

## God's Original Love

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Divine Principle explains the indirect and direct dominion of the love of God. What is "direct dominion"? Indirect dominion of love is a territory with limitations. Heavenly Father and Father cannot fully love anything existing in a limited territory. Had Adam and Eve already received Heavenly Father's perfect love before they fell from Him? No, because they were still growing to reach the point of experiencing and sharing God's perfect love. There was a limit in their mutual love. There was a gap: something came between God and them and they fell away. If they had already been under God's perfect love or in His direct dominion, there is no way they could have fallen away from Him.

What about us? As individuals are we in the direct or the indirect dominion of God's love? We have to admit that we are still in the indirect dominion. But why? Until a person reaches the level of perfection he will stay in the territory of the indirect love of God. Fallen man usually always pleads with Heavenly Father to love him. Man has the potential to receive two kinds of love from God. One kind of love is pitiful or merciful love, and the other is His original ideal love. Which kind of love would you like to receive from your Heavenly Father?

There is no question that all of us would desire to receive His original ideal love if we could. However, because we are fallen men God cannot give us His original, direct love. He can only look upon us and bestow merciful, pitiful love, because we continue to possess original sin and we are far below the basic point where He can reach us directly.

When the individual cries out to God and asks for His love is it pitiful or original love which the person seeks? Our purest, our deepest desire is to receive original love, yet actually when we cry out in this way we are hoping to receive any kind of love. I must inform you that pitiful love is not at all "ideal" love. Even when we receive His merciful love we grow in our desire to finally receive His original love. If you make some mistake you need to repent. Through repentance you can be connected to God through the pitiful love He bestows. However, even though you may receive pitiful love, as I mentioned before, your main goal is to somehow receive God's original love. It is a desire which we should never give up striving to fulfill.

In his own personal life Father made many conditions. For example, I am sure you have heard Father speak many times about the fact that he never explained or lectured the Divine Principle to his own family

before he had converted a certain number of disciples. This was Heavenly Father's rule. Father was the one to receive the Divine Principle. Therefore, he knows best the preciousness and importance of it. You can imagine that he would naturally want to teach it to his parents and other members of his family closest to him. However, he couldn't do this. Heavenly Father and Parents are the owners of love but there is some limitation put on this love.

One example of this is that throughout history Heavenly Father directed many saints and sages to walk a difficult path. This was an expression of His original love asking the saints and sages to grow in faith and willpower that they would be willing to sacrifice themselves going through even the most difficult circumstances. Original love is not sacrifice. Before original love can be given, sacrifice must be made. Yet, in one way all outside people still receive Heavenly Father's love indirectly. The name to best describe this kind of love is "pitiful" love. Still, it is essential for all people to continue to desire and strive to receive God's original love. Sometimes we are so hungry for love that we desire to be fulfilled by receiving even pitiful love. When we receive even this kind of love, we become joyful. I know this but I must remind you again that our goal is not pitiful love- never be content until you possess Heavenly Father's ideal love.

The original children of God, Adam and Eve, needed to fulfill their responsibility in order to grow. What was their responsibility? It was to fulfill the condition which God gave them to be able to eventually receive His original love. It is important never to concentrate on how physically close or distant you are from Father. When people think only of how physically close they can be to Father to receive his love, they must realize that love from him will never come in an external form. If you have the feeling that it does you must be careful. When you are physically close to Father and study his expressions and actions you also must be careful in your way of thinking. You must check whether you seek pitiful or original love from him. If you discover that it is pitiful love you have been seeking, please understand that this will never bring you true joy for you can never develop a reciprocally happy and good relationship based on Father's and Heavenly Father's pity for you. Their basic desire is not to give pitiful love; therefore, they freely ask us to go the sacrificial way and work hard in order that we can know and experience real joy in their expression of true love for us.

