

As the chosen people who attend Heavenly Parent, our nation should fulfill its responsibility

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It is a new era, a new chapter in history, a new millennium. I was infinitely grateful that we could dedicate Cheon Won Gung and the Cheon Il Sanctum, which Heavenly Parent had so longed for and desired to see.

In the beginning, our Creator intended to be the true parent of humanity. God created everything in heaven and earth, then created man and woman who were to become the ancestors of humanity. God gave them a period of time during which they were to grow. The invisible Heavenly Parent intended to live with them when they had perfected their characters and so become the true parent of all humankind.

However, our first ancestors were unable to perfect their character, but fell and were sent out of Eden. A fallen world emerged with fallen people who had no relationship with their Creator. Throughout history, we have sought peace, but due to conflict, war, and disease we have never, even for one day, even for one moment, seen our dream of a peaceful world realized.

Even so, our Creator is all-knowing and all-powerful, a being whose beginning and end are the same. What does this imply our Creator must do? I am saying that God cannot simply discard fallen people and create new ones. Thus the course Heaven undertook to restore humankind is the history of the providence of salvation, of restoration through indemnity.

God chose the people of Israel and, through them, carried out the providence of salvation. If you look at the Old Testament in the Bible, it says that through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God found a lineage among fallen humankind that Heaven could work with. By the time this had developed into a tribe, a people, and a nation, however, Israel had fallen under Roman control.

After 4,000 years.... How difficult it must have been for God that it took 4,000 years to rectify through indemnity, through the providence of salvation, what had gone wrong! It was only after four 4,000 years that God sent us Jesus Christ as the only begotten Son, of whom God could say "This is my Son."

Nevertheless, Mary, who had given birth to Jesus, the people around Jesus, the Jewish leaders and the people of Israel, were unaware of who Jesus truly was. Furthermore, they were unaware of the original essence of the Creator. How did Mary help Jesus, whom she had conceived through the Holy Spirit? In the end, the result was that he was sent to the cross.

Facing crucifixion, Jesus promised to return. Consequently, Christianity began through the disciples who were waiting for Jesus based on that promise. What did Jesus say he would do on his return? He said he would conduct the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. What did he mean by that? Our Creator intended, through a man and woman of perfected character, to be our true parent, and it was Jesus that was to fulfill this. But there was no one to support Jesus.

In order to fulfill the ideal envisioned for the creation, God looked for a people through whom to send the only begotten Daughter, who had not emerged 2,000 years ago. This was the Korean people. The Korean people have survived by making reverence for Heaven their focus. Furthermore, Korea has never invaded other countries. Even when we were attacked, we came out victorious.

The only begotten Daughter, whom Heaven had to establish, needed to be born on a Christian foundation. Jesus went to the cross yet promised to return, and it was the apostles who waited for him to come that gave birth to Christianity. Over the past 2,000 years, Christianity, which thus began based on the hope for the return of Jesus even though people did not know his original essence, has spread throughout the world.

Regrettably, however, the communist ideology emerged from within Christendom. We humans are created beings, yet atheism asserts there is no God. Ideologies that claim ignorance of the Owner-Creator of the universe or say the Creator does not exist surely cannot govern the world. Heaven has raised up many righteous people throughout the world during various ages, and, through them, allowed religion to lead each region. The purpose of each religion should be to explain the Creator, and to know the Creator's original essence. Until now, religions have been largely dominated by men, so something is out of balance. It is the mother rather than the father that gives birth - 0.01 percent the father and 99.99 percent the mother. Is that right? [Yes.]

Whether now or then, Heaven has been awaiting the appearance of the True Parents, who would know God's circumstances and create an environment that enabled God to embrace humanity. In that the history of Christianity has been centered on men, it created a lot of problems. So the Reformation occurred. Luther began it, it was consolidated by Calvin, and the Protestant faith had an active beginning. Due to the work of American Protestant Christians centered on Pyongyang, Korea was heating up with the Word of the Holy Spirit and the Truth. However, there have been strange occurrences in international affairs centering on the Korean Peninsula.

I am now 80 years old; I was born in 1943. After our liberation in 1945, the peninsula was divided into North and South. North Korea was advancing actively as a communist system; and South Korea had various people at the helm, so things were not organized well. At that time, North Korea was preparing to take over, and on June 25, 1950, war broke out.

I was born in North Korea and was there until 1948. However, according to the principles of creation, the Creator gave human beings a period of time during which they are to grow. And so as I am the only begotten Daughter, God had to protect me until I was able to serve Heaven according to my own will. God had to protect me. Do you know how it was that sixteen nations were able to participate with the UN forces? It is not by human strength or effort, but because Heaven worked. For whose sake? In order to realize the ideal of creation, Heaven inevitably had to protect the birth of the only begotten Daughter who was responsible to bring that to fruition.

