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Message from the Publisher

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The Internal Meaning of the Holy Wine Ceremony

Part II

Blessing in Vienna

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THE history of restoration, which is the history of salvation, must first find a True Couple and True Parents. We have a special concept in our Unification belief, the concept of "True Parents." This is the most precious concept. This is different from all the other religions. Throughout all of history, Heavenly Father was seeking the True Parents, who will complete Heavenly Father's salvation activities. Without True Parents we can never receive the grace of rebirth.

Fallen people have to be reborn. What is the meaning of rebirth? Without Parents how can we be reborn? Adam and Eve lost the original position of True Parents. That is why the Messiah is coming in the position of a True Parent in order to give rebirth to all of humanity. The position of the Messiah is that of True Parents. All humanity has to relate with the Messiah and through his grace we have to be reborn.

The original process of conception is when the seed of the father enters the mother's womb. We already have a physical body and a certain age. We have already been born through our physical parents. How can we be reborn? We cannot simply become one seed of True Father and cannot simply enter the womb of True Mother. We can only symbolically, conditionally enter True Father and the womb of True Mother. This is through the Holy Wine Ceremony.

Today's Holy Wine Ceremony is very important. This is the process of rebirth. Under Heavenly Father's and True Parents' grace, we can change our fallen blood lineage; we can change our life from the satanic dominion to Heavenly Father's dominion.

Soon after hearing this explanation, you will join the Holy Wine Ceremony. This ceremony should not be externally considered as simply drinking wine. This is wrong. The meaning is that True Parents gained the victorious condition in front of Satan, through which we can receive the true love from the True Parents. Through true love we can be reborn.

Your understanding is perhaps not enough. Many of you need to research and study more deeply, but remember that today's Holy Wine Ceremony is a very

important condition, especially in the spiritual world. You will realize how precious the Holy Wine is when you later go to the spiritual world. Many spiritual beings, including many of your ancestors, really want to join this Holy Wine Ceremony. This is an incredibly precious condition.

Please, even if your understanding is not enough, attend the Holy Wine Ceremony sincerely and with gratitude. The process of the Holy Wine Ceremony is unique. The original human ancestors, Adam and Eve, received the fallen blood lineage from the archangel—Eve first and then Adam. In the Holy Wine Ceremony, the process of restoration is that the wife first receives the Holy Wine and the husband receives it from her.

Today, my wife and I, as True Parents' representatives, will conduct the Holy Wine Ceremony. Once again, please have an attitude of deep gratitude and sincerity while participating in this Holy Wine Ceremony.

Three representative couples receive the Holy Wine directly from Rev. and Mrs. Kwak and the Holy Wine Ceremony begins.

Officiator's Main Address

[Given by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak after the Holy Water Ceremony and before the affirmation of vows.]

Since the beginning of history until the appearance of True Parents, there have never been blessed couples. You are standing here and attending a historic Blessing given by the True Parents. The external form is similar to a marriage ceremony, but the Unification Church Blessing Ceremony is far beyond a simple marriage and has deep significant meaning.

Please think about the animal world. Even in the animal world, there is a love relationship between the male and female. The human love relationship is unique compared with the love relationship in the rest of creation. The male/female love relationship in the animal world is only for the sake of multiplication or reproduction. The human conjugal love relationship is different from that of the animal world.

The husband/wife love relationship is on a com-

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The Meaning of the Day of Victory of Love

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PART II

AFTER women, wives and mothers joined the Unification Church, when they met me they had an extreme longing to possess and love me more than anyone. Without having such an idea, those women could not find the position of Eve. How serious such a time was! Before I chose True Mother, all the women who had met me over the previous fourteen years came to have this kind of idea.

You do not know how hard such a way was. I changed dirty water into clean water and connected it to a spring where clean water flowed, but the water became like sewer water. The blessed family has been living in a sewer until now. You should know this clearly. If it were not for True Parents, the world would be Satan's world where one could not establish even the condition of restoration.

Because the blessed families centered on True Parents fell, how can the condition of restoration be established? You should know that you are standing in this horrible period. Do you understand? Because of such a situation, it was Japan, Germany and Italy which I chose the second time. I had lost the bride that was first destined and chose a second one. Therefore, True Mother appears and has to deny the first bride, the first son, the first tribe, the first nation, the first world.

PROTECTING TRUE FAMILY

I could not take just one course because the providence relating to my family has to do with two blood lineages centering on God. It is the responsibility of the blessed families to protect True Children and consider them more precious than their own children and blood lineage. You are a castle wall protecting them from Satan's attack. In spite of that, the three elder couples did not complete this responsibility. I entrusted the care of Sung Jin to Won Pil's couple. They had to love him more than their own children. I entrusted the



True Parents offer the Midnight Prayer on True God's Day. January 1, 1997.

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Just as the first generation fell in the wilderness, but the second generation could go into the land of Canaan, even though the Soviet Union collapsed in the wilderness, their second generation is entering the land of Canaan and has to pioneer the founding spirit of a country.

care of Hee Jin to another couple. They also had to love him more than their children. No matter how many children they may have had, even at the sacrifice of their own children they had to protect Hee Jin. Not to have done that brings judgment by the Principle. Moreover, I put Hyo Jin under Young Whi Kim's care. Did you love him like that? Satan went in and out as he liked.

Therefore, problems happened in my family. My second son, Hee Jin, died. Moreover, our second daughter, Hae Jin, also died eight days after she was born.

I was the second son in my father's family. So, to take me from my physical father, Satan used all kinds of methods. My elder brother and elder sister became insane. Out of thirteen brothers and sisters, five people died within one year. Dogs and horses belonging to my household died. Satan used his whole authority to destroy my father's family. However, from this miserable and difficult situation, my official way had to start.

Even in the most difficult situation, the providence of restoration has to go forward. There is no exception in the law of indemnity. Thus, Adam's nation, Eve's nation, and the archangel's nation, which I appointed, cannot be in peace.

NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Now, Korea is held under Satan's dominion. There is no foundation to unify North and South Korea without unity between North and South America. I do not go to Korea. I abandoned Korea and instead of Korea, I am unifying Christianity in North and South America and opening the time of Blessing for the family. Because Christianity did not bring about the blessed realm by unifying North and South America centering on Jesus and Christian culture, North and South America have to be blessed.

The Blessing gives rise to a kind of confusion which has never been seen in human history. This confusion is the confusion within family relationships. Today, the most serious problems are family breakdown and juvenile corruption, which are the fruits born of the destruction of Adam's family and the corruption of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Owing to the standard of the Principle, God could not interfere in the fall of Adam and Eve. This standard is also applied to Satan. That is, even though today's fallen world has been developed by Satan, Satan cannot return the fallen world to God's world according to his will. God and Satan cannot transform the fallen world into the world of goodness. Who made this fallen world? Those who committed sin have to atone for their sin. Because false parents made false love and false blood lineage, True Parents have to come and bring the secret of God and Satan. Do you understand what I mean?

After True Parents came, they had to inherit the two worlds, which are the democratic world and the communistic world, and embrace them. Because Jesus did not embrace them, the left wing and the right wing were divided and have been fighting each other. They should be united. Therefore, True Parents had to embrace materialism—communism and the Soviet Union—and the democratic world. Providentially, the former Soviet Union is now in a position superior to the United States. The second generation of the former Soviet

Union is receiving the providential will. Just as the first generation fell in the wilderness, but the second generation could go into the land of Canaan, even though the Soviet Union collapsed in the wilderness, their second generation is entering the land of Canaan and has to pioneer the founding spirit of a country. The second generation is different from the first generation. It is interesting.

Kim Jong Il, who is the first son of Kim Il Sung, the former leader of North Korea, is the second generation. He will follow me under any circumstances because heavenly fortune is moving. Do you understand? Now that Kim Il Sung went to the spirit world, he may say, "Hey, hey, Kim Jong Il! Follow Rev. Moon."

Since Japan did not complete her responsibility, I created the Federation of Island Nations for World Peace. If I do not help Japan, the ship of Japan is destined to sink. Therefore, I am preparing a new system by creating the Federation of Island Nations, the Federation of Peninsular Nations, and the Federation of Continental Nations for World Peace.

Japan did not fulfill its responsibility completely. Ten missionaries went to each of 160 countries (1600 missionaries in all). If Japan had become the country of elder sonship by fulfilling the responsibility of tribal messiah, all countries of the world would follow it. However, because Japan did not complete this mission, 120 Japanese women now have to be sent to 185 countries.

The blessed families in Korea have also failed. You must know that when I become the perfect subject by passing from the national level to the worldwide level by fighting on the forefront, the perfect object partner is formed automatically.

MOTHER MADE AN ACCEPTABLE OFFERING

Whatever I say will be accomplished. I do not follow your opinions. I never listen to your suggestions and opinions. I must not listen to you. This is because you have to show absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience, which is the way of completion and the way of the heavenly principle.

Noh Hee Pak, do you remember saying previously, "When I look back on my public way, I came to recognize how difficult it is to take responsibility for a church"? (Yes!) You did not know that it was the way of absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience. The Unification Church, which has no such tradition and has become accustomed to a habitual faith, has no hope for the future. Moreover, by criticizing the situation of the church and blaming the senior blessed couples according to their own perspective, the junior blessed couples and the present blessed couples will destroy hope and desire. Those who judge according to their own perspective will most likely fail to benefit at the time of bearing fruit. I know everyone who complains. At the time of providential change, they will recognize that they were wrong. They will say "True Father! We will believe absolutely. We love True Parents absolutely." Then, are you ready to sacrifice your children? Do you understand? You should be able to sacrifice three generations.

What did Eve do? First Eve killed the first Adam, her hus-

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band. The second Eve also killed Adam, her husband. The third Eve expelled the third Adam, her husband, to the wilderness. So, what True Mother has to do is to restore Eve's mistake. Heung Jin fell into a coma. Because he was in a coma, he would die when the oxygen mask was removed. Heung Jin's situation was so hopeless that even medical doctors gave up. Centering on Heung Jin, there were two sides: Satan's side and God's side (True Mother, True Father, and God). Before he passed away, he was still on God's side. So, before Heung Jin died, every providential condition should be completed. I had to remove his oxygen mask with my hand. True Mother had to watch that scene without shedding sorrowful tears. If she had an attachment to the offering, the offering would have been taken away by Satan. The sorrowful mind and heart to liberate God had to override that attachment.

Human emotion should not be first; God's heart should be first. When God cries, one has to be able to console God's heart by saying, "God, please do not cry." Whoever cries with such a heart instead of God will be forgiven. Do you understand? If one sheds personal tears, the offering cannot be a sacrificial one. We are going to the position where God cries. These are not just words but reality.

A few days before Heung Jin's death, I had to prepare the ceremony of unification. "Son, you became one with me," I said. "You set the condition of becoming one with me heartistically and on a worldwide level. Also, you are the second son of my family. You are the first target of Satan's attack. Even through providential history, you are the target of Satan's attack." I know that. However, I have to be responsible and establish the supreme victory by passing all conditions. Otherwise, the whole universe and God's providential history would be destroyed.

