

The Era of Substantially Attending and Living with Heavenly Parent

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Beloved and Respected Blessed Families and Members of the Worldwide Unification Community:

We have already reached the midpoint of the first month in 2026, which will be the Year of the Fire Horse. I hope each of you has been spending this time well and that your plans for the year are unfolding smoothly.

I extend my heartfelt greeting to you today from Prague, a city with a long and rich history. Here in the Czech Republic, our leaders from all across Europe and the Middle East have gathered for a meeting to kick off the new year, and together we are reflecting on the future of the providence and contemplating the heart of Heaven we wish to convey to brothers and sisters.

Last week, my message to open the year was on the topic "Transformation on Earth." Each year, the New Year motto given to us represents a mandate to be lived and practiced here on earth. Transformation does not come to those who wait; it comes to those who are prepared. And when we put that transformation into action in our daily lives, we ourselves become the protagonists of change.

"In the 13th year of Cheon Il Guk, when we attend the Creator Heavenly Parent substantially, let us, the blessed families around the world, become true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk who fulfill our responsibility as the chosen people in unity with True Parents!"



The New Year Prayer Gathering was an occasion to affirm that this motto expresses Heaven's Will, to be upheld and passed down from generation to generation. Today, therefore, I would like to reflect with you on the idea at the heart of this motto - the "providential time," that is, the meaning of the age in which we are now living.

1. What Kind of Time Are We Living In?

Beloved members! What kind of providential time are we living in today? The 13th year of Cheon Il Guk is not an insignificant or ordinary stage in the providence. What is required of us now is the wisdom to recognize the time. Is this the time for a leap forward? Is it a time for careful reorganization? Is it a time to pause and examine ourselves honestly? These are questions we must ask with sincerity.



2. The Wisdom of Nature in Passing Through the Harsh Winter

We are now living in the "golden age of the providence." Yet what is our present reality? Both as a community and as individuals, we find ourselves passing through trials that feel like bitter cold and pitch-black nights.

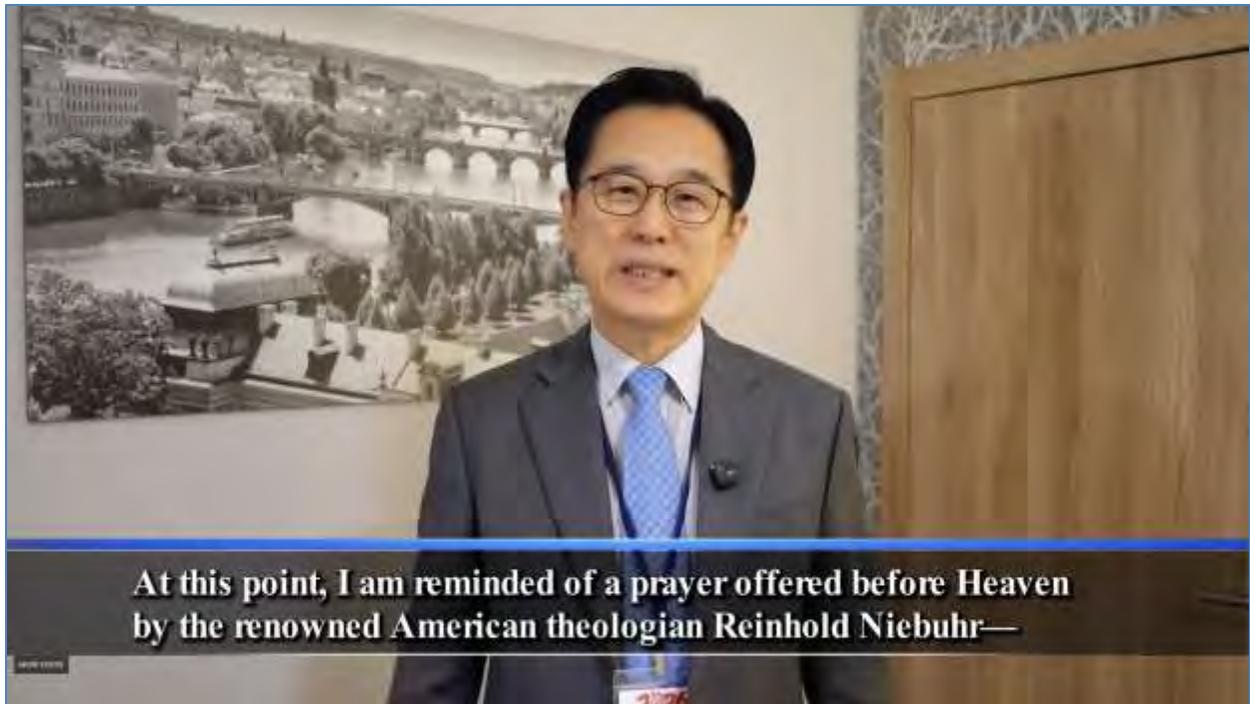
But let's look at nature. The coldest winter and the longest night are not times that extinguish life. Rather, they are times of purification and renewal, when energy is gathered and when the order that has been disrupted is restored in preparation for the coming of spring. We must accept that the trials we face today are Heaven's solemn call for us to listen once again to the inner voice we may have neglected in our relentless pursuit of goals, and to prepare for true harmony and lasting peace as we move forward.



