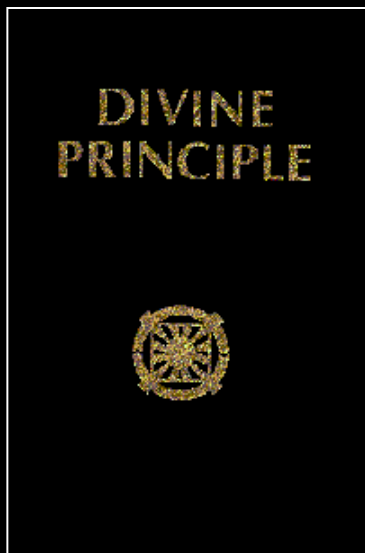




## Sunday Sermon July 2023

In the Year of the Rabbit



Divine Principle  
&  
Beatitudes  
a comparison  
Part 1 of 2



The Beatitudes are a set of blessings or teachings given by Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount, as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 5:3-12).

They outline the characteristics and attitudes that are considered blessed or fortunate in the eyes of God.

The word "beatitude" comes from the Latin word "beatus," meaning "blessed" or "happy."

The Beatitudes present a radical and counter-cultural view of happiness and righteousness.

They describe qualities and virtues that are often contrary to worldly values and expectations. In these teachings, Jesus emphasizes the inner attitudes of individuals rather than external circumstances or material possessions.

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## *Introduction Jesus teaching*

- Birth
  - Boy Jesus 12 year – in the Temple
- 30,31,32 – Public Teaching
- Crucifixion
- Resurrection
- 2000 year of Christianity



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**Jesus famous sermon from a hill representing Mount Zion**

is considered by many Christian scholars to be similar to the proclamation of the Old Covenant by Moses from Mount Sinai.

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- Four similar blessings appear in the Sermon on the Plain in Luke and are followed by four woes that mirror the blessings.

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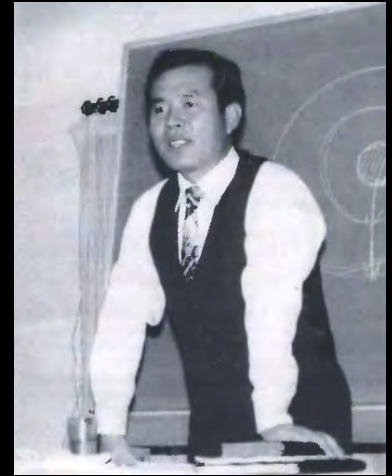


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- They echo the highest ideals of the teachings of Jesus on mercy; spirituality and compassion.



Jesus commissioning the Twelve Apostles. Painted 1481



*Pastor  
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## *The Meaning of the Nine Beatitudes*

*March 1986 from a sermon by  
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- There's a very easy answer.

My understanding of our goal is to become beautiful sons and daughters of God and to establish God's Kingdom of Heaven on earth.



- Matthew 5:1-12 is a very famous and meaningful passage -- called the Beatitudes, or the Nine Blessings.
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who recognize that they are sinful and hunger  
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Thus, we find the real God when we too feel mournful and sad. God's position is not absolutely powerful -- He lost His ideal, His dream, and His children, and has suffered and sacrificed thousands of years for His sons and daughters.

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As Proverbs 12:28 says,

"In the path of righteousness is life,  
but the way of error leads to death."

Only along the path of goodness do we find immortality.

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Therefore, with our tongue, our hands, and our feet  
we must be merciful and express true love for others.  
If we live centred on God and love, we can create a  
righteous society.

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We need a deep prayer life, we need to shed tears sweat, and blood, and we need to oust Satan completely from our lives in order to become pure.

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We need peaceful relationships with others and with God, horizontally and vertically.

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We will inevitably suffer in the eyes of the world for the sake of our cause, but we need to create a total environment in which God can live and express Himself.

## 9. Blessed are those who insult you - Matthew 5:11

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

## Summary Beatitudes=the Great Reversal



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**God & Spir.world will compensate**

Compare Declaration;

Our **Family Pledge** 2013 - Our family, the owner of Cheon Il Guk pledges...