Please think how serious it is! I cannot think of the death of a son as the major problem when heaven and earth are carving down in my heart. How can anyone imagine that parents will not cry when they think about their son's death! But I had to be in that situation. When I go into such a situation, I cannot go alone. God must follow me. Mother must follow me. So, we must go down to the bottom of hell. In the face of my son's death, I had to console God. Mother had to admonish me not to grieve at our son's death. Also, I had to say, "God, you should not be grieving." We had to have a unified heart. On the foundation of the unified heart, the ceremony of unification could be held. Do you understand? Chung Hwan Kwak, you must know this clearly.

Heung Jin was put in the unified position and became the living offering. With this offering, God, True Father, and True Mother became one in heart. But this was only the determination of mind. There was not yet a foundation of love. Within the depths of grief, the base of love had to be established upon which the unfallen Eve could receive the blessing. Do you understand what I mean? Mother had to love me instead of loving the son. Mother had to become one with me instead of loving God. By doing so, Mother and I had to become one body. In front of our dying son, transcending the realm of death, Mother had to sow the love of Adam and Eve who did not know the fall. What a stunning place it was! Do you understand this clearly?

Is it possible for this to happen? Mother could not shed tears before me. How stunned Mother would feel! She had to pass over such a situation. If not, the ceremony of unification would fall apart. Because such a base of love happened through Heung Jin, in front of Satan, the sacrifice was resurrected. Thus, because love gained the victory over death, the term 'Ae Seung II' (Day of Victory) was created.

In your family, you have to live with such love. Through practicing love every day, you can find your true self which can establish the tradition of love and the way of happiness and hope, through which the ideal love of the universe can be delivered. You should know this clearly.

Because True Mother, True Father, Heung Jin, and God became united, Ae Seung II was established and the ideal of creation became supreme. Based on this foundation, Heung Jin went to the spiritual world as the living sacrifice capable of leading Jesus and the spiritual world. So far, all offerings went to the spiritual world as dead sacrifices. Do you understand? Because Heung Jin went to the spiritual world as a living sacrifice, he can guide the dead sacrifices and bring benefit to the spiritual world, standing in the position of Jesus' elder brother. Therefore, the foundation for the "marriage" of the spiritual world and the physical world was prepared. Do you understand?

BECOME ROOTED IN ORIGINAL LOVE

The blessed family should establish the family ideal of love centering on the mind, rooted in the original love, even from the depths of mourning before the dead bodies of three generations of ancestors and three generations of descendants. You should know that the way of the blessed family is to follow the tradition which True Parents taught.

Do you understand the meaning of *Ae Seung II*?

It means to go through a serious problem without shedding tears. When Abraham offered Isaac did he shed tears? (No!) When he thought of his son, he had to stand in the position of a priest to liberate God. He had to stand as the priest of love and family tradition. Neither God, True Parents, nor Satan can prevent him. That is *Ae Seung II*. Only love gains the victory.

Let's think about your families. How distant is your family from the victory of *Ae Seung II*? You should know about yourselves well even though I do not teach about it. You have to know about *Ae Seung II*, Chung Hwan Kwak. (Yes!)

Because the time has come, I am teaching about this. The 3.6 million blessed couples will be the center to unify the heavenly sovereignties. It is an anchor which can remove all evil things contaminated by traditional habits of this world of death which is dominated by Satan.

Even though I push you out centering on the anchor, the rope of the anchor has to be strong enough to sustain you. The rope has to be your family and tribe. Because I was worried about you disconnecting from the anchor, I bound your tribes and the national messiahs. Satan cannot contend with the position of the national messiah. That is the position of the indirect dominion.

What is the meaning of the theory that God is the vertical parent and Adam is the horizontal parent? It is the ideal of unity. Without unity, one cannot feel the joy of love and accomplish the ideal of unification.

After separating from Satan in the completed stage of the growth period, by receiving the Blessing toward the direct dominion and having children, blessed couples are accepted by God and True Parents. That is, through the change of the blood lineage, they are accepted as absolute beings by God and True Parents.

The change of the blood lineage cannot be done without the standard of the Principle. That is True Mother's responsibility. Where is True Mother? Centering on True Father, many women are enemies. There have been brides in the Old Testament Age, the New Testament Age, and the Completed Testament Age. Those bride realms formed the four great religions. Today, the teachings of Christianity are taught even in Buddhism and Confucianism. Therefore, two main currents have emerged which represent the realm of the bride; they have to be united centering on True Mother. Do you understand? Theoretically, isn't it right?

Two worlds are united centering on elder sonship, parentship, and kingship. Centering on the tradition of absolute love, two unified worlds should become a vertical axis and the world has to turn around centering on that axis.

What is the meaning of the theory that God is the vertical parent and Adam is the horizontal parent? It is the ideal of unity. Without unity, one cannot feel the joy of love and accomplish the ideal of unification. Those teachings were proclaimed by True Mother and True Father at the foundation of the Family Federation for World Peace. What is the meaning of the "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation"? Its content teaches the relationship between people's ancestors and God, the Israelites, the Lord of the Second Advent and the world. It explains the relationship between the individual, family, nation, world, and heaven and earth centering on True Parents. All Unification members have to read "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation" thousands of times and memorize it so that they can be able to recite it either in their dreams or in their daily lives. You should know how many tears God has shed for the sake of His will.

THIS OPPORTUNITY CENTERS ON 1997

Within this year, all contents of the failure from Adam, Jesus, to all ancestors have to be cleansed. All the ancestors in the spiritual world and their descendants are

expecting the True Parents, the Messiah, to liberate them and bring God's worldwide blessing. Then how can True Parents accomplish God's will? God's will cannot be accomplished just by exerting one's mind. A bridge has to be built. If the bridge is destroyed, they have to build a brick bridge. If the brick bridge falls, then a stone bridge must be built. If the stone bridge fails, then build a wooden bridge. If the wooden bridge fails, then build a leather bridge. No matter what happens, people have to cross the bridge. Once they cross a bridge, this bridge becomes useless.

THIS YEAR IS THAT BRIDGE

I ordered that to be finished by June 4. I cannot explain it because God's secret must not be disclosed. I alone have to resolve that in relationship with God and Satan. The heavenly plan cannot be discussed with anyone. If the providential contents could be discussed, the providence of restoration would be very easy.

RESTORATION OF SUNG JIN AND HIS MOTHER

What True Mother has to do is to love the enemy, including True Mother's enemy and the enemy of Mother's son. My family includes Sung Jin's mother and Sung Jin. Because Sung Jin's mother was divorced seven years before True Mother's marriage, True Mother does not know her. However, True Mother has to love her and her son.

Even though Sung Jin's mother is divorced, she and Sung



Father speaks to leaders on January 2, 1997 in São Paulo, Brazil.

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I taught True Mother about the official way to go in the future through Mrs. Choi. Moreover, Daemo-nim received a revelation from the spiritual world and coached True Mother on how to adjust to my way. In the midst of trouble, Daemo-nim played an important role in liberating True Mother and bore again True Mother's mind and body.

Jin are in the position of mother and son in the realm of Cain. Because there is a Cain-type mother, there has to be a Cain-type father, who is God. Because Christianity did not unite and receive me, there are two blood ties in my family. However, they should be united.

I have educated True Mother indirectly until now. True Mother has supported Sung Jin and his mother to make their lives more convenient, moving them into a different house twice. True Mother is very great. Even though God predestined True Mother, she is a great Mother. I respect her very much. In order to buy them a new house, True Mother had to raise money. If Sung Jin had *han* towards True Mother due to his mother's difficult situation, it would be a serious problem. Because their house was small, True Mother bought a new house for them twice.

Even though True Mother bought a house, I cannot blame her for doing that. I alone looked around the house which she bought. It was before the Olympic Games in 1988. Since this was the national transition period to find the realm of the worldwide second son, I had to establish such a condition. After looking around the house alone, I asked True Mother to accompany me there within that year. In secular terms, how bad would

she have felt? However, after True Mother had been there, she said, "I thought that the house would be a good one in Seoul, but I felt sorry because it was not." When I heard that, I told True Mother that she was great.

Therefore, they should be united. However, you don't know how unfilial Sung Jin was to True Mother. Even though True Mother wanted to invite him to some celebration such as a birthday party, he was not willing to come. It is not his own mind; his circumstances and conditions are holding him back. He has to surrender voluntarily. It is not so easy.

Therefore, if Sung Jin's mother curses True Mother, who bears many children and lives in comfort, it will influence Sung Jin and will raise a serious problem. When Heung Jin had his accident, thankfully Sung Jin's mother said, "How can it be possible for such a thing to happen to the good Mother?"

Those two blood ties have to be arranged. The restoration of indemnity cannot be done without establishing the indemnity condition. When Sung Jin's mother dies, she has to come to the point of saying that she wants to hand over all her fortune to True Mother. Mother's responsibility is to have Sung Jin's mother surrender voluntarily. Thus, she may say that



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*Father shares the traditional holy food with Jeung Jin Nim after Pledge Service on True God's Day. January 1, 1997
São Paulo, Brazil.*

The 3.6 Million Couples Blessing will be the twelfth Blessing ceremony... The earth takes twelve months to revolve 360 degrees. By connecting 3.6 million blessed couples centering on the number 12, the whole world is destined to follow the Blessing. No one can prevent the direction of the worldwide providence.

even though she is dying, she wants True Mother to serve and attend True Father more than she wished to in her earthly life, and to bless True Children. It is not an easy thing. It is a very difficult thing.

THE ROLE OF MRS. WON POK CHOI

Sung Jin's mother divorced me. Therefore, instead of Sung Jin's mother, Won Pok Choi came out from the Choi clan and abandoned her husband and children to follow me. In spite of all the opposition of her tribe, she had to prepare for the way of True Mother and had to serve True Mother as her own mother and her daughter. Without serving True Mother like a daughter, daughter-in-law, mother, and grandmother, restoration is impossible. Do you understand what I am saying? Thus, True Father, True Mother, and the eldest son stand as one line, and then all people have to follow the eldest son.

Joon Ho Seuk! Was your elder brother murdered or did he commit suicide? (We don't know.) In the providential history, such tragic events also happen. In the spiritual world, how much suffering does he have? He was a lovely son in his family who graduated from Seoul National University. How much did Mrs. Choi's children miss their mother? In this sense, I am an unforgivable sinner. However, because I have to restore the way of heaven, it was necessary. Due to the fall, humankind lost the portion of responsibility. Therefore, only I can restore the disorderly world.

Then, how hard is it to fulfill Mother's responsibility? True Mother could take care of the church internally, but when I went out, I accompanied Mrs. Choi, who was in the position to prepare the way of True Mother. I taught True Mother about the official way to go in the future through Mrs. Choi. Moreover, the Great Grandmother (Daemo-nim) received a revelation from the spiritual world and coached True Mother on how to adjust to my way. In the midst of trouble, the Great Grandmother played an important role in liberating True Mother and bore again True Mother's mind and body. No one in the Unification Church knew about that. Even the former president of the church, Mr. Eu, did not know that.

