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THE SPIRIT MOVES ACROSS THE
FACE OF THE WATER AS IN
THE BEGINNING
IT IS A TIME OF RECREATION
THE WORLD SEEMS TO DO LITTLE ON ITS OWN
HE GOES TO DEEPER PLACES TO PLANT
THE SEEDS OF FUTURE. HEAVEN.

THE SPIRIT AND THE WATER
ALONE IN CONTEMPLATION
HE LISTENS TO HER WHISPERS
THE MOTHER OF ALL THINGS
AND OPENS UP COMMUNING WITH
THE FATHER OF ALL MEANING.

HIS MIND HAS SINGLE PURPOSE
THE PURPOSE OF CREATION
HER MIND AND WILL UNITED
THEY SPEAK OF THINGS THAT MATTER.

THE WORLD IS JUST A NIGHTMARE
A TWISTED SHALLOW PUDDLE OF FEAR
AND ISOLATION OF UNREALIZED POTENTIAL

THE WORLD RESISTS HIS GREATNESS
THEY COULD NOT COMPREHEND HIM
PROJECTING THEIR OWN MOTIVES UPON
HIS PUREST REASONS

THEY FEAR THEIR OWN PROJECTIONS
THE GHOSTS OF THEIR OWN DOINGS
THEY LONG FOR LOVE BUT HAVE BEEN
TAUGHT TO FEAR ITS TRUEST FACE

THE WATER CAN PROVIDE THEM
WITH ALL THEY NEED SUBSTANTIAL
THE SPIRIT WOULD PROVIDE THEM
WITH ALL THEY'D WISH TO KNOW

THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN FRIGHTENED
FROM THOSE WHO COULD PROTECT THEM
THEY LISTEN TO THE TEACHINGS OF
OF A DARKENED HUNGRY MIND

THE FATHER HAS BEEN PATIENT BUT
PAINED AND PERSEVERING

HE WANTS TO LIVE THE WAY THAT
ALL HE'S MADE IS MEANT TO LIVE
HE'S PAID FOR NEW
FOUNDATION OF TOTAL RESTORATION
THE WORLD OF LIES IS CRACKING
LIKE A SHELL THAT'S OVERTIME.

FATHER'S BOAT SITS ON THE RIVER
THE SPIRIT ON THE FACE OF THE WATER
HIS LINES PENETRATE THE SURFACE.
HE KNOWS HOW SHE'LL RESPOND
THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR CHANGES
THE RIVER RIPE WITH PROMISE
THREE TUGS UPON THE LINE
HE KNOWS THE DANCE OF LOVE'S BEGUN

THE RIVER STRONG AND WILLING
GIVES BIRTH TO MANY OMENS
OF POWER AND OF GLORY AND
OF LOVE ABUNDANT LOVE

IT'S HERE THAT HE WILL CONQUER
THE WILL OF LOVE WILL CONQUER
EXPANDING IN CONCENTRIC MANIFESTING
SPHERES IN TIME

IT'S HE WHO FOUGHT
THE BATTLES. IT'S HE WHO
FOUGHT FOR FREEDOM

IT'S WE WHO CAN
FULFILL IF WE CAN MERGE
IN SEEMLESS MIND
TO MANIFEST THE KINGDOM,
THE LONG AWAITED KINGDOM
OF SPIRIT AND OF WATER
OF EVERLASTING LOVE!

OUR FATHER SITS IN SILENCE
HIS BOAT IS NOW RETURNING
THE SPIRIT AND THE WATER
HAVE RECONCEIVED A WORLD OF LIGHT.

After a recent fishing trip with Father on the Hudson River, Kevin Pickard was inspired to compose the music for the Hudson River Suite. The poem was written by Joe Longo. The song was performed at the Manhattan Center during the Day of All Things Evening Entertainment, June 4, 1989.

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"Parallel Messiahship"

Leaders Conference

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What is the greatest of all problems in the Western world today? An understanding of Satan as an entity doesn't exist in the Western mind. Therefore people do not know they have been a liege under Satan, born of his lineage. This ignorance primarily results from lack of deep prayer. Praying five or ten minutes is just giving lip service. Truly deep prayer lasts 10 hours, 15 hours, 17 hours. I used to pray this long every day.

Most important in religious experiences is that your mind and body become melted together in deep, tearful soul-searching—crying out with all your sadness, exploding with all your emotions. Such an experience cannot be reached through a 15-minute sermon; but in many Western Christian services the sermon cannot go beyond 15 minutes, nor the whole service beyond one hour at the most. A hastily written sermon expresses only man's intellectual knowledge, not soul or heart. Spirit world will not be moved by that kind of shal-

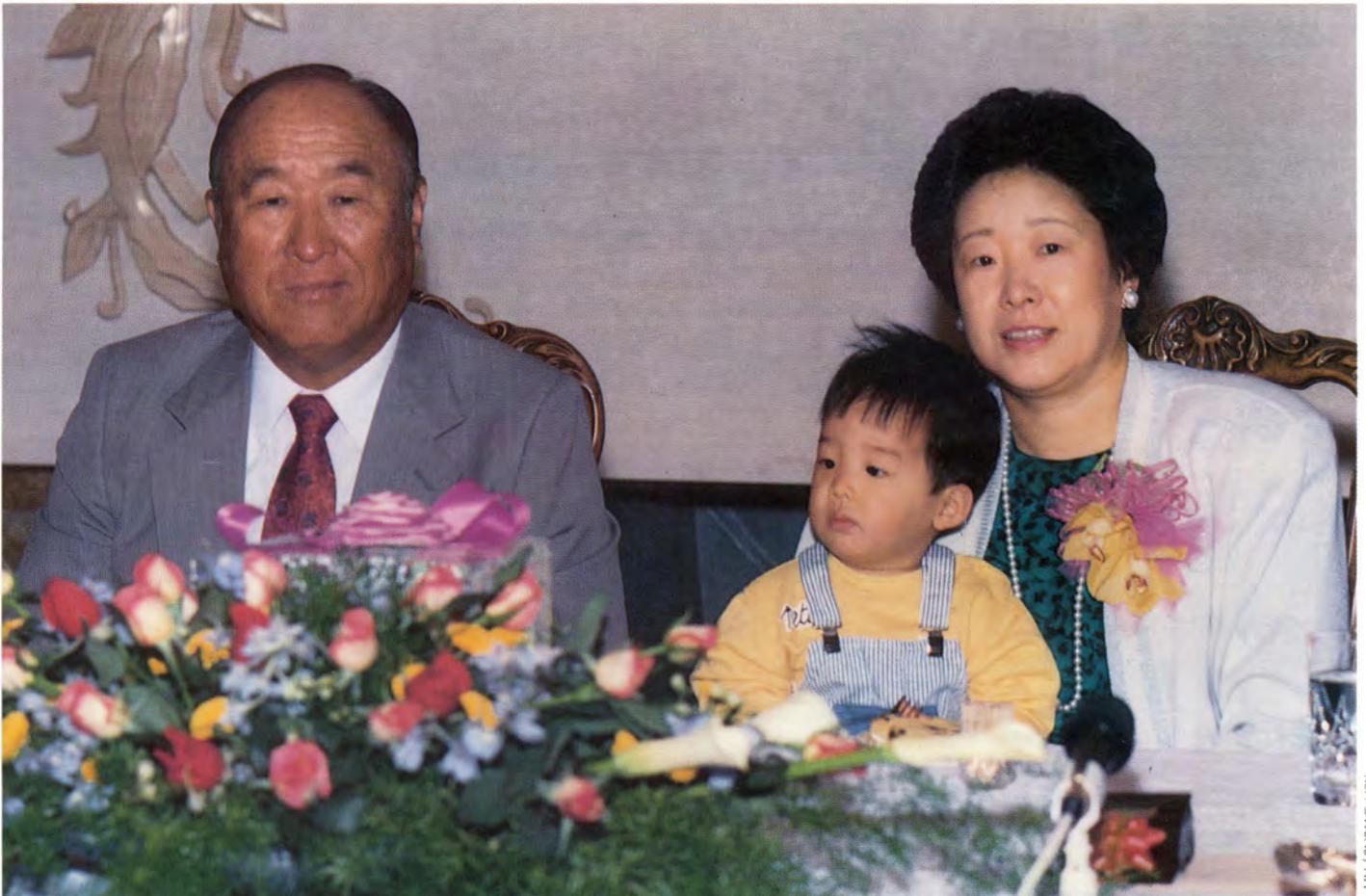
low knowledge and effort.

You may think you are delivering the sermon for the sake of the congregation. True, the audience must be benefited, but the first person listening to that sermon is you, yourself. Since you know yourself the best, you are most able to measure yourself by the Principle. Then, the primary target of your sermon is yourself, to help you attack, treat, and heal your own weaknesses.

When people say "Unification Church," what comes to your mind first? Reverend Moon. Reverend Moon is the *living* theology, living Principle. The Principle, or the Unification Theology, is the record of my growth: how I have developed myself and become what I am today.

THE FRUIT OF MY VICTORIES

I discovered the Principle through constant self-reflection and self-evaluation. I discovered the secrets of Adam's family by looking at myself and my own struggles and thus could un-



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Father and Mother pray before the Leaders Conference.

lock the Fall of Man. For Noah's family, Abraham's family, the life of Jesus—everything—I projected myself into their circumstances and broke through the barriers confronting them to uncover what should have happened and thus to reveal the Principle. Moses' course, Jesus' course and all their challenges are in the historical background of my life. It is a shadow of how I have chosen to live, of what I have built up in my lifetime. So biblical history is not just written literature but the actual background behind the birth of the Unification Church. I projected myself into this history and discovered the ultimate underlying truth. In the history of men, has anybody ever gone to that depth? How about you? Have you ever thought that the Principle is the vivid history of Rev. Moon—my struggles and victories? This is the fruit of the victories of my life.

Therefore, when you teach or read about Adam's family, put yourself into that particular backdrop of history and put me on the center stage. I had to battle to find my way through those labyrinths of hidden truths. "Indirect dominion and direct dominion of God, indemnity, human responsibility"—these are the key words of the Principle. Do you think I picked the words out of the dictionary? No! Do you think that God gave me the Principle saying, "This is it"? No, God does not give that type of revelation directly. When we read about the indirect dominion of God and how the fall interrupted our growth to the direct dominion, we truly feel this is incredible logic; it is not fiction. It is absolute history that was so deeply locked up that no man had discovered it. And until it was discovered and understood, the battle between God and Satan could not be resolved, for it is the battle of truth. Once I discovered that ultimate truth and it was confirmed to

me by God, then I could completely judge Satan and he had to surrender. If on your own you try to find the understanding embodied by the words "indirect dominion" and "direct dominion," you will discover how profoundly I had to search.

CONCLUDING STAGE OF HISTORY

Adam's personal responsibility was to grow in purity and unite with God in true love. Otherwise, Adam's perfection would not be attained. In a way, denial of Principle is equal to denial of God and of Father. When you deal with the Principle, you must understand this.

Why am I saying this to you? We have come to the ultimate, conclusive stage of providential history: the global stage. You and history have to be completely harmonized and the ultimate culmination has to be achieved. When you read the Principle, it is important to know that it is my history of struggle and record of victory. You cannot unite with me until you experience and accept the entire Principle as your own: your own struggle, your own fight, your own victory; then you can understand my heart and truly unite.

I did not go through such a drama on the stage. This was a very real battle. I was not merely an actor; I was as the original Adam, confronting the same struggles as Adam's family. Actually, Adam did not know anything about the Principle. He became fallen without even knowing clearly what was right and wrong. Originally, only God and Satan understood what happened in the Garden of Eden, but they alone could not untangle this matter. Some man had to discover the truth of the indirect and direct dominions and how Adam was to

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fulfill this way of life. Adam should have understood all the secrets of God first; for example, the realization to call God "Father" should have come to Adam and Eve, then they could have been Lucifer's teachers, with proper dominion over him. But before Adam knew the truth, Satan discovered and used this truth as a secret weapon to completely demolish the humanity of man.

Through deep soul-searching prayer you can bring your spirit close to the truth, and then the whole spiritual reality opens up to you. When you enter that realm, Satan becomes very real to your life, you know what Adam's responsibility was, and you can know exactly what you should do.

In tears, Adam was expelled from the Garden of Eden and lost everything; he did not know what was happening. So also in tears, we can rediscover the truth and regain our rightful position—this is restoration. Since the first human ancestors were crying, their posterity must cry as well. Human history began with tears, so you have to shed tears to go back. Your heart, mind, and body must be completely melted in tears—otherwise you will not succeed. How many of you have such deep soul-searching prayer in tears? You have no idea how much I desperately struggled and wept—my whole mind and body crying out with soul-searching tears to enter and understand that realm.

DO YOU KNOW SOUL-SEARCHING PRAYER?

Do you know the heart of God? The heart of True Parents? As soon as I think about God, my first reaction is always to profoundly weep. Once I feel God's heart, I cannot help but cry. When you think of True Parents, you should also feel like crying. If you don't, that means there is no heartistic connection. You cannot talk about spirit world because your heart is so dry that spirit world has nothing to do with you. You must realize how far you are from the truth; how faithless you are in a way. Satan looks at you and laughs: "You think you belong to God and True Parents? Ha!" Ask yourself in your mind: "Am I really True Parents' child? Am I really God's child?" If not, this is the problem.

As God's child, when He feels sad, you feel His vibration of sadness. When God feels joy, you feel joy. When True Parents feel sadness, you feel sad. While I have been struggling to bring God's heart to this land, against the most insidious enemy out there in the satanic world, how much have you been united with me in heart? How much have you really been praying, "Let True Parents' burden become mine; let me bear the cross"? America's good spirit world wants to come down and help you, but your spiritual eyes are closed and your ears are blocked. Spirit world cannot communicate.

You should feel there is no one else but you to liberate Adam's family, Noah's family, Abraham's family, Moses, Jesus, God, and True Parents, too. This is how I felt. You should be able to say, "Yes, I passed through Adam's family experience, Noah's, Abraham's, Moses', and each step of the way I felt I was truly going through and reliving Father's

life." You should experience Adam's battleground, Noah's battleground, Abraham's battleground—those were my battlegrounds. You must feel these things to the bone: "Now I'm inheriting it. Now I see how much Father's struggle was an impossible fight, which still he won. Now I want to be taking over Father's suffering myself. I want to become a protective barrier for Father, surrounding him. That is my supreme duty. From me, others can learn True Parents' way."

Once you know my struggle and victory, you can inherit it; then you can always be one step ahead of me. "I want to be a good archangel for Father; and I want to be a good true child to Father." To be a good archangel, you have to protect my work from the fallen archangel. After that, you can become my child by going through the road of indemnity. If you avoid it, you cannot reach the goal.

You have not realized how painfully naive you were: You have not understood the most vital part of the Principle. Even though you have been in the Unification Church so many



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years, you have not experienced these depths of feeling. Even if this Principle was just freely given out by spirit world, that alone is a fantastic event. However, it was not just given by the spirit world; no one read this Principle to me. I fought every step of the way to discover the secret. I cannot leave the Principle: I am the personification of it!

If you only try to intellectually learn the Principle, and only give lip service to living it, then there is no root, there is no life, and you will be blown away by the wind. The most important thing is actually grafting to the root—True Parents. Have you?

Do you realize that when somebody pinches you, both God and I feel your pain because all are one and connected? Think about a big tree. If a small branch is chopped down, the whole tree aches because that branch is part of the big tree. But instead of contributing to this oneness, many of you are trying to use the Unification Church for your selfish benefit. Are you principled men? No one knows better than you who you are. It's almost like you've been trying to win the battle with an empty gun. Maybe you have the sound of a gun, but you have no bullet so you cannot actually make a hole in the target. Are you a principled man with real bullets? When you fire will you make a hole? Evaluate according to the Principle what percent of you is a true person.

