moses had with God were imperfect. Each of them tried to break loose from Satan's domination within their physical lifetimes. They may have done well, but Heavenly Father still couldn't have perfect give and take with any of them. This is simply because Satan has always had a base to attack fallen man: original sin was never solved. Even though Jesus desired to help man form a perfect relationship with God, his restoration or salvation work was only on a spiritual level. True Father's main mission is to change the dominion of this world from under Satan to once again under God. By allowing us to use holy salt, the True Parents grant us the opportunity to actively participate in offering things from Satan's world to God for use under His dominion.

### **Why Salt Was Chosen**

We know that in olden times salt

was often used to preserve things. It served to protect materials from rotting or decaying. For this reason, Father chose this particular substance.

### **Preparing to Make Holy Salt**

One must first purchase a new container of regular salt. Take a few grains of holy salt with you to the store and if it is possible, sprinkle them on the carton, praying as you purchase this salt, it will be used by heavenly father to purify the things you holy salt. However, if the store is crowded or for another reason it is inappropriate or difficult to do this, at least pray some similar prayer as you remove the container of salt from the shelf. Pray that by the strength of Father's original condition of creating holy salt, this new salt will be able to become holy.

In order to multiply holy salt, one must first have a quantity of (previously blessed) holy salt even if it is only a few grains. When you multiply it, make six equal piles of new salt; the original holy salt should be in a pile in the middle. You can place this on a table or some paper on the floor. Pray: "Under the names of Heavenly Father and True Parents and the conditions they have previously established, I pray that Your spirit comes here, and by Your holy power this new salt becomes holy." Then mix the seven piles together. Pray again. Fill your containers with the new holy salt. Don't become overly concerned with how well mixed it is. The most important thing is that you have a pure attitude as you pray and multiply the salt.

Every member should keep the first holy salt given him either at the

time he joined or first understood its significance, even if it is a small amount.

### **When to Use Holy Salt**

Until we holy salt them, the things we buy to use in our lives are not claimed under God's dominion. The food we eat was probably not grown on a farm which God can claim; neither are the clothes we wear made in a factory under God's dominion. Yet we still need to use the things in Satan's world, therefore, through the tradition of prayer and holy salting the items we buy, we have the True Parents' assurance that God will accept them under His dominion.

In some areas of the world our church owns farms which cultivate crops. It is not necessary to holy salt this produce; when the seeds were originally purchased they were holy salted.

### **Prayer When Holy Salting**

If you holy salt a small item (i.e., a bag of groceries, etc.), it is sufficient to simply sprinkle a few grains of salt in the form of a cross: north, south, west, and east.

At the time when anything is holy salted, pray in the name of "the Holy Trinity (i.e., God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit), the name of the True Parents, and my own true name." (This is the prayer to be prayed no matter if you are single, engaged or blessed.)

### **How to Holy Salt Rooms and Buildings**

With some amount of salt in your right hand stand in the center of the

room and walk toward the north, tossing a small quantity of salt in that corner. Walk to the south end of the room, east and finally west, following the pattern in each of these areas. Go back to the center of the room and throw salt in a circle around the room. During the entire process, pray in the same manner as was previously indicated.

If you are holy salting a large home or even an entire building, you do not have to do this in each room. Follow the above pattern in the main room(s). The other rooms can be holy salted in a more representative fashion. You can simply open the doors to the other rooms and as you pray that the room becomes purified, toss a small quantity of salt in.

If it is convenient you can walk around the outside when holy salting a building or house, allowing grains of holy salt to fall on the ground as you walk (i.e. leave a small trail of holy salt as you walk.)

One example to note is when our True Parents holy salted the entire World Mission Center. Even though it took Father over five hours to salt the building, he did not follow the above pattern in each room. He did this in several of the main rooms, but the doors to all other rooms were opened and as he walked down the corridors, he merely tossed a small quantity of salt into each of them.

### **How Long Will We Need to Use Holy Salt?**

The man of God's original ideal would never have needed to use any substance to bless and purify things. Because this world is not yet under

God's dominion, fallen people need to use such a condition for God to claim the things they use. However, after the restoration of one country, people who reside there will no longer need to use holy salt. All things will be sanctified and no special blessing will be necessary. This does not mean, however, that people in OTHER nations will not need to use holy salt. Until the restoration of their nations, they must. The tradition of holy salt will need to be followed until all people and all things of creation are under God's dominion.