After the Holy Blessing Ceremony, I directed Grandmother Hong (Daemo-nim) to use the back door of the church. There were over twelve groups which were presenting women competing with each other to be True Mother. It was my responsibility to put the competition in order. You do not know how difficult it was to raise True Mother. Do you understand? True Mother was not chosen without the Principle. You should not follow me with a sorrowful mind. Because of this process, I could not raise True Mother until 1992. Because women are talkative, a woman has a great possibility to disclose providential secrets. Therefore, after accomplishing all things for forty years, from 1952 until 1992, with the liberation of women, True Mother could stand beside me with equal qualification. From that time, I began a three to four-year course of handing over my authority to True Mother. I am going such a way now until this year.

By this year, everything has to be done. Do you understand? Therefore, I am in such a hurry. If we go through this year

without accomplishing this, problems will occur. Thus, the foundation for the settlement of the Family Federation for World Peace has to be prepared, and it has to be connected to the proclamation ceremony of the "End of Indemnity." Otherwise, I cannot bless the whole world beyond the nation, the 3.6 million couples. Do you understand?

REVERSING BLOOD LINEAGE THROUGH THE BLESSING

To follow this way, you have to take a course of reversing two mothers' blood ties, through the ceremony of the change of blood lineage. By whose name does this take place? Mine. The seed of a baby comes from the father, not from the mother. However, the baby seed has to be able to settle down and connect with the parents; therefore, the ceremony to change blood lineage is done with the name of True Parents. That ceremony is also the ceremony of restoration through the archangel, True Mother, and True Father. The Holy Wine Ceremony is the conditional ceremony in which Adam and Eve find their first love, and as Adam gives the wine cup to the woman it is the same as love. You should know that the Holy Wine contains such conditional elements. It is a serious problem.

The 3.6 Million Couples Blessing will be the twelfth Blessing ceremony. The Blessing ceremonies started from the first and second Holy Blessing ceremonies, 3 couples, 36 couples, 72 couples, 120 couples, 430 couples, 777 couples, 1800 couples, 8000 couples, 6500 couples, 30,000 couples, 360,000 couples, and 3.6 million couples. The 3.6 million blessed couples are the last. The earth takes twelve months to revolve 360 degrees. By connecting 3.6 million blessed couples centering on the number 12, the whole world is destined to follow the Blessing. No one can prevent the direction of the worldwide providence. It is the time of the blessing for the worldwide liberation. This is the formula course. The 36 couples made mistakes. No one knows if Joon Ho Seuk is part of the 36 couples. It is the blessing that such a person receives. Do you understand? Without the ties of love, the blood lineage cannot be changed. In the Last Days, the Lord of the Second Advent has to take such a course.

The Holy Wine is the conditional element which connects the traditional blood ties and distinguishes the first and last through unifying two sons who are connected to the love of two mothers. Do you understand?

Zin Moon Kim, you should know that if your family has two mothers, the second mother becomes the main stream. You do not remember what I said before. The grandfather becomes the grandson, the mother becomes the daughter, and the wife becomes the subject. Everything is reversed. This is a revolution. Without being willing to sacrifice three generations, this cannot turn around. You have to sacrifice grandfather, father, and elder brother.

However, the grandmother, mother, and elder sister should remain. Therefore, if a war breaks out and the enemy country is defeated, women are taken to the other country. Armies save women's lives, but kill men. You should make a strong determination to be able to sacrifice grandfather, father, and

The blessed families, as the descendants of True Parents, have the responsibility to establish the heavenly tradition and develop it by connecting their tribe and nation to the central tradition of True Parents through the Blessing. This is the necessary formula of the providence of restoration.

elder brother.

In the Unification Church, before the tribal messiah emerges, you cannot celebrate your sixtieth birthday or anniversary or have a birthday party in your family or clan. I did not celebrate my birthday for three years. For my birthday, I ate a plain meal and lived with a mourning heart for three years. Can you understand this? It cannot be done without love.

Moreover, why did I establish God's Day on January 1, 1968? It was impossible to do it before because True Mother had to make the foundation for all women who are determined to love God and True Parents by uniting all women. Do you understand what I mean? (Yes!) The queen must not be jealous of the king's love for the ladies of the palace. The way of the queen is to guide the way of the king whom she loves.

In the same way, by loving all women of the world, True Mother has to set up the condition to become the first representative in introducing to all women the way to love only True Parents and God. True Mother has to love every woman as her blood sister and even bear the cross of the Messiah instead of God in order to save them. In one's mind, there should be nothing which prevents one from going the way of the cross, throughout the north, south, east and west. Once such a base was established, God's Day could be founded. You should know that clearly. It is not for fun or a game.

Because the way of restoration is like that, 6000 years was the period of God's sorrow and painful heart. If it were not for me, the painful period would be a hell of thousands of millions of years. I know everything. However, even though I do not teach them, when the time is fulfilled, everyone will know the way they should go. If a person goes a wrong way, conflict results. I know that Principle. That is the heavenly fortune and the fortune of our nation.

RAISING UP RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE

Without setting indemnity conditions and applying the Principle, nothing can be established. Until the establishment of God's Day, there was a lot of tragic history. In order to establish God's Day, I went through the way of servant of servant and had to pass over the way of death.

True Parents' Day and Children's Day also were established under such indemnity conditions. Therefore, even though you were not aware of it, in the providential transition period, the righteous members of the Unification Church had to be sacrificed. If there are no such righteous people in the Unification Church, many righteous Christians or other religious people are sacrificed in order to fit the program. For you to be led to this precious position, many sacrifices have been made. Thus, you have to bear the fruits to be able to invite God and the angels.

No one is qualified to see True Parents with his own eyes. No one can see True Parents directly and greet True Parents directly. True Parents did not serve God in such a manner. True Parents served God with absolute, unchanging and unique faith.

True Parents sent national messiahs all over the world. However, even if two-thirds of them are sacrificed, it will not be sufficient to indemnify your responsibility. On the contrary, you should be grateful that your family is not hurt. Do you

understand? If it were not for True Parents, everything would be destroyed. Therefore, you should have united with True Parents absolutely, but you did not do so.

Starting from today, I will seldom have time to make a speech. I already taught you the public way. From now, God's Day and True Parents' Day have to become your days. Moreover, *Ae Seung Il* also has to become your day. The blessed families, as the descendants of True Parents, have the responsibility to establish the heavenly tradition and develop it by connecting their tribe and nation to the central tradition of True Parents through the Blessing. This is the necessary formula of the providence of restoration. You should be the second Rev. Moon. Do you understand? (Yes!)

ACCOMPLISHING THE WORLDWIDE BLESSING

The Blessing of 3.6 million couples is not a difficult problem because God has prepared for the Blessing. The 33 representatives of the Korean independence movement are very similar to the 33 representatives of the Uruguayan independence movement. Moreover, every Memorial Day in Uruguay coincides with Korea's, according to the month. It is an amazing fact that God prepared for Uruguay.

Why? As I said before, the life of Jesus was miserable. He had a mother but no father. Even though he had a mother, he could not talk with her. Jesus came to make a family, but there was no foundation to be able to discuss the Blessing.

Since Eve fell at the age of 16, Jesus talked to mother Mary about his marriage at the age of 17. When Jesus was 17 years old, he talked about his marriage for the first time, and again after ten years, at the age of 27. After three years, he talked about it a third time. However, since his request was not accepted, he had to leave his house. Before Jesus, every woman in his family was in the position of Eve.

This is the era of free sex—grandmother and grandson, mother and son, brother and sister. In the history of restoration, the way has to be reversed. In the Last Days, divorce has become prevalent and the integrity of love has been lowered. This is one reason for establishing one central figure. However, since America, which has formed the world of death in these Last Days, lost the central figure, the Messiah, America will be destroyed within forty years.

Without True Parents, the Messiah, there is no real husband, wife, mother, grandmother and grandfather. Therefore, centering on Jesus, the blood lineage of grandmother, mother, and sister has to be produced. Their blood lineages have to be united.

The bonds of the blood lineage centering on Jesus became the condition for cutting off Satan. There are the four stages of daughter, sister, mother, and grandmother. In order to remove Satan, the blood lineage has to be cut off. Who had to relate with the Messiah? The younger sister of John the Baptist had to relate with the Messiah. To spread Satan's blood lineage completely, free sex and divorce prevailed. Thus, in Satan's world all is breaking up because Satan does not have his own possessions. Satan established worldwide dominion by destroying families and causing the juvenile delinquency and family break-up which started in Adam's family. That is the final

Those people who thought that a man and woman were permitted to do everything else sexually, as long as they do not have sexual intercourse, must hold the Holy Wine Ceremony again. You have to cross over with pure blood ties. If there is such a fellow, please warn him.

point of Satan's way.

Centering on the Blessing of the individual and family, the Blessing will go beyond the tribe and nation and expand to the world. If the realm of the worldwide Blessing is formed, Korea cannot but follow that level. The Holy Blessing Ceremony is the way to put the world in order through the family path.

Are you going to fulfill the responsibility or not? (We will do it.) In order to overcome the tragic position of the sacrifice of three generations, we have to accomplish the realm of the worldwide Blessing. If you do not fulfill this now, you have nothing to do with me. In a sense, when the nationwide Blessing is accomplished, there may be a way to be forgiven. At that time, you have to pass over the three stages of the worldwide level. Then, a time of special amnesty will come. Do you understand?

Those people who thought that a man and woman were permitted to do everything else sexually, as long as they do not have a sexual relationship, must hold the Holy Wine Ceremony again. You have to cross over with pure blood ties. Do you understand? If there is such a fellow, warn him. Who on earth taught like that? You cannot deal with any woman other

than your wife. Do you understand?

Women are always a problem. How miserable my life has been! I love purity. However, to remove all kinds of evil and impurities and be clean, I could not help going the way of mourning and death. I have to help you become a second True Mother.

Likewise, God's Day was established on such a serious position of True Mother and True Father centering on the way of true love. Before God's Day was founded, the liberation of God had to be accomplished, so True Parents prepared the conditional foundation of the male world and the female world on which God could come and go freely.

True Parents' Day is the same. True Mother had to go through such a way. *Ae Seung II* is also the same. In front of three dead bodies, True Parents had to go into the deepest realm of death and wailing, and plant the seeds of the original love for God. Without that, the Kingdom of God, which can liberate sons and daughters, cannot be established. Therefore, since *Ae Seung II* was established, the Seung Hwa ceremony was possible. That is, we receive the Blessing first on earth and go to the spiritual world.



Hoon Sook Nim makes the offering for the Day of Victory of Love.

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Now you should know how precious it is to keep Ae Seung Il while seeing the future of hope, the world of unity, and the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Think how to connect to the contents so that you can be a root. Do not live at your own convenience. Your lives should be connected to the root.

How serious this is! The love and pride of True Parents is the accomplishment of the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing! You neither loved True Parents nor were proud of them. You have to pass over this peak. Through this, the time will come to liberate and bless you, and hold a ceremonial feast. If the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing is accomplished, 3.6 billion couples will be achieved within one year.

We have to assimilate the press in order to fulfill this purpose. That is why I founded a newspaper publishing company. You have to hurry up. The news of our Blessing has to be spread all over the world. Did you advertise it this time? We need to advertise!

Are you advertising it now? (Yes!) If you do not report about the Blessing to all people, you will be accused by them, and the responsibility of True Parents cannot be completed.

