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*Dedicated with
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to

*The Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon
who gave me new life*

Preface

When I think of the word "reservoir," I cannot help but welcome the pictures that come to mind. I automatically envision the "reservoir" formed by a dam that holds a reserve of water. I see in my mind's eye that water—so calm, so serene—patiently awaiting release to serve its intended purpose: to make electricity that will power a million and one functions for daily life.

Have you ever imagined *God* as a "reservoir?" He is tilled with far different things from the reservoirs within this world. He contains those wonderful qualities we dream about possessing—love, compassion, patience, tolerance, wisdom, insight, fortitude, rationale—a virtually endless list. I am sure that each of us would like to manifest those very qualities. Many of us might even secretly picture ourselves doing just that. But our own "reservoir" is so small; we quickly expend such attributes and run dry.

In this third book of his spiritual guidance, Reverend Paul Werner shares his insights about our "unlimited reservoir" —God. He creates for the reader the vision that God's own capacity is completely *limitless*. Although we are children of God, we are often ignorant about how to draw from our Heavenly Parent's reserves, and consequently, His reservoir remains almost untapped. Reverend Werner encourages that tapping God's reservoir *can* be done, and presents ideas about how to go about it.

As with *Heaven Down to Earth* and *In Harmony with the Eternal*, the preparation of this manuscript for publication ensued the task of perusing talks given by Reverend Werner. Transcripts of over two hundred talks given between November, 1983 and March, 1986 were read and divided into broad topics which became the chapter headings. Rather than choose a specific topic on which to speak each time, Reverend Werner encouraged members to prepare questions for him to answer. Queries on innumerable subjects came forth—how we can recognize and experience God; how to develop a relationship with True Parents; what is the effect of restoration and salvation, repentance and forgiveness; how *we* can recognize Satan; how to make an offering to God; and so forth. Answers were given extemporaneously.

In describing the basic contents, I would like to coin the phrase, "inspired guidance." As the reader will realize, Reverend Werner has within his mind and heart a huge treasure chest of spiritual jewels. Very often one person's question would unlock several doors at the same time and out would pour much more than a simple answer.

Rather than using the format of question and answer to present this material, we felt to excerpt the inspirations, thoughts, and stories and

group them under chapter titles and/or subheadings would capture the spirit with which they were shared. In this way, *Tapping the Unlimited Reservoir* follows the same basic format as *Heaven Down to Earth* and *In Harmony with the Eternal*, the first and second books of this trilogy. The thoughts are presented as capsules, and not meant to flow as one speech, but rather each stands alone. There is an exception in this book, however, because the thoughts within the chapter, "The Basic Needs of Life," are threaded together.

This material was given orally. However, in order to bring the contents to an audience of readers, of necessity, the editing had to follow a certain vein. I therefore regret any imperfection in transmitting the spirit—the humor or the tone of seriousness—with which Reverend Werner so skillfully conveyed his heart. I am sure you will find the contents of this book reveals experiences and insights of a true man of faith. Throughout his more than twenty-three years as a member of the Unification movement, Reverend Werner has studied the Bible and the Unification Principle intensively. His life of faith is exemplary; his faith tested and strong. He is a man of prayer, and his devotion to God is very visible. Reverend Werner faced those who opposed his religious conviction and discovered how to tap the unlimited reservoir. And that is what he desires to share with us to help us discover the way to draw upon the fountain of spiritual life—our God.

To me, these books are a valuable aid in cultivating stronger faith and a greater love for God and True Parents. An index is located in the back of each book in order to better reference the myriad of topics covered within the broad chapter headings.

Although the words conveyed basically speak to an audience of Unificationists, they can also address the hearts of people of any faith who may question the purpose of life, or who have the desire to grow spiritually. I invite you to embark on your journey through these pages and would like to point out special highlights you will be able to enjoy:

The chapter entitled *The Image of God* presents a glimpse into parts of His nature that perhaps the reader has not thought of, but also expresses our potential to resemble our God in our quest to mirror His image. *The Manifestation of God* portrays something of the way we can recognize how and where God manifests Himself, and as well shares with us that in fact He hopes we will represent Him in our daily life. Sometimes we may feel abandoned by God, totally unaware of *The Presence of God*, yet the personal experiences and insights Reverend Werner uses in this chapter can bring the reader great comfort that God is always there, despite His seeming absence. Among other "revelations," the chapter entitled *The Power of God* brings forth the importance of recognizing "our" power and "God's pow-

er," and just how different the two of them are, but how they should work together. The topics contained in the chapter *God's Perfection* are quite a unique way of looking at how our God is growing toward His own perfection as we, His children, grow toward ours. *The Will of God* and *The Sovereignty of God* explain about the original purpose of man's creation, and express how God is determined that someday man *will* live within His direct dominion. *Experiencing God* reveals both humorous episodes and poignant pictures of how, whether we realize it or not, we actually all live and "experience" God—in our fellow human beings.