Holy salt has historical value. There will come a time when we might put it in our own museums; it is definitely not something which has to be used forever.

#### **When You Are Away From Home or in a Restaurant**

Although it is not wrong to holy salt the food in a restaurant or when you are invited to the home of a friend, it is not always practical. If you have a bit of holy salt in your pocket or purse and it does not look strange or obvious, you could take a small quantity of salt from the container and quietly sprinkle it over the food, praying as you would normally to holy salt any item. Again, it is certainly not always practical to do this. If you are with others who have no idea of this custom, or the restaurant is crowded and it would be inappropriate, Father has also indicated that another condition will take the place of holy salting food for your use. He has instructed us to blow softly three times on our food instead of holy salting it. Use your discretion, making it as unobvious to others as possible.

## **QUESTIONS**

### **Should Holy Salt Be Used On People?**

Members have often asked the same question whether there is a tradition for the use of holy salt on ourselves or other people.

Holy salt is the material which will change the internal and external quality of something. While it is effective in blessing things, it does not change people. I have seen the tradition which some centers have of keeping a jar of holy salt at the front door and members holy salting themselves when they come in. You are not a "thing." It does not have the same kind of effect on people. Therefore, this should not be done as a general practice.

On one occasion I noticed that holy salt was used on a girl who had an obvious spirit possession; she became absolutely wild. However, there are other times when I saw that it was effective. If you feel some type of evil spirit around somewhere, it can be to their benefit to try to use holy salt on them. Leaders could try to use it, but based on the reaction, wisdom should be used. It is an effective tool against Satan's power, but it is much more important for members to make an internal victory than to rely on holy salting themselves.

### **Who Can Make Holy Salt?**

Any member of the church can multiply holy salt. However, it is best for a leader to multiply holy salt for use in the center and to divide it among members. As well, it is a good practice for spiritual parents to make holy salt for their spiritual children.

### **How Should One Use Holy Salt in the case of Renting (or a temporary stay)?**

There is a conditional way to holy salt things which may not stay in the ownership or use of God's children. Therefore when you RENT (as opposed to purchase) a house or an apartment, you should preface using it by holy salting it and blessing it with these simple words, "Bless this for the duration of the time we/I use it. Please bless it and take it under Your dominion until we move out."

If you are traveling and rent a motel room but feel that it has a strange atmosphere you may/should holy salt it. However, again make sure that your prayer is conditional.

If a person is going to use something temporarily—a house, a car, a motel room, and the like—but FORGETS to make a conditional prayer, when he moves out or returns the item to its owner, Heavenly Father feels that it was claimed unconditionally from Satan by the power of the holy salt but then given back to Satan. It is essential that we remember this point and make sure our prayer states that only for the duration of our use should it be purified for God's will.

### **Should You Holy Salt a Gift?**

When you give a gift to a person who is not in our church, it is not necessary to holy salt it. If you have done so it is all right. The important

thing is that you pray for the power of the holy salt to have a positive influence on the person.

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We live in the same kinds of buildings that others do; we eat the same types of foods that others do; we take the same subways and buses that others do, yet because we have made conditions to change the things we use from Satan's dominion, everything is not the same. We are actually different people. We are the sons and daughters of God. We are people living for Heavenly Father and the accomplishment of His will. It is not just that we feel we are different; we really are. It is essential that each of us remember how fortunate we are to be in a position to use holy salt.

In closing, I want to quote Father's speech of 10-24-74 (THE SEVEN DAY FAST):

"In our movement we must elevate ourselves to such a standard and in doing that we use holy salt to sanctify ourselves. It is not God's intention to have His children use things and eat things stained by Satanic control ... God permitted me to create holy salt to sanctify all those things, to bring them into the condition where they are pure enough to be used by His children.

The value and significance of the holy salt is to eradicate or annihilate or exterminate what is satanic, and if you use the holy salt you are always sanctified."

# Book Review

## The Child Under Six

by Dr. James Hymes, Jr.

Prentice Hall, 1963

reviewed by Marilyn Cohen

I studied under Dr. Hymes in college in a course called "Guidance for young children"—the best course I ever took. He has the most amazing feeling for children, and a very heartistic understanding for each stage of growth they go through. The above book (currently out of print) containing his ideas can be found in the library.

He stresses that no behavior can be judged alone, but only in the context of the particular stage of growth the child is going through. There are 3 major stages of growth in the child under 6: the need for the sense of trust, for autonomy, and for initiative.

