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God's Day Midnight Speech

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
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SEOUL, KOREA

The following is a combination of Col. Sang Kil Han's translation of Peter Kim's notes in Korean, given in the World Mission Center in New York, and Bernhard Quandt's simultaneous translation of Father's speech at the Headquarters Church in Korea.

FATHER'S MIDNIGHT PRAYER:

Our Loving God, now we are ending the year of 1988 and are about to receive the new year of 1989. We look back at the restoration of the family, tribal and national levels during the last 43 years. Since Korean Christianity did not fulfill its mission, God lost all the internal as well as external foundation which He had built through Christianity over the last 2,000 years. As a result, for 43 years many people had to endure a bloodstained, difficult way as we indemnified the course of the fall. During this tremendously suffering time the Unification Church has gone the route of the wilderness.

Now we have won the victorious result. We are truly grateful to God who has helped us to achieve this goal. Until this time, I have worked to establish the foundation for the restoration of the world centering on the United States. Now I am bringing that foundation back to Korea, and it is the time to restore the world on the horizontal plane. In going about this mission, each and every Unification member has to be brave and bold and have confidence in the fact that he can accomplish his responsibility. Our direct mission from God is to establish His sovereignty on earth which He intended at the beginning of the creation.

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then you have to be like God, who is one.
Only if we are one within ourselves do we have
the qualification to be the true object of God.

Col. Han: Father's motto this year is the "Unification of Korea." Last year's motto was the "Unification of the Fatherland." In thinking this over, Rev. Pak and I thought that last year's motto was more general and conceptual, and this year it is more precise and concrete.

Because of the fall, we became unable to inherit God's direct lineage, so restoration from the individual to the world level has been necessary. Only after the Unification Church emerged on the face of the earth has mankind been introduced to the full reality of God. Until that time we had no complete understanding of God or of the fact that we had inherited a blood lineage centered on Satan.

God's ideal is a world that reflects and is completely united with His personality. God's original plan was to establish a family with true parents who would resemble Him, and through these true parents, He would establish the ideal world. But as the Principle explains, the environment we face now is related to evil ancestors and is dominated by Satan.

The world of God cannot coexist with the world of evil. In the world that God wants, all human beings, from the beginning to the end, would be linked and harmonized through the true love of God; no one would be left out. The world should be like one big tree; the life of the tree is analogous to love in human society. In the tree, the root, trunk, leaves, twigs—all parts have to be directly connected to the source of life and each part is vital for the life entity itself. If just one cell of the tree is taken away, then that tree tries to restore the cell with other parts of the tree. In our body, though each individual has billions of cells, those cells are not independent and separate but are united as one. In exactly the same way, a world centered on true love is a world where all parts are protected and restored by the whole. All mankind should be connected from east to west, north to south, front to rear, in all conceivable directions; there are millions of people, but essentially they should be linked as one.

We should unite together centering on God's love. God did not create mankind out of His whim, but rather as an unavoidable necessity. He *had* to create human beings. His love was so great that He could not help but to create sons and daughters. There is not anything which the omnipotent God does not own, but though God can have anything else if He really wants to, even God cannot have love without having an object of love. Therefore He created His sons and daughters for the give and take of love and beauty and the relationship of true love. As a son needs a father in order to exist, a father needs a son in order to be a father.

The most tragic experience in human life is to lose one's child. The moment a man loses his child is the saddest, most painful time of his life. When our children die, then we experience the depth of our love through the grief we feel. There are as many kinds of grief as there are kinds of love.

Even though there are many external changes throughout

history, the fundamental contents of that history should not change. No matter how many millions of years may pass, still man's life has to follow the pattern that God has established. The true love relationship between the husband and wife should be unchanging. Who are true children? The children who have inherited the true nature of their parents are the true children—ones who take after their parents exactly; as adults they will become completely united in heart with their parents. Without parents there is no life and no love, but also the parents themselves must come from love. Therefore, we are a product of history, coming not only from our parents' love, but from the deepest eternal root of their love, which stems from God throughout history. Think about who were the parents of Adam and Eve.

INHERIT TRUE LOVE

Have you ever seen or heard of anyone in history who said he didn't need love? When you become old and look back at your life, can you make any meaning out of your life without love? Love occupies the most important portion of our life. Ultimately, all men and women strive to receive love. Now there are many demonstrations in Korea, but historically we have never heard of anyone who demonstrated against love, or said, "I don't need love; love go away."

Everyone wants praise and success. Would you rather receive praise from the president of a country or from an eternal being? Everyone would like to get compliments from God! How wonderful if God would say to you, "You are an attractive man or woman!"

Love desires to expand to embrace the largest things and also to concentrate and reach in to touch the smallest things. Love is like magic. In love you can act any way you want to, and it's still okay. Have you ever seen children wanting to walk into their parents' room but first checking whether it is proper or not? They just go right in and connect directly in love. Would a mother chase away a child who comes running for love? She would embrace the child no matter how ugly he or she may be. If a husband is tired and upset, and his wife tries to embrace and comfort him, would he reject her? If there is a spring rain of true love, then all children of the world would want to go out in that rain and open up all their pores to be drenched to the bone.

No matter how noble a holy man's teaching may be, unless true love is included in it, it will not create an eternal ideal. Things like money, power, or knowledge cannot show how to make a true person or an ideal world. However, false love that is centered only on the self is the most destructive force. Without true order, love gets out of hand and becomes the greatest obstacle to an ideal world. If we make a mistake in the expression of love, it is not only that generation, but also the hundreds of thousands of generations after that which are going to suffer.

For the second generation, and the younger generations in general, maintaining their chastity is crucial in determining

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How much do you think God is suffering,
longing to find His absolute object?

their future. We have to make a world where the third generation is completely free from evil and there is only one sexual love relationship—that between husband and wife. Restoration can never be possible or fulfilled unless a man can withstand the temptation of a naked woman in the same bed with him. Before you love your wife, love yourself so that your mind and body are united and ready to give and receive love with your wife. When the mind and body are immersed in the love of God, then you become an entity that can resonate or vibrate in the same way as God vibrates. Resonance occurs when a certain noise vibration causes another object to vibrate in the same way. In other words, if someone embodies love, the other person feels the love right away. For Unification Church members to be God's race, we must be able to resonate with God's love and bring the world toward God.

Some scholars in the world call Rev. Moon the minister who teaches the philosophy of love. I am causing trouble by slapping the world with true love. The world is in confusion because all the love is horizontal. It needs to be centered in a vertical direction.

Many Oriental women may love a person very much yet they may never say "I love you" or express their feelings as long as they live. That is considered an Oriental beauty or

phenomena of nature, we can understand that God too must like love. If we talk about love very dearly and very seriously, then all the cells of our body start laughing. When I talk about love, I could speak for 20 hours!

The only power that can stop the fight between mind and body is the power of true love. True love can only be achieved when a true subject finds an object which truly responds to that subject. You should live like that. A true strong united love is so powerful that it is the only thing that can tell God what to do or not to do. Even God has to submit to it. Love is eternal. We have to direct our mind to crave eternity. If it doesn't, then love has to urge it to look for eternity.

HOW MANY TEARS SHED FOR GOD

If you want to become the object of the love of God then you have to be like God, who is one. Only if we are one within ourselves do we have the qualification to be the true object of God. I've cried millions and billions of tears and gone through worldwide persecution. Why? For God. Because I know God needs an object of love. How many tears have you shed for God? I have cried so much that when I woke up in the morning I could not look at the sun because my eyes were so swollen. When that happened, the grass, trees, and rocks all joined to comfort me and wipe the tears off my eyes. I have lived this kind of life for so many years.

You may think that Rev. Moon achieved a worldwide foundation and now is heading to North Korea and we will ride on his back. Do you think you can receive God's love by going the easy way? Only if you put your life on the line and go the way of death can you receive God's love—only if you are willing in your heart to die. God needs an absolute object for His love. If we cannot become the true object of God we cannot enter into God. Jesus said to love God and love your neighbor. So loving God is first. We should love God absolutely and then love our neighbor. If you love absolutely then you can pass the exam and become an object for God. If you just listen and do not take my words seriously, you cannot reach the world of love. How much do you think God is suffering, longing to find His absolute object?

Even if you have a degree, don't be proud of it. We have to give everything to achieve oneness with God. I've lived with that determination and attitude. Those who oppose me will fail.

Can you imagine what the 43 years of suffering in my course have been like? How miserable my course was? How there was no one to help me? I am very serious when I speak like this. If you want to inherit the foundation, you must



From left to right: Jin Hun Nim, Jin Sung Nim, Jin Whi Nim with Shin Hwa Nim, Young Jin Nim, and Kwon Jin Nim praying at God's Day pledge.

virtue. By contrast, western women are very expressive and tend to immediately say anything they feel.

Women are like a field of soil and men are like a seed. The seed determines what plant grows while the field affects how well it grows.

Do you think God loves love? By looking at the order and

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deeply understand the course of True Parents—the insults, the persecution, the hardships they experienced. You don't know the tribulation God has gone through to find an object of true love. God created the world by investing Himself totally, not holding Himself back. In this world where there is so much evil and so many disturbances, think about the great energy and perseverance that was needed to connect with God.

MAKE GOD YOUR OWN PERSONAL GOD

How great is the happiness when God finally finds His object and the electric current of love can flow? Who has been able

to console Him in tears? I have lived my life to comfort God for His thousands of years of suffering, tears and pain.

The Unification Church has to inherit this foundation. This is so serious. How many times have we stumbled and fallen and had to get up again and continue on the way? Whenever I was down, I told God, don't worry about me. I understand that the persecution and hatred I have received is because fallen man lost the connection with God. I told God not to worry.

Do you really love God? Do you want to make God your own personal

seum of evil. Do you instead want to make God's display? There is no other way but to become an absolute object to God with an absolute vertical relationship.

I have fulfilled my responsibility. If I just speak and do not fulfill then I have to be ashamed. When I was young I bought my clothes from the used clothes store. I didn't wear new suits like you wear today. Until members are 30 years old they must establish this tradition. They need not live in a comfortable environment. Unification Church members have to go the way of sacrifice, giving up their personal comforts. Father has never been able to sleep even one night with his arms and feet relaxed. You have to know the strategy of God. The more we are hit, the more we can grow and advance. The person in world history who has received more persecution than anyone is Rev. Moon, not Hitler or Mussolini.

I know the things that are going on in the church. I ignore many things, but I know. I am a man who is taking responsibility for all mankind, for all nations. I lost my parents, my son. I've lost so many things to Satan. But the things Satan took are not because of my failure, but because people around me failed.

HISTORICAL KOREAN-JAPANESE BLESSING

The unification of Korea is not achieved by itself or automatically. America, Japan, the Soviet Union, and China must be in a certain agreement before the unification of Korea can be achieved. Without the unification of Korea, providentially the USA and Soviet Union cannot survive. Korea should not feel that it is running out of time to accomplish this unification. Just as bearing fruit takes a certain natural amount of time, the same is true for the unification of Korea: we should not be impatient. We should be confident, patient, hard-working and very serious.

If Koreans will not accomplish the task of the unification of Korea, then foreigners will accomplish its unification. This is a warning to the Korean people. Even though the Japanese people are still going strong, if they don't help Korea, they are going to decline. Knowing this, Father hopes that several thousand Korean-Japanese couples will work for the sake of Korea as a condition so that Japan will continue to prosper and not perish. When a person or country receives some benefit or favor from somebody, that person or country must seriously remember it and try to pay back or return it to the benefactor.

Thousands of intelligent Japanese were not only willing to be matched with a Korean woman or man whose face they had not even seen, but also were so grateful that they shed tears. If any Unification Church member does not feel profoundly stirred deep in his heart when he realizes what happened at the October 30, 1988 Blessing, then he is not a Unification Church member at all. When the sun rises, even the insects, even the groundhog who lives under the ground, will direct their eyes into the sun. How much more should you realize what blood and tears True Parents gave to enable this



Ye Jin Nim prays at pledge for God's Day 1989.

God? God is not the God of Rev. Moon or of some minister or church. You should feel: He is my God. I must love God more than anyone else. God has to become the God of ourselves. We have to start by making God our own God before we make Him our family, society, nation or world God. We cannot enable Him to be a world God unless He is first a personal God.

Now we are in Satan's possession and lineage—even our hands are under his possession. The world today with all its realities has to be taken away from Satan. This world is a mu-

No matter how high the standard of people in the satanic world, our standard has to be higher in yearning for God, in loving God, and in serving God.

historical Blessing to occur. Mother as well as myself has established the foundation through a bloody trail of indemnity, putting her life on the line. But the war has not ended yet. If you want to win, you have to make God your own God. We can do this by living like True Parents. We should even transcend the love which True Parents have for God.

The Unification Church has gone over the hill of persecution. When I shouted from the top of my lungs that 1988 was the year when we would overcome worldwide persecution, how many people believed it? Now, as much as we sow in terms of hard work and activities, we will harvest. Even if we may be wounded, we cannot afford to die. That is what a Unification Church member is like.

Seven thousand members will be mobilized to begin a holy fight on the utmost front line in Korea. If Jesus, through John the Baptist, had gathered together 7,000 people and educated them, then he would not have had to die on the cross. But there were not even 70. In America 7,000 civic and political leaders have been trained in the Principle. This is like the external foundation of 7,000. But those mobilized in Korea will be an internal army. In order to establish the external foundation I had to go to America, a land which was like the wilderness.

KNOW TRUE PARENTS' VALUE

The foundation has been established so that the unity between America and Korea can be achieved after four more years. If the unity between established Christianity and the Unification Church had been achieved 40 years ago, we could have reached the world level in seven years. But instead, I had to go through the 40 years all alone. You have to know your value, the value of being in the Unification Church and the value of having Rev. Moon as your leader.

Many people who are waiting for the Second Advent are completely dedicated to a religious life, but they are mistakenly looking towards the clouds. How much they will envy you! Since you are fortunate enough to know about the Second Advent, if you don't fulfill your responsibility, how much accusation will you receive from your descendants?