HOW REAL IS THE PRINCIPLE TO YOU?

When you read about Adam's family you should feel, "I'm Adam because I inherited True Parents' position; therefore Satan surrender to me now." This applies to the other central figures as well. "I'm walking Moses' course as the real Moses because Father walked this path and I'm inheriting it; it's mine now; I'm winning." Without this attitude and feeling, do you think Satan would surrender? My course must become yours.

You have to carry your record of achievement. When are you going to create yours? When have you set a new record on the individual level? How about the family, tribal, or national level? Each step of the way you have to try to go beyond the actual existing record. The Principle itself is a vivid record of my struggle and victory. "Divine" means "God", so "Divine Principle" means "God's Principle," and one cannot change it—only follow it. Like a train: no matter how fast the train wants to go, it can only travel on the tracks to reach its destination.

Have you ever thought about how I have lived my life thus far, how many million times I have truly cried out? Have you ever even imagined how much agony I felt in my heart? But to feel sadness and agony is not my purpose. It is to break through the agony, resolve it, and bring the liberation to God. You can imagine this is the toughest assignment. Satan knows, more than anyone else, my record of struggle and victory, but he has no power to even come near me.

So is the Principle yours? The problem is not Japanese, Korean, black or white. The problem is with you. If you clearly



God sends three angels to speak to Abraham.

understand the Principle viewpoint you can solve everything. Since I realized this, my credo has been to achieve dominion over myself; then I can have dominion over the universe.

For the last fifteen years you may have been thinking, "I am following Father." But how much have the American people been saved by members of the Unification Church? For fifteen or twenty years, America has been declining. Look at the ruin and corruption in America. Whose responsibility is it? When you first heard the Principle and understood that America would get better with the Principle viewpoint, you should have proclaimed our activity from every corner. You must repent, soul-search, and with tears cry out for forgiveness and recommitment. Your attitude has to be to unite with me and not let me down anymore.

ONE PURPOSE IN LIFE

From this standpoint, have you been a master or a servant of the Principle? Servant! I am the embodiment of the Principle; therefore, I cannot give attention to anything else. I am so focused, so serious, so dedicated to my own duty that I have no time to think about anything else. Sometimes I forget what time of day it is because in my mind there is no night and day. I may sometimes have thought, "This is the evening—I'm eating dinner," when I was actually eating breakfast. From my point of view there is no such thing as rest and relaxation or thinking I can have some fun here, or somebody likes me and I would like to respond to them. My entire life I

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have focused on only one purpose.

From my first day in America I knew I had come to America to make an impact on this nation. Initially the members felt I didn't know anything about America. I was persecuted by them more than by the outside world. In a way everyone was laughing at me: "What Father is trying to do is a good idea but impossible." I always felt alone, but without any support I launched a lonely crusade in the giant United States of America.

As the state leader you should feel yourself to be a central figure of history and form relationships with the civic and other central figures of your city and state. The background of your spiritual ancestors becomes yours; they are all behind you because you belong to True Parents. Believe that every good ancestor can follow you because you represent them, and, with that kind of support, you can make any situation victorious.

The tears of God are needed, not a college degree. Shed True Parents' tears in your area—that's what it needs. This is why Jesus proclaimed, "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Jesus was the first one to be king of repentance for the sake of all humanity. The people and nation of Jesus' time should have understood him, and through him the heart of God. If they had really cried out, repenting in tears, surrounding and protecting Jesus, then Jesus would not have been crucified and they would not have been conquered by the Roman Empire. In the place of true repentance, there was only arrogance and selfishness. Since the people of that time didn't fulfill their responsibility to repent, Jesus had to repent for them. Similarly, you must cry out for America. Ask God to put the burden upon your shoulder: "God, I can bear Your burden; let me bear the True Parents' burden now." But in order to overcome the burden and liberate True Parents, you must know and use the truth of Adam's family, Noah's family, Abraham's, Moses', and Jesus. Absorb this truth and make it yours; feel it to your bone then go out and proclaim it.

Who is God? God is the biggest parent—that's all. True Parents are the second biggest parents. The third biggest parent is you! Messiahship means parentship—having true love between parents and children. You must return to your parents and return to God. Then when God cries, you will cry; when True Parents cry, you will cry. You will experience the same vibration, a resonance of heartistic feeling. Why is God the greatest parent of all? Because in history no one has ever shed more tears than God or been more broken-hearted. On

the physical plane, no one has shed more tears for the sake of humanity than True Parents. In order to inherit God's and True Parents' kingship, you should feel: "I must shed tears like God and Father did." The stages of parentship progress



according to the number of tears that you shed for the sake of parents, children, and posterity. If there had been no fall, there would be only glory, with God the first and greatest of all to enjoy the glory, then True Parents, then you. But because of the fall of man, it was reversed—joy was not there.

TRIBAL MESSIAHSHIP MEANS PARENTSHIP

Tribal messiahship has been declared. What is it? If there had been no fall of man, a tribal messiah wouldn't be necessary because all we would need is True Parents' family. You are the extension of the True Parents' family—which is the seed of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Because of the fall, the Cain world came into being. So you have to become a tribal messiah, going out to try to save that world. It's as if there was one mother and two fathers, because two blood streams have been mixing in humanity. Therefore, God has not been the greatest, most glorious parent. He has been a God with a broken heart, full of tears. This is why I cannot pray to God asking His blessing or requesting some help. My attitude is always, "I want to go out, fight, win the victory, and bring it to God. I want to make an offering to God." Therefore I concentrate on action and then report about it. That's how I laid

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the worldwide foundation in the shortest possible time. If I said, "Well God, if You help me I will do it" each time, do you think I would have laid this much foundation here on earth? No!

True Parents' dispensation has already gone through the three stages that were symbolically expressed years ago when I blessed the 36 Blessed Couples. Normally 12 couples would have been enough; but I wanted to include all humanity so there were three groups of 12, enabling the 36 Couples to encompass all humanity. All Blessings since then represent an expansion of the 36 Couples.

I have to connect all humanity into the same blood lineage with my own family. This is the reason that I adopted daughters-in-law and sons-in-law from different groups. Among the 36 Blessed Couples there are three different groups. Bo Hi Pak, for example, is one of the 12 previously married couples. By engrafting him into True Parents' family, the world of married couples is engrafted to True Parents. Rev. Hong and Rev. Kwak are from groups I matched. I even chose a daughter-in-law from the 430 Blessed Couples. By doing so, I set the condition to save all humanity, not just certain segments. If I would say, "Well, this couple matched by me is one thing and this previously married couple is something else, then ultimately a divided world would remain. But we will make one world.

TRUE PARENTS' FAMILY

By the time of the third level or grandchildren's level, I will connect True Parents' family with all races and cultures. These international marriages will happen in the True Family in three generations' time. Although I have been persecuted because of international marriages, I have pioneered this way because it is the exact, precise will of God. Any kind of racial prejudice will be absolutely non-existent in our new world.

So from Hyo Jin Nim's son and grandchildren, the connection with all races of the world will explode. At that time, the number one condition to be blessed into True Parents' family is to know the Korean language. The true home nation is Korea; the true home town is Korea; True Parents' home is Korea; the mother tongue is Korean; the father tongue is Korean. For that reason, anyone who is truly longing to return home should teach their children to be fluent in Korean.

Western culture is individual-centered, but Oriental culture is collective-centered. Korean people never say "my house or country." Rather, they say "our house or country" because it belongs to you and me; we join together and make it. The Korean language is really Principle-centered. I announced many years ago that in 1990 I will no longer use an interpreter. Already Westerners are coming to Korea to learn the Korean language. I am trying to give the best possible gift to you and your family, but you are reluctant to accept it.

My great-grandchildren shall be married internationally. If your children haven't learned the Korean language or been properly educated in church traditions, then all your ances-

tors will accuse you. There is competition to become marriage partners for True Parents' family members because there is only a limited number. As in a marathon, you all begin at the same starting line, but your fourth generations may be at very different levels depending on what you do now. Unless you are prepared for the future in advance, you shall decline.

There are two types of Unificationists: those who absolutely, faithfully follow my instructions at face value and others who say, "One year I'll listen to Father, and next year I'll listen to the world, get a good job and house. I'll still be a member and child of True Parents." You'll see which one is going to win.

Seasonal birds fly in formation with the oldest bird leading the way and the youngest birds following at the end. Maybe the youngest bird has more energy and thinks, "I can fly faster; why should I have to be in formation? I'll take over." But actually they don't, because they respect the elders who are going in the right direction. The Unification Church is like the seasonal birds. We are flying in formation across the Pacific Ocean. What if some little bird said, "I'm going to be a little wiser; I know what to do"? Are you going to follow True Parents or do it your way?

The Bible is such a wise book; in the end the foolish-looking ones receive the blessing because they are wiser people; others who rely on and follow their own intellectual thinking are often mistaken.

All this time, you may have been thinking, "Divine Principle is Rev. Moon's principle. Unification Church is Father's church. Korea is Father's country." But you are *wrong*. It's *your* Principle; this is *your* mission, your church, and *your* country.

A key preference for Westerners is privacy: "This is a private matter" or, "I want to have a little privacy." Everything is private. But extreme privacy is connected with hell. If you try to make some private cubbyhole, only Satan can communicate, and it becomes Satan's fortress. God is public, always open.

The Jamestown settlement in America began about 350 or 400 years ago, and your independence came a little over 200 years ago. You built up this country during that time. After the ravages of war in 1950 virtually all of Korea was devastated. But now when you look at Korea, it became very similar to the United States in just 30 years. The Korean people don't want to be indebted or a burden to anyone. This is why in the United States, Korean people never receive welfare. They want to be independent and to learn. I came out of that tradition and instead of being indebted to anyone, humanity is indebted to me. If you want to learn something from the Oriental tradition, learn the habit of working hard and of making the best use of everything you have.

BE STRONG AND BOLD

After the fall, God chased Adam and Eve as a family out of the Garden of Eden. True Parents came and restored the



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family. Now I am asking you to claim the land and make it into your Garden of Eden. This is what the tribal messiahship is all about. Those who do not live up to this instruction will get far behind the pace of True Parents' dispensation.

Saying "I want to follow Father" does not mean going behind me. I said to accept the mission and become a tribal messiah! That's the way to follow me! In other words, you will become a true parent. True Parents and God have already given you all the necessary ingredients and supplies. All you have to do is apply them in your life and win the battles. Then you will become the third greatest true parent. Like Moses, be bold and strong. Fear not! Get out and solve the problems. If you don't take this job very seriously, you may become the prey of Satan.

Our positions are parallel messiahships. I am the global, universal Messiah starting from the national foundation and reaching for global messiahship. My position is to unify the world centered on the nation. As an individual going from your family level to reach for tribal messiahship, you are exactly like me going from the national to the world level. Centering on your family, you have to restore Adam's family. To restore Jesus' place, the second Adam, you will make a tribe. The purpose of tribal messiahship is to unify your tribe, Cain and Abel, centering on your family. The third Adam's place is the national level at which you will immediately connect with me. You will have covered the family and tribal levels, while I will have covered the national and universal levels. When we restore one nation under God's sovereignty, the entire world will change very quickly. Once the situation between North and South Korea is solved, all world problems can be resolved as well.

True Parents are like the root and trunk of a tree; the tree needs branches, represented by the people united with True Parents. The tree grows as more buds and branches blossom out, or as the first disciples reach out to their relatives, hometown citizens, and other people.

All three Adam dispensations are consummated in my work. I have completed the root and trunk, so all we have to do to complete the tree is graft on branches and leaves. You are going out as second Adams to the world; the grafting process is the most crucial thing. You are little messiah buds because you have grafted onto the main tree with me. You get life from the same root that I brought, so you can begin to help the entire world become engrafted to form one tree. As part of the perfected Adam, you will be outside the realm of accusation from Satan. When this original Principle of Creation is fulfilled, I can declare the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven to be a reality.

You are to be the pride of the messiahship era in your hometown and home church areas. My pushing you out to those areas expresses my love for you. The land and territory is a gift to you from God and True Parents.

IMPLANT GOD'S TRADITION

This time one of the major differences from previous providences is that husband and wife go together. This is parallel to the time when the Israelites crossed the Jordan River and the land was distributed to the twelve tribes. The tribes went into Canaan and saw the rich houses, beautiful cattle, sheep, and plantations. Tragically, instead of implanting God's tradition, they were absorbed by the Canaanites and all the

*In the morning you be the rooster who wakes people up.
You clean up the graffitti off the wall and start a campaign
to clean up the road, the slums, the entrance to the town.*

tribes collapsed. You must be different this time. Now the entire globe is Canaan. When you go into the land of Canaan, you will not be opposed but welcomed. Because of my foundation, people will respect you. The entire society is tired of dealing with drugs and crime. A clean-cut fellow like yourself trying to save the township will be embraced. God made this situation so you will be welcomed!

The blessed couples are those who have been transferred to True Parents' lineage and will be the recipients of the blessing and the land. We have all the modern day weapons: videotapes, cassette tapes, books and publications. You are being given the most precious and important gospel. This is God's and True Parents' final plan. All the religions will blossom culminating in this final providence. So is tribal messiahship impossible? No, it can be done!

In Korea I declared *tóngban kukbok*. *Tóngban* is comparable to village; *ban* means a smaller segment of the village. *Kukbok* means breakthrough. Korean members have been assigned to *tóngbans* all over Korea as tribal messiahs. Here you also *kukbok* or breakthrough in your towns and village.

As tribal messiahs, you must follow my path. After 14 years in America I have made an important impact on this nation and the destiny of this nation has been changed. Work like me. In the morning you be the rooster who wakes people up. You clean up the graffitti off the wall and start a campaign to clean up the road, the slums, the entrance to the town. You can start campaigns to take care of the children, to stop abuse, divorce, and drugs. You should become involved with all kinds of organizations and clubs; mingle and always be in the Abel or serving position. There are many noted university professors, clergy and other leaders who respect our movement whom you can invite to speak at special rallies. People who stand by and watch will never become central figures. Those who actually roll up their sleeves and get down to work will be the leaders.

When you go to your hometown, you are going as ancestors. No matter what the people say, you will be welcomed and you will be the elders. Spiritually speaking, no one is higher than you in your home state simply because you belong to the kingship of our True Parents. You have to pay attention to the second generation. If you can turn the young generation around, the parents will automatically be moved to follow.

Divide the city or state into 50 state names so that you always feel you are representing the whole United States of America, not just one state. So there's the actual state of Alabama; and in every state there is also a little Alabama. One day I will say, "I am going to have an Alabama conference, so all the leaders from the state down to all the tribes which have been given the name Alabama will come." Thus if you just bring Alabama alone, the entire country is represented. A big place represents a small place, and a small place represents a big place so there is harmony between bigger and smaller representation.

Regional coordinators will go around the region to all the

cities to help hold revival meetings. I set the goal of 1-1-1: one month one person brings one spiritual child. That has never been fulfilled because there was so much opposition. However, that era is over. With the new system, plus Father's previous instruction to lecture eight hours, you can fulfill this goal.

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When new members joined they were always trained first. Now, too, within six months time, they should go through the 70 day training period—beginning with a 3-day workshop, 7-day, 21-day, up to 40 days. Then fundraising for three years followed by three years of witnessing. That's the principled method of becoming a true member of the Unification Church.

After the fall of man, everything was lost, so each person has to start from scratch to acquire the material to restore himself. First of all he has to restore all things of creation. Therefore, fundraising is the first step in the re-creation of oneself. Every penny received is for the sake of the mission. Upon that foundation of three years, the person has to remake his soul by winning spiritual children. Witnessing is necessary not simply to gain new members but also for the re-creation of oneself. He can go out as a pioneer to win disciples to unite with and help him as the three archangels should have supported Adam. That period will be more fun and easier. He can teach young people. Sunday he can invite them to church or give them lectures himself. With such experience fundraising and witnessing, he will become a genius, able to deal with all kinds of people without hesitation, including the leaders of society.