Heavenly Father loved Adam and Eve in his way. Therefore, Heavenly Father ordered them to accept their own portion of responsibility by following the principles he gave them. Even though Heavenly Father is the owner of all love, His standard of direct and indirect dominion of love must remain consistent. If fallen man can reach the goal of perfection he will then step into the territory to potentially receive Heavenly Father's original love. Heavenly Father can never compromise or descend to a lower standard. If Heavenly Father could freely lower the standard why would we ever need the two territories of direct and indirect love to exist? Heavenly Father has the strongest desire to love and embrace mankind as His true children; however, He must follow the Principle and consequently can never go below the level of perfection. His ideal is perfection of His love and heartle.

Heavenly Father does not change. It is we who constantly waver and vacillate. Before the fall, Adam and Eve were so close to their Heavenly Father; even though they were in the indirect dominion they were just preparing to leave this second stage of their growth and enter the perfection stage and His direct dominion of love. God and His children were so close, so full of joy in their loving relationship to each other. However, after the fall how did Adam and Eve feel? They were no longer close to their Heavenly Father. They were in hell; they were absolutely distant from God. Heavenly Father kept His original, unchanging standard. He can never come down from this standard. He continues to want to restore His children back to Him; it was for this purpose that He originally sent His Son. The Messiah is in the position to act as Heavenly Father's mediator.

Never think that either Heavenly Father or Father don't love you. If you have such thoughts I feel you are actually being self-centered and it is you and your purpose which becomes the main motivation of your life. Yet, if this is really true, are you just pretending to live a life of God-centered faith? There is no purpose in doing this if things are just for "show." You must check what your motivation is -- each day, each month, each year.

When you engage in the practice of checking yourself you will never keep your feeling of distance. Many times when we feel or look at things only in terms of our own standard we feel that Father is so far from us and that Heavenly Father is also far away from us.

However, you should never look at things from just your own point of view. If you do feel distant from God and Father, how do you think they feel? If you have been thinking about why they apparently don't seem to love you, you should reverse your thinking and instead realize that when Heavenly Father and Father look at you and feel that you are also far away from them they are perplexed as to what they can do to remedy the situation.

What do you think is the most difficult point of Heavenly Father to contend with? What do you think His heart finds difficult to manage? We remember that He has the power to create; He is the owner of all laws

of the heart. Yet the most important thing which He owns is love. His original mind can never stop thinking about how greatly He wants to love and receive love from all mankind. He would never willingly stop or cut this love from any individual. This is Father's main problem: He never wants to cancel His heartle of love. This is also the main concern which Father has in relating not only to Unification Church members but to all people.

In our own life it is so easy for us to cut off our relationships of love. In the horizontal relationships between ourselves and our brothers and sisters, we can be the closest of friends one day and the next day we can completely forget about them. It is not too hard to dissolve the horizontal love you have for another person. However, it is impossible to diminish the original vertical love between God and man. This is parents' love. Even though children may make some terrible mistake their parents can never forget the love they have for their child. This same degree of care and love for all mankind is 100 times greater in Heavenly Father's heartle. He is our parent. We see evidence of how easily horizontal love is cancelled by looking at the divorce statistics throughout the world. Couples pledge to love each other until "death does us part." Yet as we see in so many marriages, something happened which did cause them to part.

Heavenly Father's original love is not like this. If an individual has a horizontal relationship of love before he reaches the perfection of vertical love, his horizontal love is able to easily dissolve. We need to do our 5 percent portion of responsibility. However, if we are expected to take on responsibility we are actually put in a very fortunate position. You must think whether your relationship with Heavenly Father and Father evokes their pitiful or original love. You need to stop doing things which make them give you pitiful love and you do this through accepting and fulfilling your own portion of responsibility. If you feel that you are receiving pitiful love you must somehow overcome this circumstance.

Heavenly Father and Father freely ask us to sacrifice ourselves while we live our life of faith. We hope for original love. It is so important to never stop trying to possess Heavenly Father's original love.