This next four-year period is of the utmost importance. If American leaders and administrators do not go according to the heavenly way, America will perish. There cannot be a Korean Unification member who denies the world tradition. Everyone must follow.

If you want to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven you have to adjust

yourselves, just as when you go to another country you have to adjust to their ways of living. From now on we have to prepare ourselves and our families to worship God and follow the heavenly tradition. Without that foundation you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. You want to make God your God, but how can you do that—with money? No, only with true love. True love is love that is existing completely for others—for mankind, the world, and God.

From now on, all Unification Church members must exemplify our tradition to our own relatives, so that they come not only to respect you, but adore you. The family in which the individuals are ready to give everything for each other is the very textbook where you learn how to love while you are on earth. This is the kind of love we need for the whole world.

When I was a student, I made every effort to understand the suffering of people in all walks of life: laborers, farmers, fishermen, miners. I did not go home during my first school vacation. I wanted very much to see my hometown, but instead I stayed in my rented room in Seoul and shared the suffering of the people around me. I still cannot forget that in my early 20's when I was going to school, with a student cap, I visited a prostitution house and talked to the prostitutes about what human life is and what they should be doing. I do not forget that serious time when I tried to teach even prostitutes the true way of life. Love does not wander around; it travels the shortest distance and then jumps right into things. I believe there cannot be true liberation until we can sit with God, comfort Him, and cry real tears of joy together. I teach you to go the difficult way and to sacrifice, so that you can receive this liberation.

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In Jin Nim with Shin Myung Nim, Jin Hun Nim, and others watch as Yoshiko Kamiyama tosses the yute sticks.

Now there is the so-called "theology of the masses." But how can you make a theology of the masses if you don't understand the central need of the masses? How can those theologians preach liberation when they have not even achieved their own liberation?

MAKE YOUR RESOLUTIONS

All Unification Church members must repent for and break from their past life during which they lived according to their own idea and will, and make a new beginning centering on God and His ideal. Become an individual who can be the advocate, the spokesman for God, His representative. What kind of God is God? God is the vertical parent based on true love. But with only the vertical axis He cannot move around; He needs a horizontal axis—True Parents—to move horizontally. Jesus came to establish the vertical center of true love. But this was lost at the crucifixion. When Jesus was crucified, there were criminals on both the right and left; therefore, the Lord of the Second Advent must become one with both the left and right.

Before the position of True Parents can be restored, the position of Abel has to be restored. In the beginning of my course, America and Korea were in the position to establish this foundation. But the failure of the American and English missionaries, Korean Christians, and national leaders to unite with Father meant this foundation was lost. Therefore Japan took England's place as the Eve country.

This is the reason communism gained tremendous influence. Only now has it begun to decline. Do you think I know the way politics will go in the future? I also know the future economics and theologies. We are now making a world Bible. We have to establish a cultural institution that makes the patterns for a new culture, and we will make a new encyclopedia of the world. Now I am becoming respected by economists and scholars. I have fulfilled my responsibility to raise you; now you have to raise the young people, the new generation.

The task of 1989 is to gather 7,000 members from around the world to love and to serve the Korean race so that they will follow God's will. Even if our own children are hungry, still we must support these 7,000 brothers and sisters so that they can serve the Korean nation. In the future we should be able to feed North Koreans. When unification of North and South Korea is achieved, then the unification of East and West Germany can be achieved in three years, and on that foundation the unification of the world also becomes possible. Without educating the people of China we cannot decisively benefit the world. Soon several thousand elite Unification Church members should serve in China. The unification



Father and Mother singing during entertainment at the October 30, 1988, Blessing in Korea.

of Korea must be achieved in four years, starting in 1989.

At this beginning of 1989 make your resolutions. Will you become a filial child or be a burden? We can achieve harmony and go to the Kingdom of Heaven only if we make God our personal God.

FATHER'S BENEDICTION:

I am now taking my first step forward in this new moment of the new year, toward the restoration of the Fatherland. No matter how high the standard of people in the satanic world, our standard has to be higher in yearning for God, in loving God, and in serving God. We have to have a higher dedication than anyone else in the world. God is calling the Unification Church to establish the heavenly tradition of love and to direct our life and yearning toward the heavenly country, or heaven on earth. The course which God has given to Unification Church members is to be the missionaries for peace, the people who work for peace all over the world.

Korea must become a beacon of light that can illuminate neighboring countries as well as itself. Let us be the people worthy of this heavenly mission and style of life. Also, help Unification Church members to become worthy of the name of heavenly citizen. With all of our energy let us serve True Parents and serve God. Let all Unification Church members become like that. We want to offer the 365 future days of 1989 to you. Allow us to liberate this earth and heaven centering on love. Bring all countries into unity and let us dedicate them to our Parents. God, bless us in these four years to come during which time we will race towards the goal of achieving the unification of Korea.

Dedication for the World

by Rev. Takeru Kamiyama

January 2, 1989

World Mission Center

"Today we are establishing the Day of the Victory of Love. It was on October 4, 1976, that I declared the Day of Victory of Heaven at Belvedere. God has been victorious. But God has never yet declared the victory of love. Before, the realm of death controlled the realm of love, and the power of death was stronger and reigned over the realm of love so that all those deaths were more powerful than love. The direction they were headed for was hell. However, from now on love will control the realm of love. That means we will bring back people with love and take them to heaven.

This is an incredible turning point. All the tragic events of the satanic world shall be conquered by love and enter into the realm of love. No power under the sun can infiltrate the power of love. Therefore, this morning Mother and I offered a special pledge ceremony dedicating this day as the Day of Victory of Love. Heung Jin Nim's death is not an ordinary death at all. He transformed himself into the victory of love so it cannot be treated as death in the ordinary, secular fashion. Heung Jin Nim is like a door opener. He is conquering death. The time is now come. I see that enough indemnity has been paid. Upon that foundation, we can now declare the Day of Victory of Love. When you say this, think of Heung Jin Nim's spirit."

Day of Victory of Love, 1/3/84 Belvedere

Translator: Mr. Hiroshi Matsuzaki

T rue Parents came back to America on November 7, 1988. As soon as Father arrived, he mentioned to me that he was going to the ocean to go fishing, and I should be prepared to go too. November fishing is pretty cold and it is not the most exciting time for fishing, but Father didn't mind. So Father went out for two days in rough seas and cold weather in a small boat from Montauk, Long Island in New York. From November 17 through December 26, the day True Parents returned to Korea, Father went fishing at many times and places. I could see nothing but Father's very serious devotion and dedication in all the experiences we had. For example, Father wanted to go to Venice, Mississippi, where a big fishing industry is located. We flew to Alabama from Seattle, Washington, arriving at 6 p.m. and then started driving to Venice at 2 a.m., arriving around

dawn. No one had anticipated that Father would want to go fishing that immediately, so we had to quickly prepare in order to catch up to Father's plan. Then we went fishing 50 miles off the shore, and during the whole time Father was sitting in one particular chair—for over 20 hours straight. Father wouldn't move from there, but kept going with deep meditation and prayer. Father now is 69 years old, and even a young man with a healthy body would find it

Father was pushing himself to the maximum and beyond to make a most sincere condition to love America and the Western world.

very difficult to maintain that kind of serious dedication.

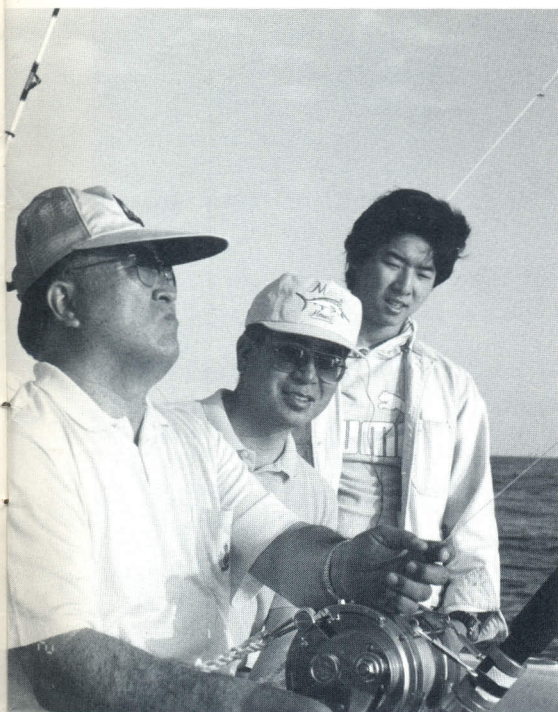
Also during that time Father made a special condition to represent going around the entire world by driving

around the island of Hawaii, which is a mixture of both West and East and is located in the center of the Pacific Ocean. Beginning on December 24, Christmas Eve, at 5 p.m., we drove north and then began our tour from one corner of Hawaii, finishing at 9:45 p.m. This was Father's last public activity before he left for Korea. I felt very strongly that Father was pushing himself to the maximum and beyond to make a most sincere condition to love America and the Western world.

This tour was for me an unforgettable experience with Father. It was like driving in Paradise in the springtime. There were many different kinds of flowers blooming all over and the ocean was a very deep blue. Father himself said it was a very beautiful place. As we were driving Father pointed over to a moun-



Father, Mother, Jeung Jin Nim, and Hyung Jin Nim with a "memorable catch."



"I saw his entire heart and energy poured out."

tainous area near the ocean, saying that we should buy it sometime to make an international training center because this island is a connecting point of West and East.

Promise of a rainbow

One very special thing happened: We encountered a phenomenon that none of us had ever experienced before. Can you guess? That night we saw a rainbow created by the moonlight. It was beyond description, very mysterious and beautiful. At Noah's time God gave a rainbow as a promise for the future of mankind. As I was looking at this rainbow with Father I could feel that God had designed something very hopeful for us in the future.

You must understand the background of this evening. From early morning we had been fishing and had just come back. Father was tired, of course, but without even eating he said, let's go! Actually, Father had wanted to continue fishing into the evening, but what captain will go fishing on Christmas Eve? We found a few captains, but since they all said no, Father decided to make the tour of Hawaii instead. On Christmas Day usually no one works either, but Father again wanted to go fishing. Amazingly we found someone to go—a captain who had just lost his wife and was lonely.

We were fishing for blue marlin, and at one point Father and Kook Jin Nim

were fighting blue marlins at the same time. Previous to that day Kook Jin Nim had lost a big blue marlin, so he had strong feelings of both frustration and anxious desire to land this one. Blue marlins weigh anywhere from 250 to 1000 pounds; therefore you need a harness and fighting chair for support to

Many brothers and sisters will go to the sea, and if Father goes now and totally dedicates himself, this will protect them.

pull in the fish. Since Kook Jin Nim's line was struck first, before Father's, Kook Jin Nim was given the fighting chair. Thus Father had to pull in the fish without any support, moving back and forth all over the boat. The two fish were crossing each other's lines and then coming closer to the boat. Even though Kook Jin Nim was all equipped in the chair and completely soaked in sweat as he fought the fish, actually Fa-

ther victory, and now—let's go home. But Father had nothing to do with my feeling; he wanted to keep going. It was getting late but Father wouldn't move. He was just holding the pole and gazing at the ocean straight ahead. I approached Father and told him the captain wanted to go home, but Father didn't say any-

thing. The sunshine in Hawaii is very strong but Father wouldn't move away from that di-

rect sunlight. He stood gazing at the ocean, challenging, dedicating; that is why Father's skin became so dark. And then at the very last moment, when the captain said it was time to go, Father's line was struck and went out very fast. It was the same line that Father really loved and cared for, that he brought all the way from New York, and this was the biggest blue marlin that Father had ever caught. Soon you can see that fish



Mr. Joo Chan Choi, Mr. Motoo Furuta, Father, Kook Jin Nim, and Rev. Takeru Kamiyama in Hawaii.

ther—with no support—brought his fish in first. The captain did not understand who Father was, but he commented that "this old man" must be "awfully experienced in fishing."

The standard of sincerity

After this exciting fight we had two landed blue marlins on the boat. I tell you honestly that I felt that was a great

mounted. It is one of the most memorable catches of Father's fishing career, I think.

The purpose of these experiences was not just fishing. Father had in his mind ideas about two major industries. One was machine industries and the other one was oceanic seafood enterprises for the future—to solve the problems of mankind, such as the lack of technology

in underdeveloped nations, and starvation. Father wanted to set conditions on the ocean because many brothers and sisters will go to the sea, and if Father goes now and totally dedicates himself, this will protect them.

The three years from 1985 to 1988 were dispensationally centered on America, and Father poured his heart and sweat and energy out for America and the Western world. Now for the next four years, Father has to dedicate in the same way or more for Asia. Father said when you make effort with a sincere heart, you should have good result. During the entire trip Father was totally dedicated, making his utmost effort. As I watched Father's final days of his three-year dedication, I saw his entire heart and energy poured out.

Only if we can comprehend and inherit Father's internal as well as external tradition can we make this Western world prosper. On this Day of Victory of Love we need to grasp deep down in ourselves what we are to inherit from it.

Our historical responsibility

We need to understand the background of the Day of Victory of Love. Father began his public ministry in 1945 and then within seven years, if those who had been prepared had united with Father, one nation under God could have been realized. It would have been the beginning of the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth, a day of triumphant victory. Yet because those who were prepared failed to meet that expectation, Father had to begin a course of indemnity which took 40 years, until 1985.

In the last three years prior to 1985, Father launched some special condi-

If you were there, do you think you would have had the strong faith necessary to carry it out?

tions to make that 40-year indemnity course complete. Since the second year of a three-year period is always most vulnerable to Satan, Father wanted to establish some special condition by the end of the first year, 1983. Therefore, right after the ICUS conference in Chicago, Father announced a special plan to begin a series of VOC rallies in Korea, based on a direct order from God.

Father planned to hold the VOC rallies in December between the 14th to



Inheriting True Parents' tradition—Ye Jin Nim and Kwon Jin Nim cut the holiday cake.

the 23rd, and requested that scholars from 72 nations come right away. But the members found it very difficult to unite with Father, because the scholars had already sacrificed their Thanksgiving time at home to come to the Science Conference. Now they would be giving up their Christmas vacation to come to

Korea. I myself realize that from a human viewpoint it seems almost impossible to hold such rallies when people are crazy with preparations and shopping, and when no reservations for the auditoriums were made.