3. The Manifestation of Heavenly Mother and the 13th Year of Cheon Il Guk

The reason True Mother placed particular emphasis on the 13th year of Cheon Il Guk in her New Year motto is clear. Human history has been marked by conflict and insecurity because humanity lost the love of the Mother. As True Father revealed in Woll-i Won-bon [his original manuscript of the Principle], Heavenly Parent is a complete and whole Parent, embodying both the Father and the Mother.

The 13th year of Cheon Il Guk marks a decisive turning point when the stature of Heavenly Mother, long hidden throughout the course of history, is being fully revealed. This was the year of the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum Entrance Ceremony, the moment of providential fruition proclaiming that Heavenly Parent has eternally settled on earth. With this, the providence has unmistakably moved from the age of concepts to the age of substance. Accordingly, our faith can no longer remain confined to words or ideas alone.



4. Beyond Concept to Substance, and the Path We Must Walk

At this point, I am reminded of a prayer offered before Heaven by the renowned American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr - a prayer that clearly illuminates the direction our faith must take: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

What we need now is not a restless impatience to change everything, but the mature discernment to recognize what must be changed and what must be preserved.



Our unbreakable relationship with Heavenly Parent based on heavenly principle is an absolute truth that we cannot change. We must have the serenity to fully accept this. Yet, having lived our lives while forgetting our relationship with Heavenly Parent, our ways of thinking and attitudes to life born of our ignorance are precisely what must be transformed. This requires our courage. Ultimately, we must clearly discern between the eternal principles that Heaven has established and the folly that arises from human ignorance.

A life of attending Heavenly Parent in substance is by no means far away. It begins with treating our husband or wife and our children the same way we would treat God. The husband is Heavenly Father, and the wife is Heavenly Mother. Therefore, please cherish and honor your husband and wife, who are the "tangible Heavenly Parent" closest to you, and treat your children with reverence and love.

When husband and wife become one, the substantial presence of Heavenly Parent firmly and safely settles within that family. Within that embrace, children grow to experience genuine tranquility and the fullness of life. This is the moment when heaven descends into our daily existence - life in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. This is deeply connected with the words of Jesus that we reflected upon last week: "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."



As these words remind us, the choices we make each day on earth - whether to bind or to loose - become the very keys that open Heaven's order. Without the practice of love, even in the smallest matters - love between husband and wife, love for our children, and love for our neighbors - we cannot bear the fruits of true love, nor can we taste life in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Those who cannot serve and honor their visible brothers and sisters cannot truly claim to attend the invisible Heavenly Parent in substance.

Beloved members, the era in which we attend Holy Mother Han is indeed the golden age of the providence. Yet the grave reality we are experiencing is also Heavenly Parent's warning bell, calling us back to the righteous path. If we fail to embrace change and do not fulfill our portion of responsibility, then even in this golden age, this suffering cannot be avoided.

We will soon greet the 14th year of Cheon Il Guk. With the start of that new year, we must heal all of our painful past. Through genuine happiness between husband and wife, true joy shared with our children, and sincere love extended to our neighbors, we must build life in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth in each of our families.

This is the first step for a true blessed family in substantially attending Heavenly Parent. When we walk the righteous path, the glory of our substantial Heavenly Parent will dwell in our lives.

From Prague, I pray for the victory of all our members. Aju.