

## God's Day 1973 Sermon

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Today is the first day of the New Year, which we celebrate as God's Day. It is the most holy day of the year, because we set it aside especially to honor God and bring Him joy.

God's Day was the fourth holiday to be declared by our Master. First he established Parent's Day, then Children's Day, then the Day of All Things (World Day). Finally in 1968 he proclaimed God's Day.

Since we strive to love and honor our Heavenly Father above all else, why wasn't the first holiday God's Day? We must realize that these special days were not simply decided by choosing a date, but that each one marks the accomplishment of some stage of restoration. Therefore even the order of these holidays has meaning according to the process of restoration.

God created a world of joy. Beginning with Adam and Eve, God wanted to have His own family where love and harmony would have abounded and from which that love and harmony would have t:'Xpanded to embrace the whole creation.

Adam and Eve would have been our True Parents. Their children would have been like God's own children because He would have dwelled within Adam and Eve. His life would have flowed in their veins, and His nature would have been inherited by them. Then all the things of the earth would have caused God to rejoice because His children would have felt such happiness and comfort in them. Then God could have rested. This would have been God's Sabbath, God's Day.

I'd like to read a portion of our Master's talk on January 2 last year:

..... "For yourself, in the position of son or daughter you desire love on the vertical level. That can also be said to be the love between master and servant. If you spiritually draw to the same level, you will desire love on the horizontal level, side by side. You are in the place of sorrow on the vertical level, because you want to be one with Him, entirely one with Him. That's where God wanted Adam to be, and if Adam had acquired that position, God would have abided in him, been entirely one with him. In other words, the Father and son would have become one. From the Principle we can say that God, in this case, is the inner Adam, while Adam is God in flesh, the outer Adam. We say that there are three kinds of love - parental love, marital love, and children's love. If that point had been realized in Adam, parental love and children's love would have met at that same point. Conjugal love alone would have been left, the ideal of marital love alone would have been unaccomplished.

If Adam and Eve had been perfected to maturity, they could have become one in conjugal love. They were to love each other, not only on the physical level, but also on the spiritual level. Adam, in his place, could have been one with his Father -- God -- vertically, and Eve could have acquired the position of Father and daughter, and become one. In that case, the point where Adam and Eve would have desired to be was the point of oneness. God and Adam, being one, would have desired Eve. And God and Eve being one, would have desired Adam. On the horizontal level, there are four -- God and Adam, and God and Eve. Those four desire to be entirely one. Then where are they to meet -- up here or down here?

No! They would come together horizontally and become one. If Adam and Eve had become one on that level, what would have become of them? They would have had entire oneness. Nothing could separate them.

From that point you want to have a relationship with the whole world. There is no one, there is not a point which you do not want to know. Everyone there wants to associate with any other being in the whole world. If you are in the stadium watching the game, you want to be the top champion. You always think of things that way. Through the period of adolescence God wants you to look for the highest place. He wants you to associate with the whole world. That's when you want to meet your spouse, and lead the love to the ideal point.

In a flower that is the time it makes a fragrance. If you stand by the flower a while, the fragrance will come to rest on you. That's the way you spread your fragrance in adolescence. It extends wider and wider. Butterflies and bees are attracted by the fragrance. So what do the youth, the young men and women want in that period? They want to become the top champion, the top student, the top everything.

Only after acquiring this comes the desire for the position of love. For both men and women this is the only way and the only goal. It is the highest point because it is the only point where God and Adam and God and Eve would like to be together. If God and Adam could not be one, and God and Eve could not be one, they could not acquire that position.

And from then on, there is less give and take between Adam and Eve centered on God. If God and Adam become one, and God and Eve become one, and they meet at that point, there is no other power that can split them.

The point where those two meet is, in another sense, the point where four meet together, God and the creation. That's the point where the creator and the created meet. With those two united, a new creation comes from that. Through this kind of love children are born. That's the work of re-creation.

From that we gather that God creates not only on the vertical level but also on the horizontal level. This is the ideal of creation centered on Adam and Eve -- God's ideal."

This is the nature of the complete relationship of love which should have existed among God and Adam and Eve, their children, and the creation. But such oneness was never achieved at all. Through the fall God lost Adam, Eve, his children, and His creation. These thousands of years He has sought to find them all again. This has been the course of restoration. To regain God's Sabbath, we have had to go through 6,000 years of re-creation, just as there were six days of creation.

In 1960, after long years of struggle, the marriage of Master and Mother was celebrated and Parents' Day was inaugurated. Following that, Children's Day could be announced, since after Parents are restored, God's children can be found. And a few years later, the Day of All Things was proclaimed, representing the restoration of all the things of creation to God. These two latter holidays were established through blessing the 36, 72, and 124 couples.

Although Children's Day represents the restoration of children to God, obviously not all mankind are restored. The Day of All Things doesn't mean that all the things of the creation have actually been restored to God already.

These days -- Parents' Day, Children's Day, and World Day -- signify that the first family has fulfilled the three blessings God originally gave to Adam: be fruitful (Parents' Day), multiply and fill the earth (Children's Day), and have dominion (World Day). By going through all the struggle, all the trials and difficulties on the course of restoration, our Master has opened the way for all of us to fulfill the three blessings ourselves. Therefore, each of us must really establish his own Parents' Day, his own Children's Day, and his own World Day.