In the way of restoration, the history of True Parents is the way to liberate the traces of every enemy blood tie. We should remove everything from Adam's family to Jesus' family. Thus, a plain is formed. On the plain, as the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing is established, Adam's family, tribe, nation, country, and the world will be woven together at one time. As the spiritual world participates, centering on God and True Parents, it enters the position of the younger brother, the archangel. Heaven and earth should be liberated by receiving the Blessing following their descendants.

THE BRIDGE OF LOVE

If a person has a loving object partner who is in hell, he will go there and bring her out. The issue is true love. If a wife who lived for the sake of others went to hell, her husband can bring her from there. Satan has no right over her. Then heaven and earth will be cleansed. The ideal of creation will be completed. All nations will go into the Kingdom of Heaven, and liberated people will bear good sons and daughters who can enter the Kingdom of Heaven directly.

The realm of the worldwide Blessing is the position of unfallen Adam and Eve reaching their completion. Theoretically, no one can deny my speech. Let us think about my accomplishments. In order to deal with such massive contents, I founded many organizations and have worked in accordance with the actual world. The fact that I overcame many crises and accomplished up to the worldwide level is cause for praise and eternal admiration.

However, you have dealt with this providential history at your convenience. Such sin cannot be forgiven by applying the law of individual indemnity, but by setting the standard of living for the sake of others. I am bearing the cross and trying to indemnify sin. Do you understand how serious the world of True Parents is? Have you ever heard your bone marrow cry? Only if all your senses are involved in crying can the fallen traces be erased.

Since Heung Jin was sent as a living sacrifice, he is a bridge. Because Heung Jin is the bridge of the spiritual world centered on love and the family foundation, Jesus has to follow Heung Jin. Don't you have to go through the bridge of the family? Heung Jin is the only person who went to the spiritu-

al world as the victorious sacrifice who was loved by True Parents as their son. Thus, he can control the spiritual world with full authority. Heung Jin would have gone to the spiritual world as just an ordinary person who died away from home. However, because True Parents established all conditions through this ceremony before his life was cut off, Satan could not interfere after Heung Jin's death. This is how the Seung Hwa ceremony came about. When Unificationists of three generations become truly united and hold the Seung Hwa ceremony, even a sinner can be forgiven. Do you understand the meaning of *Ae Seung Il*? (Yes!)

True Mother must not feel sad at that place. She must not shed tears. A few years ago, we went to the grave of my physical parents in North Korea. My elder sister and younger brother were wailing, saying that the son for whom their mother was waiting had finally come. However, in such a sorrowful place as my parents' grave, I could not shed tears even though pain was cutting my heart. Because I came here to fulfill my responsibility, I could not shed tears before fulfilling my mission. Otherwise, all the sorrowful spirits who died in North Korea could not be liberated. I made a promise that I would come back when I am liberated and hold a ceremonial feast there to liberate spirits who have *han*. Therefore, I am in a hurry for liberation. The liberation of South and North is necessary. Liberation is impossible without controlling the current history of the world centering on the unification of South and North Korea.

To show that he will support my will, Kim Jong Il sent a gift to True Parents this time. In order to celebrate the fifth anniversary of True Parents' visit, 500 officers gathered together to show their praise and admiration for Rev. Moon just as they did to Kim Il Sung. People are not doing things just because of their own minds. Something is turning around.

It is right that the second generation is coming from heaven. The second generation of the Soviet Union is like that. They are the second generation of the country which was evil. The young women from the second generation of Japan have to become sacrifices. By whom? Adam has to take off the traces of Eve's fall. Japanese women went to every country to fulfill the responsibility of a mother. Therefore, Japan will not be destroyed. Reports on the good works of these women will eventually affect the thinking of the Japanese government.

Now you should know how precious it is to keep *Ae Seung Il* while seeing the future of hope, the world of unity, and the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Think how to connect to the contents so that you can be a root. Do not live at your own convenience. Your lives should be connected to the root. Moreover, you should know that unless you make bonds with relatives and of master and servant, your way to go to the spiritual world will be blocked. Do you understand? This is the conclusion. Do not forget today, and please keep my speech in mind.

God Bless you!■■■

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Blessings in America

Rev. Ki Hun Kim
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UNDER the leadership of Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, throughout North America we are very concerned about educating ministers from the established churches. Last year in Uruguay, Father educated around 3,600 Protestant ministers. After that, Father directed Rev. Pak and the regional leaders in North America to do the same here. Therefore, between June and mid-December of last year, we educated 5,500 ministers and other religious leaders. Among them were many bishops and priests, as well as many Islamic leaders. They appreciate True Parents for their teaching and their foundation throughout the world. How much we witnessed our True Parents' concern for the Christian world during their last speaking tour!

The religious leaders who have come to our seminars thus far have been very inspired. Even though they learned so many things at the seminary or in Bible college, many pastors testified that they never learned anything like the true family values teaching in their three to four years of seminary courses.

As the Chicago regional leader, I would like to share about our activities around the Chicago area. Last October, Mother came to Chicago as part of her 40-nation speaking tour. Many times we have welcomed True Father and True Mother for public meetings and celebrations. In the past, we have held these events at a hotel but this time I took on a new challenge. In Chicago, we have a good foundation now with many pastors and churches. Many former regional leaders, including Rev. Su Won Chung, invested all of their energy to give ministers a correct understanding of Father and Mother. This time I asked Rev. Barrett, who has a very big church on the south side of Chicago, with a congregation of around 2,500, if we could

borrow his church to welcome our True Mother. He was very happy to allow us to do so, but with one condition: that it would not be the Unification Church hosting True Mother. Rev. Barrett told me, "We, the Church of God in Christ, would like to welcome your Mother, True Mother."

The Church of God in Christ has a staff of professional ushers which they call "royal ushers." Rev. Barrett said, "Our ushers are called royal ushers, while you call True Father and True Mother Royal Family." This was a church welcoming True Father and True Mother. They made the welcoming preparations and provided ushers and security for the program. Their congregation worked together with our members to prepare for the event. So not just the Unification Church of Chicago, but the ministers and congregation of this Church of God in Christ, together with our members,

welcomed True Mother. Over 2,000 people were present, and True Mother gave incredible inspiration to all who came.

Rev. Barrett's response

Early in the program there was a problem with the microphone system, and Rev. Barrett went upstairs to the church's small studio to check on the problem. He told me that when he looked down from upstairs he really could feel that True Mother is God's representative giving an incredible, inspirational speech. He said he felt, "This is the Kingdom of Heaven on earth." Since that time, Rev. Barrett has been totally prepared to receive True Parents. He told me, "This is your church. We welcome True Father and True Mother to come anytime." When Rev. and Mrs. Pak were there, he told Rev. Pak, "From today on, this is your church; please come anytime. We

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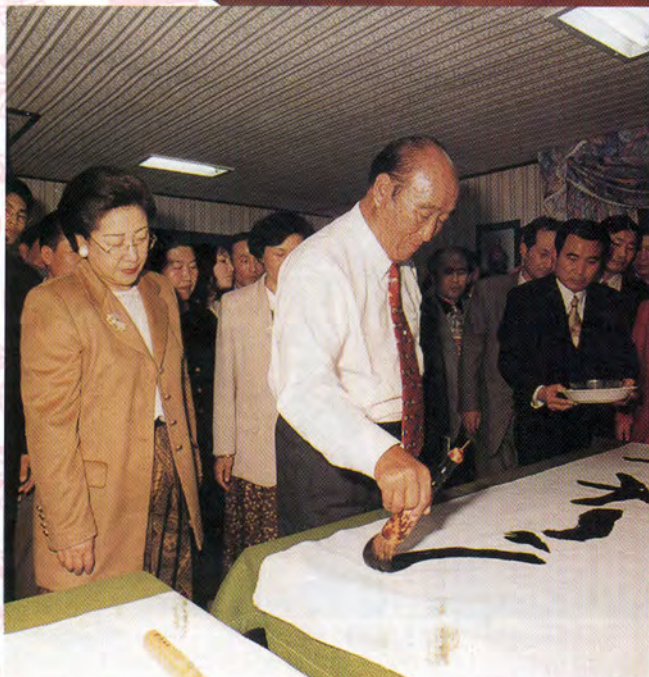


(r. to l.) Rev. Kim, Rev. Michael Jenkins, and Senator Carol Mosely Braun pose at the Interfaith Prayer Breakfast with the Mayor of Chicago, Illinois.

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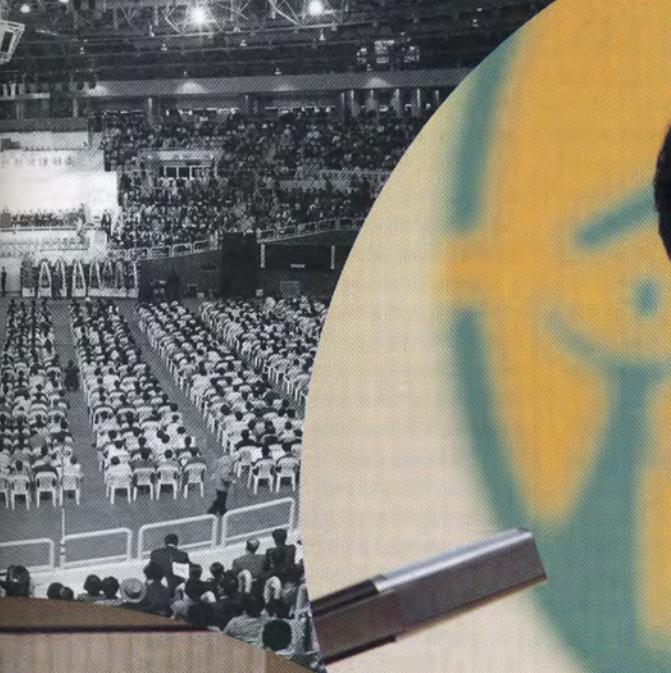


Father speaks in Seoul, Korea on March 18.

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Mother speaks in Taegu, Korea on March 25.



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The Providential Significance of the Inaugural World Convention of the Family Federation for World Peace

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[Professor Oh's indepth study of True Parents' speeches entitled: 'View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation' and 'In Search of the Origin of the Universe,' as presented to the Unification Theological Seminary.]

I. Introduction

The Family Federation for World Peace was inaugurated in Washington DC from July 30 to August 1, 1996. This convention was sponsored by the Washington Times Foundation, the Summit Council for World Peace, and the Women's Federation for World Peace. There were 1,500 participants from more than 120 countries, including two former American presidents, more than forty former presidents, and prime ministers from around the world.

Mr. Dong Moon Joo, who organized the convention, commented that this convention was "a universal event providing the turning point of mankind's history. Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, president of the Family Federation for World Peace, called it "the proclamation of the opening of the Completed Testament era." True Father said that through this convention "all the secrets of heaven have been revealed." It was a divine announcement of the end of one era and the opening of a new era. Also, it was a solemn declaration of the Magna Carta of mankind which brightened the way that mankind of the new era should go.

To understand this convention, we will examine True Parents' proclamation of kingship, the liberation of *han* (the deep, congealed resentment and pain of God, Jesus, and Mary) and the way of mankind in the original world. True Parents' two speeches to the convention form a new revelation that transcends all religions and philosophies. The contents must be understood from the position of the proclaimer rather than the position of the audience. Therefore, I will study the above content centering

on speeches of the proclaimer and other supporting materials.