Since there's less opposition now, in seven years' time he can have 84 spiritual children, which becomes one tribe. Then he is ready for the Blessing. He has already formed a tribe and been anointed as a tribal messiah. He has become a true parent and can graft the world onto his victorious foundation.

You are re-doing this since you have not yet actually done it. This is the formula course that everyone must walk. In seven years time, tribal messiahs will walk everywhere.

Creation was accomplished in six days, and the seventh was the Sabbath. In the one extra year (after three years each of fund-raising and witnessing) each person can apply himself for the ultimate homecoming and becoming a tribal messiah to serve the society and nation. For the rest of his life, he can teach people to live for the sake of others. That is the person who will go to the Kingdom of Heaven.

From now, go back to your hometowns and work with your own relatives and school friends. No matter how big Satan's presence is, you can break through it. Is it possible? Yes!

I am going to have a mammoth wedding in the future. This international wedding will be televised throughout the world so young people can become excited about creating

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“A Cornerstone of the New Kingdom”

*Interview with Mrs. Hyun Sook Pak,
wife of New York City Regional Director, Rev. Joong Hyun Pak*

Conducted by Angelika Selle

Angelika: When and how did you meet the Unification Church?

Mrs. Pak: I joined in June 1955 in Taegu City, which was the place Father pioneered next after beginning his ministry in South Korea in Pusan. From Taegu City he went to Seoul. My mother was the first member of our family to join the church. She was a member of a Presbyterian church, but she was always seeking for better understanding. A relative witnessed to her, and she immediately received many special revelations about True Parents and the Unification Church.

I was eight years old when I joined the church. My mother was a very strong, faithful person and I used to go with her to the Presbyterian church for revival services, witnessing, and prayer meetings. I really trusted my mother, so I joined the Unification Church, even though I didn't know then why it was special.

The Taegu church was small, with just one or two rooms, and there were no more than ten members in the city at that time. There was no Sunday school system or other developed church functions. We would pray and do some teaching. In the early days of our church there were many spiritual phenomena; it was like a pentecostal atmosphere. Father often visited that small house in Taegu City and knew the ten members very well. He personally and deeply guided each one, so I received that special kind of love for a long time. Father spoke about many things that I didn't understand 100 percent, but I was very inspired. He always talked about the world, but the members couldn't understand it all. Father loved my mother; he would always speak to her very warmly and then ask her to sing. Now when Father meets me any place, he remembers me from that time and continues to express his love and give me wonderful

attention.

At first my father didn't understand the church, so he was against it. Also he was not so religious, but later changed his mind and became a member. So before I joined, my father joined and then my elder sister—she is now a 72 Blessed Couple. I have two brothers and three sisters, all of whom are now blessed members. My mother strongly taught all of us that the Blessing is our destiny. We really need to deeply educate our second generation about this point.

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Angelika: What part of the Principle appealed to you the most when you were young?

Mrs. Pak: When I first studied the Principle, the most inspiring part was the Principle of Restoration. I realized that God exists and that He has been working throughout human history. I understood the heart of God, how much He has tried to save us for so long, forgiving us again and again.

Angelika: Do you have any guideline or philosophy in your life?

Mrs. Pak: I don't have any special guideline. From the early days of our church until now, I received so much guidance from True Parents; it has become part of my heart and blood. My whole life I have tried to understand, obey, and follow as much as possible the education about heart and life that True Parents have given us. I have no greater motto than this.

Angelika: Can you share something Father said to you that touched your heart the most?

Mrs. Pak: I have received so many good words, but most precious has been the personal experience of True Parents' love. One example: When I was 21 years old, I went to the matching ceremony for the 430 Couples. Father was so happy to see me and said, "Oh, you already came to the matching!" He remembered me as an eight-year-old girl, and was pleased to see I was already grown and coming to the matching ceremony. I felt how much Father watched over me while I was growing up—that was his parental love. Though he was taking care of so many people around the world, he still particularly remembered me in a very deep, clear way. This experience of true love was more precious than any words. I then felt deep peace

and hope because I thought: "Since Father really loves me like this, he will be very concerned about my future life." So I attended the matching with a peaceful heart. Now I have a happy life with Rev. Pak. This experience was one of many encouraging examples.

Angelika: You have five children, right? We would like to know how you maintain your life of faith amidst all the responsibilities as the mother of five children. With so many details to take care of during the day, it is easy to lose the conscious connection with True Parents. How do you maintain that?

Mrs. Pak: Life wasn't very easy for me after the Blessing. In 1975 Rev. Pak went to America for five years, so we were completely separated. Then I came to New York, but for four or five more years, Rev. Pak was in Boston, Denver, Seattle, and Korea. We have been separated a total of almost 10 years. Personally that was not easy. My thinking is that

this separation helps us to learn about true love. If we always live together, we don't learn the value of our wife or husband. My husband loves me very much, and many times sent letters and pictures, but he also talked about how we have to unite with True Parents' way. To always sacrifice oneself is difficult, but in this way we learn true love. I really had to use my mind to control my feelings.

When Rev. Pak left for Japan and America, we already had four small children. I took care of four children, two grandparents, two young brothers, and some of my relatives. At that time, the church could not give our family any help, and to take care of our family financially was not easy. I spent as little as possible and was always saving. I needed to be a good witness to our church and to what the blessed family's duty is. Why? Because our relatives were not Unification members. They were watching: "How is it when husband and wife are separated? How does she live with her husband away, dedicated to his mission?" For old grandparents to take care of their young granddaughter-in-law is not easy. I wanted to show True Parents' standard, so I really made effort.

Our family first lived in Rev. Pak's grandparents' house. I had one room and asked headquarters for one brother to help create a pioneer center there. I put up a board outside saying "Unification Church" and began to pioneer. That home church work was pretty successful, so I asked headquarters for some help to build a church. Headquarters was actually very inspired because one woman and one young pioneer were taking care of an important area of Seoul. Headquarters helped with some funds, and I bought a very cheap property and built the church. I cooked food for the builders, and Rev. Pak's grandfather would help supervise the work. Now, that same property is very expensive because Seoul is really growing. It's a big church now with many families attending.

I felt my destiny was to have a husband who would totally offer himself to God and would often be away doing mission work, so if I didn't work hard and was not strong for the children, our family would not be able to maintain itself. I created a business as a means of support in Korea. Then, when I came to America, Rev. Pak left again to other regions and then back to Korea. During that time I took care of our children by myself and educated them so that they could become true sons and daughters of the second generation. I always felt

Parents' children, not ours. We need to raise them and then offer them to God and True Parents.

God has given us very beautiful children and has really helped me because of our sacrifice. Rev. Pak is always concerned first with brothers and sisters, and second with his children. I like this because the more he invests in the members, the more God gives good things to our family.

Sometimes they would ask why their father wasn't leading our family. So I explained why their father was not with



Rev. and Mrs. Pak accompany True Parents in a outing to the Sol Ak Mountains in South Korea.

this is my responsibility because Rev. Pak is not here.

I believe our children have been moved to see their father offering himself to God and their mother dedicating herself for her children and also for the business. They recognize that their mother is very different from the mothers in the secular world, so they really respect me and understand how much I sacrifice for them. Also I see that my blessed children are very different from children in the secular world. God has given them a fundamentally special nature and sensitive heart. They understand more deeply so many things. I always invest my deepest heart in them, because our children are very important. Actually, they are God's and True

them—that he was dedicating himself someplace else. They trust me so they are always proud of their dad. When he comes home he tells our children their "uncles and aunts" go out fund-raising in bitter cold. The children understand the sacrifice of our brothers and sisters. Rev. Pak is always concerned to teach them like this.

Even though I am very tired and have many difficulties, I try never to show those difficulties to my children when I come home. I make great effort to be always happy, optimistic, and loving and to create a very bright home atmosphere. Because the children see that I have this kind of positivity, they can have a bright, clear heart. They notice that I am an optimistic and happy per-

son, and they try to make themselves like that.

Angelika: What gives you the strength to be optimistic?

Mrs. Pak: I believe that God gave me a nature like this; secondly I have listened to so many of Father's words, and have tried sincerely to make them a part of me. I put the total elements of Father's investment sincerely in my heart and make them mine personally.

Also I try to hold a family worship service at 8 p.m., to pray for True Parents and True Family, and if Rev. Park is not there, to pray for him. This really helped to form the children's life of faith. Even though Rev. Pak is not at home, they feel he is always with them. Their school life is very busy, so they sometimes forget True Parents. But when they come back to our hour evening prayer meeting, it reminds them to continually build their spiritual life.

Sometimes in their prayers they express points of difficulty; other times, good things. I listen to catch each point, and the next day I try to find out more about what they mentioned in prayer.

Angelika: How have you educated your children?

Mrs. Pak: In the evening before bed, I would play and speak seriously to the children at the same time. I would whisper in their ears about the day, both the good and bad things that happened, giving internal guidance. When the children were younger, the whole family slept in the one bedroom.

I taught the older son to take responsibility for the younger children, placing him in the father's position. If the elder son fought with another child, I would discipline the elder son separately, in another room, so that he would not lose the respect of the other children. I would say to them if they were fighting, "You only have one brother or sister in the whole world, so please take care of each other, don't fight."

The husband and wife must be united in order to discipline effectively. Rev. Pak and I often discuss together about

the best method to teach and discipline the children.

I am a happy and lucky person because True Parents enabled me to have good children through my blessed family. So I am always optimistic and very proud. There are many Korean families in our New Jersey community. Many are very rich and well-educated. I attend a woman's club, and they are al-



True Mother lovingly gazes at Ye Jin Nim.

ways speaking about big houses, big cars, big money, good clothes. But if the topic of conversation is about children and family, they don't speak so much. Though I say little, they always come to me, saying "You are the most successful in creating a good family life." We are not externally wealthy, but internally we are the most rich people. Even non-member friends say this to me.

It is very important for children to fundamentally experience a deep realization of continuous, unchanging parental love. Parents must consistently give this in a really deep way so that the children can trust their parents. Through receiving that kind of deep

love, they grow up with a secure foundation. We need to control our anger no matter what. We need to consistently express love every minute. It is very important for children to feel their parents love them. We must keep the feeling and color of love all the time. Love can also mean a punch. Sometimes we must teach them strongly.

Now that our children are almost grown up, they express so much filial piety and love. They are always concerned with my physical and emotional comfort, sensitively watching and wanting to support and comfort me, with a massage, or something like that. Sunday, they want to go to the store and help me. So I have more and more reason to always appreciate God. I deeply pray and sacrifice for them so they can become great sons and daughters of True Parents and be really useful in God's dispensation.

Angelika: Could you keep up a good prayer life with all your many responsibilities or was your attitude more your prayer?

Mrs. Pak: My prayer life is 24 hours as much as possible. When I ride in the subway a long time, I always remember True Parents, True Children, and also my own children, calling each one by name. I am so busy at the store, but if I have even one spare second, I always pray. Actually my travel time is the best time for prayer.

If you have problems, but you have no one to ask, pray.

Even if there is someone to advise you, they can perhaps only understand 30 percent of your situation. Asking God is more important, especially if your leader doesn't know you so well.

Angelika: Could you also share something about your insights in your role as a sister and mother in our church?

Mrs. Pak: I am a very ordinary person; I only try to genuinely be who I am in the best way possible. I know that the mother's role is a very important cornerstone for establishing the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Through True Mother we are born again. I realize Mother's responsibility is a most impor-

tant cornerstone in establishing Father's Kingdom.

When I came to America the first time, I brought only a thin, spring coat. But when I went to Father's speech at Belvedere, it was wintertime. True Mother noticed my situation, so she called East Garden and gave her winter coat to me. When I received it, I recognized how True Mother loves everybody, and also that True Mother has that kind of womanly sensitivity to each brother's and sister's situation and difficulty.

Because the husband has a certain mission from God and True Parents, the wife's role is also very important. If the wife doesn't understand her husband's mission and responsibilities, and give her heart to spiritually support him, it is very difficult for both of them. If the husband is working hard, the best a wife can do is not complain or nag—otherwise the husband cannot focus on his mission, and later on, the family may not be so good or beautiful. If the wife supports her husband, the whole family will be very successful.

If you are having difficulty liking each other, remember that God has given everyone at least one good thing. Find out that quality and love it. If husband and wife fight, True Parents are not happy. A very good relationship between husband and wife is essential—otherwise there is no difference between us and others. We have to show we're different from nonmembers. We must keep our True Parents in mind very strongly. We need to pray whenever and wherever we are—in a car, bus, at work. We should pray 24 hours a day. This helps us to control ourselves.

Angelika: Can you say anything about how the present time differs from the early days in Korea?

Mrs. Pak: In 1955 there were not so many church members and the economic environment compared to now was very poor. Not only was there no food, but also no house, no room. But we were really centered on True Parents' love and each other. Most important and precious was how much we loved each other. A very powerful motivation and source of victory came from that love and heart connection. American brothers and sisters sometimes think: "If we have this kind of organization or economy, we will succeed." But this concern with the external alone will never bring results. There are many

brothers and sisters in New York City now, but sometimes they don't love each other so deeply, or encourage each other. They are often like strangers toward each other, and so they lose the internal strength that comes from feeling they are chosen people centered on True Parents—a family community of heart.

But in the early church, Father would pray overnight even for one member.

Listening to and keeping Father's guidance is the source of an unchanging and stable spiritual life.

When we met each other on the street, we would have tears in our eyes for each other. If we had a small amount of food, we would share together. If someone had no clothes, we would give our clothes. There is so much success when our motivation comes from heart and love. But now there are many externals to think about and not so much heart. This is very different from the early church.

We need to revive the dignity of loving each other. But still I am very optimistic and feel respect for American brothers and sisters; they are really dedicated, trying hard to follow True Parents. I am expecting American brothers and sisters will get back to the center of true love.

After I was married and Rev. Pak was in America, I stayed in Korea with Rev. Pak's grandparents and children. His grandfather knew I was very lonely and my situation was difficult. One day he wrote in my room three words: "be patient," "be sincere," and "be hopeful." Without being patient, you can't overcome difficulty. If you are sincerely working hard, then you can have hope. His guidance was to sincerely work hard with patience, keeping hope. Also he told me since my husband was dedicating himself for God, I could have great hope for my future and should believe in my husband.

I am an ordinary woman; in my personal and family life there are both clear sunny days and cloudy rainy days. Many different conditions come, but if I am patient, sincerely working hard and being hopeful, then always a victory results. Of course it is not easy to take care of business, church and family, but I al-

ways try to be happy and give happiness to others. Otherwise no good fortune comes. Sometimes there are difficult times, but I try to be open and happy. If no good comes, I still keep hope, and then good does come.

Angelika: How do you try to stay happy?

Mrs. Pak: That strength comes from God and True Parents and also from my family and community. Because self-

motivation is not easy, I felt always that I have to be connected as object with some strong power, like True Parents, True Family, true

community. If there is a strong connection, then I will receive power and strength.

I can keep a humble, happy heart and attitude because I always see good things and appreciate them. Listening to and keeping Father's guidance is the source of an unchanging and stable spiritual life.

To make yourself happy, pray and study more, dance, sing, work hard—and your feeling will change. Supporting each other is very important. Think about the feelings of others and try to make them happy, instead of being concerned about yourself. I educated my children not through words but through my life. I was the model. They are so sensitive. Their heart towards me is very touching, "What difficult circumstances my mother is overcoming. She is always sincerely working, always hopeful."

Angelika: Can you say something about how you started your business?

