

International President at the Memorial Service for True Children who have Ascended

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Dearest brothers and sisters, I offer my eternal gratitude to you all for joining us this evening to honor the lives of our true family members.

I also humbly thank you for all of your sincere hard work, love, faith, and dedication; you are truly the filial sons and daughters of Heavenly Parent, True Parents, True Family, True Father, and FFWPU.

Kamshamnida, salanghamnida!

Since I was asked to speak on this solemn occasion, I have spent a lot of time in prayer and reflection. I've thought especially about the past 3 years following True Father's Ascension.

In many ways, during True Father's lifetime, I did not fully understand the meaning and significance of True Parents. For that reason, there is deep sorrow in my heart, knowing I could not adequately serve them with sincere wisdom, love and faith.

And also, as I reflected on the lives of the members of my family who have ascended, I could not find the proper words to do justice to their lives or to appropriately honor their memory.

Every time I thought of them I would just burst into tears, remembering how innocent, pure, loving, brave, and true they were, and how they suffered so much in their short lives.

As I worked through these thoughts and feelings, I also took time to read True Parents words during Hoon Dok Hwe. I received so much inspiration by reading passages about true family.

Following True Father's Seonghwa, I was given the daunting task of representing our True Mother on many occasions, speaking on her behalf and doing my best to further True Mother's glorious vision 2020 for the sake of fulfilling Cheon Il Guk.

Throughout this time, I have always found my compass and anchor in True Parents holy texts and speeches. Each day as I do Hoon Dok Hwe I wholeheartedly connect to the words that immortalize True Parents life. As I read their words, the path I should take in life is illuminated and each step forward become clearer than the next.

When searching for words that describe true family and the significance of what it means to be true



filial sons and daughters, I am moved most of all by True Parents words.

Last year I shared some testimony about the lonely path for True Family as we each grew up, trying to find our way out of suffering. Until this day we are all still searching and growing.

When I read True Father's words on our lives, the entire struggle began to make sense; and I came to see that the way we move beyond our struggle is to fulfill our mission. Our lives are not ours alone; we must live to liberate and restore all life to become one family under Heavenly Parent.

I would like to share and begin with a Hoon Dok Hwe reading from Cheon Seong Gyeong:

If the True Parents do not appear, neither can true children. As long as no true person existed on earth, the True Parents could not appear. So the unification church is saying, let us acknowledge that we need True Parents, and let us find and attend them. We are saying we should be son and daughters of True Parents. When we become their Sons and Daughters, we can inherit what they have. The True Parents right of inheritance includes heaven and earth, and even God. We too should inherit even God. If there were no owners of heaven and earth, heaven and earth would have no value. We have to be people who can fully uplift the value of heaven and earth and ascribe value to them for eternity. We also need to meet the One who can officially recognize that. That being is

God. Thus we should gain True Parents right of inheritance. –Cheon Seong Gyeong, 229, 11

This is just one brief passage from True Father. And yet you may have to read it 1,000 times to understand the depth of what True Father is speaking about.

In a nutshell this passage teaches us that our lives have no value if we do not value our True Parents. Gods value only came to light because True Parents uplifted, served and became absolutely one with Heavenly Parent.

Therefore, only when we become True Parents true filial sons and daughters and live in sincere attendance, with absolute love, faith and obedience, can we fully inherit all that True Parents, and Heavenly Parent want to share with us.

Let me read one more passage from Cheon Seong Gyeong:

You need to inherit the realm of True Parents victory. As individuals you should have nothing to be ashamed of in front of Heaven, earth, and True Parents. Therefore, you should live with absolute love, absolute obedience and absolute faith. You should lead a life of devotion and sacrifice for True Parents, based on the total oneness of heart that makes you willing to offer everything you have. With that heart, you should strive to give more love to them and to others than you receive from them. Only when you can live this way can True Parents be liberated. God's realm of liberation can only emerge when society becomes a place where

people love one another more than the True Parents love human kind. You need to become sons and daughters of True Parents whom they can praise, their beloved sons and daughters in whom they can rejoice. Then the joyful realm of liberation can emerge. You should not forget that you stand to uphold the original mainstream of tradition, in which you must fulfill your duties as patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters of heart. –Cheon Seong Gyeong 231,16

When I think of each one of the ascended TC I know that each one is such a child.

Consider our eldest brother born, Hyo Jin Nim. He was born Lunar: 1962.12.3 Solar: 1962.12.29 and ascended Solar: 2008.3.17. He was such a passionate leader, a loving husband and father, and a true filial son.

Hyo Jin oppa had to suffer the greatest of obstacles as the first son of True Parents, and yet he was victorious in absolute love, faith and obedience to Heavenly Parent, True Parents, True Family, and FFWPU.

Until the very end he was a true filial son to True Parents, and to the whole movement he poured out his love, generosity and his full devotion of heart and soul to each and every person he met in life.

To gain insight into the sincerity of his heart, despite the many trials and tribulations faced, one just has to listen or read the lyrics of his songs.

By reading or listening to those heartfelt words you will feel and understand his longing for love and his longing to give love to everyone.

You will understand how much he had to overcome, as he grappled with his position with a heart as pure as gold. And you can come to know the victory of his life as he remained completely loyal and true to True Parents until the end.

That is why True Parents bestowed upon him the title, “The Lord who will open a gate into the Heavenly Kingdom, as a son of loyalty and filial piety in the garden that opens the way to the deep, wide and high realms of heaven.”

Thank you dear elder brother Hyo Jin nim!!!

Let us consider Heung Jin nim.

Heung jin oppa was born Lunar: 1966.10.23

Solar: 1966.12.4 and ascended Solar: 1984.1.2, He was the embodiment of Abel.

He lived to love, care, serve, give and protect all others. He lived for the sake of others. There was not a more tender, loving, altruistic, humble person than Heung Jin oppa.

Anyone who ever knew him would attest to his sacrificial character. To all his friends, family, Blessed members, and even in relation to animals and the natural world, he was truly a “peace loving global brother.”

And even his last action on earth was to protect his friends, and to protect True Parents providentially. He gave his life with such sincerity. One of the earliest true family members to ascend, he has worked miracles in heaven and on earth; for that reason, True Parents gave him the title of “Commander in chief” in heaven.

Thank you beloved Heung Jin nim!!!

Let us consider Hye Jin onni. She was born Lunar: 1964.6.19

Solar: 1964.7.27 and ascended Solar: 1964.8.4.

She was blessed on 2000.2.13.

Hye Jin onni was only a child when she passed, having lived less than a month. Her pure life and sudden departure from earth must have devastated our True Mother who carried her, awaiting her birth for 9 months.

Thank you sister Hye Jin onni!!!