II. Summary and distinguishing remarks of speeches

The theme of this convention was the Global Implications of Family Values in the Twenty-First Century. A reception was held on the first day, and the opening ceremony and general assembly took place on the second day. The last day featured a plenary session on Family and Government, and Family and Education. Committee sessions focused on Family and Religious Values, Family and Media Environment, and Family and Marriage. Participants were experts in their fields, and all themes were connected with the family. Two former American Presidents, Gerald Ford and George Bush, spoke of the family as the foundation for world peace.

The opening speech, given by True Mother, was entitled, "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation." The closing banquet speech, given by True Father, was entitled, "In Search of the Origin of the Universe." True Father's proclamation was a powerful one.

The speech given by True Mother had the same contents as the one already given to 3,600 Christian leaders of South America in Uruguay from February 27 to March 31 of 1996, to more than 3,000 leaders of every field attending the inauguration of the Washington Times Foundation on April 16, and to world representatives at the second convention of the Youth Federation for World Peace on May 25. Also, True Mother gave this speech to Koreans in ten cities of the United States before the convention and two cities afterwards. This speech, along with True Father's banquet speech, was proclaimed to 185 countries around the world in 1996.

These speeches cover the creation, fall, and restoration, but there is special meaning in the depth of its content.

Mother's opening speech

First, True Mother revealed the purpose of creation in more detail. "The prin-

ciple of creation is to perfect the absolute love of God through the perfection of love of man and woman." In other words, "Adam and Eve perfecting themselves in true love fulfills God's desire to have a substantial body," and "the meaning of their perfecting themselves as a true couple fulfills the ideal of God's absolute love." According to True Mother, "by Adam and Eve having children of goodness and becoming true parents, God would have established Himself substantially as the eternal Parent and achieved His ideal. Citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven would expand infinitely in the afterlife of the spirit world based on myriad generations of descendants in the physical world." Thus, God wanted to establish a spiritual and physical kingdom by having a substantial human body, becoming the True Parents of mankind and the King of both the spiritual and physical worlds.

Second, True Mother emphasized that the fall did not result from eating the fruit of a tree but was "an immoral sin against the ideal of the true love of God." She stated that Adam and Eve, while imperfect and in the period of growth, fell because of adultery and began a false love, false life, and false lineage. This original sin has been passed on through the generations and causes conflict between mind and body. Thus, the fall of the human ancestors was the root of all problems today.

Third, True Mother explained creation, the fall, and restoration in terms of the seed of the child of the new life. The providence has been the quest "for the seed of mankind, the seed of the original child which will perfect the ideal of the creation," and the birth of "the True Parents who become one with God's true love, true life and true lineage." Through the fall, Adam and Eve lost the seed of the child of true love, true life, and true lineage, and mankind has expanded with the seed of the child of Satan's false love, false life, false lineage. True Mother used this image of the seed to explain messiahship and the Blessing.

True Mother stated that Jesus came to the world to perfect the providence of restoration. He was the first and the only son born through the restored lineage and with no original sin. Also, he came to engraft the new seed of the child of true life to mankind. However, because Jesus could not receive a bride, he could not become True Parents. Therefore, he could not fulfill the True Parents' mission. The Second Advent completes such providence by becoming True Parents. This means that True Parents come as the seed of the child of true origin which will complete the ideal of creation and perfect the ideal of True Parents, based on God's true love, true life, and true lineage. Therefore, the Second Advent must come physically and through the Blessing save mankind and engraft them with the new seed. Furthermore, he must build the physical kingdom by establishing a true family. Accordingly, True Mother explained the Second Advent as the seed based on true love, true life, and true lineage.

Fourth, True Mother revealed the secret of the birth and life of Jesus. She revealed that Jesus was born through the restoration of lineage involving Zechariah, Elizabeth and Mary. Jesus had to receive a bride in order to become the True Parents, and the bride was to be the sister of John the Baptist, Jesus' half sister. Also, True Mother mentioned that although Mary became pregnant by receiving God's will with absolute faith, she later hindered Jesus' mission by distancing herself emotionally from him, not helping him marry John the Baptist's sister, and later having other children with Joseph. Zechariah, Elizabeth and John the Baptist ignored God's revelation and stood on Satan's side when they did not attend Jesus. By not fulfilling their responsibility, Mary, Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John the Baptist caused Jesus' crucifixion.

Fifth, at the first World Culture and Sports Festival in 1992, Father said that at the age of sixteen he was called by God to inherit the mission of the resurrected Jesus. In her recent speech, True Mother mentioned this succession of mission and explained that "the Second Advent comes on the victorious foundation of the fundamental providence up to the time of Jesus, stands upon the victorious foundation of Jesus' life, and finds the bride that Jesus could not find. Together they become the True Parents to save all humankind." This means that True Father inherited Jesus' mission and started the providence on the victorious foundation of Jesus. True Parents are

transforming this world into the Kingdom of Heaven and opening the Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world for registration after restoring the true eldership, true parentship, and true kingship which should have been completed in Adam's family.

Father's closing speech

True Father's speech at the closing banquet also covered the creation, fall, and restoration, centered on the concept of absolute sex. He covered the details of daily life that lead to world peace. The eternal, absolute and unchanging God created humankind as His object of absolute love. True Father emphasizes that absolute love can only be realized when man and woman become absolutely united through their absolute,

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unique, unchanging, eternal sexual organs. However, because humankind fell, God could not realize this love. The fall resulted from free sex, which has led to individualism and homosexuality. True Father mentioned God's *han* in this context. True Father emphasized that free sex and homosexuality are pulling humankind toward spiritual and physical hell. Therefore, to restore this, we have to turn around 180 degrees through receiving the Blessing of True Parents. This is the only way to find absolute sex, True Father emphasized with a stunning proclamation.

In absolute sex, a man and a woman become one through the sexual organs centering on the absolute love of God. True Father calls free sex and homosexuality the opposite of absolute sex. Although the owner of the sexual organ is one's spouse, since the original owner is God, people should use the absolute, unique, unchanging, and eternal sexual

organ only for their spouse and only after the Blessing of marriage. The root of living for the sake of others is absolute sex.

True Father established the Family Federation for World Peace in order to restore the standard of absolute sex lost by the fall. This takes place when husband and wife live for the sake of each other. When families practice this, world peace can be established. True Father says that the Messiah comes to re-establish the family lost at the fall. In this view, Jesus, who could not establish a family 2,000 years ago, remains in Paradise, and to enter the Kingdom of Heaven he must return to the physical world and establish an original family. Thus, the first purpose of the second coming of Jesus is for him to be married.

Only Father has been able to solve the secrets of heaven which have been veiled for 6,000 years. True Father proclaimed that he knows more about God than anyone in the world. He has searched for the truth through the way of suffering; he was imprisoned six times even though he was not guilty and he overcame life-and-death situations hundreds of times. True Father proclaimed the truth about absolute sex and asked every representative attending the convention to announce this important fact to all their people through the media. They pledged to do so by raising both hands.

In their convention speeches, True Parents clearly revealed the secrets of heaven and the direction humankind should take at this grand turning-point of the millennium. Thus, we have to attend Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon as the True Parents of humankind coming with the seed of the true child of new life. Also, we have to experience rebirth through the International Holy Blessing, which is the divine ceremony to transfer lineage through receiving the seed of the child of true life. Ultimately, we must practice absolute sex. Then, what do these speeches mean to us providentially?

III. The Proclamation of Kingship

The most important meaning of the Family Federation for World Peace is the proclamation of kingship. True Father proclaimed the end of the era of parentship at midnight on December 31, 1995, and the beginning of the era of kingship on January 1, 1996.

At the conclusion of his speech, True Father said: "Furthermore, the Messiah will establish a True Family, creating the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Thus, it is the International Holy Blessing that

establishes this new blood lineage when the Lord of the Second Advent comes in the flesh. On the level of the great worldwide family, the Lord indemnifies that which was lost in the family of Adam and restores the true elder sonship, true parenthood, and true kingship that should have been perfected in Adam's family. He will transform this world into the Kingdom of Heaven on earth under the dominion of God, opening the Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world for registration. Humanity will enter the era of kingship both spiritually and physically, centered on God; establish a world of victory, freedom, happiness, and unity; and create the Heavenly Kingdom on earth and in the spirit world, which is God's ideal of creation. This is the View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation." This paragraph emphasizes the word 'registration.' Father mentioned that in order to register there must be a land. Thus, the proclamation of kingship is the most important element in Mother's speech.

The fact that True Mother's speech would proclaim kingship was predicted on July 24. In Los Angeles, Mr. Peter Kim said, "Just like Aaron who was the speaker for Moses, True Mother, as the representative of True Father, gave the speech more powerfully and beautifully than True Father." Father corrected Mr. Kim by saying, "Mother is not Aaron but the Empress." Also, at Belvedere on August 5, True Father said, "True Father is the King of Kings."

As mentioned earlier, True Mother's speech had already been proclaimed in Uruguay and Washington DC. Then, how can we say that the convention speech was the proclamation of kingship? It can be realized through the quantity of the audience and time of the convention. Also, the power of True Father's speech can be compared with speeches given earlier.

The audience in Uruguay was limited to Christian ministers from South America. The speech at the inauguration of the Washington Times Foundation was given to people from the Americas. Also, the audience at the second world convention of the Youth Federation for World Peace was limited to youth. In contrast, the Family Federation

for World Peace inauguration included summit-level representatives from around the world.

Second, we can think of the time. The speech given before the convention of Family Federation for World Peace was already given before June, before sending out national messiahs; and the convention was held after sending out national messiahs. Therefore, although it may be the same speech, there is a difference in its meaning. True Father emphasized two things when he sent out 54 national messiahs after the special 47-day workshop at Chung Pyung Training Center. One is that they must proclaim tribal messiahship before their departure, and the other was that they must arrive at their nations before June 30, 1996. This can be understood as True Parents proclaiming the era of kingship to humankind on the foundation of sending out national messiahs. True Father said, "the sending out of national messiahs is an assignment to be studied throughout human history." True Father also corrected the mistaken concept regarding the 54 national messiahs as candidates. True Father emphasized that "I never sent them as national messiah candidates but as national messiahs."

The providential significance of national messiahs is related to elder son-

ship and true parenthood. True Father restored the worldwide elder sonship by meeting Mikhail Gorbachev in April of 1990. Upon this foundation True Father proclaimed elder sonship on the Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing, July 1, 1991. In order to connect the restoration of elder sonship to the restoration of parenthood, True Father sent tribal messiahs to their hometowns on September 1, 1991. Right after that, True Parents completed the restoration of parenthood by meeting with Kim Il Sung, the false parent, from November 30 to December 7, 1991. Then, True Parents proclaimed true parenthood through the rally of the leaders of the Women's Federation for World Peace held in four Korean cities during July of 1992. Through this, True Father raised the dimension of the providence and opened the way of the Blessing to the public.

Father's meeting with Gorbachev became the foundation for proclaiming elder sonship, and his meeting with Kim Il Sung became the foundation for proclaiming true parenthood. Likewise, True Parents needed some foundation in order to proclaim kingship. That was the sending out of national messiahs. Thus, sending national messiahs to their countries was a historical event comparable to meeting Gorbachev and Kim Il



Mother delivers the speech: "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation" to an overflowing audience of 6,000 in Nagoya, Japan in November of 1996.