Mrs. Pak: I came to America with four children, and in America I had another daughter, making a total of five children. I had a little bit of business experience in Korea. I saw in America so many young blessed couples asking for salaries; however, Father and Mother encouraged blessed wives to do some business or mission to generate income. I don't speak English very well, so for me to gain a job or even a church mission in America seemed almost impossible. The other brothers and sisters who speak English can lecture and witness better than I can. I knew that I had to start a personal business.

I found a small Oriental grocery in

Closter, New Jersey. I had no money, but Rev. Pak received a small salary which I used to get a bank loan and buy the store. Because of the language problem, I had an Oriental grocery for Korean, Japanese, and Chinese. That community had a lot of established churches. I was very nervous in the beginning because of my lack of experience, and because I knew the people didn't want to come to my store because I was a Unificationist minister's wife.

But I remembered my 40-days pioneering experience during junior high school in 1960. Though I was only 16, I received a lot of persecution from all the community churches. I was staying in one good family's house, and in the daytime I helped with the kitchen work or farming. They saw my expression of love and one by one I won their hearts. I recalled that experience and started with that kind of spirit again.

I really took care of each person that came. Then they would testify to others, "Oh, she's very good." So more and more people would come back, again and again. For example, a grandma came to the store and said, "You are much more helpful than my daughter-in-law." The grocery store became like the community center—grandmas came and expressed all kinds of difficulties and experiences: "My husband makes a lot of trouble." I always received them and took care of each person. They started to become like a family. Even core

members of the established churches, when they would have a party, would buy everything they needed from my grocery.

But this work was very difficult—grocery workers often hurt their backs moving the heavy boxes. Also there was just a small margin of profit in a very competitive market. To save money, our family sometimes would eat the leftovers from the store before they went to the garbage. Finally I sold this store and bought another store in the Bronx. It is in a more difficult area, but there is no heavy work like the grocery store because it is a stationery store.

Father really trained us in our pioneer life to overcome all of our fears so we can become strong and go beyond all obstacles in our future lives. If I had not had this kind of foundation of faith, I would have given up because of all the persecution I received.

I have had the business for eight years; it is not easy to work from early morning until night. But I want to show our blessed family community that while my husband works for God, I can take care of the family. I really want to become a model or standard and show this potential and possibility to the children. The children come and support me because they always see me working hard.

After our second son helped at the store one time, he told me with tears, "Mother, you sacrifice so much for us; I feel so much pain because of your tired

working heart. When I am grown, I will really help you and take care of you." I said to him, "No, I can take care of my life. Please, you take care of God and True Parents and work for them." In the beginning we were very poor. But now, little by little good fortune is coming. I'm very happy although still it's challenging.

Sometimes my children feel lonely, and it is very difficult for them because I am gone so much, but they recognize the value of this dedication. They are very good children. They study hard without my having to tell them to study. Our twin daughters have maintained the home by doing the cooking, cleaning, and laundry for these eight years. They never complained one second, even though they may cry sometimes because it is so hard to just be home with housework and study.

They also took care of the baby—bathing and feeding her—everything. If the children didn't help me, I couldn't work like this. I leave in the early morning and come home late, so I have no time to take care of these things. Maybe if I stayed at home, they would never appreciate me because I would give them an easy life, good life. But they recognize my hard work, so they feel they must work hard as well.

When we visit other families, everyone says, "Oh, your children have such good qualities. How do you teach them?" Because Rev. Pak was hardly ever home, my children really listen to him when he is here. We only see each other at nighttime, but when all the children gather around me, I no longer feel tired.

Angelika: Was there any conflict between what they learned at home with what they were learning at school?

Mrs. Pak: Sometimes the children have difficulty at the Catholic High School because they have some different points of faith. In high school it is common for many young children to have boy-friends and girlfriends. But they completely overcame these problems. Why? Because of their early spiritual education they already had a very strong foundation. They are very proud of being "blessed children." Sometimes I joke with them and suggest that they go to a school dance. They answer me, "No mommy! How can I go to this dance with a boy? I am a blessed child!" Very clearly they are blessed children. □



The Pak Family

Self-Confidence

by Rev. Paul Werner

Excerpted from a chapter of Rev. Werner's book, *Heaven Down to Earth*.

Once the inside of a person shines, the outside will also become luminous. If you have a plain face but your eyes are as radiant as the sunshine, people see nothing else. The eyes tend to dominate your whole face when there is an inner luster. A beautiful girl whose eyes are not bright does not have a glow about her. Many women may use a great deal of makeup with the intention of looking attractive, but their eyes have no spiritual light.

Physical imperfections can be balanced by inner beauty; it is a quality important to cultivate. When you become more spiritual and closer to God, all aspects of your life will become more harmonious. Your dress and appearance will naturally reflect these changes. Once all your senses work together and communicate with each other, you will become better able to distinguish true beauty and art. Any negativity you may have harbored will disappear. When the spirit becomes energetic, your confidence will soar and you will begin to live the life God intended for you.

Imagine a God that welcomes you home or a world that is filled with individuals who have perfected their love. Imagine yourself as one of them. You will become whatever you imagine, for your mind obeys the thoughts you fantasize. You are what you believe about yourself, and the manifestation of that faith eventually becomes the "you" others see. Expand your horizons by becoming more aware of the world and the spirit flourishing within you. If you feed your spirit complaints, bitterness, and resent-

ment it may become ugly, tangled and contorted. However, if you constantly feast on positive thoughts about God, True Parents, yourself, and the people in your world, your spirit will grow strong and beautiful.

Your self-image is a creation you alone fashion. God lends a hand, but His involvement reaches certain limits. Although God has the blueprint for your life, you are the master designer of your self-esteem. You have the advantage of being able to hold up the pattern of True Parents against yourself and judge the fit. As you do, why not make the alterations and adjustments necessary to nurture your self-image? Confidence in yourself is important. Become a champion of love; dwell on positive thoughts, dreams, and images; have a vivid and rich imagination. Imagine yourself as the child of God you are.

If a person experiences an inner change, an external change will usually ensue. An individual with an enthusiastic spirit is generally quite energetic and active.

Internal and external purity

A person who is internally pure usually keeps his physical body clean. The way we dress actually reflects many of our feelings and attitudes about life and especially about ourselves. Often people dress exclusively in a solitary rather

dull color. When I see someone dressed mostly in subdued colors, I wonder if this reflects an inner lackluster. If I see the same person wearing more bright and cheerful colors which harmonize

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well, my heart is immediately uplifted.

Wear several colors that blend together nicely. In order to improve your self-confidence, dress in attire that says you are grateful to be alive and proud to be a son or daughter of God. When you win a victory over negativity or depression, make sure your clothes also reflect this improvement. Clothing does not have to cost much money. It may not be necessary to buy many new clothes; be creative and use your imagination to better coordinate the clothes you already own. If harmony starts from within you, your sense for beauty will become more keen. People will watch and want to mirror the way you dress and act, as well as your ideology and the words you speak.

It takes little effort and money to transform your present wardrobe. Sometimes a few accessories can enhance the development of your unique style. This is one good method to help improve your self-confidence. Once you do you will feel ten feet tall.

If you study and come to know yourself, you will have additional power to exercise self-control and master your environment. By studying your own words, gestures, and vibrations, you will be able to adjust certain characteristics, upgrade your image and gain self-confidence.

We are inundated with ideas demonstrating how to become an individual with style and taste. Television and radio saturate the public with commercials which readily assure us that if we



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use a certain product we will become a desirable person and an individual in the latest vogue.

The advertisers have injected us with confidence in their client's product. The famous stars that endorse certain products may have tried and come to trust them. Consequently, they become a good sales person. In order to sell a product, a person must first believe in it.

Do you believe in yourself? Do you have a strong enough conviction to sell your personality to others? In forming relationships and friendships, it is essential to believe in your own self-worth. In witnessing, fundraising, or any part of life, what you sell is yourself. A healthy dose of self-esteem is an absolute necessity if you want people to "buy" you. Believe in your product—believe in yourself.

Nurture a positive attitude

The only limitations upon us are the ones we set for ourselves. We place the restrictions on the amount of work we do, what we achieve, and how much God can work through us. If we team up with God, we can accomplish anything. Developing confidence is partially a mental process. In this sense, our mind can be our ally or foe.

When we develop confidence, our spiritual and physical health will improve. God has cancelled our past and

begs us not to dwell on it. We should relate to the present and develop faith in the future. We must come to know that we are ultimately able to master anything if our desire and motivation is great enough.

Self-confidence involves confronting life. If we shy away, we start to ride an internal merry-go-round from which we cannot easily disembark. For example, if you go to the back door and see a lot of snow, don't turn around and go through the front door. Confront life as it is, cope with it.

When you nurture a positive and optimistic attitude, you will feel your own value. Life is not always easy or beautiful. As we walk the road of faith, it is inevitable that we will have to trudge through struggles as we try to reach the summits. But there is one thing to remember regardless of whether you stand on a peak or in a valley—you are a child of God. That alone can give you incredible self-confidence. Know with assurance that with God,



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Our model for self-confidence: Mother...

anything and everything is possible. You can have the same kind of faith in Father.

It is relatively easy to develop that confidence in God and True Parents because we constantly witness the evidence of their numerous victories. However, our individual self-esteem may not be as solid. We reflect on the things we should accomplish and then tend to stamp the word "impossible" across the plans to complete them. Yet given our position, this attitude is incongruous; we are their true sons and daughters and can do anything in the name of our God and True Parents. Why not erase the word impossible from your vocabulary?

You will be a winner in life if you focus on the whole world and in your heart at least try to comprehend the sufferings and joys of all humanity. With such an attitude, you will triumph over selfishness and greed. Perhaps the people in the secular world view our lives as rather inconsequential and may see our contribution to society as something less than significant. We must be convinced that what we are doing is not merely for ourselves, our marriages, or our movement, but that it will ultimately benefit all people throughout the world.



Saint Paul confidently witnesses about faith to the Athenians.

Learning from others

One of the biggest mistakes we can make is to compare ourselves with others—both those inside and outside the church—using their behavior or experiences as the standard. Each of us must walk a different course of restoration. If we constantly gauge our progress in terms of other people, we may veer from the track we are meant to walk.

Share your experiences with people. Learn from each other and help one another, without forgetting that we are all different. God has endowed each of us with very unique talents and facets of His nature. Therefore, the way we connect to God, True Parents, and spirit world may differ. The principal tool every person must use to connect with others is heart. But no two hearts are the same; no two people are totally alike.

The common denominators we use to come to God are the truth of the Principle and the Messiah. One person may have relatively easy success because of his background or ancestry; he may seem to ease into heaven on the blessings of the past. Another individual may have ancestors, such as pirates or slave traders, who engaged in evil activities. That person is required to purify a number of generations; therefore, he may labor hard and long with few results or seemingly little progress. Yet once the amount of indemnity needed to atone the sins of those generations has been paid, he may find that he propels for-



... and Father.

minds us, "If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself." True or healthy self-confidence is never borne by rating yourself against another.

Developing courage

As you develop self-esteem, you will naturally feel more secure. You have to accept yourself. Each of us has talents and abilities as well as handicaps. See them as such and work to improve them. If you develop self-confidence on

the basis of the power of God, your heart and spirit will be transformed. Previously, your insecurity was based upon ignorance of God and His laws. After meeting the

Principle, that unawareness was replaced by the truth. You gain inner stability from this knowledge. Enumerate the reasons you have to be self-confident and fear will vanish step by step as God's presence increases within you.

Courage is the consciousness you receive if you are absolutely united with

God. Awareness becomes an attitude. Recognize that the greatest power in the universe is God; know and trust that He is with you. Early Christians had remarkable courage because of their faith in Jesus. Their fervent desire was to be with him, even at the cost of their lives. To be eaten by lions is no easy challenge, yet a multitude of Christians boldly stood up and faced certain death. They were brave because they had God.

It is the same for us today; if we connect with God, we will have the guts to stand up to Satan. It is important not to look at things too abstractly. Living a life of faith in purity and humility brings us closer to perfection. This world is still imperfect, full of danger and injustice.

The present situation of the world affords none of us the chance to live life according to the Principle. We are constantly confronted and bombarded by Satan and his colleagues. We often don't know on which side we stand.

If we were not challenged by the satanic world and could live without being exposed to evil, we could easily serve God and live with Him. We wouldn't have to force ourselves to pray; prayer would be natural and creative. We would already live a beautiful life and find ourselves in an environment that is spiritually elevated. Problems and trouble arise through our confrontations with the world. We have to prove ourselves many times a day. That is how our faith in God and True Parents is measured. If it was not for these challenges, we would already live in heaven. We would not defy one another or do harm to others in any way. We would be much more consistent and tolerant; our integrity would be displayed in everything we do.

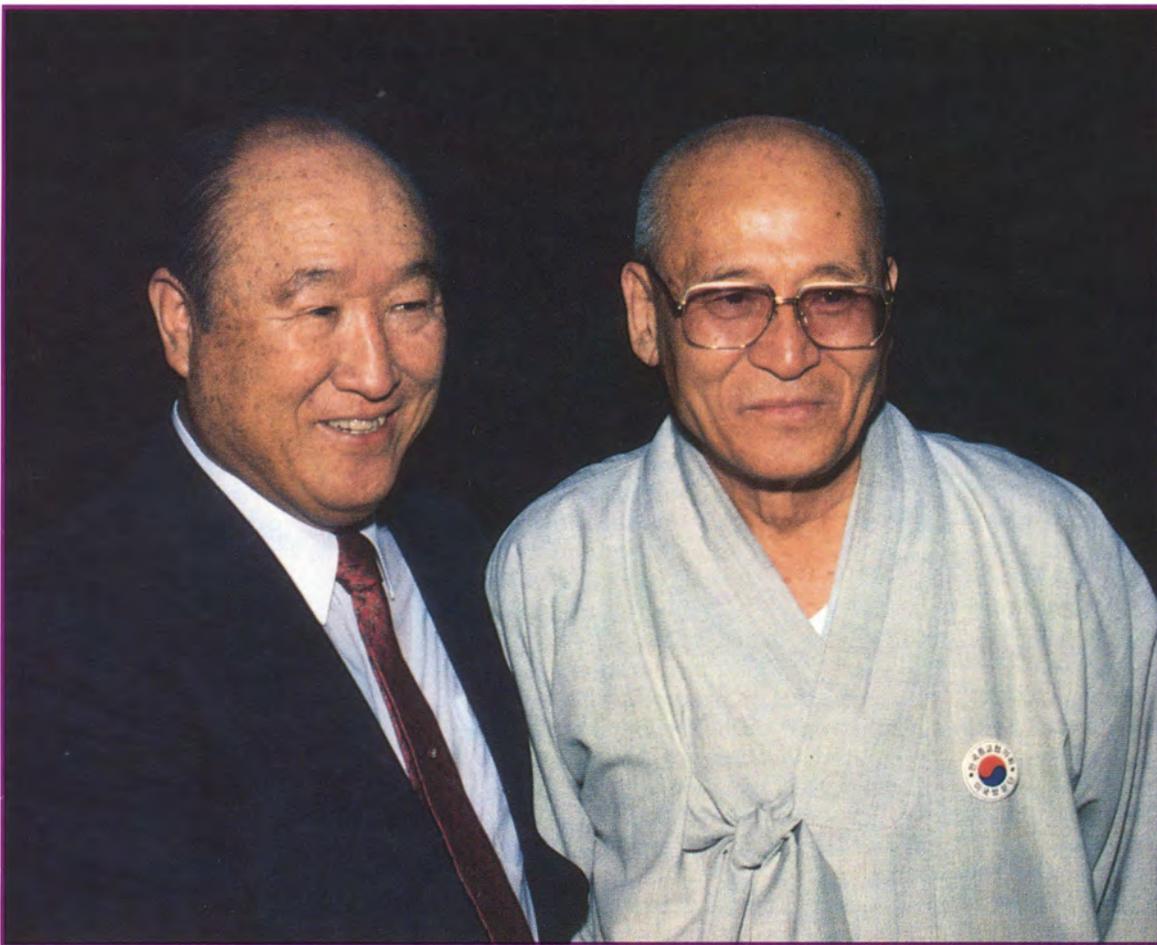
Unificationists do not necessarily live easy lives, but nevertheless we persevere year after year. Our ability to do so indicates our closeness to God; He continues to inject us with strength and power to endure. We must continue to understand His heart and perceive His suffering, not allowing ourselves to stagnate but continue to serve as His channels. That is why we should never underestimate ourselves. □

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ward with ease and suddenly makes great results. Others may need to make painstaking efforts to have the same kind of experience that another person who just joined the church may undergo. All people are bound to spiritual laws which are often invisible. Comparing yourself to another person only creates instability. As "Desiderata" re-



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Clockwise from top right:

True Parents receive a moving tribute from the head of the group.

