God's Hope for America
by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

(Excerpts from a speech given at Carnegie Hall on October 2, 1973)

The Christian tradition in America is a most beautiful thing for foreigners to behold when they come to this country. When I first came to America, I went to New York and stood on Fifth Avenue thinking the rush hour. Suddenly tears began pouring down my face. I looked at the wonder of the Empire State Building and the magnificence of the new Trade Center—the tallest buildings in the world. But I asked myself, "Does God dwell in those buildings?"

New York is becoming more and more a city without God. It is a city of crime. Such a beautiful city is now crumbling. I can see so much immorality and so many signs of godlessness in that city. It was shocking to my eyes as I stood watching during that rush hour. I could see so many things at once that are all intolerable in the sight of God.

I asked God, "Is this the purpose for which you blessed America?" I know God wants us to see His spirit prevail in these great buildings. In those beautiful automobiles He wants us to see young people bubbling with enthusiasm for God and the love of others. It doesn't take a 1975 automobile to glorify God. Even if you have only a rock as your altar, when you pour out your hope and your tears on it for the service of God, God is with you. I can really see that God is leaving the greatest buildings in America, and He is steal becoming the city of evil.

America could only achieve true brotherhood through the Christian spirit, but when you begin to lose this foundation, America's moral fiber will deteriorate. Today there are many signs of the decline of America: What about the American young people? What about your drug problems and your juvenile crime problems? What about the breakdown of your families? I hear that four out of every ten marriages end in divorce. The California state government is issuing more divorce certificates than marriage licenses.

What about racial problems and the threat of Communism? And what about the economic crisis? Why are all these problems occurring? These are signs that God is leaving America.

For the last ten years American churches have been declining in spirit; American churches are becoming senior citizens' homes. The future of America depends upon the young people, and the churches are failing to inspire American youth. We need a spiritual revolution in America. A revolution of heart must come to America.

CALLED BY GOD

I know that God sent me here to America. I did not come here for the luxurious life in America. Not at all! I came to America not for my own purposes, but because God sent me. For 6,000 years God has been working to build this nation. The future of the entire world lies in America. God has a very great stake in America. Somebody must come to America and stop God from leaving.

My followers in Korea bake me farewell in tears. I know there are still many things to do in Korea. But working with only Koreans would delay world salvation. America must be God's champion. I know clearly that the will of God is centered upon America. I came from Korea, I gave up my surroundings in Korea, just as many people have in the history of God's providence. I do not come to this country to make money. When I came to America, I committed my fortune, my family, and my entire life to America. I came to a new country where I can serve the will of God.

We must be humble. We must initiate from this moment the greatest movement ever on earth, the movement to bring God back home. All of your pride, your wealth, your cars and your great cities are like dust without God. We must bring God back home. In your homes, your churches, your schools and your national life, our work for God's purpose must begin. Let's bring God back, and make God's presence in America a living reality.

NEW PILGRIM MOVEMENT

I have initiated a youth movement which is probably the only one of its kind in United States history. This is a new Pilgrim movement. Does it seem strange that a man from Korea is initiating an American youth movement for God? When you have a sick member of your family, a doctor comes from outside of your house. When your house is on fire, the fire fighters come from outside. God has a strange way of fulfilling His purpose. If there is no one in America meeting your needs, there is no reason why someone from outside cannot fulfill that role. America belongs to those who love her most.

BRING GOD HOME

Someone must give himself up for the purpose of God and bring God back home. We must have our churches filled with fiery faith; we must create new homes where our families can be really happy, and we must finally create a new society, a new spiritual nation where God can dwell. This is God's hope for America.

This is my deep desire, from my heart, that America will see the glorious day of renewal. And for this reason I came to speak to you with God's hope for America.

As far as our spiritual work goes, we've been teaching many people. We will begin teaching a Franciscan monk. He has come over to our home often and spent his birthday with us. Every week he comes to our church and he seems open enough to grasp the truth of the Principle. Tomorrow one of us will visit some German sisters of the Catholic Church who work at the legacy hospital. I also met the general secretary of the Student Christian Movement and will be talking more with him. The SCM will hold a nationwide conference soon and they have invited me. We are also teaching a girl who studied to become a nun but then decided to stay with the Modern religion, so she knows many people of both worlds.

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The Reversion of Moon and His Church

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS OF PARENTS & FRIENDS

The Unification Church teaches and practices respect for the rights of others in their religious beliefs and practices. We only ask the same for ourselves in return. In this Bicentennial year, shouldn’t we remind ourselves that this is what America is all about? In response to the urgings of many people who recognize the intolerance and prejudice of recent attacks against the Church, we are presenting the following testimonials from parents and members of the Church who express their deep appreciation of the Unification Church.

The Reverend Moon and His Church

The freedom of the press cannot abridge the freedom of religion and the right to worship according to one’s own conscience.

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PROTECT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM!

The following is taken from an unsolicited essay by Dr. T.S. Miyasato. The author is unknown to Unification Church officials but his thoughts are deeply appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rechlis

California

I am not a member of The Unification Church. I am a concerned parent of a son in this new religious organization. This denouncement seems to be capturing the hearts and minds of an ever-growing number of our sons and daughters, they have learned the lessons of their faith. They have learned to actualize their teachings, applying them in their daily lives. This has helped to mold their characters, to teach them the value of selflessness, psychological and social growth, and to make them actualize the teachings, applying them in their daily lives. This has helped to mold their characters, to teach them the value of selflessness, psychological and social growth, and to actualize teachings, applying them in their daily lives.

Mr. and Mrs. June Roschuni

New York

I have made about The Unification Church: 2. Spiritual dedication is unparalleled. 3. Gospel according to his own resolution (Church teachings) is the consensus of knowledge. They can be deported from the United States for preaching the Gospel no matter what any court has ruled.

Mr. and Mrs. William James Calhoun

Alabama

My daughter, Lynn Gilbert, has been a member of the Unification Church for about five years. My home for a few days was a group of people dedicated to the freedom of religion and the right to worship according to his own conscience. I was deeply concerned in the beginning. But after all, there are so many people who are seeking for something true. When a young boy has the opportunity to visit a most unique group of people, as I have done, it is real. It is natural. Where would this world be if young men and women who are seeking for something true.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, has been a member of the Unification Church. Please have the nearest Unification Church office to two days there at each of his stances. I would like more information on the Unification Church.

Mr. and Mrs. James calhoun

Missouri

We urge you to find out for yourself what it is in Reverend Moon’s message that has inspired so many intelligent, creative young people to joyfully dedicate their lives to serve God and their fellow man.

Our country was originally settled by people from England who believed in the freedom of religion. Our federal and state constitutions guarantee that freedom. There is also a statute that prohibits religious discrimination. To every new religious minority, the freedom of religion is the obligation of our sons and daughters. For our three children.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Macintosh

Georgia

The freedom of religion and the right to worship according to one’s own conscience are such that they will become good Christians and good citizens in this modern troubled and confused world, we need more Christians, and even non-Christians, who can spread peace and good will among all mankind.

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