On top of that there were only eight large auditoriums in all of South Korea and also no money prepared for the project. If you were there, do you think you would have had the strong faith necessary to carry it out?

At this particular point we have to scrutinize the providential principle. Because of God's historical preparation in Korea, Father wanted to hold the rallies in Korea—it was up to Father to meet God's 95 percent with his own five per-

cent of responsibility. When Father unites 100 percent with God's desire, then our five percent responsibility is to unite 100 percent with Father. Then all providential conditions can be fulfilled according to the Principle; God's victory can be won, and any past failed conditions which Satan could accuse can be erased. Forty years ago God had a foundation with Christian churches, but the people failed to unite with Father. Now, the Unification Church members were supposed to unite with Father completely. Father spoke concerning this point in particular: "The members of the Unification Church did not understand this and opposed these particular rallies that I announced. I was the only one who believed these rallies would be successful. Members of the Unification Church did not have faith in me at that particular time, and they even explained to me why we should not hold these rallies, but I did not accept even one of their explanations." Then Father pulled out a notebook and said, "Look, in here it is written that this is the direct order of God. That's why I *must* carry out this

particular project." But since we couldn't unite, a price had to be paid.

Consequences of disunity

Four groups should have united with Father at that time: the Korean people, the Korean government, the people of the world represented by the scholars of 72 nations, and the members of the Unification Church. If these four categories of people had united with Father, then the conditions lost in the past could have been restored and Father could have made tremendous advancements for the Kingdom of God. In fact, the scholars from 72 nations came to Korea and united with Father. The people of Korea packed the auditoriums, especially at Kwangju, which is a very leftist city. Also, after the last rally, these scholars united in signing a resolution and pledge to work with Father to build the God-centered world. This was an unforgettable day for Father because it signified world support in contrast to the mocking and disbelief he'd always received from the world previously.

However, many members of the Unification Church and also other Christian people in Korea were disunited with Father. Father told us that then Satan came to him and in effect said, "If you want to restore everything at this particular time of the providence, especially the free world and Christian churches, and move to the world level, then what about these people opposing you? How are you going to pay the price for their disbelief and disunity?"

Satan could not launch a direct attack against Father due to the unity of the first two groups; in the last rally held in Kwangju Father said there were those who wanted to attack and assassinate him, but couldn't get in. Still because of the other Christian churches and our disunity, at that moment Satan could use his power of accusation against somebody else besides Father; that was the second son, Heung Jin Nim. Father's own family took responsibility for our mistakes. At 9 p.m. that night Father began to speak, and at that time Heung Jin Nim had the accident.

When Father heard this tragic news, he didn't leave Korea until he finished his public dedication and schedule on the 23rd of December, 1983, and then he came to America. At that time Heung Jin Nim was in the hospital in a coma.

Heung Jin Nim sustained his life for 12 days; Satan could not claim his life instantly. That must have meant something special, and it is possible that during this time if the members of the Unification Church worldwide truly

faithlessness. He immediately organized a ceremony of unification. Heung Jin Nim's sacrifice became a total pure offering even while he was still alive. Father sent him into the spiritual world announcing the ceremony for the unifi-



Rev. Kamiyama speaking, with Mr. Hiroshi Matsuzaki translating.

repented for our iniquities and our faithlessness, if we had shed enough tears, then I believe perhaps Heung Jin Nim wouldn't have had to die.

The scene that I saw of Heung Jin Nim's body with lots of injuries I could never erase from my memory. Many things came to my mind. From a humanistic viewpoint I reacted: Who caused this accident? The truck driver skidded

cation of True Parents' family, the blessed families and members of the Unification Church, all Christians, the free and communist worlds, and the spiritual and physical worlds. Heung Jin Nim's life was a sacrifice for this unification. At the end, Father still maintained his absolute calmness and dedication, shedding no tears. Because of this victory of love, Father and Heung

Jin Nim digested death, and Father could proclaim the Day of the Victory of Love. Jesus loved his enemies and forgave them even on the cross. Think about this offering of Father and Heung Jin Nim

Mindful of all of this sacrifice, and also that of Danbury, we should seriously seek how to inherit the love that Father has shown.

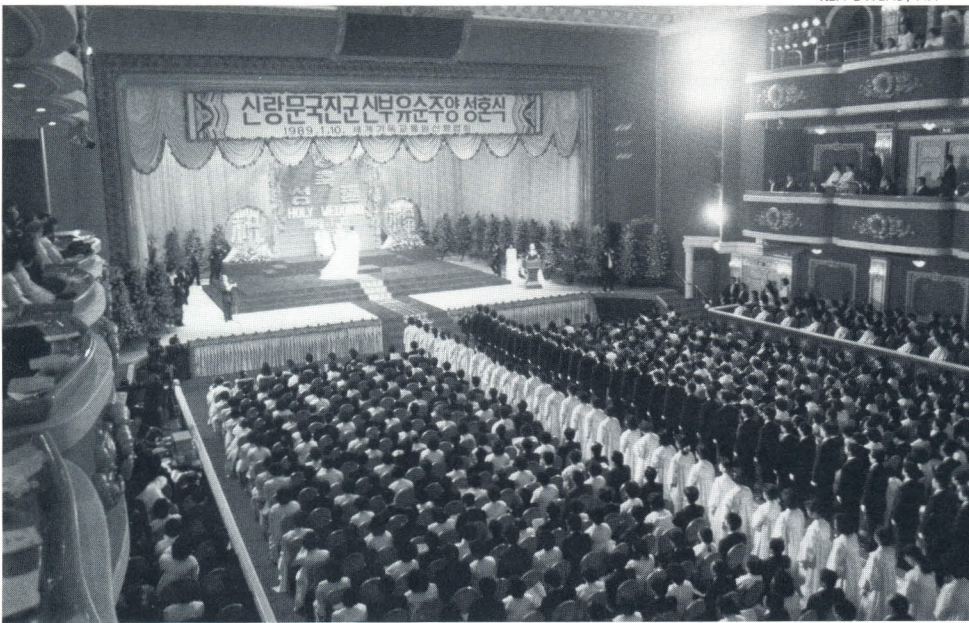
and hit him, so I wanted to meet this person and bring him to justice. Then I thought about the security members responsible for the True Children, and then the company that made the car. I had very angry feelings.

True Family's offering

When Father came to see Heung Jin Nim, Father knew the internal, spiritual cause of the tragedy well. It was our members' disbelief and disunity. I'm sure Father went through so much, but he asked only one question: What kind of car was he driving? Father said nothing; instead he turned this tragedy into a condition that would indemnify our

united together—Father's own son being sacrificed for others' mistakes. This unity of True Parents and True Children broke through all barriers of the past and conquered death.

Now it is 1989, and mindful of all of this sacrifice, and also that of Danbury, we should seriously seek how to inherit the love that Father has shown. If not for this profound love, there would be no future for mankind. We need to deeply appreciate and repent for these sacrifices, and then we can celebrate this day. Now as we give our sincerest heart and effort to embrace the enemy with true love, God will give the fruition. □



Kook Jin Nim and Soon Ju Nim's Wedding, January 10, 1989.



Wedding of the 72 Couples of the Second

"Overwhelming Pride"

Reflection on the Holy Weddings in Korea

by Betsy Jones

After we received word on December 27, 1988, that there would be a Blessing in Korea, a flurry of preparations were made, and of course the lines of communication between New York and Korea became very busy. Still, as our staff from the International Blessed Family Department in New York boarded our plane for Korea, I wondered if things had been communicated and if someone would meet all the planes to let everyone know where to go. Therefore, when we arrived in Korea with some 25 or more boxes of veils and other wedding items in hand, we were especially happy to see Rev. Kwak and Rev. James Baughman there to greet and help us. It was a great relief to see that buses had been organized to meet each flight. We all stayed at our very large and impressive McCol factory in Yongin, Korea. The Korean family kindly provided each person with warm blankets.

Shortly after we arrived we met with leaders of the Korean Unification Church centering on Rev. Young Whi Kim and an organizational structure was made regarding the wedding. We

were grateful Mrs. Durst was able to attend and help both the Korean and western sides understand each other. The Korean members were busy preparing for all three weddings: Kook Jin Nim and Soon Ju Nim's, the 72 Couples', and the 1,275 Couples'.

By January 8 many of the regional leaders from other countries had arrived and we all heard the simultaneous translation of Father's speech at Sunday service. Father spoke with great confidence about his return to Korea. He said, "If the government makes a committee to unite North and South Korea, who do you think they ought to ask to be chairman?" Through feeling Father's confidence and seeing the regional leaders representing all the nations, I could sense that the foundation Father has throughout the world has indeed come with him to Korea. He told us that in three or four years we will see amazing strides of advancement toward the unification of North and South Korea. I felt that Father must be relieved to finally be at this stage, bringing all the fruits of his labors back to Korea.

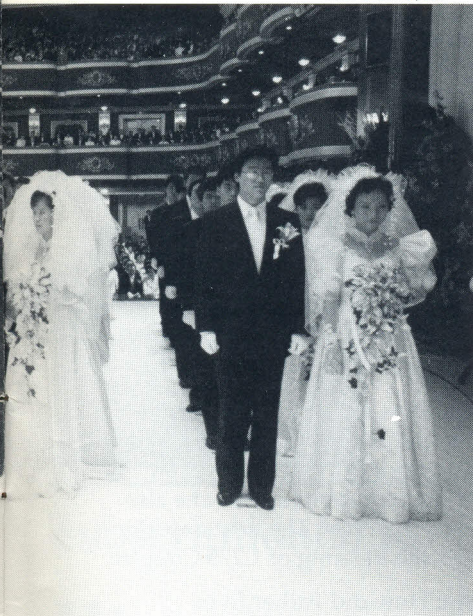
As in America, Father also urged all

the Korean family to go to their hometowns. *Everyone* should try to restore their families.

Heaven's choice

He spoke about Kook Jin Nim and how his spouse, Soon Ju Yu, was chosen. He said there had been revelations that she was heaven's choice. Her parents are from the 430 Couple Blessing, which was the first Blessing extended to include others besides Koreans. Shortly after the 430 Blessing was the 43 Couple Blessing of couples in Japan, Europe and America. Therefore it represents a worldwide blessing centered on the nation of Korea. Kook Jin Nim's name also means country and thus he represents Korea.

On January 10, Kook Jin Nim and Soon Ju Nim were blessed. Father has set the tradition of genuinely loving others before his own family, and this means the True Children had quite a sacrificial course to grow through. I felt True Parents were very proud that Kook Jin Nim had successfully gone through this course and had even helped guide many of the oldest west-



Generation, January 11, 1989.



1,275 Couples Wedding, January 12, 1989.

ern blessed children [from the 43 Couple Blessing in America] to unite with True Parents. In the past few years Kook Jin Nim has been talking with many of the older blessed children and teaching them. Many were in attendance at the wedding and their respect and affection for Kook Jin Nim were evident. It was especially wonderful to see all the newly matched 72 Couples as well. They were the bridegrooms and bridesmaids for Kook Jin Nim's wedding.

At the end of the ceremony Father prayed deeply, and at one point he mentioned Yoshiko Kamiyama's name. Later, it was explained that Yoshiko was representing not only the second generation from Japan but also representing America as well. Through her blessing to the son of one of Father's cousins, the Adam, Eve, and Lucifer nations could come together. Many of the children here in America know and respect Yoshiko and were inspired to see her obedience and faith as she goes through the course that lays ahead of them as well. Just prior to the Blessing, she and all the western blessed children over 13 had completed a workshop that Hyo Jin Nim asked the elder Korean blessed children to give in America. Right after the "hyungs" and "onnis" (elder brothers and sisters) had finished this workshop, they were quickly called to Korea for the matching and Blessing.

Infinite love and concern

The night before Kook Jin Nim and Soon Ju Nim's Blessing Father began to

match couples for the 1,275 Couple Blessing. His infinite love for each of our worldwide family members was very visible in the patience, time, love and care he extended. Even though his own son was going to be blessed the next day, he stayed up practically all night and there was no sense of rush. He spent lots of time speaking to the group, talking to individuals, making sure they felt at ease. One could sense his loving determination to match as if each were his own child. He was very concerned about creating each couple.

First he asked all the Japanese to stand. They set the standard and atmosphere of absolute unity with Father. It was incredible to see Father matching members from 80 nations. I could really feel the progress since 1979 when Father first began to match internationally on a large scale. The atmosphere was vertical and a foundation from previous international marriages was already set so that acceptance flowed much more readily. Many members' situations were resolved in very heavenly ways. Father matched almost the whole night before Kook Jin Nim's wedding and then returned again to the matching room after the evening entertainment.

Teams of elder blessed members from Korea, Japan, America and Europe administered the Holy Wine on the morning of January 12. It was inspiring both to see these teams working together and to see the faith of the more than 200 members who came with pictures.

On January 12, 1989, at 2 p.m. all the

couples gathered in the beautifully decorated auditorium in the McCol factory for the Blessing. The auditorium's total transformation with artwork and colorful painted signs was yet another expression of True Parents' special love and care. Dr. Bo Hi Pak, as the master of ceremonies, and Dr. Mose Durst both gave moving congratulatory addresses. I had a very deep experience watching the couples coming off the stage after receiving the Holy Water from True Parents. I felt like Heaven and all their ancestors were cheering with tears of joy for these couples—the fruit of Father's 43-year indemnity course from all over the world. It was amazing to see the beauty and harmony of each new couple, most of which were international, and to experience their being gathered in Korea and blessed by God and True Parents in such a splendid way.

"Heavenly socializing"

The evening entertainment after the 1,275 Blessing came from the couples themselves and was also very heartwarming. Imagine 3,000 people seated on the floor in a large room with True Parents on chairs in the middle. We could see True Parents' faces and they seemed to appreciate the introduction to each performance given in Korean by Mr. Bernhard Quandt, who made us all envious by his total mastery of the language. It was delightful to see the many Korean members really enjoying the humor and spontaneity of the western members. True Parents were especially

amused by one brother who spoke Korean with an African accent! Many international groups shared their cultures with True Parents, who happily laughed and clapped enthusiastically for each performance. We all wanted this tremendous outpouring of heart to go on and on.