1. to seek our original homeland and build the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, the original ideal of creation, by centering on true love.
2. to represent and become central to heaven and earth by attending the Heavenly Parent and True Parents; we pledge to perfect the dutiful family way of filial sons and daughters in our family, patriots in our nation, saints in the world, and divine sons and daughters in heaven and on earth, by centering on true love.
3. to perfect the Four Great Realms of Heart, the Three Great Kingdoms and the Realm of the Royal Family, by centering on true love.

4. to build the universal family encompassing heaven and earth, which is the Heavenly Parent's ideal of creation, and perfect the world of freedom, peace, unity and happiness, by centering on true love.
5. to strive every day to advance the unification of the spirit world and the physical world as subject and object partners, by centering on true love.
6. to become a family that moves heavenly fortune by embodying the Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and to perfect a family that conveys Heaven's blessing to our community, by centering on true love.



7. through living for the sake of others, to perfect the world based on the culture of heart, which is rooted in the original lineage, by centering on true love.
8. to achieve the ideal of God and human beings united in love through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, and to perfect the realm of liberation and complete freedom in the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, by centering on true love.
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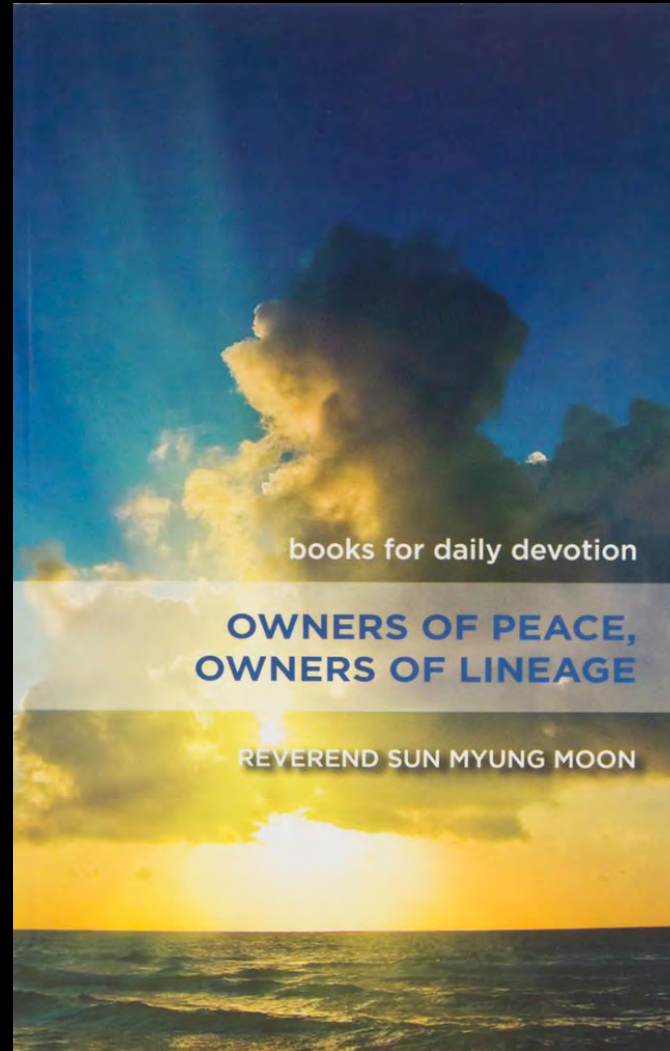
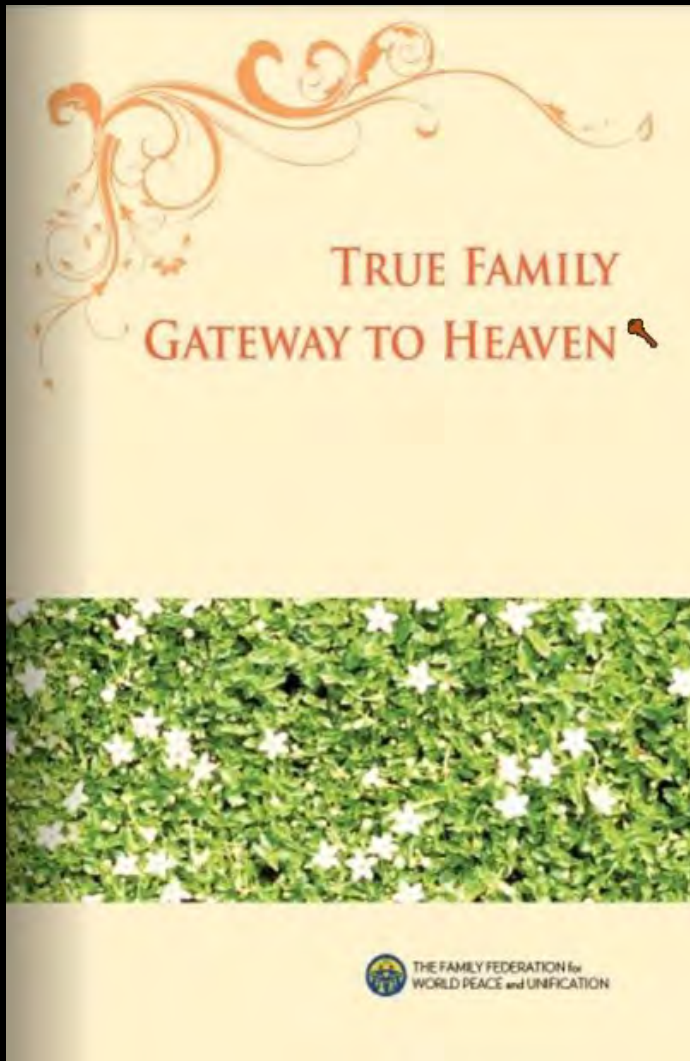
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From David Hanna;