Mr. Hyo Yul (Peter) Kim addresses the clan chairmen on the lawn at Belvedere.

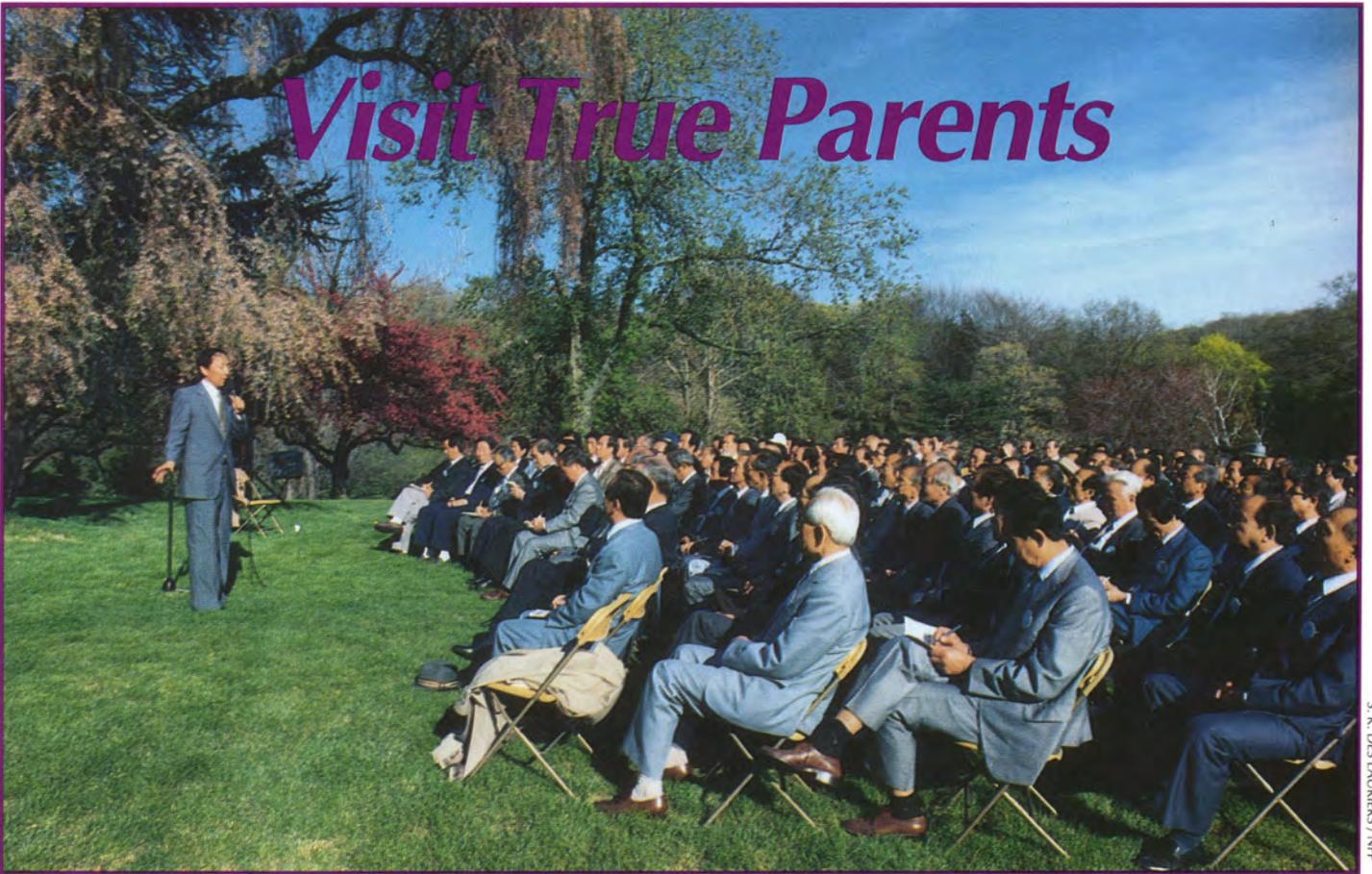
True Father and a clan chairman unite in spirit.

The guests are welcomed by Father and Mother to East Garden.



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Treasures from the Fatherland

by Mrs. Betty Lancaster

ICF Coordinator for Korean Conferences

Father looked at his wristwatch periodically over the course of the day of Tuesday April 25th, 1989. Those around him later said Father anxiously awaited the arrival of the "Chairmen from the Association of Family Clans in Korea," the representatives of every known family name in Korea's history. In the Korean language this group is known as "Jongchinhwe," which is actually a shortened version of the real name. There is no exact translation into the English language, so we chose to describe them as clan chairmen. "They will soon be here," Father was heard saying more than once that Tuesday evening. Father receives many of our touring Korean conferences, but these were very special guests for they represented the entire history of Korea. There are 274 family names in Korea's history. Of course each family branched off into different locations within the country, giving a total of 3,534 tribes. However, there are 274 leaders to represent each name within this important association. Representatives who were unable to attend with this first group,

which was accompanied by Reverend and Mrs. Young Suk Choi, will come at a later time.

When the Japanese occupied Korea for 40 years, they burned all records of early history, much of which had been painstakingly written in script. Korean history was then later rewritten, much of it inaccurate. The members of this Association are searching for roots of family lineages. They are searching for records buried in Korea and in parts of China which prove the origin of the Korean people from the person of King Dangun, whom the Japanese tried to discredit as being only a folktale. During the occupation some elder citizens were known during the early occupation to have buried their papers in underground pots, some of which have already been discovered. So today these "tribal leaders" have united into a more organized association working together for the same cause they had worked for as individuals.

In America, we have been receiving many categories of people from Korea for our training seminars and tours—

professors, religious leaders, high school principals, and writers, to name a few. While we truly treasure each and every one, still this was a most unusual group, calling for some special preparations. For one thing, we assumed the participants would all be elderly; at times we referred to them as "the grandfathers' group." We added a few people to the staff thinking they would need special assistance. However, when they arrived we were surprised to see many of them were quite young. They ranged from young to middle years to several elderly ones, including one 90 and two 80-year-olds. It might very well have been the younger ones were representing elders unable to participate. Father, also surprised at their overall young ages, said "Good, good."

Chief of the clans

Recently, Father was appointed by this Association to be the Chairman of the entire Moon Clan! This was exciting news in itself, but following the dinner which Father hosted for them that Tuesday evening, they symbolically appointed him Chief of all the Clans!

There will be a formal ceremony held later in Korea making this official. Following the dinner, the leader of the group informed Father of this during a very moving speech expressing gratitude to True Parents. Tearfully, he paid tribute to Father.

At the ceremony to be held later in Korea, the Association will crown Father the Chief of Chiefs! Imagine the magnitude of this in the spirit world and throughout Korea!

Seven representative members of the group did three full bows before Father. Representing all of Korea, both North and South, this spiritually signified the acceptance of Father by the entire nation of Korea. Kim Il Sung of North Korea is from the Kim family of Jönju City in South Korea! Certainly all of



Banquet at East Garden.

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Father receives a warm cheer after his speech.

this must be forerunning the physical unification of North and South Korea.

The highlight of the dinner that night was well-prepared striped bass that Father himself had caught in the upper Hudson River region.

Songs were offered to True Parents. One guest was so moved he got up and began dancing. Father and Mother each offered a song to the guests about their homeland.

Father spoke on the meaning of true love, True Parents, man/woman relationships, and the Unification Church.

He clearly explained that their destiny was to be connected to Father. He said some of them had been negative toward Father and still had come on the tour—because of their ancestors in spirit world. They must connect with Father for the sake of their future. This Association will be instrumental, Father said, in uniting Korea.

After such a strong speech in which Father did a lot of laughing and some chastising, he gave each of them a gift. Father also suggested that they be given a trip to Niagara Falls on the east coast

and the Grand Canyon on the west coast of the United States.

After many goodbyes to the buses, Father sat outside on the hill at East Garden until he knew they were safely back to Manhattan, as he is known to do for many guests.

This group essentially received the same seminar in Washington, DC and New York which has been given to other groups except that this one had a less intense schedule.

At their closing dinner in New York City, Rev. Joong Hyun Pak invited the newly-appointed New York area tribal leaders to join as table

hosts. Each of them brought a small gift for the visitors. What significance might this night have had—tribal leaders from the East meeting tribal leaders from the West. And so the “Treasures” returned to the Fatherland. Who can possibly know their true value except True Parents. □

We will soon publish a more detailed article about the activities of this Association and about the origins of Korean history.



The Association visits Niagara Falls.

Our Dispensational Time

Tribal Messiahs' Seminar

by Rev. James A. Baughman

April 1, 1989

My content has to do with what Father has spoken to leaders in the latter part of 1988 and most recently regarding tribal messiahship.

Do you really believe that you can come under the direct dominion of God and not be influenced by Satan anymore? Do you believe that we can actually create the Kingdom of Heaven on this earth? When we first heard the Divine Principle we were excited about these ideas, but after we joined we became more practical and rational, realizing that it would take quite a while. We heard about "three generations," so we have been taking our time running the race. Now, we need to believe it.

What I present to you will hopefully give you confidence that the Kingdom of Heaven is a reality we are going to fulfill at this time. In the recent nationwide revival tour, we were proclaiming that we are heading into a new time where our church will be totally different, and new members are going to join like flies around mom's apple pie. We were nervous. If something didn't happen soon, people would discredit everything we said for the rest of our tenure in the American church. We proclaimed that our church needs to unite and that the time has come for us to witness and fulfill the providence of going into Canaan.

The final question everyone asked us was, "How are we going to witness?" The only answer we could give was that each region had to work out their own witnessing schedule. We didn't have the real answer. Like John the Baptist, our revivals were only to prepare the way for Father to establish the tribal messiahship program as the answer.

During these revivals we proclaimed a national goal during this second generation period, to bring 30,000 members in America by the year 1992. This was a goal we didn't succeed in fulfilling when our Father was in America for so

many years. We didn't believe it so we didn't bring it. Now we have to believe it. We can't feel because we didn't bring it the last time that we won't bring it this time. Father has given us the goal of 1-1-1.

I would like to give you some sense of our present providential time. I suggest you listen to the tape of Father's March 19th sermon, to review what Father has said about this time.

Parallel Times

Father often asks us, what time is it? He reminds us that we cannot just simply live in the present with the mentality of the past. God's providence is not static,

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so our church should be constantly moving towards the final goal. As one foundation is established, we move onto the next. If we maintain the mentality we had in our church in 1972, or 1984, or even 1988, we will lose. We are in a very different time—the time of going into Canaan!

Father has described this time over the last few years, saying that we are no longer in the wilderness; we are now in Canaan. We are the second generation in the children's period. We must take responsibility and ownership by going to our home church or hometown and becoming a tribal messiah.

I will describe some parallel times in the Old and New Testaments and relate them to the Completed Testament Age. We must learn from the mistakes of the past and understand how to succeed in this providence of tribal messiahship.

First, the Old Testament, New Testament, and Completed Testament are

three parallel periods. In each of these ages there was a segment that shifted from the first generation to the second generation: a shift from the formation stage to the growth stage, and ultimately to the perfection stage. After the tradition was transferred to the second generation, they were then to multiply, develop and construct their land.

This period in each of these three Testament ages also follows the pattern of going from Satan's dominion, through a transition period of purification, and ending up in God's dominion. This was the period of the first generation bequeathing the tradition to the second generation.

The central figure in the Old Testament was Moses, who represented the first generation just prior to the establishment of Canaan. This generation came on the foundation of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, but Moses' generation was the first to be centered around the people of Israel. On the foundation of the Israelites' 400 years of indemnity, Moses could lead the people out of Egypt.

The Israelites

Egypt represented Satan's dominion. The foundation of suffering that the Israelites stood upon, centered on Moses, was the first generation. Joshua, Caleb, and the Israelites born in the desert entered Canaan, representing the second generation.

Father says we have just gone from the wilderness to Canaan. Let's compare the wilderness period and the Canaan period in the Old Testament. In the wilderness, the people wandered in the desert. The environment was very severe and they suffered a great deal. It was a period of no settlement. They lived out of tents or off the backs of camels if they had them. It was hand to mouth. There was no investment, no rooting themselves in the society, because there was no society. It was basically sand and scorpions.

God prepared food for them through manna and quail. If you read the books of Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, you realize that God would send them manna in the morning and quail at night, just long enough for them to collect what they needed for that day. They were told that if they kept it over-

to develop their identity as a people.

After 40 years they went into Canaan. Keep in mind that it normally would not have taken 40 years. The Israelites could have entered Canaan in 21 months. But when the 12 spies came back with their reports, only Joshua and Caleb supported Moses. These two were convinced they could go in, not because the Israelites were greater in number or better trained, but only because God was with them. For them, it was only a question of how they should go into Canaan. The other spies

Garden of Eden. There were other people living there with other traditions. When they entered, they had to be very sure of their beliefs. For if they ever compromised, God would not be able to protect them.

Read the books of Deuteronomy, Joshua, and Judges. If you want to know what we are going through right now and how to solve some of the problems that we may face, you must understand what happened to the Israelites. In the book of Judges, whenever the Israelites compromised with their tradition, or let other traditions influence them, they would be dominated. God

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made it a question of whether or not to enter, saying the Israelites would perish. The people united with the faithless ten and tried to stone Moses, Joshua, and Caleb. They had to wander for 40 years to purify the foundation before going in again.

Finally they were to enter Canaan. However, Moses did not enter Canaan, either physically or spiritually. He simply passed on the tradition to Joshua and Caleb. In the book of Joshua we read that God commanded the second generation to adhere to His tradition, the tradition that they had learned and established while they were wandering in the wilderness. In Canaan, it was a different time. The manna and quail stopped at the River Jordan. They were no longer to live in tents or off the backs of camels. They were to build their society, live in homes, build their businesses and schools, and center everything around the temple. The leadership was no longer just one man. It became leadership through the tribe elders hierarchy—a familial hierarchy.

Entering Canaan

Of course, they couldn't simply go into the land and settle. When the Israelites went into Canaan it wasn't an empty

would have to raise up a judge or a prophet who chastised them until they repented. Based on that repentance, they could fight the enemy, God's tradition would be reestablished and the nation would prosper again. It was a very simple formula. If they did not adhere to the tradition, they would decline. If they adhered to it, they would prosper. This is what we also face. They went into their home church areas and they were no longer isolated; they had to face other traditions. They had to be confident in who they were, otherwise they lost everything.

Father recently said that one of the reasons we are doing tribal messiahship is because we need to restore the fact that even though the Israelites went into Canaan, they eventually lost all 12 tribes. They did not keep the tradition. So this is our challenge, too.

At the Israelites' time of settlement, the leadership had shifted and changed. All the members and organizations had to tithe through the church; in return God would bless them and multiply their businesses, agriculture, and livestock, and their families and nation would prosper. As long as they maintained that give and take system, they would increase as a nation. This was a time for them to witness and build their nation under God.