As we do this, these days will come to have greater and greater significance until the whole world can rejoice in them. They will no longer be days of symbolic accomplishment alone to us, but days of great

value in our own life and experience. Thus these days have cosmic value and restorative purpose. They have been given by God for each person to grow into, to fulfill the heavenly standard, and participate in the recreation of His world.

I'd like to read from Miss [Young Oon] Kim's 1969 God's Day address.

Theoretically, God is like the root of a tree. The perfected Adam and Eve are like the trunk, and those restored through them like the branches, twigs of the branches and the leaves. We can apply the Cain-Abel relationship to this idea. The root, God, is Abel to the trunk, or True Parents. The trunk is Abel to the first branches, who are Cain; the first branches, in turn, are Abel to the next branches and so on. It is necessary to maintain this order, not for the sake of power and position for the Abel side, but for the sake of Cain who must have a channel through which to receive the precious life-giving sap of the tree. Through the blessing of the True Parents we become part of this tree of life. This is a tremendously privileged position, spiritually higher than any of the past. However, Master has placed no one in this position in a permanent sense. The blessing he has given is only conditional. Even after receiving the blessing, we have to apply the Principle to our lives and become one with it. In doing this we must subjugate Satan within ourselves as well as without, thereby expanding the territory over which the Father reigns. Through our utmost dedication and sacrificial toil, we are required to expand this territory from the family, to the nation and finally to the whole world. In this way we become entitled to be true children of God, entering into His direct lineage. Then God will blot out transgressions and will not remember our sins any more.

When we have accomplished what Adam and Eve should have done and fulfilled our own four positions with God on the individual and family levels and with all creation, then God will be able to find rest in us, rejoice with us, and live with us. If we have gone through the struggle of history, lived the course of restoration in our own lives -- when we are really victorious, what would we like to do? We would like to give everything, all our victory and accomplishment, to God, saying, "Father, I have accomplished for you, I have won your battle. Please rejoice in the world you originally intended." We would like to make everything perfect, then give it to God. That will be our own God's Day.

Our Master established the cosmic God's Day in 1968, the end of his own 21-year course. Because he had already established the four positions -- the outer positions -- he was entitled to win the inner position for God. Since then he has been expanding this four-position base by grafting new families into his own, and because of that we are all entitled to celebrate God's Day, even though individually we have not accomplished so much.

In another sense, however, we must each of us fulfill our own perfection, so that God can come to dwell within each of us, sharing our life and happiness.

I'd like to read from Master's New Year's Eve address last year.

When God sees the many members gathered here under our Unification Church He thinks in this manner: these people have not come for the salvation of their own individual selves. They have come to protect and safeguard the Lord.

God makes families by blessing among our members. The reason God makes such families is for the safeguarding of the Lord's family. It does not mean their lives are made happy, but by making Cain-type families to the Lord's family (Abel-type), and by their becoming one -- Cain Families and Abel family -- God wants to protect that Abel family. Also, God has formed tribes. These tribes are to protect the families of the Unification Church. Those families in turn are to protect the Lord's family. The nation must fulfill the responsibility of protecting the tribes. In this manner it can indemnify the Jewish nation which could not safeguard Jesus' tribe. Thus we can restore the nation which can then fulfill its mission.

The reason to safeguard is that this year is the last year in crossing over the most dangerous period. So far Master has been working to protect you as individuals, as well as your families, tribes, and nations. But it cannot be this way all the time. Now he considers he has reached the limits of his responsibility. It means he has fulfilled his mission already. Henceforth our members must fulfill their missions to safeguard the Lord, his family, and his tribe.

So far you have been working by following Master. But from now on you must come to him with fulfilled work. Then he can settle down and rest. Up to now Master has had no place to rest -- neither as an individual nor for his family.

When his family is settled then the families of the blessed couples can settle down. Thus all blessed families must settle down. If, as a result of this, we can acquire a national base then restoration of the world will be accomplished very easily.

You don't know how bitterly we fought. During the formation and growth stages that is all right. But when we grow to the stage of perfection children must recognize their parents. When they find their parents suffering then children cannot rest, cannot enjoy themselves. Children must then stand in the position of parents and should be ready to take any risks and shoulder all the difficulties of their parents.

Such a principle applies to all our blessed families and to all our members. We must remember too that Cain is for Abel; Cain family is for Abel family; Cain tribe is for Abel tribe; and Cain nation is for Abel nation. When such a thought or idea is set up then the Abel can be protected.

The reason Jesus was crucified and the Jewish people perished was that this thought was reversed. These people expected Jesus to serve them. They thought Jesus would build their nation, a nation above all other nations of the world, and would bring happiness to them without their having to fulfill their own responsibilities.

Therefore, we must not wait for God to save us, but we must go out and win God's battle. We must not expect Master to do our work, but we must bring him the fruit of our own accomplishment. We must not expect God's Day to come to us already full of meaning, but we must work to win it for ourselves, in our own hearts.

It is our immense privilege to participate in this momentous period in history. Simply because we live on earth at this time we have the opportunity to share in this turning point of history. Though as yet we are just beginning to understand our heavenly Father, He has opened up the secrets of His heart to us. Though we all have far to go until we resemble the perfected individuals God intended, He has permitted us to witness and share the recreation of the Garden of Eden. We are in His Presence at this moment. Let us share with Him this day, His Day, bringing Him our utmost love and our pledge of determination to quickly make God's Day a universal reality.