

# Monthly Joongang: A Report on the Completion of the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures

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## Scriptures Volumes Completed in Time for the Third Anniversary of True Father's Ascension

The *Joongang Daily* newspaper publishes a monthly magazine called *Monthly Joongang*. The Religion Section of the December issue features a four-page interview with photographs of Kim Young Hwi, chairman of the Committee for the Compilation of True Parents' Words, introducing the completion of the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures.

The article explains that the scripture compilation began as one method of carrying on True Father's work, at the time of the first anniversary of Father's ascension.

On June 10, 2013, a dedication ceremony took place for the publication of the Korean versions of both *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* and the revised version of *Cheon Seong Gyeong* in the Great Hall of the Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training Center. On September 1, this year, leaders from around the world were on hand, in the same venue, for the dedication ceremony for the publication of *Chambumo Gyeong*, in commemoration of the third anniversary of Father's ascension.

The Cheon Il Guk Scriptures is a small, manageable collection excerpted from the many volumes of The Sermons of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon organized by subject.

The original *Cheon Seong Gyeong* contained only material from four hundred out of six hundred and fifteen volumes of that set of books.

Moreover, in the process of combining material from different volumes, the earlier version had much redundant, overlapping material. For the new version, they have omitted the overlapping material and included additional speeches.

The revised *Cheon Seong Gyeong* is a collection of thirteen thematic sections called books. They are: God, True Parents, True Love, True Person, True Family, True Creation, Earthly Life and the Spirit World, Life of Faith and Training, Home Church and the Tribal Messiah, Philosophy of Peace, Ceremonies and Holy Days; and Cheon Il Guk, Peace messages -- and a section of True Parents' Prayers.

In the ten books of *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*, the compilers organized, by subject, 178 of the 340 public speeches that True Parents gave.

The subject areas of the ten books are as follows: Principles of True Peace, God's Homeland and the Peace Kingdom, the Mission of Religion in Achieving God's Ideal, The True Family Movement, Absolute Values and a New World Order, The Role of Women in Creating the Ideal World, The World of the Culture of Heart, The Reunification of Korea and World Peace, The Role of Nations in Realizing World Peace, and True Parents, the Hope of God and Humankind.

In *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*, the compilers have also included some of the Eight Great Textbooks that True Father chose while he was alive, such as *True Family -- Gateway to Heaven* and "Owner of Peace, Owner of Lineage." True Father chose the Eight Great Textbooks to leave as his legacy to the people of the

world. The remaining six Great Textbooks are The Sermons of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, Exposition of the Divine Principle, *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*, *World Scripture*, and the Cheon Il Guk Family Pledge.

Each of the three individual volumes of the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures slides into a protective box. So that these boxes are of a uniform size, each of the volumes, across every language, is 1,648 pages long. The publishing company produced the books with high-quality binding.

True Mother dedicated the Japanese translations of *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* on the first anniversary of Father's ascension, on August 23, 2013. She dedicated the English translations of *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* in 2014 on the second anniversary of True Father's ascension, which fell that year on August 12.

Finally, she dedicated the English and Japanese translations of *Chambumo Gyeong* on the third anniversary of True Father's ascension on September 1, this year, at the Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training Center. Nine hundred guests, including church leaders, attended the Dedication Ceremony for the Publication of *Chambumo Gyeong*. That volume of the Great Holy Scriptures has thirteen books: 1. True Parents' Advent and the Era of True Parents; 2. The Birth of True Parents; 3. The Beginning of True Father's Public Course and the Founding of HSA-UWC; 4. Salvation through the Holy Marriage Blessing; 5. Expansion of the Providential Foundation and the Annual Mottoes; 6. The World Tours and the Global Mission; 7. True Parents' Course of Suffering and Victory 8. North-South Unification and World Peace; 9. Activities in the Media, Education and the Arts for the Culture of Heart; 10. Preparing the Ideal Environment Centering on the Providence of the Ocean and Latin America; 11. Ecumenical Initiatives; 12. The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and the Women's Era; 13. The Completion of Restoration and the Settlement of Cheon Il Guk and a Chronology of the Life and Works of True Parents.

In addition, there are descriptions that briefly note exact periods and situations and explain the meaning for each theme so that readers can easily grasp the significance and scope of each of True Parents' activities.

At the *Chambumo Gyeong* dedication ceremony, True Mother said, "The three Great Holy Scriptures are the essence of the entire providential history and they are unprecedented jewels, the perfection of which can in no way be altered."

She also emphasized, "The reason we have invested everything into this project for the past three years is to reveal God's love for humankind to the whole world."

Kim Young Hwi, chairman of the Compilation Committee said in his congratulatory remarks, "In an easily accessible manner, *Chambumo Gyeong* presents True Parents' teachings on their poignant life courses, including their births, divine summons, Holy Wedding and overall providential achievements for the salvation of humankind and the realization of global peace.

*Chambumo Gyeong* is a record of the blood, sweat and tears True Parents have shed as they sacrificed themselves to achieve God's will. It can be said to that it is a report of the ultimate success of God's providence."

Jae Seok Lee, vice-chairman of the Compilation Committee, said in his publication address, "As a scripture that covers True Parents' lives and teachings, *Chambumo Gyeong* can only be a great legacy granted to all humanity. True Parents said, 'The way to restoration is a path you must find, and the way of the Principle is a path you must tread.' In this way, the *Chambumo Gyeong* presents the completed providence of restoration and the path of the Principle that humanity must take."

Min Ha Kim, a former vice chairman of the Korean government's National Unification Advisory Council, said, "I am certain that *Chambumo Gyeong*, which is being displayed for the world today, will become a wonderful guide for humanity to build true families, true love, peace, justice, truth, and clean consciences, in that it contains the vivid voices of Reverend Moon and Mrs. Moon, who sacrificed everything for humanity with true love."

Finally, during the course of the interview, Chairman Kim introduced the difficult process involved in compiling the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures. He said that 615 volumes, with an average of three hundred and fifty pages, exist in the series, The Sermons of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. Moreover, in excess of seven hundred published scripture texts exist around the world. Because it is difficult for anyone to read all the books, with the newly organized three volumes of the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures, anyone can now easily access True Parents teachings. Future readers will have access to these scripture volumes for generations to come. They also show the practical story of how True Parents had demonstrated true love while dedicating their lives to fulfill God's will.