*One person who particularly interests me is **William Johnston.***

*He was a Jesuit priest who went to Japan in the 1950s and was active into the 70s.*

*Have you come across him? Deeply moved by Buddhist spirituality, he sought to introduce meditative practices to the western Christian world.*

*He was talking here about the transition of the age, effectively the change from the New to the Completed Testament eras:*

*William Johnston was born in 1925.*

*A Jesuit priest, Johnston has focused on building*

*contemplative bridges between Buddhism and Christianity*  
*in both his pastoral teaching and his writings.*

*His books, including **Christian Zen** and **The Inner Eye of Love**,  
refer to the universal vocation of mysticism.*

*Professor Johnston is based at Sophia University in Tokyo,  
where he has taught courses on mysticism and meditation.*

*His contributions can be found in the World Wisdom anthology,  
**Pray Without Ceasing**.*

*Rev. William Johnston died in 2010*

*“Now at the end of the twentieth century we again find ourselves at a great crossroads in the history of mankind. Such an age demands a new theology, a re-statement of the Gospel message, an answer to the peculiar problems that confront us.*

*Yet the construction of such a theology is an extremely difficult and delicate task because we are aware that the old culture is dying but has not yet died and the new culture is coming to birth but has not yet been born. Caught in the middle and not knowing what will come next, we wonder where to turn.”*

*(taken from Johnstons, "Silent Music")*



Sermon summary;

Beatitudes is Jesus faith declaration.

He emphasizes the inner attitudes of individuals rather than external circumstances or material possessions.

Love God and your neighbor (all Mankind)

End of Sermon

Please join me in Prayer!



“Prayer is communication with the Divine. It can be whispered or chanted or written or expressed in the work you do. However it is expressed, it is never in vain.”

— Donna Wilk Cardillo

Source:

Bible Mathew 5 NKJ

Divine Principle v.96

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Korean sermon

[www.tparents.org/Library/Unification/Talks/Jpak/jPak-860300.htm](http://www.tparents.org/Library/Unification/Talks/Jpak/jPak-860300.htm)

Youtube: Christian Sermon on Beatitudes 2022

<https://youtu.be/bXKfPhZtPJE>



Remember the beauty in Gods nature is there  
to inspire the most Holy original inside us all!

Have a great Blessed week.



Prepared for 2nd gen inspiration by de Paulis family.