Rev. James Baughman addresses brothers and sisters.

night it would spoil. They could not store food nor settle in any way.

The leadership was very severe. I was reading a paper on the leadership structure of the Israelites in the desert. It showed a one-page diagram with about 60 different departments—departments of transportation, of food and housing, of finance, and so on. Underneath each of these departments it listed the central figure—Moses. He was in charge of everything! It was a very strict leadership system. It had to be that way, for if the people had strayed even a little, they would have died in the desert.

The Israelites were also very isolated in this period. There weren't too many other groups of people living out there in the desert. Centering around the Ten Commandments, they created an identity. They consolidated their people and built up a sense of confidence in who they were, what they believed in, and the nature of their God. It was during this time of isolation that they were able

In the New Testament time, Christians went through the same thing. The epitome of Satan's dominion and the foundation of sacrifice that Christianity stood upon was the sacrifice of Jesus, the central figure of the first generation. The greatest sacrifice that Jesus could have made was the crucifixion. It was the turning point upon which Christianity would grow and prosper.

Jesus also bequeathed the tradition to the second generation. Their task was to build their church, and it was centered around two people, Peter and Paul.

New Testament foundation

The time of purification in the New Testament was 40 days. During the 40-day period after the crucifixion, Jesus had to reestablish the foundation to receive the

Messiah. Then, for 40 years it was a time of purification for the apostles. It was also a time of wilderness and wandering. Those apostles were scared. They saw what the Romans had done to their master. They saw what had happened to Jesus, so they realized that if that could happen to Jesus, who were they? They were afraid to talk to strangers on the street. Many of them would hide in buildings and rooms for days upon days. But it was also during this time of isolation that they meditated upon who they were. Now that their master had died, they had to find their identity. They had to study his teachings and discuss God's tradition with each other.

It was during this time that they consolidated themselves around the identi-

ty of Christ and received the Holy Spirit. They made a foundation to receive the Holy Spirit and the Pentecost and then opened up the doors and went out. The Pentecost was in essence the apostles—the second generation—going out into home church. They had to face new traditions: the Greek tradition, the Roman tradition, the tradition of northern Africa. They had to go out into the world, and they had to be very confident about who they were, because if they ever compromised with their tradition, they would lose everything.

The Pentecost was a special time. The apostles were beginning to build their church, which represented God's Kingdom on this earth. It was parallel to the time of the construction of Canaan. This time also was a time for them to witness. Most people misconstrue the concept of Pentecost. The essence of Pentecost was not the spiritual phenomena. The spirit world definitely was helping, but the essence of the Pentecost was that the apostles decided, based on understanding who they were and who they followed, to take responsibility for the work of Christ on the earth. Their message was that Jesus was the Christ. They went out with the willingness to sacrifice their own lives for that message. In Acts it says that 3,000 people joined in one day. Did spirit world convert them? No! The apostles opened the doors, walked out, and opened their mouths and taught; *they* brought the people. And they knew, just like the Israelites knew, that when they entered those societies they weren't going to face a rosy situation. They faced persecution. Many Israelites and Christians died, but they had confidence that God was with them. They knew they would eventually increase and prosper and bequeath the tradition to the second generation.

Completed Testament Age

In the Completed Testament the central figure is True Parents, especially centered around True Father. Probably the epitome of Satan's dominion over our church in America was Father's Danbury course. I would like to describe the period of history that we've just been through. Father says that he has been working for 43 years to establish the foundation on which he stands this day. The first 40 years actually parallels the Old Testament and the second part parallels the New Testament. In 1945 Father's public mission began on the foun-



Destruction of the army of the Amorites

dation of the victory of World War II. It was at that time that he was to begin a seven-year course. Together with God's prepared foundation of Christianity, Father would be able to create the worldwide foundation for the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

If established Christianity had united with Father, this would have been done in seven years time. However, established Christianity did not unite. They went through the same kind of period as the Israelites went through. The key leaders of the new Israel—Christians—did not unite with their Moses—Father. They could not go into Canaan at that time, and went a much longer wandering course. Father had to step out of the position of Messiah into the position of John the Baptist, and establish the whole Old and New Testament foundation again. In 1945, Father had to start what became a 40-year course.

In 1985 Father declared the end of his 40-year course. It was during this period, 1981-82, that Father began to talk about being in the children's period. After his 21-year course, we saw the Blessing of True Children. We saw the first large international weddings in 1982. This was the children's period. Just prior to that time, Father was already talking about home church. Recently, Father has been talking about hometown and the second generation—we *are* in this time.

Father has been asking us to prepare for this time because it is very different. It is not wandering in the wilderness anymore. During this 40-year period, we didn't live out of tents or off the backs of camels, but we lived out of sleeping bags and vans. I slept many a night under the stars on a fundraising team. I am sure all of you have done the same. Hand to mouth, with no investment. Everyone wondered why we didn't invest some of the money that we fundraised. Fundraising is like manna and quail. There was no sense of ownership, not even conditional ownership. The leadership in our church was very structured and strict. But it was necessary for us. We needed to be fused as a people. We needed to know clearly, in this isolation stage of our movement, what our identity was, because once we go out into the community, if we are unsure or if we compromise, we are in trouble.

We must understand clearly why we went through this period of purification. It was to purge us; it was a fiery life, and unfortunately some of our brothers and sisters died in the desert. We need to raise up their dignity, even if they are not here. We need to appreciate the work that they did, and give value to all the work that we did. If we ever think what we went through was because of inept leadership, that somehow "the church did this to me," we have lost the whole point. We should never diminish the value of what we sacrificed and what we suffered. That was the foundation of purification upon

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which we now stand. We cannot reduce our experience to some simple rational explanation and accuse somebody for what we have gone through. We need to restore the dignity of our sacrifice and stand upon that foundation.

Purification Period

In 1985 Father said the next three years in America were going to be critical. Do you remember that? Actually in 1985 Father finished the 40-year course. He then began the seven-year course that he wanted to begin in 1945. He spent the first three of those years in America. It was in 1985 that he got out of Danbury prison. It began a second period of purification—a period of restoring the New Testament. Danbury was the crucifixion. And Father announced that we were going to go through our own Danbury course. He didn't say, "Okay, you are going to go through your Danbury course, so you can decide whether you want to or not." He said you are going to go through it, whether you know it or not.

How did he know that? One of the reasons why Jesus prayed in Gethsemane was because he knew that if he went the way of the cross, his children, the second generation, were going to have to follow the same course. And sure enough they did. Andrew and Peter literally died on the cross. The other apostles were martyred. Father knew

that if we were really his sons and daughters, we would go the way of the parents. He announced clearly that we were going to go our Danbury course. And many of us have gone through it without realizing. We do know that we were abused, even by each other; we were rejected and suffered a great deal of loneliness, both internal and external trials. Keep in mind that everything we went through was exactly what Father experienced in Danbury: the abuse, the rejection, the alienation, everything. We went the course. It was providential in many ways.

We don't fully understand the importance of why we needed our leaders during this wandering period. We needed our Korean, Japanese and European leaders and our elder American brothers and sisters at that time. We need them now as we enter this Canaan period. As national president, the first thing I started thinking was, "Father is giving us this nation as our responsibility, and in a way I am

scared. If we have not really learned the tradition from our elder leaders, we are in deep trouble in this country." Father is giving us a great opportunity to prove ourselves right now. During this time we have to learn from our Korean and Japanese leaders. If we truly unite with the tribal messiahship, we will progress and save this nation. I believe it.

This purification period ended December 20th, 1988. It was 40 months after Father's release from Danbury. On December 20th, Father announced that he was ascending to a different providence and the leadership in America was changed; it was just like Jesus' ascension after 40 days. He left America in the hands of the second generation, centered around Hyo Jin Nim, Heung Jin Nim, and all of the True Children. In 1985, when Father got out of prison, he held the Holy Water ceremony. In this ceremony, he bequeathed the entire spiritual inheritance to Hyo Jin Nim and said that he would be spiritually responsible for America when Father is out of the country.

Why has Father sent us out to our home church and hometown? Because we are going into Canaan and no longer belong in the wilderness. We belong out there among the other traditions. We cannot simply live complacently in our homes; we've got to change the other traditions and not let them change us.

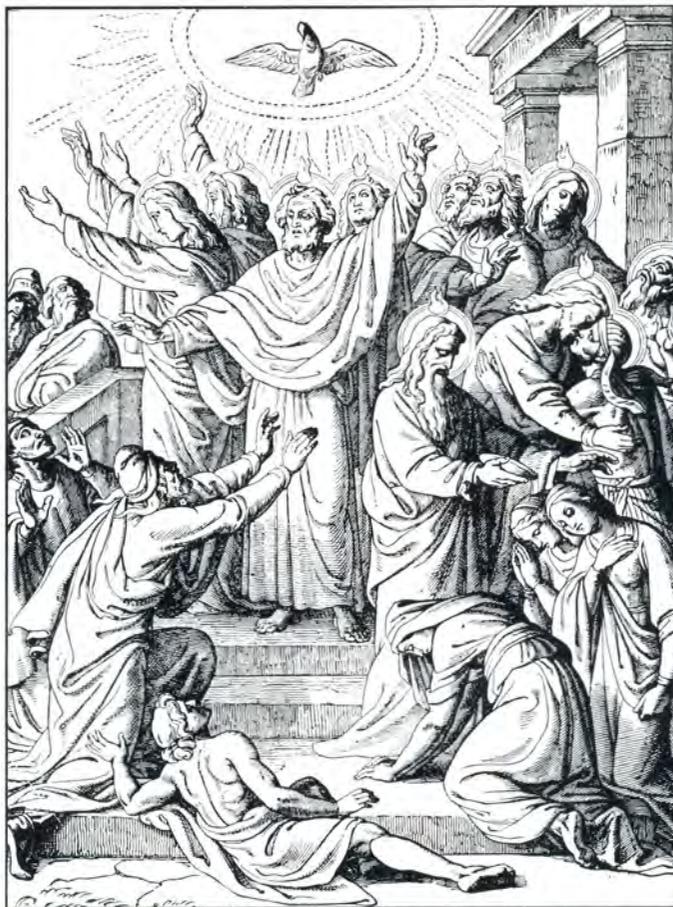
The New Pentecost

This time also parallels the time of Pentecost. A year and a half ago Heung Jin Nim said, "Get ready, it's coming." He came here with a powerful spirit to purify and cleanse our church and to get us ready. Recently Father has said that the spirit world is already descending. The spirit and physical world are so united now that there is absolutely no gap. If you think that saving your tribe is simply going to your hometown area to your relatives, please also think about all your ancestors. A great Pentecost is already here.

We are in a completely different period now. What do you think it was like for the Israelite people when they came to the River Jordan? How many of you are less than 40? It says in the Bible that the first Israelite generation died in the desert. Those born during this 40-year period were the second generation. We were all born during our corresponding period; therefore, we are the second generation.

You have been wandering in the desert your whole life. When we joined this church, all we had was one concept of what this church is about. When the Israelites got to the Jordan River, do you think Joshua said, "Okay, now that we are going into Canaan, everybody must change their lifestyle"? It must have taken a long time to convince the people to change their mentality. They were not slaves or wanderers anymore. They were going to claim the land that God gave to them.

I am sure it is hard to believe that it is a very different time in our church. Most of us might think that this is just another one of those campaigns that we've been doing ever since we've been in the church: Washington Monument, home church, 10 million signatures, ICC, and so on. Father really protected us; he took us one step at a time. He didn't tell us how hot it was in the middle of the desert, or that there was no water. We found out those things as we walked along. Each step along the way Father went with us, helped us and saved us.



The Holy Spirit descending on the disciples on the day of Pentecost.

Why? So that we could persevere and make it to the end. That was Father's great love for us.

We are going into Canaan. This is not another campaign. Father recently said, "Everything continually rotates around a vertical axis. Things have rotated to such a point now that what used to be

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day is now night, and what used to be night is now day. If you go in the same direction you are going now, you will be going in the opposite direction of where you should be going."

So the first thing we have to do is change our mentality. Father has given us some cues in the recent talks he has given. He said we have to become like Abel, and described the responsibility of Abel. The Divine Principle only talks

about the responsibility of Cain. But Father is constantly talking about the responsibility of Abel. Why is he talking about Abel, especially now? Who was Abel? He was the second generation of Adam. Now, Father is Adam, or the first generation. We are to become his true sons and daughters, tribal messiahs, the second generation. We must restore ourselves and become Abel.

Mission of Abel

Father said that the mission of Abel is to be a savior and save three elements. First, Abel must save himself. Our worst, most fearful enemy is ourselves. Father is constantly saying, "Know yourself; know who you are." We need to know our weaknesses, our strengths, and our shortcomings. We need to know where we stand and where we have to go to become Abel. Father has given us the tools and directions to save ourselves. Basically, we have to cut off from Satan's

dominion and inherit God's dominion. Father is always emphasizing going beyond the handicaps we face: sex, food, sleep, things we need to overcome in our daily life.

But, more importantly, late last year, Father described a process of separating from Lucifer's tradition. He said first of all we must separate from Lucifer's thinking. Lucifer distorted the first blessing. We must look at things not from Lucifer's point of view but from God's point of view. We must restore ourselves with the first blessing. Father has given us tools to do that: the Divine Principle, his words and his life example, for we live during the time of the Messiah.

Second, we must separate from Lucifer's lineage. Lucifer distorted the second blessing, and so we must restore that lineage by changing our blood lineage. Father has given us the tools for that: the Holy Wine ceremony and the Blessing. If we abuse these tools, we have lost and must stay in Egypt.

Third, we must cut off from Lucifer's environment. Lucifer distorted the third blessing so we must reclaim it. Why do

you think that God was constantly giving territory into the hands of the Israelites? In every paragraph in the book of Joshua, God says, "I give the Amorites into your hands. I give this nation to you; I give Goliath into your hands." What does it mean, "to take ownership"? It means to take back the environment. Father gave us Holy Salt as a tool that we can use.

It is *our* responsibility to totally cut off from Lucifer's tradition. We've got to be dead serious. St. Paul chided the Christians that they had not been serious to overcome sin to the point of shedding blood. Look at how serious Father is and look at Hyo Jin Nim now. They do not compromise with that tradition. The challenge to us is to do the same. This is how we begin to save ourselves. If we cannot save ourselves, we cannot save our brothers and sisters. In essence this is the foundation of faith.

Second, Abel must save Cain. Abel cannot be saved without Cain. Father is telling us to put yourself in the position of Abel, and don't become arrogant, because the only way you are qualified is to first save yourself and be an example. We are saved not because we are members of this church, but because we have actually lived this example. God's tradition is self-sacrifice, true love, and a willingness to forgive enemies. Those enemies are often the people closest to us. That is our task and based on that example we can then save Cain.

Witness and Teach

If we put ourselves in the position of Abel, then the person we witness to is our Cain. Father is saying that the position of Abel is to witness. Put yourself in the position of parent, Abel, messiah, or second self of Father and Mother to that person and win his heart. Give him your life, like parents give life to their children. We must witness. That is the foundation of substance.

It is not mere coincidence that at this time, the end of this third parallel, Father has told us we must witness. Jesus told the apostles right after the Pentecost when he ascended, that they must preach the message to the world. Recently Father said, "Teach Divine Principle eight hours a day." In the next four years witnessing is critical. He has es-

tablished the foundation for us to do that through the tribal messiahship similar to what the apostles had to do. We must believe we are in this period.

We must save ourselves, save Cain, and, finally, install the parents—the mother and then the father. What is meant by that? On the foundation of faith and substance, one establishes the

love. That is what we are called upon to do when we take the position of tribal messiah.

