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Archbishop George Augustus Stallings Jr. speaking at the celebrations of [Hak Ja Han](#)'s 65th wedding anniversary in Gapyeong, South Korea on April 12, 2025

Tribute to Holy Mother Han by Archbishop George Augustus Stallings Jr. at the large celebration of her 65th wedding anniversary



From the celebrations of [Hak Ja Han](#)'s 65th wedding anniversary in Cheongshim Peace World Center in Gapyeong, South Korea on April 12, 2025

A congratulatory speech by Archbishop George Augustus Stallings Jr. of the Imani Temple African-American Catholic Congregation in Washington DC. It was given at the celebrations of [Hak Ja Han](#)'s 65th wedding anniversary in Gapyeong, South Korea on April 12, 2025. Stallings served as a Roman Catholic priest from 1974 to 1989, when he founded the Imani temple. He served for several years as an advisor to the [True Parents](#) in the USA and was [blessed in marriage](#) to Sayomi Kamimoto from Japan in 2001.

To our beloved "True Parents of heaven, earth and humankind" [See editor's note below].

Dearest [Holy Mother Han](#) and dearest [True Father](#) in heaven, we want to congratulate you on the occasion of your 65th wedding anniversary.

To [God](#) be the glory for the things he has done in and through you, [Holy Mother Han](#).



In 1960, [True Mother](#), as the "only begotten Daughter", affirmed to [God](#) that she would join [Father Moon](#) and together with him create the "True Parents of heaven, earth and humankind" [See editor's note below].

[God](#)'s dream from the beginning was that the first man and woman who were created in [God](#)'s image and with [his lineage](#) would obey [God](#)'s command and keep their purity until they were fully mature and could receive [God](#)'s blessing. Upon achieving maturity, [God](#) wanted to see his love perfected in them.

Unfortunately, through following the false words of the archangel, they disobeyed [God](#) and lost his blessing. [God's ideal](#) of a true family in his image was shattered, and [God](#) led the lonely course of restoration to restore the family. No one could ever imagine the depth of [God's anguish](#) when his children could not fulfill their responsibility, and they destroyed [God](#)'s hope of dwelling with his family.

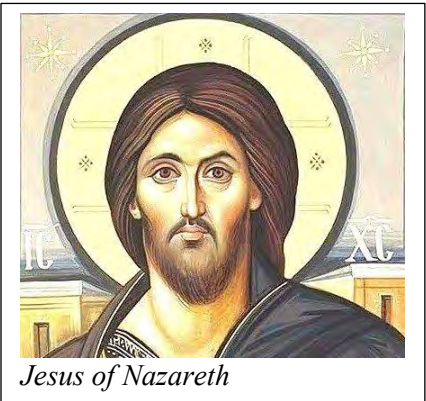
[God](#) carried on in tears and [sorrow](#) to restore what was lost. After "4,000 years" of restoration history, [God](#) set the conditions in which a new Adam could be brought forth when he sent his Son as the "only begotten Son".

The path of the "only begotten Son" was to stand as [God](#)'s Adam to set the condition of restoring Adam's position to become a perfected Son of [true love](#) with the [lineage of Heaven](#). Then the "only begotten Son" was to reclaim the family that was lost in the [Garden of Eden](#).

Jesus fulfilled all his responsibility as a true Son, achieving perfect love and oneness with [God](#). In Hebrews chapter 5, verses 8-9, the Scriptures state,

"Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience through the things he had suffered and having been perfected, he became the author of salvation."

Jesus became the author of salvation. However, the chosen people were to receive him, but his own family couldn't support him. Scriptures state that Jesus's brothers doubted him, and even it is clear that his family didn't understand and support his mission. They could not fully support the course of Jesus, who was to reclaim not only Adam, but also Eve, the marriage in [God](#)'s image and the family he longed for.



Even Jesus said unto him that told him that his mother and brothers were outside,

"Who is my mother, and who are my brethren?"

He answered and stretched forth his hand toward his disciples and said,

"Behold my mother and my brethren. For whosoever shall do the will of my Father who is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother. (Matthew 15:48-50)

This breakdown led to the rejection by the chosen people, and Jesus had to go the lonely way of the cross. Jesus was victorious on the cross, and he asked [God](#) to forgive them,

"Forgive them, for they know not what they do."

