

Speech by Timothy Elder, Director of International Missions
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Today's Ceremony marking the Opening of the Cheon-il Goong Palace is the result of both a great tragedy and God's infinite Blessing.

The great tragedy was that Satan came near to destroying completely the great accomplishments of True Father Sun Myung Moon in the months and years following his Cosmic Seonghwa on the 17th day of the 7th month in the 3rd year of Cheon-gi. It is only by God's infinite Blessing that Satan could not claim a complete victory, the process of recovering from that tragedy could begin, and we could advance to the point where the Three Kingships could officially enter the Cheon-Il Goong Palace.

The reality that the Unification Church faith was hijacked by Satan following True Father's Seonghwa has become abundantly clear during the past two weeks. On December 22, True Father's first disciple in South Korea Mrs. Hyun Shil Kang released a message to the Unification Family making clear her unwillingness to accept the Han Mother's claim that True Father was born with original sin and that she is the only begotten daughter born without original sin.

On December 25, Han Mother gathered about a dozen senior leaders of the Family Federation to receive advice on how to deal with the fallout from Mrs. Kang's message. During this meeting, Han Mother restated her claim regarding True Father's sinful birth and her own sinless birth.

Han Mother's Christmas Day statements made their way onto Korean and Japanese blogs, where they were widely seen as confirming Mrs. Kang's claims. Attempting to counter the growing fallout from Mrs. Kang's message, Family Federation Korea released an official memo on December 29. This memo claimed that Han Mother had never claimed that Father was born with original sin and that Mrs. Kang was simply repeating claims made previously by Sanctuary Church.

Unfortunately for the authors of this memo, Han Mother went a step further in her claims about Father's sinful birth on the following day, December 30. Speaking to an audience consisting of more than two hundred wives of families who received the Holy Blessing between 1960 and 1968, Han Mother stated: "Father, who was born with original sin, could have that original sin removed as a result of meeting me, the only begotten daughter born into this world without original sin. Father was not supposed to marry any other woman before meeting me."

This total reversal of Unification Church doctrine will come as a shock to many Blessed Central Families around the world. It is old news, however, to the Second King and his older brother Kook Jin Nim, and even to many of us who have been listening to the Second King during the past years. Han Mother is only now speaking this heresy at forums that can be accessed by brothers and sisters worldwide. In the autumn of 2012, however, the Second King and Kook Jin Nim were already hearing this blasphemy from Han Mother directly.

Han Mother's statements will force members around the world to make a painful choice between a woman they have loved and followed for decades as the True Mother and their commitment to building God's ideal world. The Second King and Kook Jin Nim faced a similar choice in late 2012 and early 2013.

This was their own mother, whom they loved dearly. At the time, I was a full-time translator and interpreter for Kook Jin Nim. I remember one conversation in particular between Kook Jin Nim and a senior Korean leader in late 2012. Kook Jin Nim asked the leader, "If I see my mother charging headlong toward a cliff, what am I supposed to do as a filial son? I warn her every way I can that she's about to fall off the cliff and fall to her own destruction, but she tells me I'm wrong and there is no cliff."

I was also privy to some painful correspondence between the Second King and Han Mother.

Despite the desperate pleas of her two filial sons, Han Mother chose to commit the spiritual fall in January 2013. The so-called Foundation Day in February 2013 represented her physical fall.

Through the false Foundation Day in February 2013, Satan was able to take back nearly all the Blessed Central Families that True Father had created during his public ministry. This was the greatest tragedy in human history – greater than the crucifixion of Jesus and greater even than the fall of Eve.

The Second King was faced with a devastating choice. His love for his mother was unchanging, but he was also aware of his love for his father and his duty as True Father's representative and heir who had been crowned by True Father himself on three occasions as the Second King of Cheon-Il Guk.

