Respected leaders from home and abroad, ambassadors for peace, and beloved members of the Family Federation -- most especially the blessed families who have received the blessing today! I love you.

God, the Creator, created all things in his image. Lastly, he created a man and woman to become humanity's ancestors. He gave them a period of growth and waited for them to grow to full maturity until he, the Creator God, could say upon seeing them, Now, you are completely mature.

Unfortunately, they were not able to attain that position. Their failure gave rise to today's fallen humanity. As a result, even though people made continuous efforts to bring about a world of peace, our long history passed through wars and conflicts. God is omniscient and omnipotent. His beginning and end are the same. Hence, there can be no failure. God's having given man responsibilities became a problem. God, therefore, could not simply ignore fallen humankind but instead began the providential history of salvation.

God chose a people from amidst fallen humanity that was closer to being good and conducted the providence of salvation, restoration through indemnity. That people were the Israelites in the Bible. How difficult must that providence of restoration through indemnity have been that it took Heaven four thousand years to lay a foundation from the individual all the way to the national level?

Israel became the name under which the providence began to be conducted after the seventeenth century BC. From then on, it took more than two thousand years until they were able to meet the Messiah, whom God had promised to send. After this long time, God was finally able to send Jesus Christ, his only son, of whom, on the foundation of indemnity, he could say, This is my son. Despite this progress, what happened? The Israelites could finally meet the Messiah they had so longed for, yet they failed to recognize Jesus.

The roots of Christianity

Simply put, they did not know the Creator God, did not know who God truly is. Their human perspective and thoughts pushed Jesus to the cross. Can you imagine how painful Heavenly Parent's heart must have been to finally send Jesus after an incredibly long wait and yet have Jesus come to such an end? Jesus said he would return as he was dying on the cross. Christianity began through resurrection by the Holy Spirit.
and by the Apostles compiling the Bible.

In the early days, there was much persecution, but after Rome's official recognition of Christianity in AD 313, Christianity went from the Italian Peninsula across Europe and all the way to Great Britain and ushered in the era of the Atlantic Civilization centered on Great Britain and other nations. Christians then headed out to the world with the Bible. The conclusion, however, was that they did not know Jesus' essence. Jesus' message, "Love your neighbor as yourself," [Matthew 22:39] was gone and they created instead a civilization that took away from others and that prioritized egoism and their national interests.

The era of the Atlantic Civilization came to an end in this manner. Human-centered thoughts at the beginning of Christianity caused faith to be forced into a particular framework and this caused the formation of many denominations. How could communism, which asserts that God is dead, emerge out of Christianity, which asserts belief in God?

Figures in the Christian civilization have made many mistakes to this day. However, one cannot meet God with human-centered thoughts. The returning Messiah said he would come back to conduct the marriage supper of the Lamb. Then, what should those in the Christian civilization find and prepare? When the cause is unclear and the results still unknown, one does not have the qualification to say, I am right, and you are wrong.

God wanted to become the True Parent of humanity through the first human ancestors, through the perfected human ancestors. That was God, our Creator and Heavenly Parent's dream. However, as fallen people gone wrong, we cannot go to Heavenly Parent. Victorious True Parents must emerge from among humanity; the blessing is the providence of salvation, rebirth and resurrection. Regardless of positions, those who do not receive True Parents' blessing, cannot go to God.

Homeland of the new messiahs

God sent Jesus Christ, the Messiah, amidst the Israelites. The Israelites, however, failed to fulfill their responsibilities…. To prepare to send God's only daughter, who did not appear in those days, God chose a new nation as his chosen people. That nation is on the Korean peninsula in Asia.

God's only daughter was born in 1943. Korea's liberation [from Japanese occupation] came in 1945. The Korean War broke out in 1950. God gave man a period of growth according to God's principle of creation. Likewise, God must give his only daughter, who was born in 1943, a period of growth. At the time of Korea's division, South Korea was not ready to confront North Korea. However, something unthinkable -- something of a miracle -- happened. Sixteen UN member nations came to South Korea's rescue. This is certainly not from human power. People from sixteen nations shed their good blood in this nation because God was with them. That was a holy war.

In the world today, we must repay kindness when indebted and we do our best to do that. Korea is also indebted to the world. Even though many politicians have appeared, not once were we able to properly express our gratitude and respect to those countries on a national level.

Before it was too late, Rev. Moon and I, as the True Parents, comforted and expressed gratitude to surviving veterans of the Korean War one last time through performances by the Little Angels Children's Folk Ballet of Korea.

Though [the war veterans] stayed in this country for a short time, we could see that they had not forgotten
Korea, and continue to remember and love it. Why do you think they do?

The original human mind always faces God and goodness. Hence, they will love Korea for eternity. I think that it is now time for the people of Korea, this nation and people, to express its gratitude and fulfill its responsibility to repay the world. Direct your efforts, devotion and your love toward hosting blessing events around the world to bless all 7.7 billion people within True Mother's lifetime and move toward guiding all people to follow the dutiful way and to become devoted children to God. To do that, this country's politicians must accept education from True Mother, God's only daughter.

Many leaders have emerged in this country since its liberation. However, they led this nation centered on human thoughts instead of on Heaven. They ended up going a dishonorable way. I mentioned that the title of today's message is "The Responsibility of the Chosen People in the Last Days." You can no longer put off your responsibilities.

The duties of the chosen people

The truth must be revealed. Hence, the only path is the path taken with True Mother, God's only daughter. Our hope for a unified Korea cannot come about based on politicians alone. Blessed couples who have received the blessing today! As blessed families, all citizens of this nation are to open the way for the two Koreas to unite in a position of attending Heavenly Parent. Hence, every family bears tremendous responsibility. All couples who have received the blessing today must take up the course of tribal messiahs.

This should not stop with your generation; you should educate your descendants so that they too follow this way. The responsibility of those who first received the blessing is to guide all the world's 7.7 billion people to the position in which Heavenly Parent can embraced them and in which they become his true children.

How great this movement is! As one family, we can realize the kingdom of heaven on earth, a world of peace without wars and conflicts in which all 7.7 billion people live as Heavenly Parent's children. The Christian civilization established the Atlantic civilization but failed. What about the Korean peninsula on which God's only daughter and only son were born? Based on the Korean Peninsula, island nations and continents should become one and open the era of the Asia Pacific Rim civilization. This will be a great movement through which our second- and third-generation Unificationists will passionately head toward the world.

I hope that all Pacific Rim nations heading toward the Pacific follow the great wave that creates true life and true love, by embracing the earth and more. Particularly through the Sea of Yeosu, I sincerely hope that all blessed families and the heavenly nation of Joella can stand at the forefront of this initiative to save the natural environment, including the maritime environment, which man has been destroying in ignorance to this day and to restore the earth as the healthy and beautiful environment that our Creator originally made at the beginning of time.