When Father wasn't there, Rev. Paul Werner organized internal guidance to be given by a number of different elder members. During breaks in the lectures and activities many couples congregat-



Singing and dancing at the 1,275 Couples evening entertainment.

ed for "heavenly socializing" in a place in the McCol factory where we could purchase drinks. Also, we could take walks right out into the countryside. Everybody exclaims happily upon seeing so many western faces, which many quickly identify with Father. One restaurant owner said, "I support Rev. Moon, too." There was support everywhere.

It was a profoundly stirring experience to be with these brothers and sisters who came with such a willing heart to offer themselves and bring victory in their matching and Blessing. I felt overwhelming pride for them, as I watched them, standing in line to shower and brush their teeth, and then being totally transformed in their wedding clothes, so handsome and beautiful. They had prepared themselves spiritually, emotionally and materially—many came with their mobilization donation, and because of this heart, I felt God could really bless them. In fact, I could see so many situations being worked out. I truly felt like bowing, not only to our incredible True Parents, but also to these precious brothers and sisters. It was a total victory. □

Blessings for the World

Interview with Ian Haycroft by Victoria Clevenger

Victoria: What was Kook Jin Nim's Wedding like?

Ian: It was beautiful. All the regional directors from around the world were there. In the morning we went from Yongin, where the McCol factory is, to the Little Angel's school; the main auditorium, which is beautiful even by itself, was decorated magnificently. It was set up like it was in the World Mission Center Grand Ballroom at Hyun Jin Nim's Blessing, with a brother/sister, brother/sister seating, blue suit and white chima-chogori, blue and white arrangement. The ceremony was simple and not so long, and the True Children were there. Kook Jin Nim looked very happy and Soon Ju Nim was very beautiful.

Victoria: When did Father do the matching for the 72 Couples Blessing?

Ian: I think Father matched on a few occasions, at Hannam-dong, by a mixture of pictures and people. Then everyone came in person for the actual Blessing, including Mr. Kamiyama's daughter.

Victoria: Was she the only non-Korean?

Ian: Yes, and Father requested her for a very important providential reason. She doesn't just represent Japan—she also represents the West. The next day, the 12th, was the Blessing of 1,275 Couples.

Victoria: How did Father fit in everything?

Ian: This was the most incredible story for me. I was down at Yongin with all

"A Great Feeling"

by John Novak

On Thursday morning at 11 a.m. the Holy Wine Ceremony was held. Honestly speaking, I had a bit of a headache from the schedule of the past three days and I thought I would have to just push through the day. However, much to my surprise I had a very deep experience in the Holy Wine Ceremony and the Blessing.

In the Holy Wine Ceremony, after going through the procedure carefully so as to avoid any mistake, I sat down and began to pray. Suddenly, I felt both spiritually and physically the sensation of a wave of water washing through me and cleansing my blood of all the impurities and dirtiness. In the end I felt as if I were clean and fresh and new, and I felt a tremendous calmness as well as a deep sense of gratitude to be rid of Satan's blood, and to be in Heavenly Father's territory. What a great feeling that was!

Quickly afterward came the Blessing Ceremony and the procession. Ritsuko and I had been in the position of the first couple, which would lead the entire procession. However, at the last minute a representative Korean couple was placed in the lead position. This change turned



John and Ritsuko Novak

out to be a blessing in disguise, as I was now able to focus more fully on the ceremony without having to worry about being the lead person.

When Ritsuko and I came up to the platform and approached True Parents, I was standing on the far right side and would

pass directly under Father. As I neared Father, I looked up at him and at that precise moment he looked down right into my eyes, and the first handful of Holy Water that he threw landed squarely on Ritsuko and myself.

I'll never forget that moment of looking right into Father's eyes. I felt so deeply that I was now a part of True Parents' family and I had finally somehow come back home, in spite of all the difficulties and struggles of the past many years. And not only that, I was being blessed with this truly wonderful sister. I felt overwhelmed, and began to weep. I ended up crying and crying. I must have cried for over half an hour. Since I can't remember the last time I cried, you can imagine what a wonderful experience it really was. That turned out to be quite a day. □

the members and Father came on the 9th about 11 p.m., started matching, and went until 4 a.m. on the 10th. Then he returned to Seoul and blessed Kook Jin Nim in the morning, came back to Yongin in the afternoon to match for a couple more hours, and went back to Seoul for the evening celebration. After that he returned to Yongin around midnight and matched again almost all night. Then he went back and blessed the 72 Couples, came back for a couple of hours to do some more matching and then went back to Seoul for the evening celebration of the 72 Couples, and finally returned to match from about midnight until 4 a.m. again. That same morning of the 12th, he gave the Holy Wine ceremony and at 2 p.m. was the Blessing. At the evening entertainment, Father and Mother sang four songs for everybody, and later met downstairs with some Japanese leaders until about two o'clock in the morning.

Victoria: Did he look tired?

Ian: He didn't look tired at all. He looked great the whole time, but the only time he could have slept was in the car; the trip from Seoul to Yongin took about one and a half hours.

He said he had to complete the Blessing by the 12th, providentially, because he needed to connect it to the 6,500 Couples. If you add 6,500 and 1,275 it comes to about 7,777. It was very important to connect this Blessing to his 43-year course.



A special moment for Kook Jin Nim and Soon Ju Nim.

Victoria: What did Father say to the Blessing candidates?

Ian: One night he spoke about the importance of McCol for a short time, and another night he spoke almost two hours very seriously about the importance of the Blessing, of remaining pure, about how serious he is about the Bless-

ing. In that talk and in one other he stressed especially the responsibility of the woman in the fulfillment of the Blessing. The significance of this particular Blessing is connected to the unification of North and South Korea.

Victoria: Do you know about the Japanese members who were blessed back in October?

Ian: Most of them went back to Japan immediately after the Blessing to prepare to stay in Korea longer, but some were starting to return to Korea while we were there. So our Korean members were dealing with a lot at once. The fifteen hundred buildings were not yet finished and the Korean church centers are not that big.

Victoria: What was most meaningful for you?

Ian: The high point was being in the matching room with Father. I could really see God working through Father, by seeing that the kinds of couples being put together were so beautiful and seemed so right. Father is very quick but he takes so much care. He seemed very happy about the Blessing itself.

Victoria: Did you get an idea about Father's plans for the future in Korea and in China?

Ian: I think that Father's attention is on

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Processional march of the 72 Couples of the Second Generation.

"Wide, Deep and Aware"

Interview with Miho Panzer about True Mother

Conducted by Angelika Selle

Angelika: When and how did you come into the position of serving True Parents?

Miho: It was in 1978. I came to this country after the Washington Monument rally in 1976. I was a dancer in the Korean Folkballet but then I worked for 10 months at Belvedere before coming to East Garden in 1978. I was so happy. For the first five months I did the laundry for True Parents; then I started serving True Parents directly. I was the youngest sister to serve True Parents, so I made extra effort.

Angelika: How did you know what to do when you served True Parents?

Miho: We had to pray hard to find out what they needed. I always asked Heavenly Father, "What shall I do?" I wanted to be Heavenly Father's hands and feet. Of course, Heavenly Father wants to take care of the True Parents well, so I just asked Him to work through me. I was always praying for my hands to be His hands, my legs, His legs.

That's why I feel that our prayer life is most important in each moment. I didn't have time to sit in front of True Parents' picture and meditate, so even while cleaning I was praying.

For five months I did the laundry, then I cleaned the rooms, preparing many things during the holidays. I wanted to be like air. We need air—otherwise we cannot breathe, but we can't see air. I was with them and around them, so I wanted to be invisible but needed—to prepare something before they asked for it.

Angelika: What is Mother's daily schedule? What does she do during the

day?

Miho: True Mother is always busy. Of course her main position is to attend Father and as well to educate the True Children. As you know, Father is always traveling places or having meetings and Mother goes with him, so she has to be constantly ready, sometimes at a moment's notice. Even now Mother has no time to take care of their own children. She is basically in the same position as Father, with more and more re-

sponsibilities and no time for herself at all. For example, they get up very early and pray and then Father is meeting with church leaders and elders until late at night.

Angelika: How does she discipline the True Children? Does she scold them sometimes?

Miho: True Parents teach their children the heavenly tradition. For example, they do the *kyongbae* (full bow) at five o'clock pledge, and if they are even a few minutes late, Father doesn't like it. He asks: "Why didn't you prepare the night before?" How important that ceremony is! One time one of the small children didn't do the *kyongbae* and Father spanked the child. The child was young, under three years old. After the age of three True Parents don't spank any more. Rather they teach and explain to the children very nicely and never get angry at them.

True Parents have almost no time to spend with their children. Father always eats with members and leaders, even at breakfast, and I felt so sad because the family is always separated. And now that Father is constantly going to Korea they spend even less time together. But the True Children are always so uncomplaining. They understand about Father and Mother's schedule and though they miss Parents more than we do, they don't show it so much. We should think of how lucky we are to be with our children and value True Family's sacrifice more.

Angelika: How does True Mother support True Father? Can you give some

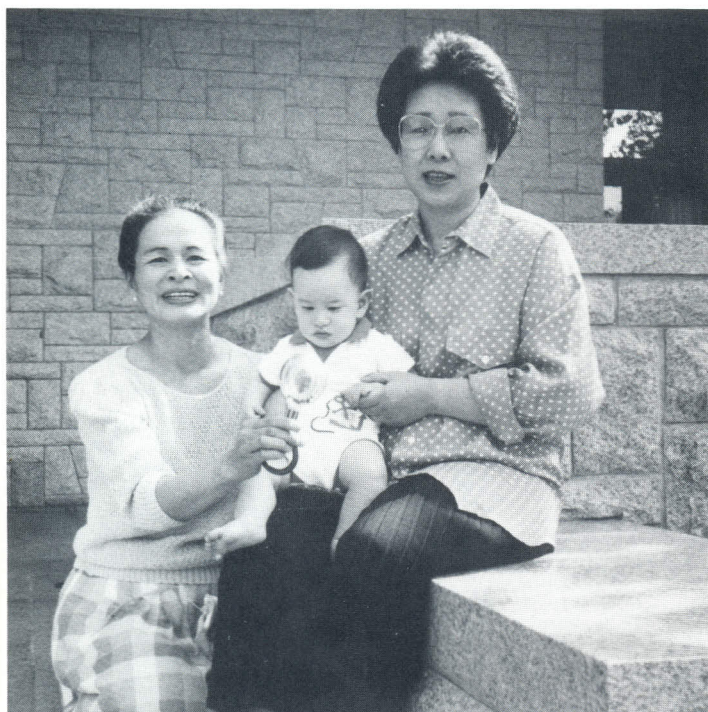


small examples?

Miho: Externally it's easy to see how she is preparing many things, like something to drink or eat. But internally, Mother always knows what Father wants. Mother has to be wide, deep, and aware, like a holy spirit. Sometimes Father asks Mother her opinion and Mother always gives him a wise answer.

Support means also that when Father wants to go somewhere then Mother always follows Father one hundred percent, no matter how difficult it is for her! One time Father said in public that even though Mother's body is tired, he still pushes her. That would be so difficult for us.

Mother is usually so occupied with public life that she can't even take care of her own things nor can she exchange her winter and summer clothes; she doesn't even know what is in her drawers. That's what I was doing most of the time. Many guests come and in her position as a True Mother she always wants to take care of them, even if she is more than eight months pregnant. One time she was due to deliver and still she took guests out shopping. Mother cannot take care of her own children, but she takes care of us, the members—that's her heart.



True Mother, Miho, and her son Rimida, by the new conference center.

Angelika: Do you think that True Mother knows what is going on in our movement?

Miho: Yes, I think she knows very well. She often gives Father her opinion on some matter. Mother is spiritually so sharp and clear that she can give very good advice to him. Father needs her input and he always appreciates her comments. Father and Mother's relationship is truly one of give and take in total harmony and oneness. Of course Father is subject, but many times their positions are reversed and he is the object. We never saw Mother and Father fight with

Heavenly Father wants to take care of the True Parents well, so I just asked Him to work through me. I was always praying for my hands to be His hands, my legs, His legs.

each other and Father said also that they never argue in front of the True Children.

Angelika: How does True Mother sleep so little and keep up her health and beauty? Does she eat a certain diet and do exercises for her health?

Miho: In my opinion this is a miracle. Mother has 14 children and everybody both in and outside of our movement is surprised that she still looks so young and fresh. I was with Mother while she

had her last four children and she was always very healthy and alert. Mother does know many things about healthy food and she takes care of her health, but I feel that the Holy Spirit is with her because Mother has to keep up with Father's schedule. Of course, their sleeping time is so short because they are always traveling.

Sometimes Mother goes out in the early morning fresh air, but that doesn't happen too often because

from early morning on they receive leaders and members and she has to be there. They are always living a public life each moment. Even when Mother is lying down she is always thinking about Father's situation, all the members and the whole world. And when Father sleeps he still prays; his mouth is moving like in prayer.

Angelika: Did you have any personal experience with Mother? Did she speak to you sometimes, giving you advice, guidance, and insights?

Miho: My position was not to talk to

Mother and ask many things. One time Father said to our members at East Garden that he can't speak to us much because his time is spent always talking to leaders and other members. Instead, he said, we should look at True Parents' lifestyle.

With Mother it was the same way. I had questions but I felt that Father and Mother were too tired from carrying so much on their shoulders. Already they asked me continuously about my health and well-being and showed their deep concern about even small things. But since Father had told us to watch their lifestyle I didn't want to ask them anything. I learned from watching that every moment they were living for us.

Every morning we did pledge with True Parents but I never felt that it was just me doing the *kyongbae*. Our members are working so hard all over the world that I always wanted to offer myself as a representative for them. I felt good in my heart because I was always thinking of the members, fighting any kind of selfish mind.

