

Recognize and Fulfill Your Destiny

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Distinguished guests, leaders from various backgrounds, peace ambassadors and blessed families from Sub-Region Three: I love you all! I thought about the Chinese character "*chung*" [忠 loyalty]. It is a combination of the characters "*jung*" [中 center] and "*shim*" [心 heart]. This is why I love Chungcheong Province. The character "*chung*" is closer to a heart wanting to live for all ordinary citizens than one that wants to be loyal to one leader. Those people will also be the ones whom God, the Creator and owner of the universe, wants to embrace, people who have lived attending Heaven and longing for Heaven in the center of their hearts.



When we look at the world today, however, we conclude that we cannot become one when we think, judge and act from a human perspective. The center of the universe is Heavenly Parent, our Creator. He created everything in his image. From the mineral world to the plant world and the animal world, he

created them -- plus and minus, male and female, stamen and pistil. Finally, he created a man and woman to become the first human ancestors.

He gave a period of growth to the man and woman, whom he had created to be the first human ancestors. They had to grow while maintaining their oneness with God. They had to practice absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Unfortunately, the man and woman God created to become the first human ancestors (called Adam and Eve in the Bible) began to think centered on themselves and to feel selfish desire, [as if thinking,] I can also become like God! This has resulted in today's fallen human race, which has no relationship with God.



Working to save us behind the scenes

God, the Creator, has the same beginning and end. God is omniscient and omnipotent. How then could he passively observe fallen humanity? Heaven, therefore, began the providence of salvation and the providence of restoration through indemnity in order to find every lost human being. As described in the Bible, God chose the people of Israel as his people and continued the providence until they were able to establish a national foundation. How difficult must this effort have been that it took Almighty God four thousand long years!

Finally, his only son, Jesus Christ, whom he could call, "my son," was born. Yet, what happened? The people of that time betrayed Heaven repeatedly, afflicting pain on God. God sent Jesus Christ, his only son, to become humanity's first good ancestor, in accordance with God's principles involving the Creation, yet the people of Israel were unable to form a protective fence around Jesus. Jesus, therefore, had no choice but to take the path of the cross.



When crucifixion befell Jesus, his disciples, Mary's family and Zachariah's family, the Jewish leaders and the people of Israel, were not by his side. The only people with him were the thief on his right and the thief on his left.... As he died on the cross, Jesus promised to return. He said he would come back to hold the marriage supper of the Lamb.

After Jesus died on the cross, the Holy Spirit brought about rebirth, and Christianity could begin through the disciples. For two thousand years, however, Christianity did not know the true nature of Jesus' mission. They could not clearly explain God. As a result, they created many problems. How can the communist doctrine, which asserts that God does not exist, emerge from within the Christian sphere, among those who believe in God?

That is because they do not know of Heaven's providence and the truth. God, however, continued to carry out his promise. He, therefore, chose a new people amidst whom he could send his only daughter as the wife of Jesus, who had promised to return and conduct the marriage supper of the Lamb. That people was the Korean people.



Korea is a blessed land

In other words, the Korean people are a people whom Heaven has blessed. The Korean people suffered many ordeals and hardships throughout history. Not a day passed in comfort. Being a people whom God had chosen, Koreans needed to bear all these ordeals to receive greater blessings.

Next year, we will be celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the March 1 Independence Movement [in Korea]. Why do you think they initiated such a movement? That was because the time had come for the birth of God's only daughter, who is the key to bringing Heaven's providence to its ultimate completion. God's only daughter had to be born on a Christian foundation and under circumstances in which the payment of all indemnity was complete.

The Vatican recently revealed a letter of gratitude that a Pope wrote to King Chungbuk (1294–1339) of the Goryeo Dynasty. This is evidence that God had been preparing for his only daughter to be born in this nation. All religions, in particular, have entered and borne fruit in this nation. All religions, however, should also be able to explain clearly what their destination or end is.

The dream that the most omniscient, omnipotent and absolute Heavenly Parent and Creator wanted to achieve through the providence was to embrace all 7.6 billion people on earth as his children. Humanity's hope may have not been clear, but to this day, humanity's desire to advance toward the absolute and central being has resulted in the birth of religions.

The starting point of each religion in each area may be different, but they are all heading toward the same objective just like separate streams that meet and form one big stream moving toward the ocean.

This also means that you must put on new clothes after you get rid of all the habits you have insisted on and lived by, and get rid of the clothes you have worn until now. Heaven has prepared the environment that will enable this people to complete their final responsibilities.

From freedom to division

In 1943, God's only daughter, who was to become a True Parent, was born. Around this period, Korea was facing difficult circumstances. This was a time when Korea was not a nation [because Japan had annexed it]. The standard desired by Heaven, however, was for the True Parents of humanity to emerge

on a national foundation. Koreans could not create such an environment, though.

Korea's liberation came in 1945. Soon after, it divided into North Korea and South Korea, one communist, one democratic. North Korea already had an established system that was fully equipped and ready to invade South Korea. South Korea, however, was still in the preparation stages. Five years passed under such circumstances after which the Korean War finally broke out.

God, the Creator, gave Adam and Eve, whom he had created to become the good ancestors of humanity, a period of growth. Likewise, God's only daughter, following her birth in 1943, needed a period of growth.

South Korea, back then, had no power to fight against North Korea. Heaven therefore mobilized the United Nations forces. Soldiers from sixteen nations intervened for Korea and shed blood in a good cause in this nation. You need to understand that this was due to none other than God's love and blessings to achieve the providence through this people.

A new era is opening through True Parents' emergence. Now, not only Koreans, but all of humanity is passionately welcoming God's only daughter, the True Mother. Early in November this year, a twenty-thousand- person rally will take place in the United States centered on pastors. This is what they say. They have lived their entire lives centered on the Bible, but now some wonder how they had lived without understanding something as natural as the concept of God's only daughter. Some deeply repented and have expressed how much they love True Mother, God's only daughter. They are conducting the Blessing Ceremony in their own churches.



Will you be responsible?

Blessed families and other members of our Chungcheong sub-region, whom I especially love, will you as people who live in this area beautifully named with the characters "chung" and "cheong," and located right in the middle of all five sub-regions, stand at the center of the providence in attendance to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents and take the lead in realizing national and global restoration? [Yes!] That is why today I proclaim Chungcheong to be Heavenly Chungcheong. Citizens of the Heavenly Chungcheong nation, I sincerely hope that you become leaders in the nation of Chungcheong -- in the center of national restoration -- and testify in front of the whole world about our Heavenly Parent.