The thief on the right hand side believed in Jesus, and Jesus said to him,

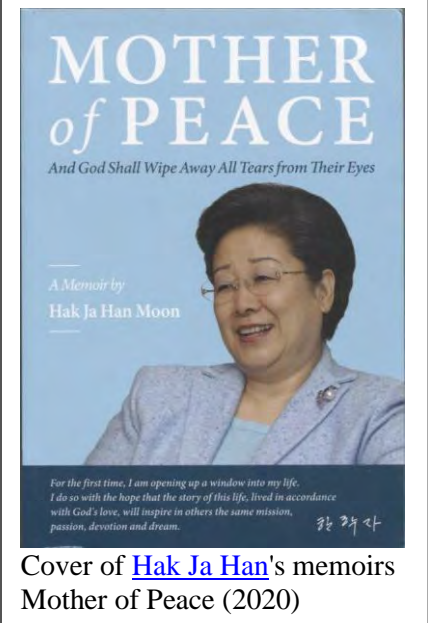
"You will go with me to paradise."

Through his resurrection, Jesus and the Holy Spirit stand as "spiritual True Parents" and give spiritual rebirth to any and all who believe.

Jesus promised he would return and conduct the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb". The Marriage Supper of the Lamb! The marriage supper of the Lamb!

Jesus was totally victorious on the cross as God called him to sacrifice himself as a condition of saving all who believe. However, Jesus said In Matthew chapter 18, verse 18,

"Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven."



Cover of [Hak Ja Han](#)'s memoirs Mother of Peace (2020)

Though Jesus was victorious as the "Second Adam", he had to return because the family of [God](#) had not been restored. Because of the disbelief of the people, the "only begotten Daughter" could not appear at Jesus' time.

[True Mother](#), you wrote in your memoirs, the "Mother of Peace",

"The only begotten Son is the fruit of Heavenly Parent's deepest love. The coming Lord is the bridegroom, and he came to receive the only begotten Daughter as his bride. The two must meet and marry. That is the marriage supper of the Lamb prophesied in the last book of the Bible. Then the two must form a family. Heavenly Parent's hope has always been for one thing: that His only begotten Son and only begotten Daughter form a true family." (From the section "The true compass in life", in chapter 9)

The 2,000-year history of Christianity was the preparation for the return of Jesus. That preparation included preparing Korea - the "Land of the morning calm" - through a path of tears and suffering

to become the nation that could receive Jesus' return.

The fervor of Korean Christianity has been the greatest thing since Pentecost. And that was the case with [True Mother](#)'s mother and grandmother, who were consumed with the faith that Jesus would appear in Korea at his second coming. The fervor of faith in Pyongyang was so great that it became known as the "Jerusalem of the East".



From revival with the Holy Spirit in Korea at the beginning of the 20th Century. Here, a regular weekly prayer meeting in Pyongyang sometimes between 1908-1922

For Jesus, as the "only begotten Son", was to fulfill his course to restore [God](#)'s family back to [God](#). In order for that to happen, in order for that to be accomplished, he had to find the "only begotten Daughter". Oh yes. It was on that profound spiritual background that the first "only begotten Daughter" could be born.

Jesus also had to find the person living on earth to which to bequeath this great mission. And he found and anointed [Father Moon](#).

This fulfillment came on [11th April 1960](#), 65 years ago this week.

What is being revealed for the first time in history is that [Holy Mother Han](#), as the "only begotten Daughter", had to fulfill her responsibility on her own. No one could help her. [God](#) could not intervene with her portion of responsibility. [Father Moon](#) could not help her also.

She had to make a decision representing the "only begotten Daughter" and decided on her own that she would take full responsibility to create the [True Parents](#) through the [Holy Wedding](#) of the [True Parents](#).



From the celebrations of [Hak Ja Han](#)'s 65th wedding anniversary in Cheongshim Peace World Center in Gapyeong, South Korea on April 12, 2025

Congratulations, [Holy Mother Han](#)! We love you, we attend you, we come with hyojeong [Editor's note: "Hyojeong" is Korean for a "heart of filial piety"] filial piety.

We love you and we praise you and we thank [God](#) for you. As True Parents, as [True Mother](#), as the "only begotten Daughter", Mother of Peace, [Holy Mother Han](#).

