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A pre-publication version of "True Parents' Status and Value from the Viewpoint of Heaven's Providence"





the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father, Who art in heaven".

In what is considered a major development in presenting Father and Mother Moon's comprehensive teachings to the world, the Family Federation International HQ has held several in-depth seminars on key concepts of Unificationism. A 2-week seminar in Gapyeong, northeast of the capital Seoul, that ended on 2nd March, carried the title "True Parents' Status and Value from the Viewpoint of Heaven's Providence". It is expected that a book with the same title will be published in the near future.

<u>News and Insights</u> was invited to a preview of the content being prepared.

A key concept that <u>Mother Moon</u> has emphasized repeatedly in her speeches over the last years, is the motherly heart of <u>God</u>. In order to understand the <u>essence of God</u>, and in fact, in order to create peace in the world, <u>Mother Moon</u> points out that we first need a more complete understanding of <u>God</u>. Traditionally, <u>God</u> has been understood as a Fatherly <u>God</u>, as seen in the opening words of

It is essential to know that <u>God</u> also has motherly aspects, and that he/she is not just our Father, but also our Mother in heaven. In <u>Mother Moon</u>'s memoirs "Mother of Peace", she says, "I talk about Heavenly Mother, hidden behind Heavenly Father." (Preface, page xv) She elaborates that the motherly aspect of <u>God</u> has come in the shadows of the male <u>God</u> that has dominated the view of the divine in the religious world.

That is the very reason Mother Moon stresses the concept "Heavenly Parent". But she doesn't stop there.



Taek-yong Oh, professor of theology at <u>Sun Moon University</u> in Asan, south of Seoul, was the main lecturer at the abovementioned 14-days seminar in South Korea. In the fifth of seven presentations, he pointed out that <u>Father</u> and <u>Mother Moon</u>'s more complete view of <u>God</u> also extends to their concept of the Messiah.

Dr. Oh explained that since the time of Jesus, the concept of Messiah has been used to mean Jesus. Paul refers to Jesus as a second Adam, thus giving a clue to understanding <u>God</u>'s original concept of humanity's salvation. <u>God</u> created human beings as man and woman. If <u>God</u> sent a new "Adam", there had to be a new "Eve" as well. If Jesus was the "Only Begotten Son", there should have also been an "Only Begotten Daughter". Indeed, that was <u>God</u>'s plan 2,000 years ago, but the circumstances did not allow that plan to be realized.

In the same presentation, professor Oh emphasized that since the time of the crucifixion of Jesus, <u>God</u> has worked continuously to

prepare not only for the second coming of Jesus, but also for the birth of a new "Eve", the Only Begotten Daughter. Through the <u>Holy Marriage</u> of these two persons, "<u>True Parents</u>" are established - the original ideal that the man and the woman <u>God</u> created at the very beginning of human history, were meant to realize.

The <u>Holy Wedding</u> of this one man and one woman becomes the prototype and model for <u>marriage</u> as in the original world <u>God</u> intended to manifest.

The Korean academic asked,

"So how is the Second Coming of Jesus accomplished? By the time he reached maturity, Jesus had perfected the position of the Only Begotten Son. So, in <u>God's providence</u>, <u>God</u> does not carry out the providence of the Second Coming by giving birth to another Only Begotten Son.

The providence of the Second Coming of Jesus proceeds as the providence in which a person called by <u>God</u> inherits Jesus' Messianic mission, inherits his foundation, and appears as the Messiah at the Second Coming to fulfill the Messianic mission [...]."



As <u>God</u>'s work has progressed a lot since the official version of the <u>Unification Principles</u> was published in 1966 (English version in 1973, revised in 1996), the time is ripe for it to be complemented and developed further by new insights. As Dr. Oh explains,

"The current Exposition of the Divine Principle only deals with the providence before True <u>Parents</u> [1960]. In addition, because it is organized centering on the Only Begotten Son, Jesus, and the Messiah at the Second Coming, the truth and the <u>providence</u> about the Only Begotten Daughter are not yet revealed." (Presentation 5)

In the 7th presentation, Dr. Oh addressed the issue of our Heavenly Parent as the First Cause and Parent (Father and Mother) of humanity. In the mutual true love relationship that <u>God</u> longs

to see develop between himself/herself and human beings, there must first be two concrete persons - $\underline{\text{True}}$ Parents - with the maturity of heart that can profoundly sense $\underline{\text{God}}$'s deep parental heart.

As a single person, you can't have that perfect relationship of heart with the Heavenly Parent. The Korean professor emphasized,

"That is why the ideal of <u>True Parents</u> was already in <u>God</u>'s mind before creation. The ideal of <u>True</u> <u>Parents</u> was already in <u>God</u>'s heart before creation."

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True Parents

True Parents - what Adam and Eve should have become

The significance of this special term is that <u>God</u> has finally been able to have a son and a daughter who have become the True Parents of humankind. Jesus only became the spiritual father of those who believe in him, because he never could hold the "Marriage of the Lamb". In other words, <u>God</u> had to wait for thousands of years before this ideal that True Parents represent could be realized. True Parents represent the very source of <u>true love</u>, true life, and a true lineage. It is only through True Parents that humanity may return to <u>God</u> and become true sons and daughters.





Adam and Eve in Paradise. <u>Public domain</u> image. Cropped



Father and Mother Moon

originally intended position as true sons and daughters of God, who would have given them the stewardship of earth and heaven. Instead, the first humans fell to an incredibly low level when they were led astray by the archangel Lucifer and came under his dominion. Angels were created to be servants of God and human beings. We humans were created to be children of God. Instead, the first man and woman followed a rebellious angel and thus became the servants of a servant.

It took <u>God</u> thousands of years before he was able to reveal certain principles and laws, law religion (e.g. the Ten Commandments), which described what was permitted and not permitted for us humans. Thus the foundation was laid so that those who based their lives on these rules could

become God's servants.

However, this was far from the final goal. <u>God</u> longed for us to become His children. Finally, the conditions were established so that "the second Adam", <u>God</u>'s son, Jesus, could be born, without original sin. He was the first to achieve what we all will one day achieve, namely to become true sons and daughters of <u>God</u>. But the tragic thing happened that <u>God</u>'s servants, the prepared ones at that time, killed him who was <u>God</u>'s only son. Thus the road became closed to all the rest of us.

Instead, by giving his life on the cross, the resurrected Jesus succeeded in giving us spiritual salvation, that is, those who believe in Jesus, may join him in paradise in the afterlife.

But Jesus could not remove the original sin. It entered the world through "the first Adam" and "the first Eve", when they gave birth to children and created a false lineage based on their false and immature love.



In order to remove the original sin, "the second Adam", Jesus, should therefore have first become



one with a woman whom <u>God</u> had prepared to be "the second Eve". However, that never happened. For that reason, all people continued to have the original sin. Nevertheless, by believing in lesus, it became



possible to become <u>God</u>'s "adopted child", i.e. even if one is born with the original sin from the false parents Adam and Eve, one can be given

new life spiritually through Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Finally, in <u>1960</u>, humankind could get True Parents! It means that what Jesus did not achieve, was finally realized through <u>Sun Myung Moon</u> and his wife <u>Hak Ja Han</u>. Because of the True Parents, the way to become <u>God</u>'s true sons and daughters has been opened. We don't just have to be <u>God</u>'s servants, or <u>God</u>'s "adopted children", anymore. Through True Parents, the original sin is removed so that everyone may become <u>God</u>'s true sons and daughters. A new age has begun, the age when we may all become what we were originally created to be!



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