

Great Epic of Chosen Han People of Korea: Turning Our Hearts to Our Homeland

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Respected and beloved blessed families and members around the world,

I pray that this will be a grace-filled week during which, if we come to an even slightly deeper understanding of True Parents' homeland, our hearts will be drawn closer to Heavenly Parent.

1. Summary of Last Week's Message



Last week, we reflected together that the Great Epic of the Chosen Han People of Korea is not merely a national history confined to the small territory of the Korean Peninsula. Rather, it is a meticulously prepared providential blueprint through which Heavenly Parent has quietly worked to bring about humanity's salvation, and a family tree of heart that binds us all together as Heavenly Parent's true children.

Based on this, I invite members around the world to reflect deeply this week on why it is essential for us to understand the history and culture of the land where True Parents were born, and to explore both its significance in the history of human civilization and its universal value.

I would especially like to share with our worldwide members from diverse cultural backgrounds why this journey of learning becomes a sacred rite of passage in completing our identity as a person of faith. By tracing Heaven's providential course, woven throughout humanity's spiritual history, I hope to offer an answer to this important question.

2. The History of Eastern and Western Civilization Founded upon Spirituality and Intellect

Dear brothers and sisters,



As we look back on the course of humanity's spiritual and intellectual journey, we find within this vast history two great mountains standing tall, guiding the destiny of humankind.

The great roots of Western civilization were formed through the convergence of Hellenism centered in Greece and Rome, laying the foundations of human intellect and the rule of law, and Hebraism centered in Canaan and Palestine, sustaining a fervent faith in the one true God. The historical union of these two currents became the spiritual foundation of Western Christian civilization as we know it today.

At the same time, Eastern civilization likewise unfolded through two great traditions. Buddhism - originally centered in India - sought the true nature of the human mind and the path to spiritual liberation, while Confucianism - centered in the Far East - established moral norms for human conduct and the fundamental order of Heaven. Together, these two traditions formed the essential framework of Eastern thought.



For thousands of years, these great civilizations of East and West matured independently within distinct

geopolitical settings, each preparing for the Last Days promised by Heaven.

Yet, as humanity struggled, unable to surmount the barriers between ideologies, races, and the world's regions, Korea's modern history became a great melting pot in which all these civilizations converged. Christianity - the culminating fruit of Western civilization - swept in like the rising tide, while the long-standing Eastern traditions of Confucianism, Buddhism and Taosim met on the same land.

On the basis of this great convergence of civilizations, there finally appeared on the Korean Peninsula the ones who embodied the spiritual essence of both East and West: True Father Sun Myung Moon, the Returning Messiah, and True Mother Hak Ja Han, the Only Begotten Daughter who has come for the first time. Through the advent of the True Parents, the diverse philosophies and spiritual traditions of humanity were at last brought into unity and perfection.

Through the True Parents, Heavenly Parent brought the religions and philosophies of East and West into oneness on the Korean Peninsula and expanded the providential work of the Blessing. Through the Blessing, Heavenly Parent has broken down the barriers between cultures, races and ideologies, integrating them and opening a new era of civilization in which spirituality and intellect are perfected in true love - in spirit and truth.

3. The Reason for Learning the History and Culture of the Homeland of Our Faith



Why, then, should we deeply study, experience, and internalize the history and culture of the True Parents' homeland?

In the history of religion, whenever a central figure emerged to lead Heaven's providence, the land where that person was born and fulfilled his or her mission came to be recognized as far more than a mere geographical location - it has been recognized as the origin of faith and civilization. The history and culture of that land have served as an important pathway through which later generations of believers come to understand Heaven's will, and as a foundation for inheriting the tradition of faith.

In the Old Testament era, believers came to understand God's providence by studying - through the scriptures - the history and traditions of Canaan, the land that bears the imprint of Abraham, Moses and the prophets. Christians of the New Testament era regard the land of Israel and Palestine, where Jesus was born and proclaimed the Gospel, as their spiritual homeland, while embracing its history and culture as an integral part of their faith. Even today, they continue to rediscover its significance through making pilgrimages to the Holy Land and studying the Bible.

In Buddhism, the sacred sites of India where Shakyamuni Buddha attained enlightenment have been revered as the origin of the faith, and Buddhists have continued to explore the realm of the spirit. In Confucianism, the history of ancient China where Confucius taught, along with its culture of ritual propriety (li, 禮), has been upheld as the wellspring of Confucian tradition passed from generation to generation. Likewise, Muslims honor the land of Arabia where the Prophet Muhammad received his revelation, as holy ground, and continue to uphold its history and traditions as an essential foundation for their religious life.

In this way, all of humanity's great faith traditions have discovered their identity within the history and

culture of their central figures, learning from that spiritual legacy and faithfully carrying it forward.

4. Turning Our Hearts toward Our Homeland

Beloved blessed families and members around the world,



By attending True Parents - who have united the intellectual and religious foundations of the West with the spirituality and moral traditions of the East, thereby opening the way to a world of true peace - we have transcended all boundaries of lineage and ethnicity. As inheritors of the lineage of True Parents' true love, we have become the direct children of Heavenly Parent.

For this reason, learning about the Great Epic of the Chosen Han People of Korea is by no means the detached study of another nation's history but a sacred homecoming of the heart. In coming to know about the homeland of our True Parents who have brought the civilizations of East and West to fulfillment, we awaken to the foundation of heart and lineage prepared by Heavenly Parent throughout the long course of the providence and rediscover the true homeland of our faith. Through this path of learning, we come to embody in our lives the universal love and heart of True Parents, who wove into one the providence of both East and West, and to grow into full maturity as Heavenly Parent's true sons and daughters living in the era of Cheon Il Guk.

5. This Week's Practice: The First Step toward a Homecoming of the Heart

Dear brothers and sisters,

This week, how about taking a little time to explore the history of the Korean Peninsula or the culture of Korea using online resources? I also invite you to look into the lives of the figures introduced in the Great Epic.

I further encourage you to share what you discover with fellow members. Learning deepens when it is shared, and such exchanges can become precious opportunities to gain new insights and realizations from one another.

Beginning wherever your interest leads you, I encourage you to deepen your understanding of True Parents' homeland step by step, and thus experience a spiritual homecoming. Through this journey, may we become ever more deeply connected to the heart of Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and grow as true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk who embody their love and tradition in our lives.

Next week, we will explore more specifically what we can learn through the Great Epic of the Chosen Han People and how we can implement that learning in our lives.

May the abundant love and blessings of Heavenly Parent and True Parents be richly present in your families and in all aspects of your lives during the coming week.

Thank you.