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Sung and provided the foundation for True Parents to proclaim the beginning of kingship. True Mother spoke in Washington DC on July 31, 1996, after the June 30 deadline for national messiahs to reach their countries. This helps us understand the meaning of the proclamation of kingship.

The proclamation of kingship, as the culmination in the providence that began with elder sonship and parenthood, has greater importance. When Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered him, "You say so." (Mark 15:2) Thus, it is clear that the proclamation of kingship is also what Jesus wanted. True kingship is preceded by true elder sonship and true parenthood, which Adam lost and Jesus could not complete. Also, the fact that the proclamation was held on July 31, 1996, holds a very important meaning in providential history.

At the first World Culture and Sports Festival in 1992, True Father stated, "When the national and international leaders of every level accept True Parents' vision for world peace centering on the family, the world peace that God desires will come within eight years, when the 20th Century ends." At this point, we can understand the time, within eight years, means by December 31, 1999.

True Father proclaimed the first year of the Completed Testament Age on January 1, 1993. He commented on the history until 1992 as follows:

"Right after World War II, God's will was to unite Christianity within seven years, by these three nations (America, England, France) becoming one with True Father. True Father's last 47 years was the period to re-indemnify all that was lost due to the failure of England, America and France right after World War II."

God originally desired to establish the unified world centering on the law of heaven between 1945 and 1952. Due to the failure of the three Allied nations, True Father needed a 40-year wilderness course and 7-year indemnity course. These 47 years ended in 1992. So, the history until 1992 served to re-establish an environment similar to the one right after World War II. Thus, the world peace which should have been established between 1945 and 1952 must be established between 1993 and 1999. This also represents the seven-year period that Jesus would have completed, if he had established a family.

Why was Father anxiously waiting for the end of June, 1996? This is the mid-point of the seven-year period from January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1999. The

end of June by the lunar calendar fell on July 31 by the solar calendar. Therefore, since July 31 is the turning point of the seven-year providence, it begins the second half of the seven-year providence. To overcome the difficulty of this mid-point, True Father sent out national messiahs before the end of June, by the solar calendar. On such a foundation, Father proclaimed kingship at the inauguration of the Family Federation for World Peace on July 31, 1996. Through this proclamation, True Parents have announced the beginning of a new age, the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven.

Third, let's think about the power of the speech given by True Father. Standing on the foundation of True Mother's proclamation of kingship on July 31, True Father clarified the content of his life after his call at the age of sixteen. He proclaimed, "Only Rev. Moon knows all the secrets of God." Therefore, True Father is teaching the unique, absolute truth. True Father gave the proclamation that He is declaring the only way, truth, life, and love.

It was not easy for True Father to find all the secrets of God and the universe. According to him, this truth was not given automatically but rather it was the crystallization of his own blood, sweat and tears. It is the result of indescribable passion and suffering. To find it, he went through six imprisonments and deathly agony comparable to Jesus' crucifixion. Through all this, rather than blaming God, True Father has made God shed tears uncountable times and has deeply moved God by comforting His heart. True Father proclaims the truth he gained through his physical and heartistic experiences since receiving the call at age sixteen. Therefore, True Father is in the proclaimed truth, and the truth is in True Father.

About the truth found in such a way, True Father allows no compromise. He has completely silenced those who raise the flag of revolt against the proclaimed truth. True Father warns that no one should be negative about the First Causal Being. He warns that there is no perfection in ignorance. We should unconditionally follow the proclaimed truth. Having overcome through suffering, Father can command mankind by the trumpet fanfare of victory. Father clarified His identity and revealed Himself as the King of Kings by using powerful words such as 'to warn' and 'to command.' As King of Kings, True Father is teaching the kings of every nation the way that humankind must go; they in turn should teach this content to their people.

What does it mean to proclaim kingship? True Father clearly announced that the turning point toward the age of God's kingdom on earth and in heaven is not a concept but reality: "Just as all the names given by Adam become real, everything will be done as it has been proclaimed." Father announced to the world that the time of proclamation has come. True kingship has been proclaimed and such a world will be established.

Just as the Blessing has been universalized after the proclamation of true parenthood, we can expect some providential transition in the second half of the seven-year providence after the proclamation of kingship. True Father said, "the foundation of the Unification Church is going beyond the level of a nation." He also said, "the age of restoration through indemnity has passed and the age of the completion through actual performance has begun." True Father also explained that the Blessing will be opened even in the spiritual world after the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing on November 29, 1997, and "Father will become a national king." Additionally, True Father has talked about national law, palace law, and Unification Church law.

True Father said, "The Blessing of 3.6 million couples signifies the perfection preceded by 30,000 couples (formation) and 360,000 couples (growth)." Based on True Father's words that we entered the era of 1997's destiny after August 1, 1996, the providence is now focused on the Blessing of 3.6 million couples. Since the Unification Church law, national law, and palace law will be established on the foundation of a nation, heavenly law will be the standard of the coming Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven.

Precisely, through True Mother's speech, True Parents have proclaimed the end of one age and the beginning of a new age, indeed, the age of kingship, proclaimed at the convention. Through True Father's speech, this was clearly confirmed.■

[To be continued in the next issue. For more information about research materials and references, contact Professor Oh at the Unification Theological Seminary.]

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Rev. and Mrs. Ki Hun Kim with their four children on the eldest daughter's birthday.

really want to welcome you as Rev. Moon's representative."

As we left the church after the program, Mother directed me to suggest to Rev. Barrett that he become a historical person and make his church a historical church by being the first in the world to raise the flag of the Family Federation for World Peace. The next day was Sunday, so I went to Rev. Barrett's church and made this proposal to him: "Our True Mother would like to suggest to you to wave our Family Federation flag in your church. This would be the historical, first time for this to be done in the world." His answer surprised me. "Of course. Already I determined, since I met True Mother, that this church is True Father and True Mother's church, and the Unification Church's church." Last True God's Day in Brazil, I showed Father a picture of this first dedication ceremony of the Family Federation flag outside a church. Father blessed us by signing two of the pictures, and when I showed these to Rev. Barrett he was crying. He said, "I have never received this kind of blessing before nor felt God's love in the way that I have now through the Unification Church."

This Church of God in Christ is an incredibly beautiful church. It is the fastest growing group in this country today.

From Chicago, we have sent over 1,200 religious leaders to attend the True Family Values seminar in Washington DC. I felt that before the end of 1996, we

should gather these ministers together and share with them about our upcoming Blessing of 3.6 million couples in 1997. We called them to gather again at Rev. Barrett's church. Rev. Barrett was totally open. He is our committee co-chairman so for any event we are having, he writes an invitation letter. He is a very powerful minister, so whatever anyone receives from him, they receive with an open heart. Once he heard so many negative things but, in response, he testified, "You cannot know Rev. and Mrs. Moon through the mass media, through TV or newspapers. You have to come and learn what their main teaching is. Without meeting them directly, you cannot understand Rev. and Mrs. Moon and the Unification Church. So come and hear what they are teaching." Over 1,000 ministers came for our meeting on December 7.

Rev. Pak spoke to this gathering of ministers and explained the value of the Blessing and the meaning of our upcoming Blessing in Washington DC. Many ministers were very inspired by the presentation. That day eighteen couples were blessed by Rev. and Mrs. Pak. Among them were two bishops. In America, a bishop takes care of ten, or even thirty churches. With the help of these bishops, we can very easily visit other churches.

The mayor's response

Based on this foundation, I was invited by the mayor of Chicago to attend the

City's commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday on January 16. Every year on this day, the City of Chicago organizes a prayer breakfast. This year, the mayor invited 1,200 ministers to attend. I was invited and asked to pray before these ministers. This was the first time they invited a Unification Church minister, so every church family in the Chicago area was excited. We had never before received an official invitation to attend a meeting with the mayor. It was incredible. The mayor gave a welcoming address, and they had chosen three pastors to pray: a Catholic bishop, a bishop from the Church of God in Christ, and Rev. Ki Hun Kim of the Unification Church. They wrote in the program "Bishop Ki Hun Kim!" Afterwards I received a personal letter from the mayor. At the meeting, I sat at the mayor's table and when I had finished my prayer, the

mayor said, "Thank you so much. Can you come next year again, and bring more of your church people?"

Every month in Chicago, I create one big event at which we share together among our Unification Church family members. On October 19, 1996, when Mother was in Chicago, she asked me what our goal was for the 1997 Blessing. I told her it was 21,000 couples. As she did in Taiwan, Mother said, "That is not enough. I will give one more blessing with one more zero." After her speech, Mother asked us, "Do you know why many ministers are coming now? It is because of the foundation Father has made in South America. That is why Chicago has a great blessing now in its work with ministers. So do it. I will give one more zero."

We, Chicago family members, are very committed and determined to reach that goal. We started last month with a Blessing for 160 couples, and this month for 320 couples.

On December 27, we invited ministers to Rev. Barrett's church. He had told us to please use his church anytime so we asked him if we could use his church again this month for our Blessing. He said, "Please, don't ask me; just tell me the date and the time, then I will prepare my church." I asked Rev. and Mrs. Pak to officiate. Eighty couples were blessed all of whom were ministers and their wives, and around 1,000 guests came. Our Unification Church building

is very small; it can hold only 200 to 300 people. But Rev. Barrett's church is very big so we can invite many people.

Mobilizing people is not a big challenge anymore in Chicago. If we send invitations to ministers, they have a lot of churches and can easily bring a thousand people. This time two bishops, Bishop Ford and Bishop Johnson, were blessed by True Parents' representatives.

It is incredible that religious leaders have now become our close friends. Many ministers want to learn Divine Principle and teach it in their churches, so we prepared a two-day workshop for ministers, teachers of teachers. So how can we teach the True Family Values and the Divine Principle? Not just by giving lectures. We invited 34 ministers to the workshop, videotaped their practice lectures, and then coached them, suggesting improvements.

At the beginning of True Father's ministry, how much persecution he received from ministers and churches! Now they are coming back and learning how to teach Father's ideas. So many of our church members were crying as they witnessed this.

Blessing participants

This past week in the Chicago area we had a three-day True Family Values seminar. We selected one minister to give a lecture this time. According to Rev. Pak's direction, every week we are going to have a three-day True Family Values seminar for local church ministers, and then give the Blessing. Every region is preparing this kind of schedule until the end of November. This week, 37 ministers came. Among them, three couples received the Blessing. One couple was the ambassador from Ghana and his caucasian wife from Ireland. We heard her testimony: "I married a black man. Do you know how much persecution I got from my family for this interracial marriage? Many accused me of being a prostitute." After they heard Father's idea that an ideal marriage is an interracial marriage, she cried and cried, and her inspiration made everyone weep. She said that from next Sunday they would like to attend the Unification Church. So we

would like to invite them to give their testimony. The husband also went to prison many times.