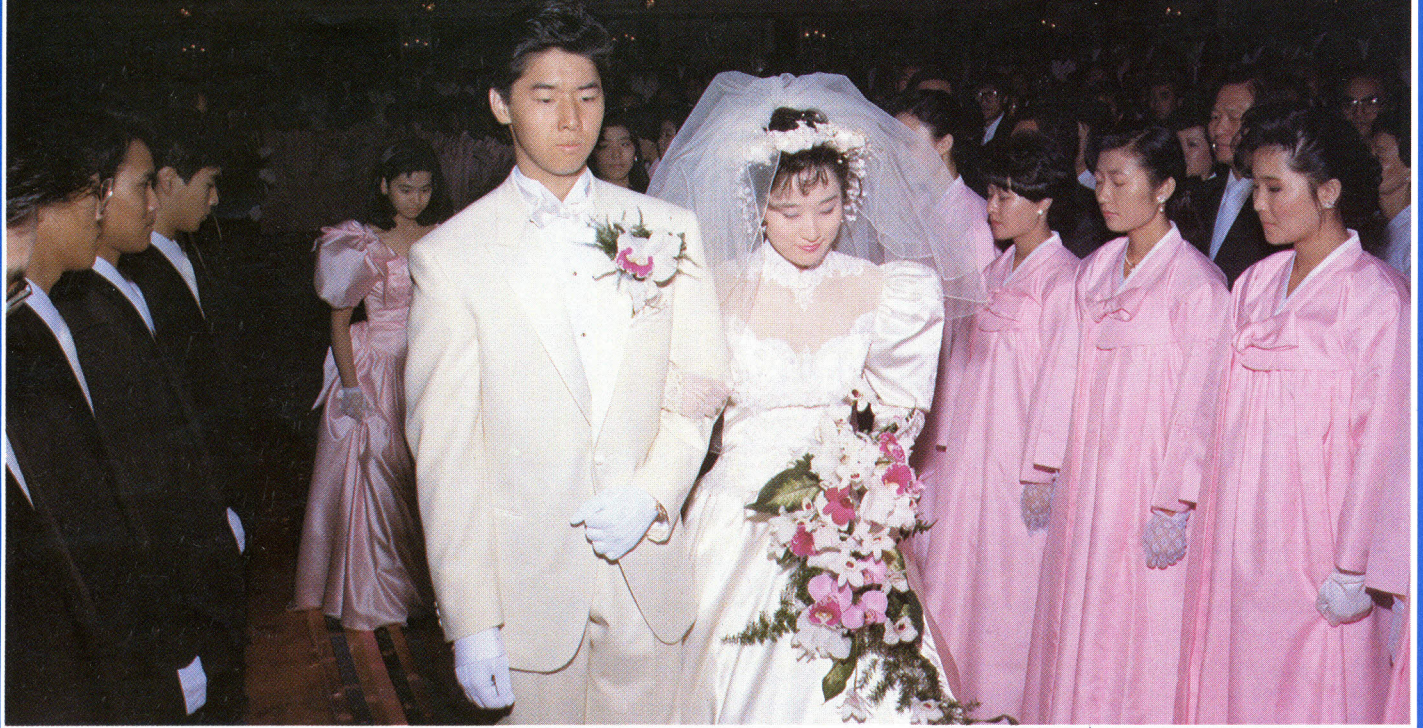
Angelika: How does True Mother take care of the environment even though she doesn't have much time?

Miho: Mother likes everything to be clean. Once in Japan one evening, Father didn't have a schedule to go any place. Three old ladies had been preparing for Father and though they had externally very little, they cleaned diligently, regarding even one piece of dust as Satan. Every night they prayed for Father to come to their center. Then out of the blue Father decided to go to that very center. Even though they didn't have anything, Father came to them.

When I heard that testimony, that

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Kook Jin Nim and Soon Ju Nim On Your Wedding Day





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even one piece of dust made them feel uncomfortable, I understood that the environment around Parents always needs to be clean. Father and Mother didn't say anything to us, but from then on I cleaned up especially thoroughly. Parents are so sensitive to everything. Folding and hanging their clothes has to be perfect.

Angelika: How does Mother prepare for the birth of a child?

Miho: She is always active until the last minute. Just think about when the latest one, Jeung Jin Nim, was born. Only 21 days after the cesarean Mother conducted our Blessing ceremony [July 1, 1982] for five hours and stood giving us the Holy Water. Normally, our sisters have a 100-day recovery period after the birth, but Mother didn't even have 40 days, she had to attend Father. She is always like this, working until she has to go to the hospital, never resting. When Father is pushing, it means that Mother is pushing also. Father's legs are always sore and his body so over-tired that when he indents it at any place, the indentation stays there for a considerable time. But he never shows us how tired he really is. Even the young people are tired when they come back from Korea, but Father just keeps going.

Angelika: Can you share about Mother's desire for us western sisters?

Miho: During the last Sunday service at Belvedere Father spoke about western sisters and Oriental sisters. He said that the western sister is too self-centered, and suggested: "Why don't you give first and lead a more giving life, and then you can receive?" This is true not only for western sisters, but all of our lifestyles must be always first giving and then receiving.

I personally can also see a little bit of difference between eastern and western sisters; western sisters are always open, even 100% open, but the Oriental sisters usually want to keep everything inside. Even though they would like to talk, they keep things in their mind and wait. I don't know what True Mother thinks about this point.

Angelika: How can we come closer to True Mother and develop a deep relationship with her?

Miho: The external relationship is not

so important, I think. There is a natural limit anyway. But I feel that internally and spiritually the relationship with Father and Mother is most important. True Parents know our life each moment, even though we may not see them at all. Once they close their eyes, they can feel everything spiritually. We can always be spiritually guided to do the right things even though they are not physically with us. Father said that he can even be with us in our dreams.

A person can be physically close to them, but actually very far away spiritu-

If we develop our spiritual antenna more, we will also be able to find out how we can follow True Mother as our role model.

ally. If we have a strong spiritual life and feel close to them, then they are always with us. Often, the further people are away from them physically, like pioneer brothers and sisters, the closer they feel to them.

That's why I always felt a danger in my mission being physically so close to them, that I might get far away internal-

Parents that were dusty, but they should always be shiny to attract their presence. Our lifestyle should always be striving to be more like our True Parents. We have to develop that parental heart and standard. If we don't keep True Parents' picture clean, it indicates something about our heart relationship with True Parents.

When I joined the church I went to a seven-day workshop. But already before the workshop I had a dream about True Parents. I didn't know who they were, but I found out afterwards. Since

then I had many experiences with True Parents in my dreams. Many times leaders asked me about what True Parents were doing and I would share with them my intuition. Afterwards we

would find out that I was right.

I missed True Parents so much that I often cried. Even when I was dancing in the Korean Folkballet and on IOWC, I was always thinking about them. When I was doing laundry for some other central figure, for example, I would think that these are True Parents' clothes and even count the scrubs—40 times, 72,



"We should think of how lucky we are to be with our children and value True Family's sacrifice more."

ly. I always made special effort to keep up my spiritual life. We should always think how we can become closer spiritually each moment. Now I stay in New Jersey, but I feel that Parents are always here with me.

Many times I saw pictures of True

120—hoping Heavenly Father could use this condition of serving. That's why I felt that Heavenly Father called me to East Garden.

One time with the Folkballet I had a spiritual experience with Mother. I had a painful back problem. Somehow

Mother knew that and one night, God's Day Eve, she came to me spiritually and touched my back. The next morning I felt so warm there, with no pain, as if the Holy Spirit had touched me. That night, when True Parents came down on stage after our performance, Mother came over and shook my hand. I felt she knew that I had had a spiritual experience with her. Mother is so sensitive.

While on IOWC one time, I knew Father was leaving from the airport. I wanted to be with Father so much that I went to the airport by myself just to see Father's flight leave. I feel that the heartistic relationship is the most important. Whenever I pray about them, I always cry. Even if you had a chance to be with True Parents for one year or even a day or a few hours, that kind of heartistic relationship that you feel at those times will remain with you forever. Time is nothing. So I say sometimes to our sisters when they go out on the front line to please always have some gratitude in their hearts and remember those precious moments that they had with True Parents. Then we can never have complaint at all. If you have a complaining mind then Satan breaks you.

Angelika: True Mother has very good taste in clothes. In fact, Father once said that she would be the number one fashion designer for the new world.

Miho: I feel so amazed when I see her consistently fresh and beautiful. Mother is always humble, but she has excellent taste, and is very meticulous. When she decorated the East Garden House and now also the new house, everything had to be perfect. When Mother goes shopping I many times feel that all things want to be with Mother, and long for her true touch. She has very sharp eyes as to what fits the person best. Usually there is not much time when she goes shopping, but it always seems like the right things for the person are catching her eye.

Angelika: Can you tell us about the time period when Father was in Danbury prison?

Miho: When Father went to Danbury I decided not to start my married life until he came back, because I thought how lonely Mother would be. Many brothers and sisters started their family at that time, and True Parents asked me about my age and my situation, but I didn't let them know. I decided that I didn't want to have any desire for myself; my life exists only for Father and Mother. I

wanted to focus one hundred percent on assisting and serving Mother.

We knew that Father's situation was so dangerous. At that time we prayed every night with Hyo Jin Nim and the True Children and repented a lot.

When Father was visiting at home I would do his laundry. I saw that the undershirts and underwear were so old and so dirty. I was always crying about Father's clothes. Many times I also saw

cause he is a human being just like us. Many times when Father is playing pool it looks like he is relaxing, but I always felt that Father is not really playing pool. For him that pool table is like the world map or like the cosmos and Father is concentrating and fighting spiritually each moment. Many times I wanted to bring him a chair, but he would not accept it. His legs are so sore but he decided a long time ago that he



"They are always living a public life each moment."

that Father's hands had a lot of callouses from the cleaning and dishwashing that he did at prison. But Father never showed us how difficult it was for him; he always smiled and cheered us up. I can never forget about that time when he was in Danbury and at the half-way house.

Angelika: Would you like to share anything else about Father's lifestyle?

Miho: If we think of their suffering lifestyle, we cannot meet our True Parents without tears. Even when they are smiling at celebrations and everything looks so happy, they can never feel truly happy until the final victory is won. That's why Father talks and prays in his sleep. Even at conferences when everybody else is exhausted, Father can go on until one o'clock in the morning. Then he goes upstairs to study and read reports for another one or two hours. He wakes up early in the morning before anybody else, which actually means that Father is only sleeping two or three hours a day. Of course Father is very, very tired be-

would never relax until he literally goes to the spirit world, and he is doing it. That means we should have the same kind of attitude.

Angelika: We've heard about the importance of learning Korean. Can you give any insights from your time with True Parents?

Miho: One time Father and Mother were watching *Shogun* on television. At some point the Westerner who was becoming a Samurai was faced with the choice to either learn Japanese in forty days or have his companions executed. So he decided to learn Japanese. Mother asked Father: "What about our members? When can they learn the Korean language?"

Then I thought, Father has reminded us so many times to study Korean, but we didn't really decide to do so yet! I was speaking in Japanese to them, but I felt I shouldn't do that any more. I didn't have time to study so I just tried to pick up Korean by listening. The grammar is very similar to the Japanese



"Consistently fresh and beautiful"—Mother with Shin Jeung Jin Nim and Jeung Jin Nim.

language but everything else is different. From then on I spoke to them in broken Korean.

Angelika: For many sisters it is sometimes hard to view True Mother as our role model because she seems more in the background supporting Father. What is your view on this?

Miho: I personally think that True Mother is on the foremost front line and

fighting more than any of us. Of course, externally she doesn't go fundraising or witnessing, but as I mentioned before she is working day and night together with Father on the internal front line. Yes, we don't see her very often and she only seems to support Father; therefore it's so difficult to find out. But if we develop our spiritual antenna more, we can easily feel what she really is doing, how she is fighting, how hard she is

working day and night and that she is actually on the foremost front line. We might be able to see her in dreams that reveal to us her true heart that literally beats for the world. Her position is the most difficult of all, more difficult than any of us can imagine. So if we develop our spiritual antenna more, then I am sure we will also be able to find out how we can follow her as our role model. □

Homecoming Testimony

Interview with Taj Hamad

Since Father announced in his "Present of Homecoming" speech (July 3, '88) that now is the time when relatives can respond to us if we reach out to them, many brothers and sisters are having this experience. In an interview with Tamara Grapek in September of 1988, Taj Hamad, Assistant Director of ICC, tells the story of what happened when he went home to visit his family in Sudan.

From the time I came to America about seven years ago, I hadn't gone back home. All together, I hadn't seen my family for eight years. All that time I didn't feel internally free to give myself to Sudan when Father was working on a worldwide level.

But when Father declared the providence of homecoming, I found a providential reason to go home, at least for a visit. I asked my central figure and he said, "Yes, please go." I planned to stay only a short time because I was very involved with ICC.

Disaster strikes in Sudan

I planned to go in the beginning of August. While I was finishing some work in New York and making things ready for the upcoming ICCs, I got a telephone call from a friend in the Sudanese embassy. He told me that the situation in Sudan was disastrous. There was a flood and all the transportation was stopped. He told me that many people didn't have food and asked me if I would ask IRFF here in New York to help. I heard also from other people that three-quarters of the capital city of Khartoum was destroyed. It had rained and rained for many days and because the drainage system is inefficient, many houses were structurally damaged or destroyed. My family actually lives in



All of the family and relatives gather around Taj at his homecoming banquet.

the capital, so I got very worried.

I tried to call Sudan many times, but I couldn't get through by telephone. I called the regional leader, but he didn't know much about what was happening in Sudan; he only said it was not good. Then brothers and sisters started to come to me and say "What is happening in Sudan? We saw these terrible scenes on TV."

I was planning to take KLM Airlines, which goes through Europe to Sudan, but because I knew they needed food, I changed my flight and took Egypt Air instead. I stopped first in Egypt to buy some food because the food in Egypt is similar to the food eaten in Sudan. In Egypt I had only six hours between flights so I went quickly from the airport to a supermarket and just grabbed food off the shelves.

