

## My Unificationist Memoirs Chapter 79

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### The Only Begotten Daughter, Part VIII

While in the monastery, I spent many hours meditating on the Psalms, which were at the heart of our life of communal prayer. We read the Psalms, we chanted the Psalms, we parsed the Psalms for meaning, and spent considerable time in Chapter listening to sermons on the Psalms. Like so much of scripture, not until I heard the Divine Principle did the full power of revelation begin to take effect on my heart. The monastic life, which once seemed so filled with light, appears from the vantage of this providential age to be hidden in the shadows.

Words, once obscure, now sing meaningfully to me:  
"Your ancestors will be replaced by sons  
whom you will make lords of the whole world.  
I shall immortalize your name,  
nations will sing your praises forever and ever."  
--Psalm 45:16-17

This morning, I listened to our brother, Dr. Yong's Morning Devotion. He spoke about our True Mother as the Only Begotten Daughter of God--and I could not help but reflect back on the Royal Wedding Psalm quoted above. Dr. Yong emphatically drove home the point that our True Mother is not of lesser value or significance than our True Father. On the contrary, by drawing on True Father's words, Dr. Yong convincingly argued that the providence of the past 2,000 years since Jesus has been the preparation for this providential moment: "If Jesus, God's only begotten son, came on this earth and had not died, since he was the only begotten son, God would have sent his only begotten daughter before him. God's 2,000-year history is the history of finding a bride" (007-303, 1959.10.11).

Of course, from a biological, historical, and principled viewpoint, this makes perfect sense. Our rebirth through the True Parents spiritually recapitulates nature, a point that Jesus makes to Nicodemus in John's gospel. To deny the necessity of True Mother's providential role is the same as denying reality and the process of birth. As we need both a mother and a father for our physical birth, we need a father and a mother to change our blood lineage through rebirth.

That Hak Ja Han should be born without original sin, logically follows from the acceptance of True Mother's providential role. Though I had often reflected on this as a possibility, I had never heard it asserted as true. That is, until this morning. Again, Dr. Yong quoted True Father: "The Lord at the Second Coming is coming to seek the mother of mankind. That is, He comes to find the bride. The bride that the

Lord, the bridegroom, is looking for on this earth is not the bride in the realm of the Fall. He finds a person born with an unfallen and pure lineage. Then, on what foundation should such a bride that is the mother be born? As a virgin who has nothing to do with sin, there must be a mother who can be in the position of True Mother" (035-218, 1970.10.19).

Could True Father make it anymore clear? True Mother had to emerge from "an unfallen and pure lineage.... As a virgin who has nothing to do with sin...."



My heart resonates with these words. In spiritual matters, I have always discerned good and evil by their fruits. As I have united with our True Mother and embraced her providential role more deeply, the world of heart has opened up for me; the presence, energy, intentions, and sorrow of True Father and our Heavenly Parent become increasingly tangible and real within each moment of prayer. I daily grow in understanding, and experience a more profound mind and body unity. My relationship with my spouse has deepened and been enriched; I more naturally see her as God's daughter. And my connection to my children feels like a channel of grace to give them life. In short, I feel reborn as a son of True Parents, and through True Mother's sacrificial love, I am discovering a new confidence to establish God's dominion over this world, just as prophesied in Psalm 45.

We are living in a remarkable time. We can attend and labor alongside our True Mother, as she engages the nations of the earth as the Only Begotten Daughter of God. When True Father ascended, despite my spiritual efforts, I felt lonely, heartsick, and despondent. At a loss, I never imagined the exhilarating course the providence was going to take. Now, as I write, my heart is again full, my expectations filled with new hope. I can go forward, confident in the love of God and fortified by the Word. In gratitude, with the Psalmist, "I shall immortalize your name, nations will sing your praises forever and ever."