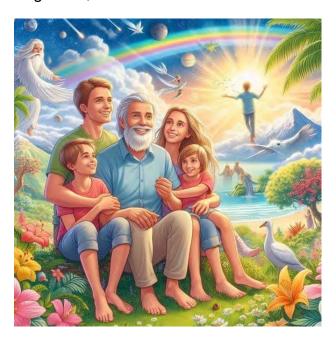
## FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Joo-hwa Lee - When God's Dream Comes True

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The need to clearly understand our starting point and destination in order to experience the day when Heavenly Parent's dream comes true



Joo-hwa Lee giving her lecture 23rd August 2024

The first part of a prize-winning presentation given by Joo-hwa Lee, a young South-Korean participant in a sermon competition held 23rd August 2024 as part of the events organized by the <u>Family Federation</u> in Gapyeong, South Korea commemorating the 12th anniversary of <u>Father Moon</u>'s passing in 2012.

Today, I'll be giving a lecture based on presentation 5 from "The Status and Value of True Parents from the Viewpoint of Heaven's Providence".

The title of my speech will be "The Long Anticipated Day When Heavenly Parent's Dream Comes True".

Before I begin my lecture, I'd like to ask you one question,

"What do you do when you get lost on your way to your destination?"



Most people will turn on their GPS, press their destination, and find out how to get there. In this way, when searching for directions, we set a starting point and a destination.

But what happens if we don't know one of these? It will clearly be difficult to find our way.

So, when I watch the news every morning, I feel like I'm living amidst various problems, like

- parents killing their own children or children killing their parents parricide,
  - obsessions,
  - violence against one's partner in the name of love,
- citizens losing their lives,
- the war between Israel and Hamas,
- teenagers living isolated from the world after the coronavirus pandemic,
- school violence where the age of those committing crimes getting lower every year,
- natural disasters caused by humans,
- reckless destruction of nature, and so on.

In this kind of world, many of the future generation are giving up on the things they should enjoy and dream of. We are called the "endpoint generation".

In the midst of these countless problems, I came to think of this question:

"What is the origin of these numerous problems and such suffering?"

We have been struggling to solve these problems until now, but why couldn't we solve them? We can see that this is like having a destination called happiness but instead falling into a condition in which we lose the way, not knowing how to get there.



Saint Paul (ca. 10-67 AD)

The apostle Paul expressed it like this in Romans 7:21-24,

"So I find this law at work: although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in <u>God</u>'s law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?" (NIV)

All problems and difficulties stem from the two minds of human beings. The multitude of humanity is unable to escape from the quagmire of this contradiction. [...]

[...] This contradictory nature of human beings brings about family contradictions and causes numerous problems through domestic violence,

infidelity, divorce, and lack of family communication.

Such families create as well social contradictions. And this creates against social structures and institutions that oppress or create differences.

When such family contradictions form a nation and the world, just as Charles Tilly (1929-2008) said, "War made the state, and the state made war."

States inevitably fall into a national contradiction where war becomes a justification for forming the state. This leads to an increasingly deeper quagmire that cannot be controlled.



What happens when you are struggling to get out on your own from a quagmire? You are drawn deeper into it. So how can you get out of it? You can never get out of that quagmire without going through someone else.

Ultimately, we cannot solve this difficulty alone. The Messiah is therefore necessary to save us who have fallen into the quagmire.

What is the common point of all these problems discussed above? To understand this, we must first realize that there is a clear starting point from where the problems began. It all started with the parent-child-relationship.

Everyone, since we have lost our original Parent, we struggle to solve this in the present circumstances where

we do not know our starting point and our destination.



The character cheon  $(\mathcal{F})$  means "heaven" and consists of the characters "two"  $(\mathcal{F})$  and "people"  $(\mathcal{F})$ 

To solve this, we need to clearly understand our starting point and our destination.

We need to know how to use GPS to go to the ultimate peace and ultimate happiness.

Everyone, lets investigate the starting point. [...] In the beginning, our Heavenly Parent had a dream. Our Heavenly Parent wanted to live with, feel with, and share with the humans that He/She created.

Our Heavenly Parent walked a course of waiting and waiting for thousands of years for that day. And that day the dream begins is none other than the proclamation of the <u>Kingdom of Heaven</u> - "<u>Cheonilguk</u>" in Korean. <u>Cheonilguk</u> basically refers to a kingdom that starts when two become one.

So, who are the two we're talking about here? It refers to a kingdom that starts when the Heavenly Parent, who represents the spirit world, and the <u>True Parents</u>, who represent the earthly world, became one.

Our Heavenly Parent wanted to become one with us human beings and share His/Her heart with them. To live together as one was the purpose of our Heavenly Parent creating human beings.

That point is where we are reborn as sons and daughters who become what we humans were originally meant to be, a state that was lost through the fall of Adam and Eve in the beginning.

The <u>Kingdom of Heaven</u> is like the "original garden" where we converse with and live in harmony with our Heavenly Parent.

