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The Commemorative Party of True Parents' Birthday (from KMS News 247)

(a) Pledge Service

At 8:40 am, Rev. Peter Kim read True Father's words titled God's Fatherland given at True Parents' Birthday on February 21, 1980 (lunar January 6) at World Mission Center in New York, and closed reading by True Father's prayer at True Parents' Birthday on February 14, 2005 (lunar January 6). Then, when Father gave a speech, he said in the beginning,

"The title of my speech today is 'God's Kingdom of Cheon Il Guk that Attends God Who Is Opening the Eternal and Unchanging Era of the Heavenly Calendar.' It is not people, family, or nation which attends God. God became the God of sorrowfulness because He could not have His Kingship. So, this title is good. The title includes 'the Eternal and Unchanging Era of the Heavenly Calendar.' It is the history of heaven, not of humanity."

(b) True Father's words read by Rev. Peter Kim at the Pledge Service: God's Fatherland (2/21/1980)

True Father did not give his speech by himself this time. However, in God's Fatherland read by Rev. Peter Kim, True Parents emphasized that they hoped for our activities of Home Church, Tong Ban Kyeok Pa, Hoon Dok Family Church, and Tribal Messiah centering on True Father's autobiography during these 3 years.

Excerpts from God's Fatherland in the book "God's Will and the World"

"The true dispensation cannot appear on earth unless an individual, family, tribe, and nation can practice the principle of loving their enemy. Until such a nation appears, you cannot talk about the Kingdom of God on earth. ... All we have to do is practice this principle (of loving our enemy). ... You will practice this in your Home Church providence. That is the base of the Kingdom of Heaven. That is where you can learn to bear the burden and taste God's tears and broken heart."

(c) The Commemorative Luncheon

From 11:00 am, there was the commemorative luncheon at the main hall of Chung Pyung Heaven and Earth Training Center with about 1200 participants of leaders from the world and the representatives of our church. Among many congratulatory letters, the messages of President Obama and Rev. Stephen John Thurston, the president of the National Baptist Convention of America were introduced.

At 11:40 am, Jose de Venecia, Jr., the former speaker of House of Representatives of the Philippines, delivered a congratulatory address, expressing his deep emotion when he saw the blessing ceremony on February 17. He also testified that he and his wife attended the blessing ceremony on October 14 last year at Sun Moon University.

At 12:05 pm, Rev. Hyung Jin Moon, International President of Unificationism, gave a welcoming address in English for about 9 minutes, testifying to True Parents in front of the world leaders gathered there. He said,

"True Parents are not just normal individuals. When I learned world religions, I studied the founders of religions. These individuals are, of course, people, but much more than that."

He explained the persecution in the lives of Jesus, Buddha, and Muhammad were the common pattern in Saints' lives. He testified to True Parents as the "Messiah, Savior, and Lord of the Second Advent," and said,

“We can see the same pattern in True Parents’ lives. They have experienced imprisonments 6 times and the 7th one was the miraculous helicopter accident. We need to see these as the hands of God.”

At 12:20 pm, Rev. Peter Kim read Father’s speech “God’s Kingdom of Cheon Il Guk that Attends God Who Is Opening the Eternal and Unchanging Era of the Heavenly Calendar” for about 15 minutes on behalf of True Father. At 12:36 pm, Mr. Kook Jin Moon, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Unification Business Group, gave a message in English saying,

“Today, we, Unificationists, stand proud and confident in our future. I would like to offer my confession of faith. My parents are not just my parents. They are my spiritual father and mother, my lord, and savior from whom I received God’s grace”

and proposed a toast at the beginning of luncheon.

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