Exactly 40 hours after I left New York I arrived in Sudan. I was very surprised to find two of my relatives waiting for

me in the airport—and they were smiling! I expected everything to be destroyed and that there wouldn't even be people on the streets. I asked my relatives, "What is happening? Where are the places that are destroyed?" They said, "Oh, there are some people who have been affected, but it's not so bad." I said, "How can this be? I heard the capital was destroyed." They told me that some places in the northern part of the country were seriously affected and the outskirts of the city were destroyed, but the capital itself was all right. It was bad, but the news had been greatly exaggerated by the media.

I went to see my family and all of them were okay. I am the youngest child in my family, and in eight years my elder brothers' and sisters' children had grown; some of them had even gotten married.

After I had been there a short while, this inspiration came to me: "Why not



Scene of Khartoum, the capital, after the flood.

invite all of your family to a banquet, just like the banquets that Father usually prepares? Find the best place and invite your family and the closest people to you in Sudan." So I found the best hotel—the Hilton—and had the hotel prepare a banquet exactly the way Father does for guests. I invited 48 close friends and relatives.

It's so difficult to make any preparation for a banquet; money and manpower are needed, and in this kind of country it can take years. But everything went so smoothly! When I went to reserve the hotel, the only day they had available was the day which I had cho-



Taj shows the tape of his son's 100-day ceremony to his relatives.

sen, the 13th! I don't know why I chose 13, but it happens to be the number of the Messiah. Also, I stayed in Sudan exactly 13 days and invited 48 guests—another significant number.

Everyone whom I had invited came. After they finished eating, I stood up and started talking. I didn't know exactly what to say in the beginning, but on that same day I had received an inspiration to share with them about my relationship with Father as a father figure in my life. In Sudan people respect elders. You can talk to any elder person as a father or a mother. I explained that Father was "a father figure" who had deeply affected my life. I said that he is very concerned about my well-being; also the well-being of many other people. He's also concerned about our education and he meets us every Sunday regardless of his busy schedule to teach us how to connect deeply with God. He is very concerned to set up a heavenly tradition for us to inherit so we can live our lives happily. He answers all the questions I have and, if I have more questions, he even comes in my dreams and gives me the answer. I just spoke with them about Father as a man who is loving and concerned about his children.

So many memories came back to me while I was talking: the workshops I

have attended, my seminary experience, fishing with Father, his sermons at Belvedere, the birthday parties in East Garden, the intimacy I shared with Father and his investment in me personally. The audience became very involved with me. And when I sensed their acceptance, I decided to tell them about my marriage, most of them for the first time.

Explaining the Blessing

In Sudan marriage is a very important religious and social event. It is a time when families and relatives gather to celebrate the completion of one's religion. Muslims believe that a man or woman is complete only when they find their 'other half.' The parents usually arrange the marriage. My family even had some candidates waiting for me. I told them that because Father Moon is like a father figure in my life and he wanted to protect me from temptation, especially from western women, he had advised me to marry and he even chose a wife for me. I told them she is a religious, faithful, young, and beautiful Australian "queen." I mentioned that she had asked me about all of them and she wanted so much to visit Sudan to see them. She had encouraged me to go and visit this time. I also showed them a telex she had sent while I was there, expressing her concern and good wishes. I had a videotape of my son's 100-day ceremony and because the meeting was going so well, I showed that to them also.

I must mention that the reason I told everyone that Father wanted to protect me from western women is because of the way western women are portrayed by the media to Sudanese people. They see on TV and in movies and magazines that western women have their "freedom," and they hear about the crimes connected with the abuse of freedom in the West.

The overall picture they have received is that women in the West do whatever they want without restrictions. They don't hear many good things about freedom, only about the misuse of freedom. For that reason, they are actually afraid of western women. Especially in the old days, when men went out of Sudan, they were usually surrounded by their rela-

tives and friends and told "Be careful not to get married and be kidnapped by a western woman and forget your relatives!"

Before the banquet, I felt that I should ask my relatives, if they agreed, to sign a membership form and give their support to Father and give me their blessing. I wanted to offer that to God as their acceptance of True Parents. Because there were no membership forms in Sudan, I brought a nice book for their signatures.

After I concluded my speech to my family, I asked them to show their support for Father Moon in what he is doing and for me, by signing the book. To my surprise, 44 of them signed! The only four who didn't sign were children.

I had asked the hotel chefs to prepare a cake for my guests and to write on it: "Congratulations." When everyone looked at this cake, they thought that I wrote congratulations because of my own marriage. When somebody gets married, he has a big party and his family comes and congratulates him. But actually, internally, I was congratulating them for connecting with the Messiah. That was my intention.

With True Parents' authority

The thing which amazed me about the whole experience is that it seemed that everything was prepared for me. I went there from New York because I was



"Congratulations"—Taj's mother cutting the traditional cake.

worried, and I wanted to see what was happening in Sudan and find a way to help. Especially in my country when there is a disaster, families come together. It was the best time for me to go to comfort and console them. I actually went with something completely different in my mind than what God had



Taj, Josephine, and their son Goon-A.

planned for me. I found also an amazing authority behind my words. Everywhere I went to visit friends and people I knew, they received me with utmost

respect. One of my main prayers before I went was "God, I want to go there to represent True Parents because True Parents cannot go to my country at this time." Maybe things happened that way because of this prayer, but above all I believe it is because of the foundation already made by Father.

I found that some of my friends had high positions in the government. One of them is a government minister. While I was checking over the hotel where I wanted to have the banquet I heard a voice calling, "Hey, Taj!" I looked around and saw a friend whom I hadn't seen for a long time. He asked me, "Where are you living now?" I told him that I left Sudan in 1973, and I am now living in America. "Oh," he said, "give me your telephone number." And he gave me his. Afterward I looked at his card and saw it had "Capital House" on it, which is like the White House.

I didn't follow up on him right away,

and miraculously I kept meeting him again and again by accident. Each time he insisted, "Please come to see me! You have to come!" I didn't know why, but I just felt as if there was something exuding out of me that attracted people very much. Even elders listened to every word I spoke. In my country, young people must always listen to elders, not the other way around.

I know it's only because of the internal foundation Father has made that this homecoming providence is becoming a real thing. I think if we just touch the right buttons, things will start happening for us.

Now I feel more comfortable, and rested in my heart, and I can give myself more freely to God and the providence of ICC. I have no worries about my family like before, and I am grateful for Father's blessing to connect our families with him. □

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Blessings for the World

both places and that they are connected to each other. Actually, Father is worried that the unification of North and South Korea will happen too quickly, that people in the South may swallow the propaganda from the North too easily. So Father is focusing on education, and Rev. Kwak is lecturing everyday somewhere, to somebody, about the Principle and unification. China fits in because there are a billion people there, and Father thinks they are ready to respond.

Now that Father is on the global level, he is sending ambassadors to the world. All of the six new IW's (chosen at the December 20, 1988, leaders' meeting—see *TW*, Jan. 1989) have some special foundation with True Parents. He told them that they are ambassadors of True Parents, not IW's as we have traditionally received them. Their responsibilities are more far reaching. They are not going only to meet the members, but also to introduce True Parents to the leaders of the world. Father asked them to take the *World and I*, *Washington Times*, and *Insight* magazine and show them what the Unification movement is doing on every level. If the leaders of the countries can be moved by the IW's and the brothers and sisters in those nations, then a whole new providential power can be developed. □

"Seriousness of Intercultural Marriage"

excerpted from an article by Mike Breen

In many ways the January 12 wedding underscored more clearly than previous blessings the seriousness of international and intercultural marriage.

Among the 2,550 brides and grooms were many members from third world countries whose participation in the ceremony involved breaking their national customs—and even laws—in a big way. Several black South Africans who were matched to whites will have to leave their homeland and emigrate to their new spouse's home because of their country's apartheid restrictions.

Other members may never be able to return home. A church missionary said that a number of Moslems would have to seek asylum in other countries for fear of the strict religious laws banning marriage outside the Islamic faith. He said women from some Middle East countries could face the death penalty if they returned home.

A few parents were able to make the

journey to Korea. Among those from Europe were Jim and Joan Perkins from Maidstone, England, whose son Andrew, 27, was blessed with a Belgian sister. Mrs. Perkins said she was "happy, excited and



Couples exchanging rings.

pleased. I think it's great. I'm sure more parents would have come if it hadn't been so far."

Some 600 participants remained in Korea after the Blessing. The members dispersed throughout Korea, staying at local churches, studying some Korean, and witnessing. □

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The Second Coming of Christ

Helping others to participate with the Messiah on earth is perhaps the single most important thing we can give to them and their lineage for all eternity. We are publishing this lecture, given by Rev. Kevin McCarthy to ministers in Korea for the ICC, to assist in that work.

There are various expectations and doctrinal agendas with regard to the events of the Last Days. For example, is Christ coming imminently or will there be events that will precede his coming? We cannot resolve everything here, so let's focus on three areas of Unification eschatology: when, how, and where Christ will come again.

WHEN?

Some scripture seems to suggest we cannot know that day and hour when Christ will come and that we should not make a prediction or prophesy. Yet other scripture like Amos 3:7 says that God does nothing without revealing His secrets to His servants, the prophets. One thing is clear, though: Jesus definitely spoke to that generation of Christians who would be alive on earth to participate in and experience the day of the Second Coming. He warned that generation *not* to be asleep, for he would come at an unexpected time and in an unexpected way. Yet he was very explicit about what the environment would be like at the time of the Second Coming, describing the Last Days in Mark 13 and Matthew 24. We need to ask ourselves: Why does Jesus want that one generation to be awake? It should realize: "Hey, we must be that generation. Look, the signs are being fulfilled!" We have to know when Christ comes, not to face the final judgment or the rapture, but to rise to the responsibility of being the ones to recognize the Christ at his second coming.

Let's think about a parallel time 2,000 years ago, when a particular generation of chosen people had to deal with Jesus face to face. What made them different from any other generation up until that moment? Were they any better, more spiritual, more prepared than any previous generation? No, not at all. What made that generation of chosen people unique is that all previous generations had been judged by how they related to the law—how they kept God's decrees, commandments, and traditions. Then



Rev. Kevin McCarthy

Jesus arrived. No one alerted them that the criterion by which their faith would be judged had changed. They had to recognize that now the criterion was their relationship with the man from Galilee. Look what happened! The scholarly, the devout, the well-trained—all those who knew the letter of the law and could recite the scripture—passed by the wayside. It was the humble, the meek, the prostitute, the publican, the fisherman, the uneducated, and the undoctinal who recognized that Jesus was the Christ. Isn't that amazing? What have we to learn from this? That generation of chosen people expected Christ to come and exalt their nation. They thought that they, by being devout, would have automatic entrance into God's Kingdom. But Jesus indicated that there was one more qualification—the responsibility to transpose their faith in the *expectation* of Christ's coming into *recognition* of and *participation* with Christ. That's where those who were proud of their faith stumbled and failed in their responsibility.

The important lesson is that no one followed Jesus as a natural conclusion of doctrine. Jesus was recognized only by humble, pure-hearted people who could receive testimony from God that

Jesus was the Christ. Hence, Jesus warned the generation of people who would be alive in the Last Days not to make the same mistake when he said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'Depart from me, you evildoers; I never knew you.'" (Matt. 7:21-23) Jesus isn't referring to backsliders but rather to people who are faithfully awaiting Christ's coming. But that faith of itself will not automatically translate into the faith of recognition and participation. Will those people at the time of the Second Coming fulfill the will of God and the global responsibility of that era? It will be by this criterion that Christians in the Last Days will be judged.

When is that time, according to the historical parallels? The signs of the times in biblical prophesy are being fulfilled now in the 20th century. You and I are that generation to whom Jesus was speaking. Will we repeat the failure of the past or will we change and make the right choices?

HOW?

How will Christ come? Matt. 24:30 says, "They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Did Jesus mean literal clouds? We should definitely pray about this question, because 2,000 years ago in Israel it was also an issue of much argument. Some of those who were awaiting Christ's coming pointed to Daniel 7:13 which said he would come on the clouds. Others pointed to Micah 5:2, which said he would "come forth" from the city of David. Still others, as we see in John 7:27, believed that no one could know from where Christ would come. In such an environment of debate and confusion, Christ appeared. There were even many other figures who thought that they themselves were the fulfillment of the Davidic covenant prophesy. One of the most famous was another man named Jesus (or Yehosua) whose large movement thought that *he* was the Christ. A lot of folks were saying that other figures were the Christ. When the Pharisees sent delegations out to John the Baptist to ask him if he were the Christ, they actually never considered that he could be the Christ; they only wanted to pin him as a false Messiah.

Why did God send Christ into such a confusing environment? The key point is that each chosen person of that generation was individually responsible to recognize who Jesus was.

Because it was such an issue 2,000 years ago, it will absolutely be an issue today. The reason why there are so many different expectations of how Christ will come has more to do with the parallels of history than with someone being right or wrong. Some believe that his coming is imminent. Others believe certain events must precede the Second Coming, such as the rapture, or the rise of the Antichrist. Some believe that the Second Coming already took place on the day of Pentecost as spoken about in Acts; still others believe that the Second Coming will be a general Christ-consciousness that will suddenly rise in the world. There are three options to consider, given such different viewpoints. Option number one is: Somebody's got it right, and everybody else is wrong. Option number two is: Every-

body's wrong. And option number three is: Everybody has got it mostly right, but everyone has something that's not exactly right. I'm sure everyone here would say, "It's option number one, and it's my church, my doctrine, that's got the agenda right." If you're right, the problem is: How much anguish must Jesus feel looking at his body—the church—if your doctrine is the only correct one? He must be feeling really sorrowful that only one denomination has it right, especially in view of his prayer in John 17:20-23 that we should be one as God and Christ are one. Certainly God and Christ don't just tolerate each other! We all know there is no doctrinal schism between God and Christ! Another thing we can all agree upon, no matter who is right: Jesus must feel urgent to end the confusion in his body because it means the body is not ready for the Second Coming.