The Second King could have taken the easy path. He could have done what many other of True Father's children appear to be doing today. He could have pretended to go along with Han Mother's heretical claims and blasphemous actions. To do so probably would have allowed him to keep a position where he was respected and adored by Unification Family members worldwide. The position also would have allowed him to control significant financial resources. However, it also would have meant to abdicate his responsibilities and duties as the person standing in God's central line of authority.

The false Foundation Day of February 2013 was a great victory for Satan. He claimed the Holy Blessings of all blessed central families that participated in the false Foundation Day of February 2013. Satan also claimed all Second Generation members who participated there. True Father had brought God's seed to the earth, and he propagated that seed through the Holy Blessing. Now, though, that seed was in danger of becoming extinct. Had the Second King not chosen to take up his mission as True Father's representative and heir, there might not have been a way for these Blessings to be reclaimed for God.

By the grace of God, the Second King could make the righteous choice.

The choice meant he had to leave everything behind and start from the zero point. This would have been an impossible task had it not been for the complete support he received from his older brother Kook Jin Nim, whom True Father had anointed as the True Cain.

True Father had, at various times, anointed his older sons as Cain, but Kook Jin Nim was the first in the True Family to take on the mission of Cain with all his heart, all his mind and all his soul. The Second King is in the Abel position to all of humanity. Among these 7 billion plus Cains, Kook Jin Nim is the head Cain. He has shown the rest of us how to attend his younger brother, the Second King.

When the Second King and his family set out on their own, Kook Jin Nim arranged for the creation of a religious nonprofit corporation to support the Second King's ministry. He also used the resources of another nonprofit corporation where he served as president to purchase a church and parsonage. He also arranged for the production of crowns and robes for the King and Queen. He has devoted all his resources so that the King would have whatever he needed to accomplish his internal mission.

The Second King moved to Pennsylvania in the spring of 2013 and immediately set about to establish his spiritual connection with True Father. He did this by going into woods, where he built a ramshackle hut that he used for prayer and worship. In the winters, he challenged his physical limitations in sub-zero temperatures.

As a result, he could break his silence in January 2015 and begin to call out the Han Mother and those around her for their crimes against God.

The Second King stands at the point where God's vertical standard reaches the horizontal world. Kook Jin Nim, as Cain, is working to expand that point on the horizontal plane. It is the unity of these two brothers as Abel and Cain that gives us the certain hope that Cheon Il Guk will be established. (applause)

But the rest of us Cains should not stand by and let Kook Jin Nim do all the work. The Lake Sanctuary, which the King has been using as his parsonage until now, and the Sanctuary Church are owned by the nonprofit corporation where Kook Jin Nim serves as President. The Church has enjoyed rent-free use of these properties until now. As Cains, we should also provide some of the resources to support the King. Fortunately, members around the world are already making significant offerings. Preliminary figures on the 2016 financial results of World Peace and Unification Sanctuary show that total revenue exceeded 1.2 million dollars. Because of your donations, the Church is able to purchase the properties that Kook Jin Nim has prepared for the King until now. As we do this, Kook Jin Nim will be able to expand his support for the King's ministry to an even higher level.

The Gospel of John quotes John the Baptist as saying, "He must increase, but I must decrease." At least John can be commended for having some degree of self-awareness near the end of his life. All reports are that Han Mother still lacks such self-awareness and that she will continue to

present herself as the sinless Messiah who brought salvation to her fallen husband and all humanity.

It is heartbreaking to see someone we respected as our True Mother for so long choose to go down the path of certain destruction. The good news is that the unfinished portion of the mission of Eve still can be accomplished, by the wife of the Second King when her son becomes the Third King of Cheon Il Guk.

In the meantime, we Blessed Central Families have a responsibility to support the Second King as he carries on True Father's providence to bring salvation to all humanity. True Father did not die. He simply removed his physical body as we might remove an old winter coat with the coming of spring. He lives, and he will speak to us today. He lives, and he is conducting his providence through the Second King. He lives, and he will live eternally through each generation of Cheon Il Guk Kings to come.