1. *Trust*—The infant desperately needs mothering. He wants to know: "Can I count on my mother? Can I trust her? Does she feel good about me, and glad that I'm here?" The answers come in all the routine activities—feeding, changing, dressing, bathing. What matters is not the words we say, but the feel of our hands and muscles, how we handle the baby. The child is lucky whose experiences with mothering speak to him of unconditional love. His parents are delighted with him exactly as he is; there is nothing he could do to

earn more love. He needs to feel that his parents are totally pleased with him. Love does not spoil a baby. He needs to be fondled and cuddled. This tenderness will make the baby strong and build a sense of trust and security.

Babies are the wrong people to spank, hit or yell at. They are so dependent on our love that one little blow-up is like a wild tornado to them—pretty threatening. It also doesn't help to take away their own form of comforters—blankets, pacifiers, thumb-sucking or hair twirling, etc. These do-it-yourself comforters serve a very basic purpose in early life—they are the baby's equalizers. He turns to them to make up for any of life's inevitable let-downs, for stormy moments, for any shortages in sucking which is so important for young children.

Included in this section of his book are detailed discussions on self-demand, weaning gradually, habits vs. needs, and many other points. He mentions that a new baby should never come as a surprise to a young child. If so, then his worst fears are confirmed—that someone has come to take his place. He needs extra attention and assurance after the

baby comes home. Dr. Hymes says don't worry if the young child says "I don't like the baby, he stinks." Feelings that can be spoken out are never too strong. They become weaker once they are out in the open and not bottled up. Constant sweet talk from a child could mean the child is really distressed and doesn't dare open up. But constant open jealousy could mean a problem, too. Either way he can be saying he's unlucky in love.

In the first year of life, all acts must be judged by one standard. Do they make the child feel a sense of trust?

2. *Autonomy*—As the infant becomes a toddler, and if his sense of trust has been established (lack of a sense of trust leads to withdrawal), his life is dominated by a new search for autonomy. The one and two-year old goes all out in search of independence. He judges all experiences by one standard now. Do they make him feel big? Do they build strength, self-hood and power? Now children are prey to a new hazard—anything that cuts them down in size—causing shame and doubt. This is the do-it-yourself stage, the time to explore everything. This is healthy! If he reaches for matches, channel the action and give something safe. This is not the time for punishment—he can't understand why.

The more skilled the child becomes in mastering his body, the more he feels a full and pleasing sense of autonomy. So 2, 3, 4 and 5-year olds love to live dangerously, and if they can get their fill at this age, they may be under less pressure to prove their bigness as adoles-

cents. If they can assert their power now, they may be less head-strong as adults.

A big obstacle to the sense of autonomy is that it coincides with the training period: toilet training, training to eat, dress, etc. We must now show the child by all of our lessons how small he is. The challenge of the training period is to teach so as to strengthen the child's sense of independence and not to undermine it in the least. The trick to good education is to teach when someone is physically ready to learn, and when he wants to be taught. Desire is deeply rooted in experiences—lots of them—just as physical power is deeply rooted in maturation. These forces, desire and maturation, control the child. Then the child can't respond to our demands. First we blame ourselves, then the child, for not really trying. The child may then resist, resent or reject what he could otherwise so easily accept and learn later on. Dr. Hymes feels we don't need to teach too much verbally, rather children will copy what we do (identification). We don't need to teach children to be good, we need only to be good ourselves! When we love them, they want to be like us, as soon as they are able. They *want* to eat like us, go to the bathroom like us, etc. He says: "When we soften or postpone direct teaching, we think we are doing nothing. The reverse is true—we are teaching our heart out because we are teaching with our heart." Our insistent, yet silent lessons, do not threaten the child. He is learning all the while and still feels big. When we teach too noisily we run a double risk. We are more apt to



lessen the child's sense of autonomy, and there is the danger we spoil the good relationship with our children. We make it harder for the unspoken, quiet lessons to sink in.

The more we structure the environment for the child to have more successes and fewer failures, the fewer temper tantrums he'll have. Three factors cause tantrums: the child's strong desires, his limited powers, and his lack of control over his feelings. We should make his life as easy as possible: providing steps up to the sink, large unbreakable cups, and shovel-like spoons; letting him eat when he's hungry, sleep when he's tired, and come when he's ready. We help him to be less frustrated in this way.