I believe that Jesus will send a revelation of clarification that will prepare us

to be established, those children not only don't get to hear about the love of God, but also are systematically taught that there is no God. The message of Rev. Moon is that we all must feel the responsibility to let *everyone* know about the love God feels for them and all mankind. That's one reason why so many people don't like him. We want to be told that we're all right and just be taken home to heaven. But when Jesus comes back, he's not going to be satisfied with everything that we've done, for we stand in violation of his word and his prayer that we be united. If the desire to resolve this disunity is not burning in our hearts daily, then we need to repent. Whether it's this revelation or another one, Jesus will bring words just as challenging and just as difficult as the ones brought by this Unification movement.

Christ will not come back for the purpose of fulfilling everyone's doctrinal agenda, but rather to establish his Kingdom. If Rev. Moon is praying more,



Will we repeat the failure of the past or will we change and make the right choices?

The last of the UN Forces having withdrawn across the Han River, January 4, 1951.

to unite to receive the Second Coming. I believe the Principle is that revelation from Jesus, and its purpose is to help all of us resolve the doctrinal schisms that have divided us and prevented Christianity from fulfilling its global responsibility. The result of this failure is that real people in the world today lose their opportunity to hear the gospel.

Violation of Jesus' prayer

This point was brought home to me when I looked over the DMZ and saw a schoolyard in North Korea filled with children. I realized that because we Christians failed and allowed this line

working harder, giving more to bring people together and to God than the one who has the "correct word," then how will Jesus feel? Won't he wonder how you could allow a "heretic," an ignorant man, to shed more tears, to give more of his blood, sweat, tears, money, manpower and family to build the Kingdom than you did?

Whether Rev. Moon is right or wrong, this is a serious moment in history. If you're feeling right now, "I'm the only one that has it right," then you should also be feeling, "Oh, my God, what should I do about that? How urgent Jesus must feel, being dependent on

me!" If we all feel that way, then Jesus will certainly be able to bring us into full knowledge of God's will. On that day prophesy and tongues will cease, doctrines and knowledge will cease, and we will be standing in front of

beast with iron teeth. Therefore, the Christ prophesied to come on the clouds of heaven is Jesus, who we know actually was born of a woman during the time of the Roman Empire.

Many historical theologians just can't

believe that anyone could prophesy the historical events leading up to Jesus so perfectly as Daniel describes in the second and seventh chapters. They feel that parts of Daniel were written with hindsight after the coming of Christ. Now I believe that Daniel was definitely an accurate prophet. What cannot be disputed is that Daniel was re-

ly lifted up but rather spiritually sanctified, becoming a part of the "cloud" of enlightened, sanctified believers awaiting Christ's coming.

Now where was the cloud that Jesus appeared upon? It was the mission of John the Baptist to create this "cloud" or foundation of laborers ready to receive and follow the Lord (Luke 1:17). Jesus waited for 30 years for that "cloud" to be established. When the time was right, Jesus was to be revealed to the nation on that foundation, but it was lost. Jesus himself then tried to erect that very necessary foundation; he desperately prayed for laborers for the harvest was great (Matt. 9:37-38).

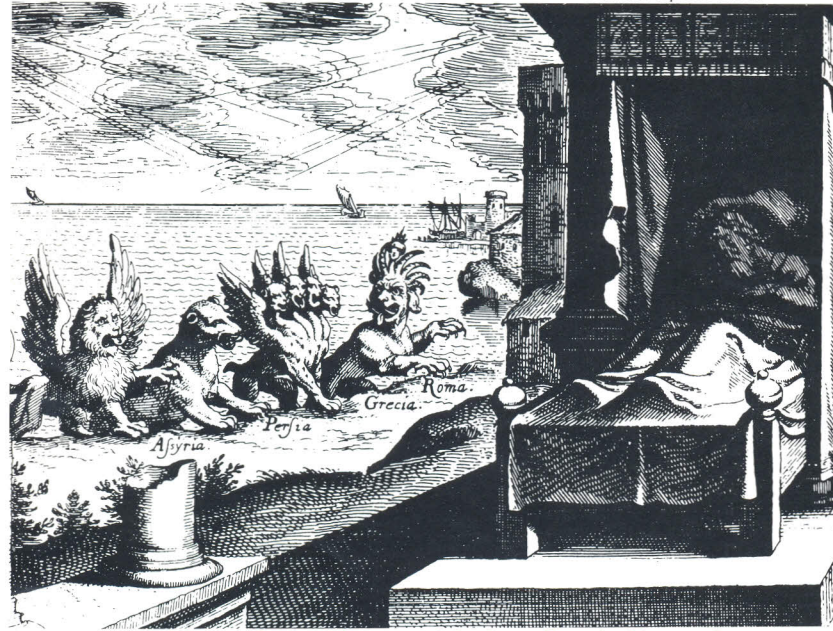
When Jesus quoted Daniel's prophesy, he could only mean that the Second Coming of Christ as well should be to a unified, sanctified foundation of believers. It is why he also prayed that we must be one as God and Christ are one. In Ezekiel 37, we see that Israel and Judah are united, and it is on that united foundation that Jesus Christ is received and the new covenant is established. Contrary to this, we see in Zechariah 11:13-14 and 13:7-14 that when the king is rejected and the unity between Judah and Israel is broken, the covenant isn't established. Christ must come on a unified foundation; therefore, Jesus prayed for that unity. That foundation is the "cloud" upon which he will appear.

What about the scripture in Acts 1:11 which seems to suggest otherwise? The angel appears and says to the men of Galilee as they were watching Jesus ascend into the

spiritual heaven: "Why do you stand there looking into heaven? This same Jesus who has been taken from you into heaven will come back in the same way

as you see him go." What does he mean here? In the Greek text, the same Greek word *uranos* can be used to mean sky or spiritual heaven. If the sky is the correct place for the men of Galilee to be looking at, then the angel should say, "Well done, men of Galilee. Yes, keep looking up in the sky, for one day, Christ will appear up there." But instead, the angel's statement indicates looking into the sky is superfluous and needs to be corrected. Also in John 3:13 Jesus says,

Daniel's Prophetic Dream



Daniel's prophetic nightmare of the four allegorical beasts that were to attack the tribes of Israel.

Christ face to face with no doubt and clear hearts. That's the age we are on the threshold of today. It will be a great blessing if we fulfill our responsibility. But it will be a terrible curse if we cast it aside.

Daniel predicts First Coming

Will Christ come on the literal clouds? In Daniel 7:13, Daniel predicts that Christ will come on the clouds. Many people today read this and say, "Daniel is talking about the Second Coming already!" But Daniel was speaking about the first advent of Christ—that Jesus of Israel would come on the clouds of heaven. How can we know that? This seventh chapter of Daniel is about a dream and its interpretation. Four beasts appear in this dream, and during the reign of the fourth beast Christ comes on the clouds of heaven. The 17th verse tells us that the four beasts represent four kingdoms that will rise between the time of Daniel and the time of Christ's coming on the clouds. The first kingdom (lion), which existed in Daniel's time, was Babylon. It declined and gave rise to the Persian empire (bear) which then declined and was replaced by the Greek empire (leopard). After the third kingdom came Rome—the strong

referring to the first coming of Christ Jesus in Israel and that Jesus was born of a woman.

Therefore we have to think carefully about the meaning of the Lord coming on the clouds a second time. When Jesus repeats the same prophesy of Daniel, he isn't saying that this time it will be literal, but simply that the second coming of Christ will be the same way as the first coming was. So what is the meaning of "clouds"? Heb. 12:1 refers to the gathering of saints as a

"cloud" of witnesses, a foundation of believers, a group of people gathered together who are in a state of *righteousness*. Conversely, Rev. 17:15 declares that waters symbolize people, nations, multitudes, and tongues who are in the state of *unrighteousness*. Jude 1:13 uses the wild waves of the sea as a symbol to mean unrighteous people. Therefore clouds symbolize a righteous people who are lifted up from an unrighteous foundation. This doesn't mean physical-

Jesus must feel urgent to end the confusion in his body because it means the body is not ready for the Second Coming.

"No one has gone into heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the son of man, who is in heaven." Jesus did not mean that no one has gone into the sky except the one who came down from the sky, the son of man who is floating in the sky. Jesus went into heaven in a very internal way, just as he came down from heaven in a very spiritual, internal way that was not perceivable with the physical eye. The angel in Acts 1:11 is testifying to that very process by which Christ will come—in the same internal way that he was seen to go.

Elijah is described as going up to heaven in a very dramatic way. Therefore, the chosen people were expecting him to come down in the same cataclysmic and obvious way—just as we hope that Christ will come now in an easy and obvious way. But in fact, Elijah returned in a totally unexpected and very subtle way, surprising even Zachariah himself.

The return of persecution

So how will Christ come? Rev. 12:5 tells us, "She brought forth a male child, one who is to rule all nations with an iron scepter, and her child was snatched up to God and to His throne." Therefore we see that Christ will be born on earth in the flesh in the same way as he was the first time. He will walk among us as our contemporary. Our age parallels the time of Jesus' first coming. The first chosen people were expecting an obvious, very cataclysmic coming; in fact, the Israelites were confident that his coming for them was already guaranteed; they merely had to wait around until it happened and they would automatically be saved. It's in the midst of that same expectation and same attitude that Christ will return today. He is not coming to fulfill everyone's doctrinal agenda or expectation; he may appear as unorthodox as he was 2,000 years ago. Will the religious leaders of this age repeat the failure of history? When God placed Esau in exactly the same environment and position as Cain, the feelings, the consternation, the anger, the hatred, and the bloodlust of Cain came into Esau. God set that up not so that Esau could kill Jacob but in the hope that Esau could reverse the failure of Cain. God has placed Christianity—the New Israel—in the same position as the Old Israel in order to indemnify its failure. In the midst of our doctrinal expectations,

Christ will come again in a very unexpected way. The tendency will be for religious leaders and people to hurl invectives, to vilify his name, to cast him out of the congregation and throw him into prison.

We have to realize our position and responsibility to reverse this tendency. Standing in the position of the Sadducees or the Pharisees, we must ask ourselves: When Christ comes, what role will I play? Will I, like the unrighteous Pharisees, search the scriptures just to find a way to entrap the Lord in a contradiction? Or will I, like the righteous Pharisee, welcome Jesus to my table? We should not be arrogant or light-hearted toward anything new that we hear.

The Second Coming of Christ is not just the coming of Christ alone. It's the second coming of Israelite history reflected in Christian history. The Second Coming of Christ is the second coming of all the institutions, attitudes, struggles, and figures that existed 2,000

years ago. And this time the New Israel—you and I—must fulfill the responsibility that was left undone 2,000 years ago. It is indeed a great and terrible day.

If Jesus came today . . .

The Kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed, Jesus said in Luke 17:20. It will start as small as a mustard seed, as small as a piece of yeast that is placed in the dough, and will multiply, subtly. Jesus was speaking of the Second Coming in Luke 17:25: "But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation." Although Jesus predicts his own death three times, he was not predicting his own death in this statement. His topic here, toward the end of his life, is the Second Coming. Let's ask ourselves: If Jesus came back in the flesh to some churches today, how would they treat him? They might be shocked that he

didn't speak English. And that he wasn't American, and that he wasn't a white man. They would be shocked that his name wasn't Jesus. I'm using the Greek name we gave him, by the way. Of course, he doesn't mind; he knows whom we're addressing. But it is possible that he would prefer to address himself by his Hebrew name, the name that God gave him, Yehosua.

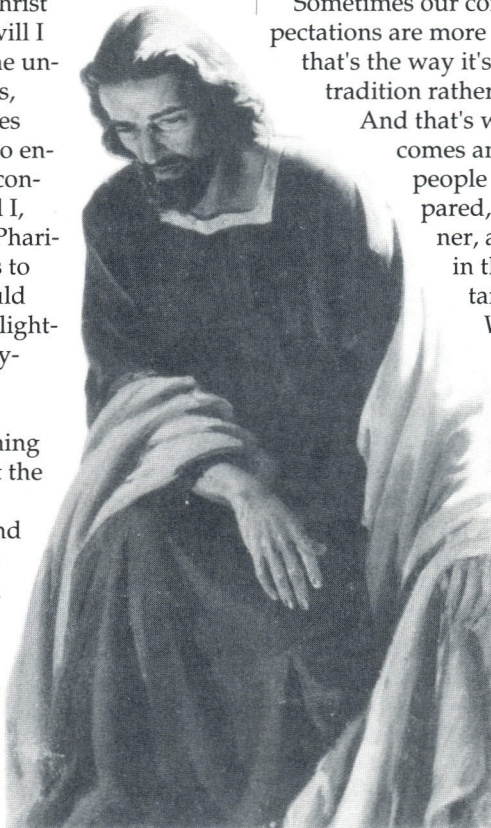
Sometimes our concepts and our expectations are more a result of "Well, that's the way it's always been" and tradition rather than real truth.

And that's why when Christ comes and faces the very people whom God prepared, they, not the sinner, are the first to stand in the position of resistance and opposition.

When Jesus came, the sinners, the uneducated, and the simple-hearted *could* ascertain that he was the Son of God. It was the doctrinal and the scholarly who rejected Jesus so haughtily because he didn't fit their expectations. Such a scenario is repeating itself in this age.

Then why must Christ come to the earth

again? Scripture tells us that he is certainly not coming again to die for our sins but to *complete* the dispensation of salvation and to usher in God's Kingdom. This is verified in Hebrews 9:28: "He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for it," and in 1 Peter 1:5: ". . . who, through faith, are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time." If we're not ready for a new message with regard to the completion of salvation in the Last Days, then we will be committing the same error as the chosen people who felt it was sufficient to cling tenaciously to the Old Testament. When Jesus said he came not to destroy but to fulfill the law, it created such anger in them that they hurled stones at Jesus. When I say that Christ will return to fulfill the New Testament and to reveal the completion of



salvation, please watch your hand—that it doesn't begin to grapple for a stone! That angry spirit will come, but it didn't start with our generation. It comes to us from a generation of long ago that is seeking restoration in us.