Gain true confidence

In order to do that we must gain confidence. First of all, we must be *confident* in our True Parents' victory. We must fully understand that what our Parents



The Blessing of True Children marked the beginning of the Childrens' Course.

foundation to receive the Messiah. If we can become Abel and unite Cain with us through witnessing, then True Parents' blessing can come to this country. We can save America and based upon this foundation, the Holy Spirit can descend and the Pentecost will happen. It is essentially the fulfillment of Revelation 21:3-4: "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be with them: He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more." We have never seen it before. Even God has never seen it before. But it is going to happen. God shall dwell with us literally, upon this earth. This is the promise of True Parents as well. We must believe that we are in this time: to save oneself, save Cain, and install the parents.

First, we must liberate ourselves from Lucifer's tradition and become Abel. Second, we must liberate our brothers and sisters by saving Cain. Third, we must liberate God and True Parents, who are the vertical and horizontal true parents centered on true

have gone through in the last 43 years is completed and final. All we do is reap the fruits. We must fully understand the time we are in right now. We are going into Canaan and we have to change our mentality. We are not in the wilderness anymore and this is not just another campaign.

Second, we must be confident that I myself can become the second self image of the True Parents, and literally fulfill the three blessings. I myself can become a perfected human being and a tribal messiah—not just Father or not just Father's children. Often I think that we suffer from the same gap that existed between Jesus and the apostles. They felt that Jesus was so different that there was no way they could ever be like him. It became an excuse for them not to try after awhile. We fall into that same trap. Father is so different in so many ways. Yet that difference doesn't mean that we ourselves cannot become perfect in our own right. If it is really impossible, why does Father keep telling us to do it?

What we need is someone other than Father to do it. We've been told that

Mother has done it. She is also kind of different, right? I believe Hyo Jin Nim has experienced many things and demonstrated in his own life exactly what we can do. But some of us are still con-

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vinced that he also is different from us.

It is going to take some of *us* to achieve that same intensity of heart and will and to become a true Abel. I believe it can happen.

Satan tells us that this gap is really true and that we can never make it. We are just like the Israelites who faced Goliath. They were shivering and shaking. We are living with the deception that we can't do it. I believe we can!

Lucifer's tradition is that of a deceiver and a murderer from the very beginning. His tradition has destroyed the human race. Let's not have give and take with one iota of it. We have to be confident that we can become messiahs.

Third, and most fundamentally, we must be confident that God is with us. We are the chosen people. We are going into Canaan. If God was with the prophets of the Old Testament and with Christians of the New Testament, who spiritually went into Canaan, don't you think God is going to be with the True Parents of mankind, who have gone into Canaan physically and spiritually and are waiting there for us?

God is with us. We must be confident. It is not a question of whether we go into Canaan or not. Father told us how and we've got to unite with that.

We read in Joshua 1:3-9: "Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory." It was like dividing up into little tribal communities, right? "No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and of good courage; for you shall cause this people to

inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law which Moses my servant commanded you; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night."

Grasp the Opportunity

That was right before they went in. That is the time we are in.

We have to ask ourselves: "Am

I a member of this church or not?" We must really believe that I am a chosen person. Are we really the chosen peo-

ple? Is God really with us? We must believe it. Are we going into Canaan or not? Is Father really victorious? Is he really the Messiah? Do we really believe it? We must ask ourselves these questions.

We stand on the verge of Pentecost. Twelve and one-half years ago, right after the Washington Monument rally, Father said if we would only keep the same intensity, the same sense of sacrifice for the greater good, the spiritual world would come down and assist us in ways we had never seen before. We have been waiting for twelve and one-half years and the Pentecost hasn't happened. If we continue to wait the way we have in the past, it will never

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Letter to the Editor

Today's World was asked by President Baughman to publish this letter regarding the use of the words "Unificationist" and "Moonie."

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In December 1971, when Father came to America, he emphasized that our movement should be referred to as the Unification Church. In October 1973, *Time* magazine and *Newsweek* chose to write articles on our church. Instead of referring to our members as Unification Church members, *Time* took it upon itself to refer to our members as "Moonites." *Newsweek* decided to refer to them as "Moonists." While these publications respect the rights of homosexuals to refer to themselves as "gays" and the right of blacks to be referred to as "blacks" rather than as "niggers" or "colored people," they took it upon themselves to coin derisive names for a religious minority. Eventually the *Washington Post* was among the first (if not the first) to use the diminutive and even more derisive term of "Moonie" in February 1974.

We, as Unification Church members, have every reason to be proud of associating ourselves with the name of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. However, as several Civil Rights leaders, concerned about the systematic persecution of our church, have pointed out, "Moonie" was created as a derisive term and is being used against Unificationists in the same way that the term "nigger" was used to degrade blacks.

Another form of religious bigotry is to substitute the word "cult" for church. The "church" connotes that which is normal, legitimate, and merits respect. The word "cult" suggests immature people who have sacrificed their freedom to the dictates and whims of some illegitimate personality.

It is the prerogative of church members to use the term "Moonie" when referring to one another. However, the public and media should respectfully refer to our church not as "the Moonies," not as a "cult," but as the Unification Church. Our members should be called "Unificationists," or "Unification Church members" by the media and the general public. Father and our church elders have supported efforts to end this form of blatant bigotry and we as church members are encouraged to stand up and do the same.

Anyone who persists in the use of these terms is choosing to employ the language of bigotry to inflame prejudices and obscure reality. Unification Church members should not tolerate—but rather challenge—the use of these pejorative terms.

In True Parents' Name,

Rev. James A. Baughman
President

Unification Church of America

"Mobilizing The Spirit World"

The entire spirit world has been liberated and united. They are in jubilant celebration. All the barriers and divisions of the different denominations and religions have been broken down. Spirit world is enthusiastic in welcoming my work. This is why I could proclaim the Day of the Victory of Heaven on October 4, 1976. . .

A wave of spiritual assault is now crashing onto the physical world. The entire spirit world is descending not only to the free world, but to the communist world as well.

Spirit world is 100% with us. Therefore spirit world cannot leave anyone alone who comes to oppose my cause unrighteously, but will chastise them. You will see. I have a plan and God has a plan to fill the entire environment with spiritual power. Spirits will come in a first wave, second wave, and third wave. I have prepared wave after wave to assault the earth. This means that you are in Adam and Eve's position, with the entire spirit world in the archangelic position. Are you, Adam, and you, Eve, going to fall behind the spirit world? Are you going to be led by the archangel? Are you the one who brought sin to the world, binding God, or are you the one to restore all things to God, bringing liberation to God and to me?

*Who Am I?
1.23.77' Belvedere*



On February 23, 1977, I declared the beginning of the new age. That was the precise time when Abel's indemnity ended and Cain's indemnity began. If our devotion is greater than the communists' then God will fully work with us. . .

You must realize that indemnity is transferred now, and that this is not just the time of individual restoration but world restoration, all at once. Until now you sacrificed and lost and gained nothing back, but once the foundation is laid you will never lose anything. Now if you fight more you will reap more.

Before now God could not help you freely because by His doing so you could never win your independence, but now

that the foundation has been laid by the True Parents, God can endlessly support you without your losing anything. This is the reason why if you work hard you can get so much help from spirit world. Many impossible things can happen now. You have to really know that before you can have any power.

*The Age of New Dispensation
5.14.78, London*

Amazing things will take place. Your ancestors will come and assist you because they themselves are one with you in your position. Just as Jesus' ancestors worked with him, thousands of yours can work horizontally. Even if they were not very religious, as long as they were good people they can share this privilege. This is because the blessing that has been given to you is extended to the realm all around you, to your ancestral community.

*Home Church is My Kingdom of Heaven
1.1.81, World Mission Center*

You must deeply realize the importance of doing home church. When you go out to your area, you can command the spirit world, in the name of God and True Parents, to come and help you, and your command will have effect. More and more spiritual phenomena will be occurring in our favor. Soon you will start to hear the crumbling of the walls of that castle of Jericho.

The best foundation for being able to command the spirit world, including all your ancestors, is to follow the directions and example of the True Parents. By doing the things that the parents do, the children become true children in reality as well as in name. The children incorporate the tradition of their parents and then, pass it on to their own children. You should have absolute confidence. You should never try to evade the issue; when someone persecutes you, demand of him some reason for his attitude.

*Total Completion of the Ideal
2.28.82, Belvedere*

Promoting a Jobs Fair in your home church area can be a way to solve unemployment and foster better community relations. **Project One City**, a program of the Citizens Committee for New York City, helps to sponsor Jobs Fairs; these can be organized with minimal funding. By contacting potential local employers, and local residents looking for jobs, and bringing them together at a one day jobs fair, successful "matching" can occur. Space can be donated by local

schools, churches, or other institutions. Project One City offers to help cover costs of maintenance, press releases, flyers, and letters to employers and mailings, as well as guidance during the planning process.

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Learning the Heart of Sacrifice

A Report from Thailand CARP

by Vichai Pechardkhao

After the First CARP Convention of World Students was held in Seoul, Korea, in November 1984, Thailand CARP began its activities at Ramkhamhaeng University. We initially established a student group to meet and talk with students. Although there was no permanent center, we had tables at the university, and new members were accepted daily.

At the start of that academic year CARP members set up a booth on campus to offer advice regarding registration and scheduling. Many people were impressed with our volunteer services. We have since continued this service every year.

When classes are about to begin it is customary for old students to conduct welcoming ceremonies for new students. This allows students to engage in merry-making activities and promotes relationships between old and new students. These are held for three days in the provinces. Therefore, T-CARP initiated its own Hanmadang Games during this annual three-day period, to which associate members of T-CARP were invited. This promoted CARP unity and spirit right from the beginning of the year.

In the academic year of 1987-88, the First CARP Convention of Asian Students was held in Bangkok, and was attended by CARP students from Thailand, Malaysia, and Singapore. During the Convention there were sports events and seminars. Thai students at the Convention were inspired to make relationships with CARP students from other Asian countries.

Service projects

We have conducted many projects for the benefit of the general public over the past five years. CARP sponsors an ongoing rural development project in which volunteers travel to poor and remote provinces to help the people build water reservoirs, repair school buildings, and learn about health and sanitation. About 60-70 students participated the first year. It teaches the CARP associate members patience, the will to overcome



T-CARP's Rural Development Project includes teaching children in low-income areas.



A discussion group at a Divine Principle workshop.



T-CARP workshop attendees express their enthusiasm.

difficulties, and the heart of sacrifice. Another activity concerns giving free lunches to small children in child-care centers. The children, who are under the government's patronage, are always in search of love. Still another activity is teaching children in lower income areas. As CARP members serve in these places, we develop a better knowledge of existing social problems and how to solve them.

Through on-campus CARP activities students come into contact with many other people, thus developing broader personalities and self-confidence.

In early 1988 it was announced that the World CARP Convention for that year would be held in Thailand, causing great excitement among every T-CARP member. As a result of all of our activities, T-CARP was able to select very good athletes from among its members. Anybody interested in attending the CARP convention had to have partici-

pated in T-CARP activities first. Thus, many students joined various CARP activities, especially the Third Hanmadang Games, and continued with athletic training in the mornings and after classes.

The Fifth CARP Convention of World Students in August 1988 also provided a good opportunity for CARP members at other universities in Thailand to develop their outreach programs. After the Fifth CARP Convention many more students started attending our lectures. Now, during vacations CARP holds Divine Principle workshops in the countryside. After hearing lectures and experiencing the deep fellow-



University registration service project.

ship with full-time CARP members, many students find the atmosphere of their college dormitories difficult to handle. Many of them are moving into our CARP Student Home, and later become full-time CARP members. □

Building a Bridge to China

Fourth Southeast Asia Regional Conference

Bangkok, Thailand March 1-5, 1989

by Ursula McLackland

Recently Father asked Rev. Byung Woooh Kim, Regional Director for Southeast Asia, to expand his responsibilities to include the countries of the Philippines, Taiwan and Hong Kong as well. What was formerly three regions is now united into one region under the leadership of Reverend and Mrs. Kim. The new Southeast Asia region consists of 12 countries, including three Communist countries—Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

After the announcement of this change, Rev. Kim called all the national leaders, missionaries and church presidents to Bangkok for the Fourth Southeast Asia Regional Conference, from March 1-5, 1989. It was an unforgettable experience.

In his opening remarks, Rev. Kim explained the deeper meaning of the consolidation of our region and the im-

portance of Southeast Asia in God's providence. Because of True Parents' victory, the center of God's providence has moved to Asia and the Pacific. In order to unite Asia and to unite Korea, the restoration of China is absolutely essential.

There was no room for division throughout the entire conference because we felt Father's urgent desire to restore China.

Just like Russia, China has satellite nations, too. That's us: the 12 countries in Southeast Asia. The Chinese in our countries are like refugees who lost their hometown. Even the Thai people's original homeland is China. With the realization that China is our homeland and that our common purpose is to re-

store China, all the participants got so excited and united immediately in heart to fulfill this great mission. There was no room for division throughout the entire conference because we felt Father's urgent desire to restore China.

Inter-regional cooperation

We spent the following three days listening to each other's testimonies as well as to reports about each nation. Through the personal testimonies, we came to know and appreciate each other's importance to Heavenly Father. Through the reports, we could better understand the situation of our movement in each country. The movements in Singapore, Indonesia, and Hong Kong are still small. The church in Malaysia is more developed, whereas the movement in Thailand is nationwide.

Thailand has developed very fast in the last few years under Rev. Kim's guidance. Many heavenly traditions have been established there. Since the



Video center coffee shop in Bangkok.



The video lab (with 40 video sets) stays very busy.

Fifth CARP Convention of World Students, which was held in Bangkok in 1988, our membership has been focusing on witnessing to students through CARP activities and a new video center. The video center (with 40 video sets) bustles with activities from morning to night. T-CARP, preparing for the next

CARP Convention in London, offers free classes in Wônhwa-do, traditional Thai music and Thai dancing. The newly-formed CARP rock band is improving every day.

Though our movement in the Philippines has a foundation to influence the nation, it faces financial problems. On

the other hand, the movements in Hong Kong and Singapore don't have financial problems, but there are difficulties in witnessing. Through sharing our experiences, we could find new ways to develop our nations and made plans of how to cooperate with each other beyond national boundaries. Rev. and Mrs. Kim stressed the importance of our offering to our True Parents. Since the Philippines has a strong membership, it will send out 15 Wônhwa-do instructors throughout the region to support the witnessing activities in the other countries. In return, each country donated money to the Philippines to buy telephones for all the centers.

The conference concluded with a trip to the world-famous floating market near Bangkok and a farewell party during which all Second Selves and Chosen Ones danced together like one united family.

Everybody returned to their country filled with new hope and determination to bring victory for our True Parents under the loving guidance of Rev. and Mrs. Kim. □



Rev. and Mrs. Byung Wooh Kim with leaders of the Southeast Asia region

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“Parallel Messiahship”

healthy, ideal families. They will feel, “I want to be a part of that!”

A new era has arrived. We no longer need to pay indemnity. Both right wing and left wing movements will decline, while the head wing movement ultimately will go up. Once North and South Korea, and East and West Germany, are united the whole world can unite. To help this happen I am working with China, the Soviet Union, the United States, and Japan.

I want to conclude this meeting by saying that you know your mission is to become a tribal messiah. You are just about to enter Canaan, where you'll be organized so that God's Will can be fulfilled everywhere. My first mission is accomplished and now it's your turn. Make the whole world the land of Canaan, the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. It can be done with the program I gave you today.

I will visit you and see what a good messiah you are. You can invite me to a victory banquet. Of course I will come. If a tribal messiah invites me, how can I refuse? As you fulfill everywhere, I will have absolute freedom to move in every direction. We will shake the world like an earthquake! □

Lifeline

by Andy Johnson

About two years ago, the assistant of the British National Leader approached me and asked if I would like to be responsible for a rather unusual and exciting new mission: the care of brothers and sisters who have, for one reason or another, found themselves on the fringes of the movement.

