

## 7 Cheon Il Guk Is a World Where People Live for the Sake of Each Other – The Ideals of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universally Shared Values

### **True Parents' Words**

*Humanity desires a world of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values, which is a reflection of God's ideal kingdom. It is not a world where one can live alone; no individual can create such a world. Whenever we talk about "I," there also must be "my partner," whether it is my spouse or my family. This should not remain as a concept but should be applied in real life. The kingdom of God is the world where this concept is manifested in reality, on the stage of life. [CSG 10.4.1:5]*

*In an ideal society or nation, everyone will transcend nationality and skin color to engage in mutual cooperation, create harmony, and live in happiness. The community will be like an extended family. People will be conscious of being the sons and daughters of one God, a single brotherhood and sisterhood under the True Parents. That will be the place where blessed families, who have restored their lineage, right of ownership and realm of heart, will realize a world of freedom, peace and unity. It will be a world of True Parents' language and culture. People will be interdependent and prosperous, sharing universal values and God's culture, which is based on heart. As true owners, people will find ways to stop polluting the earth's environment and to love and protect all things. In that world, people will generate their livelihood in joyful service and act based on a heart that lives and loves for the sake of others. All of society's members will follow this standard of living. These ideals are impossible to achieve without the implementation of True Parents' thought, the thought that teaches that true love is living for the sake of others. [CSG 10.2.4:7]*

### **Sharing Thoughts**

Russian author Lev Tolstoy had the following three questions. First: When is the most important time? Second: Who is the most important person? Third: What is the most important thing to pursue? The following is Tolstoy's answers to these questions. "The most important time is now. The most important person is the person whom you are with, and the most important pursuit is making that person, the one standing at your side, happy. That alone is the pursuit of life. That is why you have to practice love and goodness with whomever you meet and wherever you go."

Tolstoy practiced these words religiously throughout his life. His words show us clearly the time, the person, and the pursuit we always must keep in mind. No one is able to live alone, devoid of human relationship. Whether we are aware of it or not, we live our daily lives while helping each other, either directly or indirectly. We receive help from our family members, our neighbors, the society, and even nature. We must realize that we can exist only because of others' efforts. That is why all humanity must live for the sake of the other. We will be able to live a truly happy life if we share not only our material blessings but also our spiritual blessings, and when we make an effort to look at the world from the viewpoint of others and multiply goodness.

Expanding this set of principles will create a world where people live for the sake of each other beyond national borders. That world, then, will be the utopia that humankind has been yearning for throughout history. The principle of living for the sake of Heavenly Parent can be used anywhere in the universe.

This is the reason why we have to spread the idea that we are the co-owners of all things in the universe created by Heavenly Parent. All created things are the priceless gifts that Heavenly Parent gave to human beings. We have to conserve the creation in the position of siblings while attending Heavenly Parent as our parent. The creation should not be hoarded by the few who look after only their own economic well-being. Those who are in the political realm, too, should refrain from advocating the interests of the few. Politicians should respect the people and try to reflect the people's opinions in their management of the nation. In the environmental field, any action that hurts nature for the benefit of the few should be halted immediately. Everyone on earth should work together to alleviate the detrimental effects of climate change and protect and develop the environment through sustainable means.

The heart of living for the sake of others and putting the objectives of the group before that of the individual will be imperative in establishing the world where everyone is prosperous. The fundamental essence of our creation is love and the heart of living for the sake of others. This is the reason we have to practice a life of sharing. The world in which this ideal is prevalent is called "a world of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universally shared values." In other words, it is a world where everyone lives in harmony, prospers together, and lives with the heart of thinking of the whole before the individual. It is a world where people do not live for the sake of themselves but for the sake of others. It is a world of mutual prosperity.

Heavenly Parent's true love is at the foundation of such a world. Managing our economic, political, ethical, and social spheres based on the love of Heavenly Parent will ensure that Heavenly Parent can take part in them directly. Human beings are created in the image of Heavenly Parent. Our desire to live for the sake of others and practice love is stronger than our desire to be selfish. We can attain the true original value of being human when we live and practice this type of love.

One of True Parents' core messages, which they have preached for a very long time, is "live for the sake of others." We should practice this teaching and embody it in our everyday lives. Cheon Il Guk is a nation whose citizens live for the sake of others. Let us train ourselves to practice this teaching and invest our daily lives in giving happiness to others.

**\* Points for contemplation**

- 1) Think about why people cannot live alone.
- 2) People who pursue selfish goals eventually come to a roadblock. Why is this? It is because human beings are relational beings and their happiness expands when they share. Which part of our life should we try to expand today?