The parents of a blessed member, who passed away two years ago from cancer, received the Blessing. The day of the Blessing, their daughter came to them and said, "Today there is going to be a Blessing Ceremony so please go and attend." The parents are close to 80 years of age. You know, Chicago weather now is very icy and snowy; it is very hard to drive, but they came to our church to find out where the Blessing was being held. Then they went to receive the Blessing. So not only is our external foundation working for this Blessing, but the spirit world is also really ready to support us. Another bishop also received the Blessing this particular time.

In the Chicago region, we have received permission from five big churches to hold our Blessing Ceremony this year in their churches. Next month we are going to come together for a Blessing of 700 couples. In July, we would like to rent the Chicago Center where the Chicago Bulls play. They are a championship team, so we would like to go to the championship team's stadium and have a rededication ceremony for 12,000 couples.

I do not want just Unification Church

members to officiate at this ceremony so we will contact the mayor and other churches. We are calling it the Jericho walk. We are inviting all ministers to come together for a big march and rally for true family values, sponsored by the Chicago mayor's office.

Victories in South Dakota

South Dakota is a key state for Indian tribes. One chief of the Sioux tribe received the Blessing last year, and he is now making preparations for a mass wedding ceremony to be held on his reservation. Last week, 23 couples from this chief's tribe received the blessing. They want to have a very large Blessing Ceremony and broadcast the ceremony throughout South Dakota, as well as neighboring states where there are Indian reservations.

Father, Mother, we have absolute faith. Whatever you direct us to do, we want to follow absolutely with faith and love. We really want to bring glory to our True Parents from America. Thank you very much.■

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Rev. Kim with Mayor Richard Daley (to his left) pose with Chicago bishops and ministers.

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Victory at the United Nations

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WOMEN'S Federation for World Peace, International, NGO (non governmental organizations) Consultative Status, Category I, granted.

At 4:30 p.m. on May 8, 1997, WFWP International was granted, by consensus, NGO Consultative Status, Category I, by the NGO Committee of the Economic and Social Council at the United Nations.

This status is the highest level that they give and will enable us to partici-

should be constant lecture activity and development of lecture ability.

- We should develop lectures on every level. Everywhere in the nation we should be educating people.

- Prepare the local sisters so that they move up to the national level.

- The formula of restoration has the family at its core. Movement outward on each level, wider and wider, has the same base or core. Like the eight stages of restoration, we always return to that core.

- There should be a constant flow between vertical and horizontal. We func-

Nations (on the horizontal level) bring victory to the Second Advent. Then the Christian world, North America and South America (representing Protestantism and Catholicism) unite to make a worldwide church base. The children of the church base create the perfect fulfillment of God's purpose.

- Because of the Family Federation for World Peace worldwide victory (the speaking tour), True Parents could establish the national messiah position which is to be under the direct dominion of God.

- November 1, 1996 was the settlement of the Family Federation for World Peace and was celebrated as the "End of Indemnity." When we are united with True Parents, we pay no more indemnity, for we are one, like mind/body unity. This is a complete family center through family restoration. Everything is centered on this core, moving out to create a world base. This is the perfection of man and woman. It is a one family system.

- We must be God's spokesmen and spokeswomen. Families are going to every nation of the world to speak God's truth.

- The entire Christian world needs to be connected through the blessing, to become free of Satan's lineage. Every woman of the world would inherit this blessing.

- WFWP is for the purpose of restoring the bride culture and brings the world's children to God. Because of Eve, God did not have children. God did not have a culture.

- By receiving God and true love through True Parents, our ancestors and our children will build the Kingdom of Heaven, God's culture.

- You are one body with True Mother. You and True Mother are as twin girls.

- This is the final route. There is one line for an elder sister and younger sister. After you study and understand this, take action and know the substance. There you will find your personal dignity and perfection.

- "Everything is in God." ■■■

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pate fully. There are only approximately 67 other Category I NGOs, whereas there are 1,500 Category II NGOs and many more Roster organizations.

The committee was impressed with the strong international presence, vision and goals, advisory board and humanitarian services.

Thank you, True Parents.

[Editor's note: On February 19, 1997 at a leadership meeting with Father, attended by Mrs. Nora Spurgin, President of WFWP-USA, the following areas were laid out for the development of the Women's Federation for World Peace:]

- Organize the nation and delegate responsibility to many levels under your chapter.

- Each chapter on the local, city, county, state, and regional levels should resemble the national level, creating a clear line.

- Strengthen the women's activities on the local, city, county, state and regional level. There should be a promotion of leaders upward as they are trained. The local organization should therefore resemble the national organization. There

tion under the same principle. Headquarters should care for and educate the other levels.

- "WFWP fits American women well." You can accomplish a great deal with this organization.

- WFWP has the responsibility to bring the children of its members to the Blessing.

- On the foundation of the unity of Cain and Abel sons centered on the mother position (WFWP), which then brings the archangel to True Parents, the Family Federation for World Peace can be established. Historically, restoration took place by overcoming the Cain-Abel struggle centered on the mother, "then the archangel (man) could join the team; until this foundation is made the archangel has no position."

- Satan, Cain's side, claimed the world base; from here we start to build a world base on Abel's side.

- Japan represents the worst woman. Germany represents the worst child. After World War II, the bride culture, America, was lost. Now, through True Mother's speeches on Capitol Hill and at the United Nations, the mother's base is restored.

- Japan, America, and the United

Father's Activities in Uruguay

Steven Boyd

ON May 20, 1997, True Parents attended a meeting for Uruguayan leaders in the Victoria Plaza Hotel in Montevideo, Uruguay, in which True Father delivered a speech which was similar in content to that of which was recently given at the University of Bridgeport.

Sponsored by the Federation to Save the New Nation for World Peace, an overflowing crowd of 325 guests gathered in the Grand Ballroom to receive news about recent activities and to listen to True Father's speech. The majority of the guests were people who traveled to Washington DC in 1996 to hear the Divine Principle and to tour the facilities of various projects in the DC area inspired by True Parents. The guests included present and former Congressmen, civic leaders, women leaders, political leaders, youth, and present and former government officials. Father's address, delivered in Korean and simultaneously translated into Spanish, was well received by all.

During the evening dinner banquet, the guests were informed about recent activities, and were invited to attend the next seminar to hear the lectures and, for those who had not already done so, to participate in the Blessing Ceremony. The event was also a fundraiser to which the guests paid a modest price for the meal. The proceeds of the dinner are destined for the upcoming Diamond Awards Program to be held soon. This awards program recognizes distinguished local citizens for their outstanding, and often unrecognized, community service. The guests were also treated to a beautiful presentation by a choir formed of the 120 Japanese volunteers working in Uruguay.

This meeting came on the heels of a successful clean-up project the previous day, in a neighborhood of Montevideo where we have set up new installations for various companies which are in the process of establishing themselves in Uruguay. These companies include Tong Il Heavy Industry, WACOM, Future Productions, and several others.

Under the co-sponsorship of the Federation to Save the New Nation, the Fam-

ily Federation, Women's Federation, the Youth Federation, as well as several local companies, demonstrated our desire to serve the community by recruiting 150 neighborhood volunteers to participate in a clean-up project in the neighborhoods and areas surrounding the over ninety hectare area of land where these companies are being installed. The effort began at 8:00 a.m. and concluded at noon. Participants then gathered to hear speeches by local neighborhood activists, and congratulatory remarks from a designated city councilman who encouraged these efforts to continue in other areas of Montevideo.

T-shirts, on which were inscribed the slogan for the project, "A Day in My Neighborhood" were distributed to all in attendance. The Federation to Save the New Nation for World Peace gathered various donations from local citizens. Some of the items collected were: a wheelchair for a retirement home or nursing

home, playground toys for a neighborhood park, a volleyball net for young people of the area, among other things. These donations were made to existing neighborhood service organizations and were presented by the FSNNWP.

The meeting concluded with a typical Uruguayan-style barbecue. There was a final announcement made advising that an on-going commission had been formed by members of the Federation to Save the New Nation and local neighborhood activists. Such commission has been organized to research further projects in the neighborhood and to prepare for similar projects in other areas of the city. ■

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Inauguration of the "Federation to Save the New Nation" and Seminar for leaders of 33 countries. September 12, 1996. Victoria Plaza Hotel, Montevideo.

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The first responsibility is the responsibility towards God, who is the owner of true love. We have to fulfill this responsibility. God created human beings with a different personality than that of the animals. He created us as His sons and daughters. Human beings have a precious personality. Men and women must control themselves through taking responsibility for love.

pletely different level from that of the animal world. We have a special love relationship: we have freedom in our love relationship. God permitted His own sons and daughters to have a free love relationship. Because the purpose of God's creation is the realization of love, human beings, having the closest relationship of love to God, has unlimited freedom in the conjugal love relationship. God wants humankind in the position of His sons and daughters to inherit His love. We have unlimited freedom in conjugal love.

In order for us to have freedom of love, it is necessary that our love be based on certain responsibilities. If all humanity shares freedom of love horizontally, what will happen if we cannot take responsibility? Heavenly Father gave freedom of love only through accomplishing certain responsibilities. Most people never focus upon the responsibility of love; they just want freedom of love, especially horizontal love. If everyone uses the freedom of love horizontally without taking responsibility, then human society will be in total chaos and disorder. Many incredibly terrible things can happen.

Please recognize that we have responsibility in love: the original love responsibility. The Unification Church Blessing Ceremony is based on the importance of the responsibility of love. There are three dimensions or kinds of responsibility connected to this.

The first responsibility is the responsibility towards God, who is the owner of true love. We have to fulfill this responsibility. God created human beings with a different personality than that of the animals. He created us as His sons and daughters. Human beings have a precious personality. Men and women must control themselves through taking responsibility for love. The perfection of the human character depends on how much man and woman share love in their relationship during their lifetime. This is very important.

The true character of the human being is not decided by the degree of education, through knowledge or through external positions, but only according to Heavenly Father's view, centering on cosmic law. The most important element of the human personality is the love we experience in our own lifetime. Such precious true love has to be inherited from our Parent, God, in order to realize true love personalities.

I already talked about true love. True love is giving unconditionally, before asking, before taking; it is serving and sacrificing. We can find certain levels of true love in our fallen world through parental love. Parental love is similar to true love, but the real content of true love is far beyond the parental love in the fallen world.

In front of God, everyone has to absolutely fulfill their own perfection of love through their own responsibility. We have to keep pure love relationships and true love relationships. This is the kind of personality that is necessary. If we have a guilty feeling in front of Heavenly Father who has true love, we can realize how much our love is limited. In order to become worthy in front of

God, we must achieve the standard of true love.

Our consciousness should never feel guilty in front of God, and should always be centered on the true love relationship. In our fallen world, in our terrible social environment, there are all kinds of wrong love relationships, unprincipled love relationships that are the biggest and most serious sin in front of God. In the first part of the ceremony you all attended, you received the Holy Wine. From now on, you must keep the heavenly standard in your love relationship. Unprincipled love relationships are an absolute sin.

The second responsibility is the responsibility between husband and wife. You are now with your spouse. From now on, he or she is your eternal, unwavering, unchanging spouse. Not only on earth, but in the spiritual world as well. In our blessed couples tradition there is no such word as divorce. This is heavenly law. Heavenly Father's Principle of Creation is that the relationship between the spouses is based on absolute faith and fidelity. Both the husband and the wife represent God's nature and the nature of the whole cosmos. This is the nature of giving and receiving centering on eternal true love, always serving each other, unconditionally loving each other and giving to each other.