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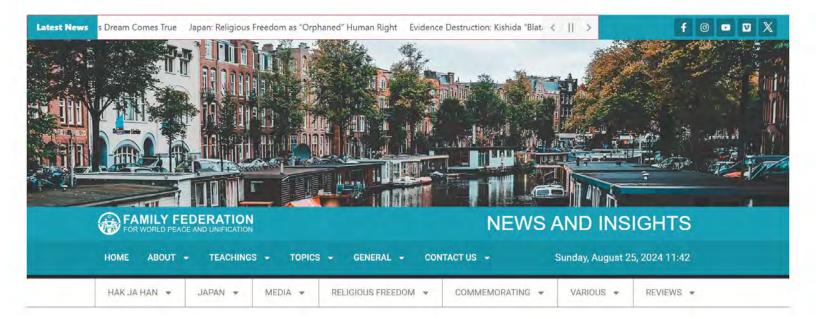
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## New version of teachings with key concepts expanded being prepared in South Korea

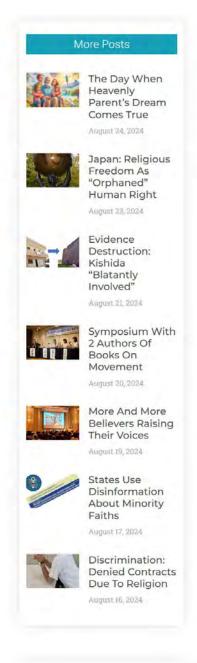
In what is considered a major development in presenting Father and Mother Moon's comprehensive teachings to the world, the Family Federation International HQ has held several in-depth seminars on key concepts of Unificationism. A 2-week seminar in Gapyeong, northeast of the capital Seoul, that ended on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, carried the title "True Parents' Status and Value from the Viewpoint of Heaven's Providence". It is expected that a book with the same title will be published in the near future.

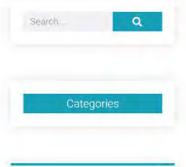
News and Insights was invited to a preview of the content being prepared.



A key concept that Mother Moon has emphasized repeatedly in her speeches over the last years, is the motherly heart of God. In order to understand the essence of God, and in fact, in order to create peace in the









Mother Moon speaking. Photo: FFWPU

world, Mother Moon points out that we first need a more complete understanding of God. Traditionally, God has been understood as a Fatherly God, as seen in the opening words of the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father, Who art in heaven".

It is essential to know that God

also has motherly aspects, and that he/she is not just our Father, but also our Mother in heaven. In Mother Moon's memoirs "Mother of Peace", she says, "I talk about Heavenly Mother, hidden behind Heavenly Father." (Preface, page xv) She elaborates that the motherly aspect of God has come in the shadows of the male God that has dominated the view of the divine in the religious world.

That is the very reason Mother Moon stresses the concept "Heavenly Parent". But she doesn't stop there.

Taek-yong Oh, professor of theology at Sun Moon University in Asan, south of Seoul, was the main lecturer at the above-mentioned 14-days seminar in South Korea. In the fifth of seven presentations, he pointed out that Father and Mother Moon's more complete view of God also extends to their concept of the Messiah.

Dr. Oh explained that since the time of Jesus, the concept of Messiah has been used to mean Jesus. Paul refers to Jesus as a second Adam, thus giving a clue to understanding God's original concept of humanity's salvation. God created human beings as man and woman. If God sent a new "Adam", there had to be a new "Eve" as



Professor Taek-yong Oh. Photo: Screenshot from video published by PeaceTV.

well. If Jesus was the "Only Begotten Son", there should have also been an "Only Begotten Daughter". Indeed, that was God's plan 2,000 years ago, but the circumstances did not allow that plan to be realized.

In the same presentation, professor Oh emphasized that since the time of the crucifixion of Jesus, God has worked continuously to prepare not only for the second coming of Jesus, but also for the birth of a new "Eve", the Only Begotten Daughter. Through the Holy Marriage of these two persons, "True Parents" are established – the original ideal that the man and the woman God created at the very beginning of human history, were meant to realize.

The Holy Wedding of this one man and one woman becomes the prototype and model for marriage as in the original world God intended to manifest.

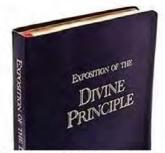
The Korean academic asked,

"So how is the Second Coming of Jesus accomplished? By the time he reached maturity, Jesus had perfected the position of the Only Begotten Son. So, in God's providence, God does not carry out the providence of the Second Coming by giving birth to another Only Begotten Son.

The providence of the Second Coming of Jesus proceeds as the providence in which a person called by God inherits Jesus' Messianic mission, inherits his foundation, and appears as the Messiah at the Second Coming to fulfill the Messianic mission [...]."

As God's work has progressed a lot since the official version of the Unification Principles was published in 1966 (English version in 1973, revised in 1996), the time is ripe for it to be complemented and developed further by new insights. As Dr. Oh explains,

"The current Exposition of the Divine Principle only deals with the providence before True Parents [1960]. In



Exposition of the Divine Principle, published 1996.

addition, because it is organized centering on the Only Begotten Son, Jesus, and the Messiah at the Second Coming, the truth and the providence about the Only Begotten Daughter are not yet revealed." (Presentation 5)

In the 7<sup>th</sup> presentation, Dr. Oh addressed the issue of our Heavenly Parent as the First Cause and Parent (Father and Mother) of humanity. In the mutual true love relationship that God longs to see develop between

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himself/herself and human beings, there must first be two concrete persons – True Parents – with the maturity of heart that can profoundly sense God's deep parental heart.

As a single person, you can't have that perfect relationship of heart with the Heavenly Parent. The Korean professor emphasized,

"That is why the ideal of True Parents was already in God's mind before creation. The ideal of True Parents was already in God's heart before creation."

**Featured image** above: A pre-publication version of "True Parents' Status and Value from the Viewpoint of Heaven's Providence". Photo: Screenshot from video published by FFWPU.

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