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Foreword

For over a half a century, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon has been teaching how God's will is accomplished through the true family. He has not only been teaching; he has put everything he teaches into practice himself, and by his and his wife's example, millions of families throughout the world have been inspired in their marriage and family life.

Reverend Moon's teachings have this broad impact because they go deeper than sociology and psychology. They plumb the depth of the biblical revelation, and disclose the innermost desires of God. Reverend Moon was the first to reveal the anguish of God over the plight of His fallen children. He was the first to explore the hidden sacrifices God and God's people have made throughout time, leading to the climax of human history in the present day. He teaches that history has developed according to the principle of restoration, the restoration of the Word of God first planted in the Garden of Eden. And he teaches that restoration comes through indemnity, the life of giving unconditionally for others.

The Completed Testament Age is the final period of restoration of God's Word, centering on human responsibility. It is the age of harmonizing heaven and earth. It is the age of the blessed family. The ideal kingdom of heaven on earth will emerge, as flowers after a spring rain, from true families created by God's blessing.

Reverend Moon discovered that the goal of the history of restoration is the same as His original ideal of creation: the establishment of True Parents and True Family on earth. Adam and Eve should have been the original true parents, the root of heavenly love, life and lineage. Jesus came as the true father, to whom all humankind was to be engrafted and find rebirth. Jesus brought a spiritual victory by his perfect love, at the cost of his life, but the actual marriage of the Lamb was thwarted by the peoples' faithlessness, and he walked the path of crucifixion as a bridegroom with no bride.

In the present age, Jesus called Reverend Moon to take up this cross. Reverend Moon, true to his calling, established the position of True Parents through his blessing of marriage with his wife, Hak Ja Han Moon, in 1960. From that time, Reverend and Mrs. Moon traversed a wilderness course, encountering untold difficulties. And yet their ministry of proclamation and kingdom-building expanded at a phenomenal rate, by the grace of God and the goodness of open-hearted people of all faiths worldwide. Leaping to Japan and the United States in 1959, thence to Europe and elsewhere in Asia in the 1960s, the Unificationist message of love and truth is established in all the world's nations. Blessed families of every race, nation and religion celebrate the glory of God, and are working together to bring peace and prosperity for all.

These two volumes are a condensed expression of Reverend Moon's life teachings. They contain excerpts of his teachings given over fifty years time. Volume I starts with five speeches which Reverend Moon, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and their sons and daughters have delivered to audiences around the world, in every state in the United States, and on hundreds of college and university campuses. It continues with *The Way of God's Will* and *Blessing and Ideal Family*.

Here you will encounter the meaning of blessed family life, of how the family is the school of love and foundation of the kingdom of God's ideal. You will explore the dimensions of the four realms of heart within the family, of the three great kingships within the family, and realm of the royal family, to which we all stand as heirs from God.

Volume II consists of 38 speeches Reverend Moon selected during his incarceration at Danbury prison. These are landmark speeches given from the late 1960s through early 1980s. Here we find major addresses delivered in Korea, Japan, the United States and Europe, including his public discourses delivered in scores of cities throughout America, at Madison Square Garden, at Yankee Stadium and at Washington Monument. It was previously published as a separate volume entitled *God's Will and the World*.

It gives me great joy to place this book before the reader at a time when we celebrate Reverend Moon's 80th birthday at the beginning of the new millennium. I would like to thank those who worked on the translation from the original Korean. I have no doubt that this volume will be a textbook providing the fundamental principles of unification to a humanity that has lost its way.

On the first day of the new millennium, January 1, 2000,

Reverend Chang Shik Yang Tyler Hendricks, Ph.D. Chairman Vice-Chariman

America Honors Reverend Sun Myung Moon on his 80th Birthday Organizing Committee

The Family Pledge

- 1. Our family pledges to seek our original homeland and establish the original ideal of creation, the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven, by centering on true love.
- 2. Our family pledges to represent and become central to Heaven and Earth by attending God and True Parents; we will perfect the dutiful way of filial piety in our family, patriotism in our nation, saints in the world, and divine sons and daughters in Heaven and Earth, by centering on true love.
- 3. Our family pledges to perfect the Four Great Realms of Heart, the Three Great Kingships, and the Realm of the Royal Family, by centering on true love.
- 4. Our family pledges to build the universal family encompassing Heaven and Earth, which is God's ideal of creation, and perfect the world of freedom, peace, unity and happiness, by centering on true love.
- 5. Our family pledges to strive every day to advance the unification of the spirit world and the physical world as subject and object partners, by centering on true love.
- 6. Our family pledges to embody God and True Parents; we will perfect a family which moves heavenly fortune and conveys Heaven's blessing to our community, by centering on true love.
- 7. Our family pledges to perfect a world based on the culture of heart, which is rooted in the original lineage, by centering on true love.
- 8. Our family pledges, as we enter the Completed Testament Age, to achieve the ideal oneness of God and humankind in love through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, thereby liberating the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven, by centering on true love.