

Welcoming Remarks at the 56th Anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding

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Respected dignitaries from home and abroad, beloved leaders of Cheon Il Guk!

I would like to thank you all for taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend the historic occasion that is the 56th anniversary of the Holy Wedding of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

The Heavenly Parent, the True Parent of humanity, profoundly yearned and hoped for the Holy Wedding that took place 56 years ago on this day. This is because for this first time in human history, the only begotten son and daughter received Heaven's true lineage and held the Holy Wedding. Let us congratulate True Parents on this historic day! (Applause)

Beloved leaders!

In the beginning, the Heavenly Parent had a dream. That dream for His only begotten son, Adam, and His only begotten daughter, Eve, to unite through the Holy Wedding, create one family and one world centered on the Heavenly Parent and ultimately, realize the ideal of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, the world of peace, unity and happiness. However, since Adam and Eve could not fulfill their responsibilities, the dream of the Heavenly Parent remained an unfulfilled ideal. Following the human Fall, humanity stood in the miserable position of orphans living in the realm of death. However, the Heavenly Parent is a parent of love and the True Parent of humankind. It took 4,000 long biblical years before the Heavenly Parent could send the only begotten son He could freely love and interact with. Jesus was sent on this

earth to embrace the Heavenly Parent's children.

Beloved leaders!

What was Jesus' mission? What dream led the Heavenly Parent to endure 4,000 long biblical years in order to send Jesus? That dream was the realization of one family and one world centered on the Heavenly Parent. The only begotten son and daughter prepared by Heaven were meant to host the Holy Wedding and realize the ideal of creation by creating a true family, tribe, people, nation and world. However, Jesus was not able to meet the only begotten daughter prepared by Heaven; Jesus could not host the Marriage of the Lamb. Regrettably, Jesus could not become True Parents. Jesus left the ideal of True Parents and as he laid on the cross, he promised to come again. Therefore, the 2,000 year Christian history that unfolded after Jesus was the history to find the only begotten daughter.

Respected leaders!

What happened on this day 56 years ago? On that historic day, the only begotten son of Heaven, True Father, and the only begotten daughter of Heaven, True Mother, held their Holy Wedding. Unlike Jesus, on that historic day True Father met the fruit of the 2,000 year history of Christianity, the only begotten daughter of Heaven, the second Eve and True Mother that Heaven had prepared for 6,000 years and given birth in a special environment through Daemonim and Daebunim. True Parents overcame unspeakable difficulties and through the Holy Wedding, firmly established the ideal of True Parents on this earth. Let us give True Parents a warm round of applause! (Applause)

Beloved leaders!

Following their historic Holy Wedding, True Parents have had one goal in life: to liberate the Heavenly Parent who is the Cosmic True Parent, restore Him to the original position of parent, save ignorant humanity from the realm of death and return them to the embrace of the Heavenly Parent. In order to realize this ideal, True Parents overcame bone-crushing hardships; they devoted their lives to saving the world and saving humanity that had become orphans. Forgetting about sleep or rest, True Parents toured the world from East to West and from North to South; they shed blood, sweat and tears on their path to save humanity and the world. Furthermore, following True Father's ascension, True Mother redoubled her efforts, investing herself completely to realizing True Parents' heavenly mandate. Even today, she pushes herself to the limits of human endurance to lead the providence.

Beloved leaders!

Recently, True Mother has been offering special devotion in preparation for the anniversary of the Holy Wedding. She quietly toured the starting point of True Father's providence in South Korea, the Busan Bomnetgol holy ground. The first responsibility of the only begotten son is to find the only begotten daughter and vice-versa. The Beom Il Jeon holy ground in Busan is the starting point of the providence that led to the Holy Wedding of True Parents on March 16, 1960. In this historic location, True Mother serenely offered profound devotion and on the foundation of that devotion, True Mother is about to unconditionally bequeath onto us a special grace and blessing. True Mother continues to pray that through this grace and blessing, we can attend the Heavenly Parent and True Parents as the center, be victorious in VISION 2020 and realize Cheon Il Guk on this earth. It is my earnest prayer that we can inherit this earnest wish of True Parents. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for attending this historic occasion. I would like to conclude my welcoming remarks by wishing that the blessings of the Heavenly Parent and True Parents be with you and your families. Thank you.