

The Providential Meaning of Ye Jin's Blessing

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Ye Jin giving her testimony at Belvedere

Ye Jin is still a college student and just 20 years old. Why did the True Parents match her so suddenly and give her the blessing? As you know, the other blessed children are younger than Ye Jin, and the mental development of girls is generally faster than that of boys. Until the time of her matching, she had thought that there was not yet a suitable candidate with whom she could be blessed. It is not difficult for us or even for the True Parents to understand this kind of attitude. Then why did Father give her the blessing at this time? We can only conclude that Father did this to start the children's course.

It marks the beginning of the second 21-year course

We have often listened to Father speak about the second 21-year course, centering on ourselves. Hearing Father speak like this, we might imagine that

because Father said this was now our 21-year course, we could easily start it; but that is a mistaken concept. Without Ye Jin's blessing we could never start the second 21-year course. May 16, 1981, the date of Ye Jin's blessing, marks the end of Father's 21-year course and the beginning of our 21-year course.

Please think about Father's providential course. Before he could begin his public life, he needed God's recognition. Actually, his public life already started a long time ago, but he counted his 21-year course as beginning in 1960.

We need to understand the whole perspective, not only of Father's activities, but of his motivation as well. He is always conscious that both God and Satan are observing him and that only after receiving God's recognition and the holy marriage could he start his real public work, the three seven-year courses. As you know, the first stage was the family level, the second stage was the national level, and the third stage was the world level. All the indemnity conditions made during these 21 years were not just for himself, but for the restoration of the family, the nation and the worldwide environment. We have to study his course after 1960 and follow it closely in order to begin our 21-year course.

The basic content of the second 21-year course is home church activity. The responsibility of the blessed families is to become tribal messiahs. The second set of three seven-year courses is the age of our responsibility; we have to inherit everything from our True Parents. This is why he has been urging us, over the past couple of years, to become tribal messiahs through home church, because he wants to pass on to us the mission of becoming tribal messiahs. Now with Ye Jin's blessing this is possible.

It establishes the True Children's blessed couple as our Abel

We need to make a vertical relationship with the True Parents and horizontal unity between Cain and Abel, centered on this vertical relationship. When we unite completely with Ye Jin's family horizontally, we can fulfill this responsibility. This is another sense in which Ye Jin's blessing brings us such a wonderful benefit.

It is crucial to remember that even though we have been blessed or matched, our status is still that of a Cain-type son or daughter of the True Parents. We are of a different lineage and actually have no relationship with them; however, on the foundation of our faith and our heart, because of God's benefit and through His blessing, we are adopted into the True Parents' family. Thus our position is that of Cain-type sons and daughters.

Cain absolutely needs an Abel figure. Without Abel, we cannot reach the Parents. Even though externally we call them parents, still we need an Abel figure. We may have previously understood that the True Children are our Abel, but it should now be absolutely clear that without the True Children's couple, we can do nothing.

So from now on, our eternal Abel couple is Ye Jin's couple. We should develop the attitude of a restored Cain towards them. We have to make a strong vertical relationship with the True Parents and then inherit their general tradition and life. Then the value of our life and the value of our blessed couple is connected on a horizontal level with the True Children's blessed couple.

Jesus always emphasized the vertical relationship with God because he could not give the blessing. But in our age, everything can be completely realized; this is the preciousness of the kingdom. Also, the process of the providence is now easier. Before, it was centered only on the True Parents, but now there is a True Children's blessed couple, meaning that there is a central position for the vertical and horizontal foundations. As a result, there can now be more unity spiritually than ever before.

Ye Jin's spouse becomes a True Son

Father explained to us how the Kingdom of Heaven and the eternal world required twelve tribes and twelve chiefs of tribes. God could not expect twelve sons from Mother, but fortunately -- and actually miraculously -- our True Parents were able to give birth to twelve children during their 21-year course. This is one evidence of how miraculously God protected our True Parents and our movement. Usually in Korea, when a girl is married, she goes to her parents-in-law's house to live. But in this case, a brother comes to live in the True Parents' house. Father proclaimed that sons and daughters have the same value; thus, Ye Jin's spouse became a True Son. Ye Jin will not need to go to his house to live, but he can come and join the True Parents' house.

I was deeply moved when Father announced this. I pictured a banyan tree, a very unique kind of tree whose branches sometimes bend down and touch the earth and take root. Once when we were visiting Hawaii, I described this tree to Father, and he was very fascinated. The True Parents are the origin of our life, and they shared their blessing with the 36 couples, who were like dead people. So the blessed couples are like Father's branches. The Unification Church needs twelve tribes and twelve heads of tribes, so Father took from the blessed couples one branch, Jin Whi Hong, and made him a root.

It ends our chance to contribute to the success of our True Parents' 21- year course

Because of this central True Couple, we can start the wonderful age of our responsibility. According to the Principle, we have understood that we are blessed at the top of the growth stage, and as a couple we must grow from then to perfection. However, until True Children could pave the way for us, we could not really begin.

The 36 couples, for example, received the blessing 20 years ago; other generations of blessed couples have followed them; but still, until Father proclaimed the second 21- year course, all couples stayed at the top of the growth stage. Maybe some wonder whether all their efforts over the past ten or twenty years have been in vain. But please do not doubt the benefits of your labors. We could all participate in our True Parents' 21-year course. In other words, when people who joined before 1960 gained certain results, through deep devotion and hard work or sacrifice, these results were not only their own but became linked to Father's personal indemnity course. After 1960, this opportunity was never repeated. For those who joined between 1960 and 1967 and gained some results through their personal sacrifices, their fruits were connected to the True Parents on the family level. After 1967, this chance could never return.

So in this sense, until May 16, 1981, all our efforts and all our results could be encompassed within our True Parents' 21-year course, even though we worked at different levels -- family, national or even worldwide. Ye Jin's blessing closed that opportunity to contribute to the success of our True Parents' 21-year course.

It multiplies God's providence horizontally

Beginning now.. with Ye Jin's blessing, the True Children's couples can now multiply, centering on the True Parents. This means that the mainstream of Heavenly Father's activity is no longer only vertical; the providence can now be easily multiplied horizontally. Thus, the True Parents' foundation of victory can be quickly multiplied on the worldwide level.