

A Message of Peace

We long for peace, yet our world remains plagued by war and conflict. Daily headlines are filled with reports of violence from every corner of the globe – between nations, within communities, and even in families. While some despair that genuine peace is possible, still the yearning for peace burns within the human heart.

Efforts to end conflict and build peace have always been frustrated and fallen short. It is time for a fresh approach that addresses the most fundamental issues and root causes.

A compelling and unique “message of peace” is now being shared around the world in venues big and small – from large arenas to small neighborhood meetings. Authored by the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, this message reminds us that there is an internal dynamic at work in our lives and in history, and clarifies our personal role and responsibility in the unfolding of God’s plan for the human family.

The following excerpts provide an overview of some of the central themes addressed by this profound “Message of Peace”:

- ***Peace cannot be achieved through human effort alone.***

“Throughout history, peace movements inevitably reached their limit and ended in failure because they were carried out by imperfect human beings. This is why the United Nations, although launched with the splendid dream of realizing world peace, today has to admit its innate limitations and confess that it can no longer give hope to humanity. This is simply because the UN was launched during the era prior to the time when God could directly govern the unfolding of His providence in history.”

- ***The model for genuine peace is found in the ideal family.***

“When God first created human beings, He made Adam representing all men and Eve representing all women, with the intention that they become owners of true love. Then what was the quickest way for them to cultivate a character of true love? Simply put, it was to secure a parent–child relationship with God, whereby they could live

in attendance to God as their Father and form a model family embodying God’s ideal of peace.”

“The family sets the pattern for living together in harmony. It is the model for living together as one. There we have love and respect between parents and children, mutual fidelity and love between husband and wife, and trust and mutual reliance among siblings. This means that you need to establish a true family wherein the stem of true love emerges from the root of true love and bears the fruit of true love.”

- ***Families of true love begin from individuals of Godly character. Purity before marriage and fidelity within marriage are essential to such families.***

“For people to perfect themselves in resemblance of God and obtain the stature of people of character who can be called sons and daughters of the Absolute Being, they must follow the path based on the absolute standard determined by Heaven. The essence of this path is the standard of absolute sexual morality.”

“Husband and wife are eternal partners given to each other by Heaven. Through having children, they become the co-creators of true love, true life, and true lineage, and the original source of that which is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. This is because it is a heavenly principle that people cannot give birth to children by themselves, even if they live for a thousand years.”

“Only within the boundaries of a family upholding absolute sexual morality is it possible to create relationships based on an ideal model of sexual ethics for life as it originally should have been.”

- ***All people can genuinely be part of the “human family” when God is at the center – when connected to God’s lineage.***

“Do you know what has pained God’s heart most, causing Him the greatest grief over the long history since the Fall of Adam and Eve? God lost His lineage. With it, God lost the basis of human brotherhood and even His ownership over the creation.”

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“The parent–child relationship is the highest and most important of all relationships, and the model, lineal relationship between parent and child is the only way through which God’s lineage can be bequeathed and made to last forever.”

- ***All people should live with an awareness of spiritual reality - that the choices we make and the way we live have lasting consequences.***

“Though it cannot be perceived by the eyes in our physical bodies, the spirit world is the automatic and inevitable extension of our lives on earth, humankind’s eternal, original homeland, created by God.”

“The spirit world does actually exist. It is not a world that has been fantasized or imagined into existence. We do not have the right of choice concerning it. It is not a world we can go to if we please or refuse to go to if we would rather not. Just as God is eternal and unchanging, the spirit world He created is also eternal and unchanging.”

“Whether you are bound for heaven or for hell is determined by your thoughts, speech and behavior in each moment.”

- ***The peaceful world of God’s ideal is a world of true love, beyond the boundaries of nation, race or religion.***

“Then what is true love? Its essence is to give, to live for the sake of others and for the sake of the whole. True love gives, forgets that it has given, and continues to give without ceasing.”

“Heaven is a world filled with the air of true love, where all breathe true love. Its life throbs with love, everywhere and all the time. The citizens of heaven are all linked together through their common membership in God’s lineage. There, the whole world and all its people are linked together in an inseparable relationship, like the cells in our bodies. True love, the love that is God’s essence, is Heaven’s only governing power. Accordingly, God also exists for true love.”

“In God’s sight, skin color makes no difference. God does not recognize national borders. God does not stand behind the barriers of religion and culture.”

“We need a movement to realize a society of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values. We need to make humanity one great family, by breaking down the walls in our hearts and eliminating even the boundaries between nations. This movement begins from one family. Therefore, each of us should bear in mind that it is our providential calling to form and establish a true family. It is the way we can advance the establishment of the cosmic peace kingdom on earth.”

- ***Now is the time when our human effort can be joined with God’s power to realize a world of true and lasting peace.***

“You are now advancing into the era of liberation and complete inner freedom... The present time... corresponds to the era, prior to Adam’s Fall, of building the original ideal world. It refers to the era of true love that is all-encompassing, all-powerful and has overall authority... It is the era of the kingdom of peace and unity in heaven and on earth.”

These excerpts are from the speech entitled “God’s Model for Absoluteness, Peace and the Ideal Is the Family and Global Kingdom Upholding Absolute Sexual Morality” by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. To access the entire speech, please go to the following web address:

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