



## **57th Anniversary of True Parents Holy Wedding Welcome Remarks**

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**Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center**

My dear beloved brothers and sisters.

It is my distinct honor and privilege to offer words of welcome to each one of you as we gather to celebrate the 57th Anniversary of the Holy Wedding of our beloved True Parents.

As we rejoice together in complete oneness and with a filial heart before our Heavenly Parent, our beloved True Father in heaven, and our beloved True Mother who leads the providence on this earth, we are commemorating the origin

and birth of true love, true life, and true lineage. On this day we pay tribute to the fact that the Holy Wedding of True Parents fulfills the hopes of all humankind and the creation. This is the most glorious day on earth and in heaven.

What a profound blessing it is for us to be here on this precious day when Heavenly Parent's dreams were fulfilled and True Parents' victory brought an end to the long history of loneliness for our Heavenly Parent. As we know from the Principle of Creation, God longed to live in joy, harmony and true love with true sons and daughters.

However, since the time of the Fall, human history has proceeded without the absolute, perfect, and pure union of a man and woman living in complete harmony and victory.

As a result, we have lived in a world marked by suffering, conflict, devastation, and disharmony; we have lived with broken hearts and shattered families. In order for fallen human beings to be restored back to the original ideal, the position of the True Parents must first be established.

Thus, with the birth of our True Father in 1920 and our True Mother in 1943, God's hope was re-kindled. A divine spark that would light the way for humanity was ignited.

Despite the thorny path they trod, shedding their blood, sweat and tears, True Parents overcame every obstacle with a pure heart of filial devotion. They followed the will of Heavenly Parent with absolute love, faith and obedience.

The Holy Wedding of our True Parents on April 12, 1960 at the Cheongpadong Church marked the turning point in providential history. On the foundation of True Parents' Holy Wedding, the grace of the Holy Blessing could finally be given, making it possible for all humankind to be re-born as sons and daughters of the lineage of Heavenly Parent, and as members of one worldwide family under God.

Through the Holy Wedding of God's only begotten son and only begotten daughter, the position of True Parents was secured. True Father and True Mother achieved the four-position foundation for the first time in history, giving birth to the True Family.

From that day forward, True Mother worked side by side with True Father for 52 years. She uttered no complaint. During a 20-year period, she restored Jacob's course, risking her life and bearing 14 True Children, securing the legacy of True Parents' true lineage and the liberation of womankind.

We stand in awe and humility before the magnitude of this day and its providential significance. On this day, 57 years ago, the eternal, unique, absolute and unchanging unity and oneness of True Parents was established. That bond can never be broken. That unity can never be divided.

In the past we did not fully appreciate the significance of this holy day. Now, with each passing year, we come to recognize more deeply its infinite and eternal value, as the day that marks the culmination of God's providence, the fulfillment of God's original ideal. It is this essential meaning that we must share with the world.

This 57th anniversary is ushering in a new age of hope, filling our hearts with gratitude and a firm determination to leap forward during the next three years, toward the victory of Vision 2020 and the realization of Cheon Il Guk. This 57th anniversary marks the beginning of a cosmic spring in divine providence.

We stand at a pivotal moment in history, a time when the forces of light and the forces of darkness are battling more than ever. The sadness, suffering, war, and destruction we experience on this earth cannot be solved without our True Parents' truth. Therefore, we must unite with True Mother, and we must be victorious; for the sake of our ancestors, for the sake of those alive today and for the sake of future generations.

We must fulfill our responsibility as filial sons and daughters and spread the word of the significance of this holy wedding day to all 7.4 billion children on earth. We must liberate our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Aju!

Beloved brothers and sisters, as we gather here today to honor our True Parents, let our hearts be filled with absolute conviction, faith, and sincere love.

Let us give a roaring round of applause, expressing our gratitude to our True Parents on this Happy 57th Anniversary of True Parents Holy Wedding!!!