

Our Leader Returns to Korea

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On July 22, 1973, at 11:10 a.m., the Korean Family formed a welcome line at Kimpo Airport, watched our Leader's children break away from the waiting area, trot down the receiving walkway, hesitate at the corner, look down the hall, and then burst into the fastest runs they could manage. It was obvious Father and Mother were finally home!

The long, lonely nine months faded immediately into the joy of clapping and welcoming bows as our Leader surrounded by his whole family walked between the lines of Family members. Meanwhile, members throughout the whole country had gathered at the Sootaek-Ri Training Center for a welcoming ceremony.

Master and his party first stopped at Chungpadong Church for lunch and then joined the rest of the Family at Sootaek-Ri. In spite of the heat and humidity in the hall packed with two to three thousand people that caused one's glasses to fog, Master spoke for over three hours. His energy never fails him. Even the members who have known him for twenty years were surprised at his power.

Tears poured down faces as he reminded each one that the way to God is not just for Koreans, Japanese or Americans. The whole world is our country, and everything is for God. All our happiness and battles should be for God, to defeat Satan. The individual, family, and nation should be sacrificed for the world.

If we have an individual problem, it is not really an individual Problem, it is God's problem. The greatest problem for all is to be able to follow God.

He said that on his way home from Japan, he thought very seriously to himself, "Why do you go this way? No one wants to go." Up until today, everybody has been against him, his family, his teachers, the leaders of Christianity, and the leaders of Korea. He could never have continued for himself, but since he was doing it for God, he could not give up as long as there was God. He reminded us that we are not following him, but rather God.

He spoke of America and how hard the Japanese members are working there. He said that sometimes they even fell asleep when walking. Such a sight makes him weep in his heart, but this is the way of God today; such a difficult path. He reminded us of our late president Eu, who couldn't even use one leg, yet at one time even though he had pneumonia, he lectured the Divine Principle ten hours a day while lying down. He said that older members should not feel self-satisfied, content to have heard the Divine Principle six or seven times; they must know the dispensation of heaven.

He reminded us that Adam and Eve were created by God, and He loved them so much, but they failed him. We are their descendants after many thousands of generations, and still God cannot trust us. He cannot believe us when we say we believe in Him. If we want God to believe us we must devote ourselves to him more than our first ancestors should have.

He spoke of the kind of love we should have in our Family. If we are old enough to be the parents of a man who is thirty years old, even in spite of our age and position we should love the younger man as we would Jesus. And if we are younger, we still should love those older as we would Jesus. In this love we would be a great Family. For our Family to fulfill its mission, it is not enough to bless couples, but all these couples must become one in heart. Likewise, in a seven year period, we should bring eighty-four people to God, but even that is not enough. We must help them to become one in heart with God and each other if we are to establish the Kingdom of Heaven.



Hyo Jin leads blessed children chorale at welcoming celebration.

After his talk there was time for dinner, while he went to Chung Pyung Lake to pray. He returned around 8:30 that evening for fellowship and entertainment, provided by his children and members from throughout the country. Hyo Jin, his oldest son, played the violin, and In Jin, his third child, amazed everyone with a fine piano solo. The children of the blessed couples who work at the Main Church and their mothers prepared special songs led by Hyo Jin, and traditional Korean dancing acts followed. The Western members presented a welcoming speech in Korean, a short comedy skit, and a song done together with some Japanese members.

It was wonderful to see our Leader relax and laugh even if only for a short time. Early the next morning he began meetings with people which continued until 4:00 a.m. the next day, thus beginning his schedule for the short month he will be in Korea. (He left Korea August 7th for America.)