Kamsa hamnida! [Korean for "thank you"]

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Family Federation hosts massive international Blessing ceremony in South Korea with thousands wed – 5,000 couples


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Hak Ja Han (82), also known as “Holy Mother Han” and “True Mother”, officiated 12th April at a large international wedding ceremony where according to the organizers – the Family Federation – 5,000 couples took part. The spectacular event was held in Cheongshim Peace World Center, a large




Holy Mother Han officiating at the Marriage Blessing ceremony 12th April 2025. Photo: Screenshot from live transmission by Peace TV.

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indoor arena, in [Gapyeong](#), located northeast of the South Korean capital Seoul.

The event took place on [Hak Ja Han](#)'s own 65th [wedding](#) anniversary – according to the Oriental lunar calendar (nongnyeok / 음력), which is still used for anniversaries and milestone birthdays.

[Mother Han](#) entered the stage through two lines of “attendants” – couples who had their marriage [blessed](#) by her between 2013 and 2024. She began what is called a “[Marriage Blessing](#) ceremony” by sprinkling holy water on 13 representative couples in two lines on stage. At the same time, assistants sprinkled holy water on all the couples below the stage and at [blessing](#) venues worldwide.

In the next part of the ceremony, [Mother Han](#) read the marriage vow, asking the many couples to affirm it by shouting a loud yes. They all promised to do their very best to accomplish our [Heavenly Parent’s ideal](#) of creation by becoming an eternal husband and wife, inherit the tradition established by the [True Parents](#), and build harmonious families that will strive to realize a [Kingdom of Heaven](#) not only here on the earth, but as well in the world that awaits us when we one day pass on.



The exchange of [Marriage Blessing](#) rings 12th April 2025. Photo: Screenshot from live transmission by Peace TV.

Then followed the exchange of [marriage blessing](#) rings. First, the groom placed the ring on the bride’s finger. Next, the bride placed the other ring on the groom’s finger. The ring symbolizes eternal love between husband and wife.

The officiator now offered the blessing proclamation to “announce the [blessing](#) before heaven and earth”. [Mother Han](#) read with a loud voice,

“I hereby proclaim that the virtuous men and women participating in this ‘cosmic’ [blessing](#) ceremony officiated by the ‘True Parents of heaven, earth, and humankind’ [[See editor’s note below](#)] have been joined in holy matrimony before heaven and earth through the grace of Heavenly Parent ([God](#)) and the ‘True Parents of heaven, earth and humankind’.” (from simultaneous translation)

Rev. Guk Hwangbo, the master of ceremony stated that with this, the [marriage blessing](#) for all the young couples and “previously married couples” participating in the event with the title “2025 Hyejeong Cosmic Blessing Ceremony Officiated by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind” [[See editor’s note below](#)] has been proclaimed throughout “all of heaven and earth”.



From the [Marriage Blessing](#) ceremony in Gapyeong, South Korea 12th April 2025. Photo: Screenshot from live transmission by Peace TV.

The ceremony continued with [Mother Han](#) offering her benediction prayer for the blessed brides and grooms. According to the simultaneous translation, she said,

“Dear Creator, Heavenly Parent, the Owner of the universe, [your dream](#) and [ideal of creation](#) have been fulfilled. How long you have waited to embrace these your children!

The 5,000 couples who receive the [blessing](#) today, virtuous men and women, this moment our Heavenly Parent is coming down substantially to each and every one of the

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couples, fulfilling his/her long-held [dream](#). The Heavenly Parent has been waiting to embrace and love true children. This is the day the dream is accomplished.

Today, all the families receive [blessing](#). After 6,000 years, Heavenly Parent is giving the [blessing](#) directly. It is truly a miraculous moment. [...]"

Representative couples then presented flowers and gifts to [Mother Han](#), the officiator. The brides and grooms then offered their greetings, first in gratitude to [Holy Mother Han](#) by offering a bow. Then, they bowed to everyone in the audience.

The ceremony was followed by entertainment and preceded by congratulatory speeches.



The [Blessing](#) proclamation 12th April 2025, "offering the [Blessing](#) to heaven and earth". Photo: Screenshot from live transmission by Peace TV.

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