

6,000 Years of Human History and the Present Time, the View of God's Providence

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I wanted to see you, and longed to meet you. Today I will speak on the topic, "6,000 Years of Human History and the Present Time, Seen from the Viewpoint of God's Providence." The Creator wanted to become the Parent of humankind. God created all things in pairs in the divine image, from the mineral world to the plant world to the animal world.

Finally, God created a man and woman, known in the Bible as Adam and Eve, who were to become our first ancestors. God gave people a period in which they should grow, then waited for them to perfect their character by their own effort.

Unfortunately, however, the man and woman created to become the first human ancestors failed to fulfill their responsibility and fell. That is our history as it stands in the present time. God is almighty and all-knowing, the Alpha and Omega.

In other words, whatever God begins, he must see the fruits of it. However, the important thing here is that since human beings have a portion of responsibility, Heaven had no choice but to carry out restoration through indemnity, the providence of salvation.

When we look at the Old Testament. There was the providence of choosing the Israelites as the chosen people, establishing central figures, and carrying out the providence of restoration and salvation through indemnity. How difficult that has been! Although it took 4,000 years to bring Jesus *November 2023 7* Christ -- the only begotten Son, whom God could call "My son" -- into this world, neither Mary who gave birth to him, nor Zachariah's family, nor the religious leaders, nor the people understood Jesus.

But even after God had sent the long-awaited Messiah, how could they fail to recognize him? Ultimately, Jesus was driven to the cross. Since Jesus had a responsibility to fulfill, even though his earthly life ended on the cross, he said that he would come again; that he would return.

Christianity began with the apostles who experienced resurrection through the Holy Spirit and who were waiting for Jesus' promised return. Yet as you know, they received a lot of persecution in those early days.

During 2,000 years of the Christian providence people eagerly awaited the coming of Jesus, even though they did not understand his original essence. Moreover, they did not know the original essence of the Creator.

Heaven chose America as a nation that could create a supportive environment for the returning Messiah to complete the providence. The reality is that today's powerful nations prioritize their own interests and cannot unite with each other. It is the same with religions.

In such a reality, how can we realize the kingdom of heaven on earth that our Creator desires to see? Can we become one human family, people that attend Heaven while embodying the free equality, peace, and unity that our Creator and all of humankind hope to see?



Now is the time when you must reveal the truth of the providence. As fallen people, we cannot come directly in front of our Creator, our Heavenly Parent. Only with the only begotten Son and only begotten Daughter can we see the completion of the providence.

It is the True Parents who are the saviors of fallen humankind. When you are born again through True Parents' Blessing, you become a son or daughter of the Heavenly Parent.

Through True Parents we have welcomed the new historical era called Cheon Il Guk, a new era, a new history and providence by which we can attend Heavenly Parent on this earth. I have come forward today because it is time for members of the Christian clergy, who must play a central role in guiding humanity, to take responsibility.

As Christian leaders you must not limit yourselves to being members of the clergy. As sons and daughters of the Creator, the Heavenly Parent, you need to realize that it is time to stretch your circumstances so that you can serve our Heavenly Parent together with True Parents on earth. To do so, you must reveal who I am. You must reveal the truth of Heaven, the original essence of the Creator, and the fundamental nature of Jesus. And you should reveal that your essential nature as religious leaders is that of True Parents' sons and daughters.

You are not just my spiritual children. At this time when you are living and breathing together with me, we are like parent and children. I hope that in the church and environment where you work, you can come to attend True Parents, attend our Heavenly Parent, and expand the scope of your life in God's earthly kingdom.