Age 2 is the age of selfishness. The child will learn to give as freely as he's been able to be secure about having his own things, so first he must be allowed to take and not forced to share.

3. *Initiative*—By the age of 3, the child no longer has to prove his bigness to everyone, he knows he's someone. He now begins to judge all his experiences by a new standard: Do they make him feel a sense of initiative? He now has ideas. He doesn't just grab, splash, etc., but he plans and organizes. He gains self-value if we think his ideas are good, and if we refrain from saying "no" too frequently. Let the child decide what to wear and make other decisions whenever possible.

Play is the new do-it-yourself comforter. Children start to give up thumb-sucking now. Children's dramatic play is not really a faithful re-

production of real life, but a reflection of the feelings they have inside of them. It is their safety valve and keeps them feeling comfortable inside and free to grow. Unstructured objects—blocks, boxes, etc.—are the best for play, letting their imagination take over.

Hymes deals with typical fears at this age by emphasizing that the healthy child can freely cry and express his fear: We need not worry unless the child is so afraid that he can't tell you what is bothering him.

The child who is wisely disciplined is not frustrated or upset. It brings contentment to children to know that they can follow limits and control themselves. They also feel loved and cared for. The sense of timing is all-important. The child has to be able to follow and understand why you are limiting him. A child may test you at this time to see how much you really care. He may threaten to run away from home. The worst response would be to encourage him by helping to pack his bag. Then his fear that you really don't love him is confirmed. Rather, he needs to hear "No! Mommy loves you and you can't run away!" Then he may cry, but actually, feels *relieved!*

Consistency is critical. Stand firm in your decision, father and mother together. Parents must mean what they say and stick to their word, or else children lose trust and faith and can't believe you. Flexibility, of course, is also important and a decision can be changed for the next time an incident occurs.

Punishment is only one teaching technique; it is the trickiest and hard

to use in a good way. If you can feel comfortable about it, it's much better to rely on the silent forces of maturation and identification as your means of discipline whenever children are *acting their age*. They won't act that way forever. Toddlers knock things over, 2-year olds are possessive and stubborn. If we tolerate these beha-

aviors as being healthy and normal for children that age, our tolerance doesn't mean we are not disciplining our children. It simply means we are relying on the silent forces of maturation and identification. Children will change as they grow and identify more and more with their parents.

## Ye-jin is Blessed



Truly one of the most momentous events of Unification Church history occurred on May 16, 1981 with the blessing of Ye-jin Moon to Jin Whi Hong. Jin Whi, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sung Pyo Hong, a 36 couple. Mr. Hong is president of Il Hwa in Korea.

Father, who wanted to bless Ye-jin at the outset of the 2nd 21-year course, consulted with the 36 couples about a suitable mate and then called Ye-jin to Korea. Ye-jin, who left the choice completely up to Fath-

er, was matched on May 15 and married on May 16.

Rev. Kwak, who was present, reported back to the American membership that her blessing marks the true beginning of the 2nd 21-year course, which will be called the Age of the Child. In this age, Ye-jin and her husband, followed by the rest of Father's children and their spouses, will be the Abel blessed couples through which the rest of the couples, in the Cain position, can connect to God.





# **Birth of Yeon-Jin Moon**

**February 7, 1981**

## 843 Couples Engaged in New York



**Father and Mrs. Kuboki confer on possible choices.**



**Father considers a match.**

On the evening of December 29, after just a few days notice, candidates for the matching began gathering in the Grand Ballroom of the World Mission Center awaiting what would be the largest engagement ever in America. At 12:30 a.m. (now Tuesday morning) Father began the matching ceremony.

843 couples were engaged. This was by far the most international engagement. Some of the candidates were the spiritual children of the last 6 years of missionary work throughout the world. Through this, the Blessing could be shared and received by almost every country around the world. Throughout the 36 hours of matching, busloads of candidates kept arriving in the lobby of the World Mission Center; most of them were coming from other countries.

The American Church will have the opportunity to be host to many

new brides and grooms from abroad, thus enriching the already international flavor of our Church. To give our readers a feeling for this, we've broken down these statistics for you:

- One hundred and forty Americans were matched to fellow Americans
- One hundred seventy-six to Europeans
- One hundred and eighteen to Orientals
- Sixty-two to Canadian, Australian and New Zealand members
- Twenty-nine to Latin Americans
- Eight to Africans and
- Five to members from the Middle East.

