

## Reflection on the ascension of Queen Elizabeth II

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Queen Elizabeth II was loved and respected by many. She had an unchanging devotion to duty and to serving her country, and the Commonwealth. Even in a time when many institutions were questioned, and many traditions scrapped, she showed the value of a royal figure to a country.

She was prepared as a providential figure in history. If Christianity had accepted True Father when he began his public mission, England would have been the Eve nation in the providence of restoration. And Queen Elizabeth, as the head of the Church of England, would have played a central role.

She received and embodied centuries of tradition and training in how to represent a royal family, and her responsibility to her nation and world. Her ability to sacrifice her personal life for her duty, without losing her warmth and sense of humor, made her a respected and loved figure throughout the world.

With her renowned tact and diplomacy, she could have helped the people of many nations receive the messiah. The centuries of tradition and training in how to be a national and world figure, the daily guidance of the royal aides, would have been

passed on to the True Children.

I weep sometimes to think how painful it was for the True Children not to have received this education and guidance in how to be public figures. The ones who helped raise them did everything they knew how, and I can't fault them at all. But how painful it was for them to grow up in the frequent absence of their parents, being public figures gazed at and stared at by members, with huge expectations, and huge internal trials, while being mocked and persecuted at school for being children of True Father. With training from people who knew how to represent the royal family, it would still be incredibly difficult for the True Children to succeed. Without this training, it was unimaginably impossible.

At a time when world communism has crumbled, and democracy is crumbling around the world, mired in conflicts and corruption, there is a growing desire for a strong and central leader. So our form of government is changing, whether we want it to or not.

Whether our next form of government looks backward to the past or forward to the future, the question will be "Where do we find such strong, public and completely trustworthy leaders?" And in Queen Elizabeth II we saw how a royal figure can unify a country, staying above political struggles and differences. I cannot imagine a successful nation without a royal family.

My English and Scottish ancestors bent their knees to many kings and queens. I count myself singularly fortunate to be able to bow to two people who are completely qualified to be king and queen. Our True Parents.

In the future, the world will need many who can qualify to be royal families. Many nations, many leaders will need guidance from a parental position. When Rev, [Chung Sik] Yong is teaching us True Parents' guidance about becoming royal families, it may seem like a dream. But from what I see now, it is a reality that the world needs.