Now is the time to tell the truth of the providence and of history. True Father received his call from Jesus when he was 16 years old. "Please complete what I could not do on earth." What was that? He was asking Father to take the position of the True Parent.

Then what should we do? Two thousand years ago, in keeping with the principles of creation, God brought the only begotten Son to be born among fallen humankind, and finally after 6,000 years God brought the only begotten Daughter into the world in a Christian environment. God's full power was invested to expand the environment of Christian support, waiting for the day when the only begotten Daughter would grow up and be able to uphold the heavenly providence on her own terms. However, he was in South Korea at the time and had married, but Heaven instructed him to go to North Korea. Some may know why God asked him to go to the North.

It was going to a place of death. However, he went to the North with an attitude of absolute obedience and then witnessed. There was the time when he was waiting for the date of his execution in the Hungnam labor camp, but due to the UN Forces landing at Incheon with General MacArthur, he was able to return to the South. He was the one who had to receive Jesus' call and, in order to fulfill Jesus' hopes, to follow the path of the Messiah at the Second Coming. I don't think the expression "only begotten Son" fits so well.

Before he died on the cross, Jesus said, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." Jesus did say this, didn't he? The content Jesus was unable to tell them is what Father had to write as the original text of Divine Principle [Wolli Wonbon, 1952], which teaches the essence of the Creator and the essence of Jesus. If Father had been able to prepare from the age of 16 for the restoration of the Christian realm, the situation might have been a little different. Why should we have to hear Christians calling us heretics? Christians do not know the original essence of Jesus, nor do they know the original essence of the Creator. Then, is the Unification Church that knows Jesus and the Creator heretical? Is Christianity heretical?

We have quietly run toward the day of the fulfillment of God's providence, without speaking out. Through this, we have laid mission organizations throughout the world that are not inferior to Christianity's. Further, as a result of the Blessing Ceremony given through the True Family movement, families that can understand Heaven's circumstances and receive God's Blessing are spread all over the world.

We have worked for more than forty years for the restoration of the world, centering on the United States. The situation did not permit us to properly care for Korea. Nevertheless, this nation, this people, must become the homeland of Heavenly Parent and the providence. Since we need to garner the world's strong support in order for North and South Korea to unite, we have carried out the providence throughout the world. Now, however, True Parents have announced the dawn of a new age and new providential history.

Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day was proclaimed, and the firm settlement of Cheon Il Guk was achieved. To accomplish this, at least seven religious groups, seven countries, and a continent had to be restored. Additionally, the condition of a continental-level Blessing Ceremony was established. The settlement of Cheon Il Guk was only made possible through achieving these results. This completed the task. That is why from ten years ago I have been saying that I would build Cheon Won Gung and the Cheon Il Sanctum. However, neither the government nor Christianity understood the situation regarding Cheon Won Gung at that time. That is why I said it would start out as a museum.

I had fourteen artworks created using mother-of-pearl through which to depict the providential work our eternal Creator has conducted to save fallen humankind. These are realistic Seonghwa artworks that allow one to learn about the 6,000 years of God's providential history at a glance. They are remarkable works of art created by top masters in this field, works the like of which can never be made again. As long as this planet exists, they will be preserved. Yet we have a lot of work to do now.

Originally, the Creator created the Earth to be a beautiful and healthy place for humankind. Through ignorance resulting from the human Fall, however, the environment of the Earth has been damaged and destroyed. A certain scientist says this: the Earth has faced crises five times during the billions of years of its existence, and tells of a sixth crisis by which the Earth will disappear. Would that be okay? [Not okay!] Not okay, right? I don't know what it was like in the past, but now that we know and now that we attend Heavenly Parent, we cannot let it happen, right? [Yes.]

So there is much to do. As the chosen people who live in attendance of the Heavenly Parent, the people of this nation should fulfill their responsibility. Those of us alive today are responsible for saving our planet, which is the Creator's treasure, bringing it to a healthy state. In order to achieve this, the nations attending True Parents must pool their strengths. Isn't that so? [Yes.] It is for this reason that national restoration is absolutely, absolutely necessary.

As such, in order to be in the vanguard as the central leading nation, what should the Korean people do? We have to accomplish it first, isn't that right? [Yes.]

Well, I also spent time in the vicinity of Busan when I was a refugee. There are so many things I could say about Daegu and Busan. I love you all. [Applause] As people who have lived in this time, I pray that you will all become ancestors and parents of which future generations will be proud.