Our original mind already knows about this original nature, even though we are living in an unworthy and terrible social environment. Our original mind always expects true dedication and an unchanging true love relationship from our spouse. Our original mind always expects the same direction of love. According to their original mind, every young person before marriage expects their spouse to be pure and not a person who had many relationships with different people. This is the heavenly law.

The first ceremony was the Holy Wine Ceremony. Through this ceremony, Heavenly Father and True Parents have forgiven your past. I suppose that many of you have a lot of guilty feelings, unworthy and terrible experiences in your past, but through receiving the Holy Wine, Heavenly Father and True Parents have forgiven you. Now, on the foundation of this forgiveness, you start a pure, new-born husband/wife relationship. From now on, you have new life and you must dedicate yourself to your spouse purely. Will you do this? You must!

The Unification Church Blessing ideal and Blessing lifestyle are so precious; we should proudly testify about it to everyone. My wife and I received the Blessing 36 years ago. I have often been separated and far away from my wife because of my public mission, sometimes for weeks, sometimes for months, sometimes for years. I even had one experience of a five-year separation due to my public mission. But my wife never doubted my love for her. I also never doubted the love of my wife because of the Blessing we received 36 years ago.

Even before we started married life, my wife and I were determined and we pledged to God that our horizontal husband/wife relationship



True Parents cut the victory celebration cake after their speech in Korea, March 18, 1997.

would never waver. We pledged that our relationship would be eternal, not only in this world, but also in the spiritual world. Since then we are living centering on this belief and pure love relationship. We have had six children who have now all grown up together with their parents' absolute love. My wife and I could not take so much care of our children externally. Because of the pioneer period of our church, many times we had to suffer hunger and difficult environments. We faced many kinds of obstacles, but our six children could see how much their parents loved each other, and what kind of lifestyle we have as husband and wife. They know this clearly without us having to explain it to them. They can recognize this and they can see and feel it.

My wife and I are very grateful to our six children. We are proud of our six children because they have grown up pure. Even though the social environment is so terrible, they are beautiful and pure. They have all attended the second generation Blessing and now have families of their own. We have fifteen grandchildren and I believe that we will have many more. Our children have become husbands and wives and are taking good care of the third generation, centering on their absolute love relationships. This is the Unification Church Blessing tradition and this is the Blessing lifestyle.

Your past experiences do not matter. From now on you should start a true family life, a true love life. You have to pledge first in front of God to be

true love personalities, to train yourselves. Second, you must pledge in front of your spouse that your love toward your spouse will never change, that you will never divorce. This is our second responsibility.

I already mentioned that the family is the most important unit in our societies and in our nations. Within the family, the husband/wife relationship is the core relationship, the fundamental relationship. If there is a struggle between the husband and wife, the family foundation becomes unstable. You must understand the second responsibility.

The third responsibility is toward your descendants, your sons and daughters and your grandsons and granddaughters. Your sons and daughters are not only expecting external care from you. Of course they need external care, they need food, shelter, education and many external things. But the original minds of your children are always seeking true love from the parents. What is true love? Just taking care of the children externally, feeding them, paying their school fees and so on, is not true love.

You have to set an exemplary life of love in front of your children. As I told you before, the family is the most important school of love. Your beloved son and daughter can study about love and learn about love only through you, not from others. You should not expect your school teacher to educate your children about love. They can educate them in knowledge and technique, but your sons and daughters can understand and

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learn about true love only through you.

The most important thing for the well-development of the human being since the very beginning of his life, is how much true love he has received and experienced. Small babies are very sensitive to love. You may have had many experiences. A newborn baby who has just opened his eyes, can recognize if the person who is looking at him is a loving person or not, even though he may be just one month old. A baby can immediately react to love. The most important thing for the proper development of the child is how much love he receives. The love of the parent is the most important element for the growth and development of the children.

If the parents have conflicts and are continually fighting with each other in front of the children, instead of loving one another, a poisonous environment is created for the children. It is worse than external poison. Poison can kill the physical body, but conflicting relationships, false love relationships, false love environments are poisoning for the children's spirit self; the eternal personality of the human being.

You can understand how terrible the environment of today's world is for the development of the younger generation. Many people are concerned about the moral values and standards of the younger generation. The worse thing is when the parents never show an example of a true love relationship in front of their own children. Because of this reason, throughout history there has existed terrible immorality. Today we have the breakdown of the family, increase in divorce, the AIDS problem, younger generation drug problems and violence. We have all kinds of problems, but the biggest cause for these problems is the first generation, the parents. You have to understand this.

All the existing married couples have to repent and make a new start centering on eternal true love relationships. The goal of your family from today is the realization of the true love family. Your love relationship must be the biggest example for the second generation, for your children and grandchildren.

The divorce rate in many countries today is very high. This is the reality, but you should know that the original mind of the children can never accept the divorce of their parents. Do you know the reason? The parents' love relationship is the



Rev. Kwak and his wife, as representatives of True Parents, lead couples to recite Blessing vows.

root of the child's life. The origin of the child's life is the parents' love. If the parents divorce and their love breaks down, for the children it means the breakdown of their origin, the breakdown of their root of life. A child's original mind can never accept the divorce of his parents.

Because of this reason, Rev. and Mrs. Moon, our True Parents, hold this wonderful Blessing vision to be an example for society, for this world and for the whole of human history. We never forced you to come to this Blessing, but you joined. All blessed couples must have an absolute love relationship. Once again I want to emphasize that your spouse is your eternal spouse.

Your eternal love relationship is not only for you, but is crucially important for your descendants. Children are so proud about their parents' love relationship. For the children, the parental love relationship is much more important than milk or food. When they are growing, they look and recognize their mommy and daddy in an unchanging love relationship and in their minds they are always joyful and happy. Without explanation, they learn that kind of love relationship.

Our third responsibility of love is toward our descendants. We have such a historic responsibility. From now on, as blessed couples, you must create ideal and true families, you must create an ideal spouse relationship and ideal children. You have to embrace true children, educate true children and become proud ancestors and proud parents. This is heavenly law. Because of this Principle, even though many people in the secular world misunderstand our Blessing ideal and Blessing practice, you must understand that our Blessing Ceremony and Blessing ritual are for the sake of the nation, for the sake of society, for

the sake of the whole of humankind.

Immorality and the breakdown of the family are all over the world. Many leaders and intellectuals in many countries are recognizing that this is a big problem. How can we solve this problem, the family problem? The problem of immorality can never be solved through the power or regime of one nation, or by the guidance of a teacher or a professor. Parents have even lost the power to educate their own children because they do not have an exemplary life.

Only in Unificationism, through the guidance of the True Parents, Rev. and Mrs. Moon, and through the Blessing Ceremony, can we find the way to solve this worst problem in the world. You must be proud. Not only should you share and create your own true family, but through your true family, you should educate your neighbors, your society and all people.

Once again I want to emphasize that the Unification Blessing Ceremony is not just one church's marriage ceremony, but is a ceremony of historic significance, a precious ceremony for the sake of all humanity, for the sake of the nation, and all society. Please be proud!

There are now more than 400,000 Unification Church blessed couples throughout the world. On November 29 of this year, the Blessing of 3.6 million couples will take place. This ceremony here is one of the blessing ceremonies of this 3.6 Million Couples Blessing. The main ceremony will be in Washington DC, in the United States. Practically speaking, we cannot gather everyone in one place. So the main ceremony will be in DC, but in all the 185 countries in the world there will be ceremonies via satellite connecting all to the main Blessing Ceremony. Everyone will join together for True Parents' benediction.

Today's ceremony will only be completed on November 29 through your attendance of True Parents' Blessing benediction. It does not matter if you stay in your country or wherever. If possible, you can join the ceremony in Washington DC, but wherever you are, you should join together on November 29 to receive the True Parents' benediction. Only then will your own ceremony here today be completed. If you think about the idea of blessing 3.6 million couples in one day, you will quickly understand that this kind of ceremony is impossible. Therefore, we are holding these Blessing Ceremonies, not only in Europe, but in Africa, Korea, South America, North America, and throughout the whole world. Blessing Ceremonies are now being held every day. On November 29, you will only have to receive the benediction from True Parents for your Blessing to be complete.

I will now ask all of you to pledge your vows in front of God. There are four questions to which you have to answer loudly. The main content is related with these three important heavenly love responsibilities I have just mentioned. If you fulfill these responsibilities, you will create new, true families. The family is an important unit of the Heavenly Kingdom. True human happiness is only possible through the family, through the

family life with our own spouse and through our relationship with our own children and parents. If we have struggles and problems in our own family, where can we find true happiness?

Please once again deeply understand that the family is the most important unit for your perfection of love, your realization of true love and for your eternal happiness. I pray, ask and expect you to build true families.

Before I read the Blessing vows, I want to say that the officiator of the Blessing Ceremony is not just a single person, but a couple. Originally this kind of historic Blessing can only be conducted by the True Parents, Rev. and Mrs. Moon. It can only be conducted by someone else if they have received and inherited this Blessing directly from True Parents. Today, my wife and I have come here to conduct this Blessing Ceremony with True Parents' permission. As representatives of True Father and True Mother, I will ask you these vows:

Affirmation of Vows

[Read by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak]

1. Do you, as a mature man and woman who are to consummate the ideal of the creation of God, pledge to become an eternal husband and wife?

2. Do you pledge that you shall become a true husband and wife, and raise your children to live up to the Will of God, and educate them to become responsible leaders in front of the Unification family, all humankind, and Almighty God?

3. Do you pledge that, centering upon True Parents, you shall inherit the tradition of the Unification family, and pass this proud tradition down to the future generations of the Unification family and to all mankind?

4. Do you pledge that, centering upon the ideal of creation, you will inherit the Will of God and the True Parents, establishing God's tradition of the four great realms of heart and the three great kingships, loving the people of the world as God and True Parents do, and ultimately, that you will consummate the ideal family which is the building block of the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven?

[Rev. and Mrs. Kwak offered the Blessing Prayer in Korean.]

Solemnization of the Blessing

On this day, January 12, 1997, I declare in front of God and True Parents, mankind and the universe, these 300 couples, brides and bridegrooms established in this first European ceremony of the 3.6 Million Couples Blessing, to be loyal husbands and wives through the authority of the True Parents.■■■

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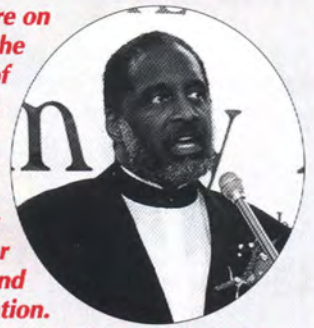
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Human emotion should not be first; God's heart should be first. When God cries, one has to be able to console God's heart by saying, "God, please do not cry." Whoever cries with such a heart instead of God will be forgiven.

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
JANUARY 2, 1997

Father's signature on the photo of the Church of God in Christ in Chicago, Illinois which was the first to raise the flag of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.



Pastor T. L. Barrett

A large, highly stylized black ink signature of Sun Myung Moon, written across the middle of the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with many loops and flourishes.

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