

Turning the Hearts of Children to Their Parents

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The prophet Malachi told us that to prepare for the Messiah, we need to restore the love of parents and children: “I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents.”

The consequence of NOT restoring parent-child oneness is horrific: “I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

Father Moon revealed that the restoration of parent-child oneness begins with God, because the ideal family begins inside God. He said, “The Divine Principle explains the attributes of God. Among them are internal character and external form, and yin and yang. These connect centered on God’s love. Therefore, a husband and wife are bound together through God’s love. The same is true for parents and children.”

Underline that: the attributes of God unfold in the family. And what binds husband and wife together? God’s love. And what binds parents and children? The same: God’s love.

God’s love naturally grows families into three generations: “God’s ideal is to build families that form the realm of three generations connected to God’s love.” This means that God grows each family into a community of love, a seed of God’s kingdom: “As such a family expands to become a tribe, a people, a nation, the world and cosmos, the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven comes into being.”

True social change begins through God-centered families and their formation of communities. God has prepared an environment kindled for God-centered families to spread like a fire: the houses of worship of all faith traditions. True Parents empower the world’s spiritual leaders to mediate God’s marriage Blessing. It is to be a multi-faith phenomenon, across the country, around the world.

Father Moon told us that this is “The essence of the Unification Church’s teaching [and it] is simple: the formation of an ideal family in which God can rejoice.” Through the formation of such families, the society can be restored, and peace can come about.

Sound impossible? For human beings, it is. But this is about God, in whom all things are possible.

(References: Malachi 4:5-6; Second Cheon Seong Gyeong, p. 480 #9, paraphrase.)