These members join the couples matched in 1979 to await a coming blessing.





**Father signs pictures for blessed wives who fulfilled the CARP condition.**

## Father Meets with N.Y. Area Blessed Couples

On February 20, the N.Y. area blessed couples gathered at Belvedere for a meeting with Father. It was the ending of the CARP condition for those blessed wives who had been on CARP for 2 years. Father talked about this as a 21-month condition which will continue as a tradition, saying that "restoration by indemnity must be a real experience. In this way you can learn the value of your family and now you can engage spirit world to support your family."

Father focused largely on Home Church, giving this opportunity particularly to those who have completed the 21-month condition. He said that Home Church meant permanent settlement for which all mankind throughout history has been waiting. "Home Church doesn't come

automatically. I was always careful not to let you settle down before, but now through Home Church this is the dispensation to do so." Now not only individuals, but families go into the Home Church area. Father is bequeathing this to us without condition. Through Home Church, we can now move from the individual to the world level restoration in America. Father emphasized that we can inherit his 21-year course in 7 years in Home Church work. "Seven years of tribulation in Home Church is the same as saving the entire world."

At the end of the meeting, Father asked all couples to report their situations and proposals to Reverend Kwak so that Home Church areas could be assigned.

**Nora Spurgin**

## New Babies



Michael and Sally Brownlee  
Daughter—Anna Kathryn Elizabeth  
June 12, 1980

Dominique and Nancy Belot  
Daughter—Erica Marie  
April 22, 1981



Keith and Sara Cooperrider  
Son—Kensy Andrew  
January 13, 1981

We are sorry if we have left anyone out: if you would like your baby listed or have a picture not included in this issue, please send information to the *Blessing Quarterly* so we can include it in the next issue. We cannot list your baby unless we receive a written announcement.

Werner and Stephanie Huber  
Son—Alexander David  
June 20, 1980



Bill and Donna Raddatz  
Daughter—Therese Marie  
July 17, 1979

Alois and Sandra Lang  
Son—Aliso Emmanuel  
April 4, 1981



Yasuko and Yoshihiko Masuda  
Son—Fukumasa  
December 3, 1980



Glenn and Louise Strait  
Son—Elgen Fox  
January 25, 1981

Jeremiah and Elizabeth Schnee  
Son—Tona Jacob  
December 22, 1980

Larry and Marlene Trenbeath  
Son—Michael David  
February 21, 1980



Cliff and Clare Yasutake  
Daughter—Sarah Ritsuko  
October 9, 1980

## Babies Abroad



Henri and Hildegard Blanchard  
Daughter—Jini  
July 27, 1979



John and Gottfrieda Brady  
Daughter—Myung  
March 21, 1980—South Africa

Mr. and Mrs. Piet de Jong  
Son—Godwin Huybert  
January 11, 1981



Mr. and Mrs. Nando Chianura  
Daughter—Elisa  
November 5, 1980—Italy





David and Jean Flores  
Son—Da-jin  
March 23, 1980—Mexico

Marc and Marja Frances  
Daughter—Landry Victoria  
March 9, 1981—France



John and Beverly Relph  
Son—Jeremy Kyung Mio  
March 1, 1981—England



Mrs. and Mrs. Mario Guiducci  
Son—Daniele  
December 12, 1980—Italy



Christopher and Gieta Olson  
Son—Maniyer  
January 24, 1981—Australia



## Rev. Kwak's Family Arrives



The Unification Church of America is honored to welcome the wife and children of Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, who arrived in the United States on April 21, 1981. Pictured with Rev. Kwak and his wife Jung Un are, from left to right, eldest daughter Shin Sook, eldest son Jin Man, third

daughter Jun Sook, fourth daughter Mi Sook, second son Jin Hyo, and second daughter Sun Sook. All of the children are talented in art and music; Sin Sook will be attending the music school of Northern Iowa University; Jin Sook has won honors in a national piano competition.

## Leaders Attend 120-Day Training



Starting February 12, 1981, all European Unification Church national leaders with their wives and about half of the U.S. state directors attended a 120-day leadership training seminar in New York, under direction of Rev. Kwak and Mr. Sudo. Pictured here are Gary Fleischer and Reiner Vincenz giving members at-

tending entertainment at Parents' Day an idea of what their round-the-clock street lecturing condition was like.

The second session beginning July 1, is comprised of 1981 graduates of the Unification Theological Seminary and the remainder of the U.S. state directors.