



Multicultural Family Educational Peace Festival 2015

Congratulatory Address

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His Excellency Madhav Nepal, Former Prime Minister of Nepal, Honorable Sujata Koirala, Former Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal, Dr. Chang Shik Yang, Chairman of the UPF International, Dr. Thomas G. Walsh, President of UPF International, Dr. Chung Sik Yong, Chairman of UPF Asia, Distinguished Guests, Ambassadors for Peace, Friends, Beloved Blessed Couples, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Namaste!

It is my distinct honor to be with all of you on this special day here in Kathmandu, Nepal. I am deeply moved by the beautiful sight of so many couples gathered for this Multicultural Family Educational Peace Festival 2015. All the couples with your white shawls... you look so noble.

On behalf of my mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, I congratulate all of you who are receiving God's Blessing today. I pray that each couple, whether you are young or old, may come to experience a deep and eternal love with your partner. I pray that your children grow to be beautiful champions of goodness and love. And, I pray that your lives may be filled with abundance and joy!

Our hope is that, beginning with this Blessing, each couple and family will cultivate a higher awareness of our Creator's deepest heart and purpose. No matter what our religious background may be, our divine nature and our hopes for love, joy, and peace are universal.

Today's Blessing Ceremony culminates with True Parents' benediction and Blessing. Their sincere prayer is that each couple unites in complete love and harmony with God, our Heavenly Parent. A loving husband and wife, most closely resemble God's own loving nature. As we each create families of such true love, we help usher in a world of infinite joy and peace, a world in which God can freely dwell.

Beloved brothers and sisters!

Today is not just an ordinary day. This is your Holy Blessing day. We often say that our Blessing day is the time of our second birth, our true spiritual birthday. The Blessing is a sacred moment when we are reborn to a new life.

This holy tradition began on April 16, 1960 when True Parents blessed three couples, just five days after True Parents' own Holy Wedding. Beginning with these three couples, the Blessing was expanded to include thirty-six couples, then seventy-two couples, one hundred and twenty couples,

and so on. This holy tradition has continued over the past fifty-five years, up until today. Over the years, many millions of couples have received the Blessing, both in the physical and spiritual worlds.

On the foundation of the Blessing, you start on the path toward creating an ideal family. When we practice unconditional true love toward our spouse and toward our children, tribe, nation and the whole world, we are on our way to building the Kingdom of God. Moreover, we also take the lead in overcoming and healing all the pain, suffering and destruction that has occurred throughout history. Please participate in this sacred ceremony with this understanding.

Beloved couples! Ladies and gentlemen!

I hope that you will continue to study my parents' teachings, the Divine Principle. By doing so, you will come to understand Heavenly Parent's long-suffering heart which seeks only to be reunited with his children. By studying the life course of True Parents and their words, you will discover a roadmap to the restoration of yourselves, your marriages, your lineages and the world.

Due to the failure of our original ancestors, saints and sages throughout history faced the most overwhelming obstacles. The significance of our True Parents is that together they overcame every obstacle and emerged as victors. Moreover, for the first time in providential history, Mother Moon stands together on equal footing with Father Moon. This is the meaning and value of the True Parents. They represent the unified wholeness of God, a unified being of masculinity and femininity.

In this sense, we can understand the special meaning and significance of True Mother. For millennia, men alone have been the primary representatives of religion, that is, the priests, the prophets, and founders. But with the rise of True Mother, as the necessary counterpart and partner of True Father, the long history of exclusion and indemnity for women has been overcome. By fulfilling her role, True Mother has made it possible for the True Parents' position to be achieved. Furthermore, it is because of True Parents that the Blessing is possible. For the first time in human history our Heavenly Parent has extended us this lifeline of the Blessing. This is possible because of True Mother's achievement.

It is because of True Parents that we have the privilege to receive the Blessing. Therefore, let us offer our sincere gratitude to our Heavenly Parent and to our True Parents for the grace of this Blessing ceremony. Let's give a big round of applause to True Mother who is sharing this moment with us in Korea, and to True Father who is always with us in the heavenly world!

Let's give another round of applause to all the blessed couples and families gathered here today.
Aju!

Ladies and gentlemen! Brothers and sisters!

As God's children, as Blessed families, and as citizens of God's kingdom, which we call Cheonilguk in Korean, we each have certain responsibilities.

First, we must sincerely establish True Parents' tradition in our daily lives and ensure that this tradition is carried on by our children and future generations. By tradition I am referring to living a life of personal responsibility and virtuous action, an altruistic life of living for the sake of others. We strengthen and preserve this tradition through practices of prayer and meditation, and by observing holy days, sacred rituals, and daily scripture study, known as hoondokhae. The daily study of God's Word has the power to awaken our minds, strengthen our will, temper our emotions, and transform our lives.

Second, we are each called to strive to perfect the three great blessings. That is, we should perfect our individual character, then become the embodiment of true love as a couple and as a family, and, finally, engage in responsible and sustainable stewardship over the natural environment.

Above all, let us foster a heart of gratitude toward our Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and unite with them in heart.

Third, we need to create a global culture of heart. That is, a culture in which all human beings are bound together in loving and harmonious solidarity, as members of one global family, One Family under God. This will be a world of universal peace and prosperity for all.

Beloved Sisters and Brothers!

True Father, in his final prayer before his ascension, fervently expressed his desire to save all of humankind. This is the goal that True Mother has also devoted every waking moment of her life to achieve, that is, to bring true peace to all of God's children. Even in her golden years, at the age of 72, after giving birth to 14 children and working side by side with our True Father for 52 years, she continues on this course to fulfill True Parents' public mission. Recently, she has spearheaded educational initiatives all over the world, while literally putting her life on the line in the process. She is committed to overcoming all physical limitations in order to save every child of God. With great urgency she is carrying forth True Parents' goal "Vision 2020" to bring the Blessing to all of our Heavenly Parent's children on this earth. She hopes and prays that each one of us can awaken and become one with our Heavenly Parent in true love and harmony.

In closing, I pray that you will all become exemplary Blessed Central Families and heavenly tribal messiahs. May you become the true owners of Cheonilguk, and resemble our Heavenly Parent in

all that you do.

Once again, CONGRATULATIONS on receiving today the precious Holy Blessing and renewing your marriages.

Dhanyavad ['Thank You' in Nepali]

Jaya Nepal ['Long live Nepal' in Nepali]