This idea was stimulated by President Won Pil Kim's comment that in order for restoration to take place, everyone needs a central figure. I wept with joy.

For a long time I have witnessed the tragedy of old and valued friends leaving our Kingdom. The only way open for them to reconnect has been through personal friendships. Sometimes this does not always seem to help in the restoration of their spiritual lives.

Having gone through a similar course, I can understand the pain that is experienced by some of the brothers and sisters when they leave the movement. During my life in the church I went through a period when I felt terrified of my particular leader and began to distance myself from him. I finally left the church with a sister.

I became very vindictive with my comments, hurting many people. Now I do not understand how I could leave, for I had had a very profound experience upon hearing the Principle. I had felt God's love for the first time in my life and knew my past had been forgiven.

During my time living outside of our Kingdom, I prayed desperately with tears for God to give me a solution to my situation, especially when my relationships broke down and I found myself alone, in London, with no friends.

God had pushed me into a corner and I realized that my only real friends were in the Unification Church. It was only by the grace of God I could come back.

I received True Parents' Blessing in 1982. One night shortly after I was in prayer and Heavenly Father came to me and said, "Remember! You forgot all those prayers, but I never forgot. This Blessing is the answer to those prayers." With these words came such a feeling of love and grace; I cried, realizing that no matter how many years pass, Heavenly Father never forgets our prayers until they are completely answered.

Some of the most valuable lessons for me in the last few years have been in understanding my responsibility. It is so easy to accuse the hierarchy of the movement of not having enough love. I am sure that some people in responsible positions do behave badly. Nevertheless, I think God would say to us, "I can't see anyone but you standing there. How did you lead your life? What was your attitude and heart?"

I am sure that God is a God of justice. He knows our situation and shows a lot of compassion for us. But if we focus our attention on the sin of others, then we forget that in order to become children of God, the changes have to start with me. In one sense we do not have to worry about the sin of others. We must ask ourselves: "How can I love God more? How can I love True Parents more? How can I help to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth?" This all becomes lost in our resentment of others. Is it easy to love? You can say there is no love but who will start to love? It starts with you and me.

My experience of taking care of brothers and sisters who are part of *Lifeline* has shown me that if people repent and take responsibility for their own actions then God's forgiveness is unlimited. At the moment, the majority of *Lifeline* members were or are matched or blessed. Their situation is more serious than that of single members. My hope is that one day this will expand to include everyone who has been part of our

Kingdom. Since May of 1987 I have contacted over forty former core members of our movement and hold regular meetings every three weeks. Such gatherings create a focus and help people to redirect their spiritual lives. Eight people have been inspired to rededicate themselves as full missionary members. Seven others are tithing or making other efforts to improve their situation. I am constantly seeking to find others who wish to make a new beginning.



Andy and Kayoko at daughter Ruth's 100-day celebration.

The last two years have been the happiest and I feel the most successful in my life. I have seen people transformed. I have witnessed God changing people's lives. I have seen misery change to joy. Through such encounters with brothers and sisters I find God in my own life. President Kim said everyone needs a central figure for the purpose of restoration. It is really true. Center members find it difficult to know how to deal with brothers and sisters who have no easily defined position or who have made mistakes. Even though I had for years tried to help people in difficult situations it was only after I was given my mission officially that success really came.

It is sad that my mission needs to exist at all, but I think that we have to solve the pain and casualties of the past in order for God and the spiritual world to be inspired to bring us new spiritual children. We are all "my brother's keeper." □



Birthday celebration with friends and Lifeline members.

We have been inviting you, our readers, to submit sincere and thoughtful articles about an aspect or aspects of your spiritual life, as historical contributions to a record of our LIFE IN THE FIRST DAYS of the ideal world. We welcome your realizations and experiences. We are primarily looking for content—so please don't worry if your English writing ability isn't perfect. With your contribution include your name, address, telephone number, physical and spiritual ages, and major missions you have had. Please specify if you do not wish your name to be used. If the piece is published, you will receive a partial subscription to Today's World.

Learning to Fly

by Rick Vaughn

From February of 1976 until August of 1980, I spent most of my time fundraising on National MFT teams across the United States. It was a very important time for me because I had so many profound experiences. One of my MFT leaders, Mr. Zen Hiya-shi, told the Los Angeles region membership that MFT is where we can establish our "eternal foundation of faith." Looking back, I know how true that statement was. Memorable experiences with God and True Parents occurred very frequently during that time. There

es. I know that what I experienced on MFT is only a fraction of what Father experienced in the prison camp. But it's that fraction that helps me to understand God and True Parents on a much deeper level.

Just after the Washington Monument rally in 1976, I went to Seattle to continue fundraising on the National MFT.

After spending some time as an assistant team leader I went to San Francisco to lead a team in the Bay Area. We happened to be in the middle of a forty-day fundraising condition at the time. On

the last day of that particular condition, I think it was a Tuesday, we stayed out until 4:00 a.m. After reporting, we returned to the motel for a long awaited sleep. Before I laid down, I sat next to the bed and leaned back against it.

The next thing I remember was seeing Father standing in front of me. He was praying fervently. I looked around and noticed that there were twelve other Korean elders standing in a circle and praying in unison with Father. I was a part of the circle. I became aware that we were in a long valley with tall cliffs on either side. Bombs were bursting all around us producing big holes in the cliffs. It seemed as though Father was a soldier, for he was praying as a soldier does before going into

battle, knowing full well that it may be his last day on earth. The thought came to me that this must be Father's attitude in daily life. Then I remember lining up in a single line behind Father with some of the Korean elders in front of me and some behind me. We held on to each other by the elbows and levitated off the ground several feet. It was difficult for

me to break free of gravity but with the help of the elders I was finally able to do so. We began to move forward while rising higher and higher. I closed my eyes and could feel the wind blowing in my face.

There was a lot more to my life than I was aware of before I had this experience.

When I opened my eyes again we were flying over a very large city just above the tops of the buildings. At that moment I felt exhilarated and confident. I could actually shoot for the stars! I shot like a bullet through the clouds turning back only once to see where I had been. There, hovering just above the clouds, was an angelic being pointing a wand of some sort towards the stars and saying, "Don't look back. Don't look back." Turning towards the stars I regained my momentum and began to accelerate rapidly. I began to pass by stars—a few at first, then many. The last thing I remember was proclaiming over and over again, "God, you're so great! God, you're so great!"

Still leaning against the bed, I regained physical consciousness. Excitedly I jumped up and proceeded to write down everything that had just happened. The following day I remember being in awe of the world around me. Something was different. It didn't seem to be as "real" as it used to be. There was a lot more to my life than I was aware of before I had this experience. I couldn't quite grasp the essence of my new



Rick with wife Sheila and daughter Natani.

were many times when I felt like I was going through a course which was very similar to Father's course, but only on a symbolic level. It would be difficult to go an identical course as Father went since prison camps such as Hông-nam only exist in communist or war-torn countries. Father's training from God was in the most difficult of circumstanc-

awareness until several weeks later when we were invited to hear Father speak in California. In the middle of his speech, I remember hearing Father say, "You may have the experience someday when you completely break free of the earth's gravity and shoot past the stars

as if you had been shot from a cannon, break through into the spirit world and eventually right into the heart of God!" It seemed as though he knew of my recent experience! One thing I was certain of was that God was speaking directly through Father to tell me that I had fal-

len a little short. Even though it was a great experience I still had more to accomplish spiritually. Maybe some day, after I've grown, I will make that trip directly into the heart of God! □

World of Heart

by Monique Derflinger

When I was about sixteen, someone predicted that I would find a special truth and meet a special man who would change my life and lead me eternally. Then my search started. Three years later, walking in a deserted street, someone handed me a pamphlet without saying a word. But in front of my eyes was a striking symbol! I received three of these pamphlets before I went to the address indicated on them. My heart was beating very hard.

When I heard of Father, I was so interested in him. I wondered if he was still alive, and if so, where did he live? Then I was shown a picture and I saw True Father. I was gazing at him. I was silenced and deeply moved. When I saw True Mother's beautiful face as well, I knew my search had brought me to True Parents and the Heart of God.

In January 1973, two months later, I went to America. In September of that same year, I started a most exciting and challenging life of travelling through the United States as a member of the New Hope Singers International.

In January 1976, the Performing Arts team went with the IOWC to Japan and Korea. In Japan, I experienced a real life of faith. While I was there I was deeply motivated to pray more fervently for understanding the world of heart.

I'm sure many other brothers and sisters on this tour will testify about the incredibly warm welcome given to us by the Japanese family: so many brothers and sisters were crying, grabbing our hands, and giving all they had to us. I felt as if I was being embraced by True Mother.

Upon our arrival in Korea, a few months later, Father and Mother were waiting for us.

Although I didn't understand much of the importance of that time, I had an incredible experience in our Fatherland.

I was living each moment of it with the greatest joy. From within me sprung a spontaneous prayer: "Father, I am now in your beloved land of Korea. I want to give my whole heart to this land and people." Each day, I offered that same prayer, just letting my heart speak.



Monique and her daughter Aurelia

We started traveling to city after city, singing and witnessing, but I started to feel sick, along with another brother. We were brought to the hospital and told we needed to stay there to recuperate. During that time many wonderful brothers and sisters stayed by my side. I will never forget the heart and care of all these precious people.

One night, when I had a high fever, my spirit left my body. I could see my physical body, laying there, helpless. I felt some evil spirits were in the room, threatening to take me away.

I called out to Father and heard a door open suddenly. Father came in. I explained what was happening. Father smiled and answered: "I have come to

save you." In my vision, the curtain around my hospital bed became a little hut. Father sat on the top of it and started to pray. He prayed until the room became clear and the spirits had gone.

Then Father asked me to follow him. He guided me to a large place where people were praying. There he introduced me to Mother. I kneeled and put my head on her lap. She was cuddling me.

The scene quickly changed and Father strongly said: "It's time for your Blessing." I was standing near a man whose face I could not see. He was dressed in white, wearing many medals. There was a ring on my finger. At that moment I "woke up" with no ring on my finger. I started sobbing; this was just a dream!

Father appeared again and scolded me: "You should have more faith in me!" He showed me the ring and put it in his pocket: "I'll keep it until you are ready." I "woke up" again and still could not believe. Father appeared again and cried out for me to have faith. Finally, I could believe.

Next morning, the fever had gone and the doctor said I was cured! Later on, Mr. Oyamada told us that Father had called and asked how we were doing. Closing my eyes I told God: "Father is truly the Messiah. He is my Messiah."

God knows I was often tested in my faith. I feel the deepest gratitude to Him and True Parents for those companions of faith he put on my path, to help me overcome and keep believing, just as Father asked.

Through my own shortcomings and small victories I have learned that we must fight for our faith and not be blown away by the winds of doubt.

Each one of us has a special memory, all because of God and our True Parents.

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In Memorium

by Gaku Makise

On March 7, 1989, a very special person, Mrs. Sumiko Nada (49), died from stomach cancer. She was born in January 1940 and was a 777 Couple. Mrs. Nada was known to all Japanese brothers and sisters as an early member who had dedicated herself purely and wholly to God's Will.

Her Gwi-hwan* and Sûng-hwa Ceremonies were held on March 8 and 9, presided over by Rev. Hideo Oyamada, Vice President of the Japanese Unification Church, and Rev. Osami Kuboki, President of the Japanese Unification Church.

From elementary school days, Mrs. Nada was concerned with religious ideals. Her grandmother had advised her: "If you have to choose between two ways, go the way that you think is more difficult."

tion based on God-centered love.

She was a 40-day workshop lecturer and especially dedicated to women's education. In October, 1970 she was blessed with Mr. Naohiro Nada in the 777 Couples Blessing. In 1976, during the time of the Washington Monument Rally, Father shared with her about her child-bearing problem. He told her to be calm because she would surely become pregnant. (Actually this came true very soon afterwards, and they have a beautiful daughter.)

From 1980, she devotedly helped her husband, Naohiro, the Vice President of the *Sekai-Nippo* newspaper, and became a reporter for its cultural department.

Her life was filled with many God-centered dramas. Her lifelong attitude was one of humility. She was also a sophisticated writer, publishing several

books, including *A Life with God* and *A Life with Christ*. Her husband, Mr. Nada, said: "First of all, I sincerely give thanks to Heavenly Father and True Parents for opening the way for us to have a Sûng-hwa Ceremony. In an operation last year her stomach was cut from the right side to the left side; she told us that this mark was like the 38th parallel of the Korean peninsula. My wife offered her suffering to God and spent every day praying that her

own victory would support the unification of the Korean peninsula."

At the Sûng-hwa ceremony Rev. Kuboki said: "Like a butterfly with wings flying into the sky, Mrs. Nada went into the eternal spiritual world. There, she can help us who remain to accomplish God's will. She has contributed her whole heart to God-centered education in our movement. We all need to learn from her absolute faith in God and her humble, loving personality." □

* See pages 205-206 in *The Tradition*, Book One for a more complete explanation of this term.

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Our Dispensational Time

happen. The Pentecost comes only on the foundation I have described.

Father said this time is very important because the spirit world is already coming. He told me the change is going to be so rapid that we must get into the river, now, before we get to the rapids, because then it will be too fast.

We've got to get into the communities *now*—into our tribal areas. It's an urgent time. We are being asked to go into Canaan. We must do it now, otherwise we shall lose the opportunity—just like they lost it in the early stages of Moses and in the early stages of Father's life course. We have to ask ourselves: are we still slaves, or sons and daughters? Are we going to wander or are we going to become tribal messiahs? We've got to believe that God is with us like never before in history.

Let's be confident. What are we waiting for, really? We've been working so many years in this church. We've gone through a lot of sacrifice and suffering. We don't want all of that foundation to be lost. To be confident, we must elevate the dignity of each other. We've got to go to each other and first of all repent because we have abused each other. We are all guilty of it. We have all disunited for some reason or other. We've got to repent and be willing to forgive. That is the Abel path. Once we have restored our dignity, we are no longer slaves, but sons and daughters of God.

When we have that confidence, we don't have to worry about Lucifer's tradition anymore. It is amazing how the environment has changed. It's time to reap the fruits. This is what Father is asking us to do.

In closing, we must rise up and take ownership. We have to say, "This is my church, my people, my city, my country, and *my* world! We've got to offer it to God.

We must go beyond our organizations and make the church the center, just as they did in the Old and New Testaments. In that sense, the mission of tribal messiah takes spiritual precedence over every other mission. We do our work, but we unite with the church as the center. In the words of our True Parents, "Unite for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." □



In 1959 she entered Waseda University, and majored in psychology. Later, while a member of the Rissho-Kousei Association, one of the main Buddhist denominations in Japan, she was introduced to Divine Principle by Mr. Kuboki. He was a top leader of the Association's National Youth Section. In 1963 she attended a Unification Church 40-day workshop and joined.

In 1964 she pioneered Kanazawa City. Later she held various leadership positions in several district churches. She became the Vice-President of the National Heart Education Institution and poured her whole zeal into educa-

TRUE FAMILY PORTRAIT TREASURES

Happy Birthday, True Family!



Hyun Jin Nim's 20th birthday
May 14, 1989

Although we don't have photos from their birthday celebrations, we would like to extend birthday greetings to Shin Hwa Nim on her first birthday (April 16), Shin Bok Nim on his seventh birthday (May 7), and Jeung Jin Nim on her seventh birthday (May 27).



Nan Sook Nim's 23rd birthday
April 26, 1989



Jin Hun Nim's 26th birthday
April 30, 1989

Who is God?

God is the biggest parent—that's all.
True Parents are the second biggest parents.
The third biggest parent is you!
Messiahship means parenthood—having
true love between parents and children...
Why is God the greatest parent of all?
Because in history no one has ever shed more
tears than God or been more broken-hearted.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon
April 8, 1989