The True Parents chapter is a testimony to their identity and their authority as our messiah and example, and shows how to attend them and inherit the tradition of God from them. It reveals that True Parents, too, are beautiful reservoirs and that by "tapping" them, we would benefit spiritually.

Heart—in the way it reveals traits of the nature of heart and parental heart, as well as explains the relationship between heart and intellect—and *Love*—which expresses much about the nature of love, true love, loving, compassion, experiencing love, and the power of love—are very fitting chapters to precede the one entitled *Blessed Marriage and Family Life*. Blessed Unificationists are eager to learn the protocol of living a married life with God as the center, and this chapter certainly presents more than a few "hows"—by pointing out something of the significance of the Blessing, and on creating a blessed family, the education a person can receive in a blessed marriage, the correct priorities in a blessed marriage, some parameters of love and respect, and the offering we make to God in our blessed marriage.

Since we Unificationists are cognizant that we are living our lives for the sake of restoration of the world and that salvation is indelibly tied up in that very concept, the chapter entitled *Restoration and Salvation* should be of particular interest. The chapters on *Repentance* and *Forgiveness* give not only the human viewpoint, but also *God's* viewpoint on these important aspects of living a life of faith. One of the central themes in Unificationism is our belief that man *can* perfect his mind and body, but that it is not only God, but also man, who has responsibility in restoring the world. Subsequently, I found the thoughts presented in the chapters on *Perfection* and *Human Responsibility* can surely stimulate the mind and body into realization and action.

The *Leadership* chapter covers a host of points on this broad topic. Although religious leaders may find the majority of them particularly relevant, I don't believe they are unique to religious life, but rather are basic principles which can be used in the workplace and the home.

Some people have an easier time than others in recognizing Satan.

Some others have a harder time seeing *The Reality of Satan*. Yet this chapter provides an excellent overview of the nature and reality of Satan, something of man's relationship with Satan, how to battle Satan, as well as an expose of Satan's traits and power.

Respect and *Self-Respect* are two essential ingredients in living a successful life of faith. In fact, they are some of *The Basic Needs of Life*. Clear insight is given within these chapters of how to recognize our needs and the importance of providing for our own, as well as those of our fellow human beings.

Religious literature written throughout the centuries has been filled with instances of the offerings man has made to God. Making an offering is no less important today. An appropriate topic to end this trilogy of volumes is *Our Offering*. It examines what Unificationists could and should offer to God—the value of our offering, the process, and especially how it can be accepted.

This last chapter does not *conclude* our journey of a life of faith; we can read and reread, meditate and meditate yet again on each of the topics contained in these three volumes. Life and a life of faith do not begin and end on the same note for any of us. We are all different and unique and each of us grows into different levels all the time. What seems like a revelation or a profound point of faith to us today, may trigger a hundred more responses ten years from now. Our neighbor may have discovered a year ago what was for us a breakthrough in our life of faith today. All of us are "reservoirs" of a sort; we are all God's sons and daughters, and we have a great deal to share. I feel that Reverend Werner is encouraging us to feel just how *untapped* each of us is. God works within and through each of us. But if we are silent, we don't allow Him that chance. Constantly giving testimony to the workings of God, we tap His reservoir, find harmony with Him, and bring Heaven down to earth.

The first book in this series is entitled, *Heaven Down to Earth*. It contains the following chapters: "God's Heart," "God's Suffering," "God's Trust," "God's Involvement," "Loving God," "The True Family," "The Creation," "The Kingdom of Heaven," "Action," "Judgment: Sorrow or Joy?," "Friendship," "The Arts," "Suffering," "Our Position," "Witnessing," "The Reality of Spirit World," "*Tang Gam/Indemnity*," "Attitude," "Public-mindedness," "Fears and Insecurities," "Self-confidence," and "Life."

The second book in this series, *In Harmony with the Eternal*, presents Reverend Werner's guidance and inspiration on: "The Search for God," "The Love of God," "The Eyes of God," "Living for God," "Glorifying God," "Prayer," "Loving the True Parents," "Life of Faith," "Tangible Faith," "Tears," "Relationships," "Harmony," "Integrity," "Fidelity,"

"Trust," "Sensitivity," "Overcoming Personal Problems," "Success," "Perspectives on the Principle," "Perspectives on Religion," "Perspectives on History," "Perspectives on the World," and "Communication."

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Our "Unlimited Reservoir" is before you. On behalf of all; may I extend our hope that you will find profound inspiration in the words you are about to "draw from." And may God's blessing pour forth into your own spiritual reservoir!

Nancy Barton
Editor

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