The Kingdom postponed

Jesus came to the earth to establish God's Kingdom, just as Adam would have established God's Kingdom beginning on earth if he had kept faith. Jesus also states that what is sown on earth is reaped in heaven—the foundation must be made on earth if it is to be reaped in heaven. When Jesus said, "My Kingdom is not of this world," in John 18:16, he didn't mean that there should not be a visible, earthly manifestation of the Kingdom. For he also goes on to say, "But my Kingdom is not now of this world." In other words, his Kingdom is *meant* to be of this world, but because of Israel's faithlessness, Jesus' Kingdom as he is approaching the cross could not *now* be of this world. The vision of the Kingdom of God in a visible, earthly manifestation is laid out in prophesy in Isaiah, chapters 2, 9, and 11 and Psalms 72. Here is a clear expression of a world under the universal acceptance of Christ's authority: They will study war no more; he will judge between the nations and settle disputes between many lands; they will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; all kings will recognize and bow down to him. All those prophesies that were to be realized 2,000 years ago are now finally to be fulfilled in this age. Christians who are merely looking for that spiritual heaven and have no concern for this world are badly mistaken. Before we can expect the Kingdom in spirit, we have to work to build that Kingdom in *this* world.

When God's will—to create the Kingdom of Heaven on earth—couldn't be fulfilled at that time, Jesus had to atone for the people's faithless condition by shedding his blood on Calvary. He then told us that the Kingdom would arrive in the future with his second coming. When man is faithful, God's original will can be fulfilled; if he is not, a secondary course becomes necessary in order to bring man back to the faith needed to fulfill the original will. For example, during the Babylonian exile, if the Israelites kept faith no prophets would ever have come. When they turned from faith, prophets would appear telling them, in essence, "Repent and you

can remain in the land. God takes no pleasure in the sin of the wicked." (Ezekiel 33:11) When that faith and repentance is not forthcoming, the curse in the law is invoked, as Jeremiah announced in Jer. 25:11.

The ultimate goal of Christian history is to return to the position where the New Israel, by recognizing and responding to Christ's second coming, can establish the Kingdom of God on earth. Therefore we can fully expect that he will come in an unexpected way and we will have the same responsibility to recognize Christ's return. We've inherited the wrong attitude and the wrong doctrinal thinking from 2,000 years ago. We cannot think that it's enough to be a comfortable Christian. No, we must do what was not done 2,000 years ago. I know this is not an easy message, but it must be this way.

Because of the faithlessness of Israel, the cross and the shedding of Christ's blood became the basis of our salvation, and certainly on the day of Jesus' resurrection death was conquered. Through the Pentecost, the channel for the regenerative powers of God was instituted

for man. So now we are no longer in the age of law but are standing in the age of grace through faith, and Jesus is expecting a whole lot more from us than he did from the first Israel.

Hope of physical salvation

We are individually saved through the salvation that Jesus and the Holy Spirit provide for us. Yet Jesus tells us that he must remain in heaven (Acts 3:21) until the time comes for him to restore *everything*. We are told in Heb. 9:28 and in Peter 1:5 that salvation will be *completed* when he returns. We are told in Romans 8:23 that with our salvation is a future hope for a future glory—the redemption of our bodies. When Jesus said, "It is finished," he didn't mean that the dispensation for salvation was over, only that the atoning work at Calvary was finished. The dispensation for salvation will not be over until his Kingdom is firmly implanted.

What was the Kingdom, and how was it to be established? Adam and Eve were to be perfected in the Garden and would have been if they had kept faith in God's word. Then as parents centered

on God, God would have been fully present in their relationship. Therefore, their children would have been born without the taint of original sin, without the stain of fallen nature. They would have been born in the same purity as Adam and Eve, and would have multiplied a sinless foundation from the family to the nation to the world. This was to be the Kingdom on earth that would graduate to the world of spirit.

But through the fall of Adam and Eve, Satan took a position of god and ruler (2 Cor. 4:4; John 12:31), and Adam and Eve bore children who inherited the nature and consequences of original sin. Now we continue to be born as descendants of the spiritually dead Adam. Therefore, salvation involves



When the Israelites turned from faith, prophets would appear, telling them to repent.

Zechariah by Marillier

changing our lineage from the dead Adam to the living Adam. By changing our lineage, we receive the grace of God rather than the degeneration of sin and death.

Why then must Christ come back? I, as an individual, can come to Christ through repentance and be saved, and so can my wife. But when we give birth to a child, we have to ask ourselves a very hard and difficult question: In spite of our personal salvation, are our *children* born as descendants of the dead Adam or the living Adam? Even though parents have come to Christ, still the children are, by heritage, linked to the dead Adam. That's why Christ must come—to establish the *original* standard of parents and marriage so that children are born fully under the heritage of God, and have no connection spiritually or otherwise with the dead Adam. Then the inheritance of original sin and its consequences will cease, and children will multiply as they should have multiplied in the Garden of Eden: from the family, to the society, nation, and world. The first man and woman who can pass on the inheritance of God to their children and extend salvation from the individual level to the family level are called the "True Parents" of mankind.

Testimony of Holy Scripture

Then how does Jesus return in the flesh to give his blessing to mankind? Let's examine the biblical trend of second comings. Cain and Abel had a second

coming in Esau and Jacob. The second coming of Elijah was in the spirit and power of Elijah, not Elijah himself. Therefore, just as the return

of Elijah meant that the mission of Elijah was to be fulfilled by a representative of Elijah, Jesus will anoint a representative on earth to share the blessing of the Kingdom with his followers and the world. That figure will not be a replacement for Jesus, or in competition with Jesus, or Jesus himself. Jesus will anoint an individual who is most trustworthy and who is willing to go as difficult a course as Jesus himself went while he was on earth. Jesus will call that individual and send him forth in his own spirit, power, and authority.

In Rev. 2:17, Jesus is speaking about

this figure: "I will give some of the hidden manna and a white stone with a new name written on it." What does a white stone symbolize? It symbolizes Christ with a new name, a name that is known only to him who receives it.

Again, in Rev. 2:26, Jesus speaks about

the new name of John, the return of Christ also will have a different name. Just as the return of Elijah brought the return of the role of Elijah, so the return of Christ will bring the return of Christ's role.

Finally, we see the testimony of Rev.

The Walk to Emmaus by Eugène Girardet



"Can Jesus talk to me as vividly as he did to his apostles after his resurrection?"

this figure: "I will give him authority over the nations." Then Jesus quotes the messianic psalm in Ps. 2:9: "He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery." Jesus doesn't mean this figure will literally do that; he says this to indicate that this chosen figure on earth will receive his authority from Jesus' hand. He will be exclusively linked to Jesus in that au-

thority. "Just as I have received authority from my Father," Jesus is saying, "I will also give him the morning

star" (Rev. 2:27-28). What is the morning star? In Rev. 22:16, the morning star is Jesus. Therefore, Jesus is indicating that he will share his messianic authority and role with this figure. He will not be a replacement for Jesus, but Jesus will be with him. This connects to Rev. 12:5, "She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all nations." He will be born of a woman on earth. In Rev. 3:12, Jesus says, "I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the New Jerusalem, and I will write on him my new name." What does it mean, "new name"? Just as Elijah had

19:11-16: "I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one but he himself knows. . . ." Most Christians assume that the rider on the white horse is Jesus himself, but in fact, this figure is the one appointed by Jesus. Notice especially the 12th verse: ". . . he has a name written on him that no one but he himself knows." Who has written this name? In Rev. 3:12, the spirit of Jesus says to John the Revelator: ". . . and I, Jesus, will write on him my new name." It is Jesus who has written the new name on the person in Rev. 19:11-16. Then clearly the person with the new name written upon him could not be Jesus himself, but the person called by Jesus to fulfill the role of Jesus. Rev. 19 goes on from the 12th verse to the 16th verse thusly: ". . . He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his

thigh he has this name written on him:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS"

Therefore Jesus will anoint this figure—a man in the flesh whom Jesus will be with more than any other man—to fulfill the Three Blessings and to begin the heritage of God with the generation alive at his coming, establishing the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. The internal foundation for the Kingdom is the cleansing of the lineage of man, so that the inheritance of God can pass from parents to children. Once that foundation has been made, then external efforts to change our society and world will bring about the external manifestation of God's Kingdom.

WHERE?

Then from where will this figure chosen by Jesus come? Will it be someone from Israel? Probably not, because in Matthew 21:43 Jesus said, "The kingdom will be taken from you and given to another nation that can produce the fruits." Christ will come amongst Christians.

There is an important parallel to the example of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Because Abraham did not fulfill his mission, it was passed on to Isaac, who then produced one who could actually get the victory—Jacob. The same relationship exists between the first Israel, which did not fulfill its mission, and the second Israel, which is Christianity. Out of Christianity will emerge the new Israel, which is Korea. Korea is in the position of Jacob. God sees three Israels: the first Israel, which is the nation of Israel; the second Israel, which is the 2,000-year history of world Christianity; finally He sees the third Israel, which is the nation of Korea. It's not by coincidence that in 1948 the nation of Israel was reformed and in the same year the nation of Korea was formed and officially chartered.

Why did God choose such a small nation as Korea? I thought for sure he was going to choose America! However, once before He also chose a small, seemingly insignificant nation called Israel. One reason is messianic prophesy. There's a long history in Korea of Christian prophets who have received messages from God—in the same way that Anna and Simeon received the message

—that Christ will be born in Korea, where the dispensation of the Second Coming will be fulfilled. These prophets were devout, faithful Christians, as pure in their faith as was Anna the prophetess.

Korea is a microcosm of our divided world. The battle of Armageddon taking place right in front of us is the struggle between the world that believes in God and the world that believes there is no God, the so-called free world and communist world. Communism is the Antichrist! How amazing that the Antichrist has been swallowing up nation after nation right under our noses! As Satan's strategy is being implemented and the world Christian foundation retreats daily, we sit waiting for someone to appear with 666 on his forehead. We're in trouble because Satan has us looking to our reward and overlooking our responsibility.

Every day, in every cell of his body, he feels the love of God and the burning desire to share that love with others in faithful obedience to the direction of God.

Where is communism rising most? It's in those areas of the world where Christians have failed and Marxism appears as a viable alternative—especially among the third world where people are desperate for a better way of life. Unfortunately, some Christian ministers and missionaries came into these nations and gave the people the word of God with their right hand and with their left hand sent all the nation's wealth and resources back to their home nation. This happened all the time. Our missionaries have gone to places in the world where Jesus' name is



"Loving God with all your heart, all your strength, and all your soul. . . ."

loved and respected, but the word "Christian" invokes immeasurable resentment. This is the environment where Marxism rises.

Who's going to take responsibility for that? Who is going to say, "We have to reverse that"? We must take responsibility for the rise of communism. We must not hate the communists; they are people who missed their opportunity to experience the true vision of Christianity because throughout history too many

missionaries became embroiled in the self-interests of their own nation. Rev. Moon's vision is for every missionary to carry out two responsibilities: one, to give the word of God to the people, and two, to resurrect the economic and social base of every nation. Rev. Moon wants every nation

to have the economic means to determine its own national destiny centered on God. A man with such a vision, and who is actually carrying that out, will have every evil in this world come against him.

Probably the greatest reason why God chose Korea is because of the fervent faith and the history of suffering of the Korean Christians. There are churches in every village that have a recent history of martyrdom. There's a church not 10 miles from Seoul that was burnt to the ground during the time of the Japanese occupation with the con-

gregation inside singing and praising God. You can go to any of these villages and they will give you testimonies of their church's martyrs. Their devout faith and the incredible passion of their prayer life are indicative that God is working in a very special way in Korea.

I urge you in your remaining time in Korea to walk into some of these hills and pray. See if you don't feel a special anointment, a special holiness and sacredness, in this nation. This is a nation sanctified by the blood of its many martyrs.

Not proclaimed, but revealed

Finally then, who is Rev. Moon? Once Rev. Moon was asked by an eminent theologian if he, Rev. Moon, was the Messiah. Rev. Moon answered by saying that if loving God with all your heart, all your strength, and all your soul means you're the Messiah, then he must be the Messiah—but he went on to say that by that definition we should all become a Messiah.

Who is Rev. Moon? Last year Rev. Moon spoke to one of our ICC gather-

ings for about 30 minutes. Many ministers remarked that Rev. Moon said more in 30 minutes than in all the hours of lectures that they had heard from me! He concluded his talk by posing the very question here before us now: Who is Rev. Moon? Everyone perked up excitedly, waiting to hear what he would say. Rev. Moon smiled and then answered his own question: "Rev. Moon is . . . nobody." It was an unexpected answer. He smiled very warmly and continued by saying that all he knows about himself is that every day, in every cell of his body, he feels the love of God and the burning desire to share that love with others in faithful obedience to the direction of God. This was not theology—this was a self-evident truth. Everyone in that room was bound together by the warmth and sincerity that emanated from this man.

Who is Rev. Moon for me? After I heard this lecture for the first time, I prayed deeply and for a long time about all the things I had heard. It was a very serious moment, and I knew that my prayer would have to be as serious as

the prayers of Anna the Prophetess or Simeon had been. God confirmed for me that indeed Rev. Moon is the man that Jesus has anointed, is the man that this lecture is revealing. I'm not proclaiming this to you; I'm reporting what God put in my heart and confirmed for me. No man could confirm such a thing, only God.

The question for us then isn't, "Who is Rev. Moon?" The question we should be asking is, "Did Rev. Moon really meet Jesus on that Korean mountainside on Easter morning of 1936?" and the question we should ask after that is, "Is it possible for me to talk with Jesus? Can I meet Jesus? Can Jesus talk to me as vividly as he did to his apostles after his resurrection?" We can agree that *Jesus* knows if he, Jesus, has called this man to fulfill the role described in this lecture. He knows—ask him! One thing is for sure: the more we live like Jesus, the more we will be like him, and the more we are like him, then the more we can recognize his voice. □

Edited for Today's World

Dear Brothers and Sisters from the *Today's World* and *Blessing Quarterly*,

I want to express my utmost gratitude for your heavenly work and my prayer for a continuous blessing on your sincere effort to convey True Parents' heart to brothers and sisters around the world and all mankind!

It's so difficult to express my true feelings here in words—you may not know—even I don't know—how many times you saved my spiritual life!! This may sound strange in a letter coming from Korea, but in a place where both God and Satan are very active, even small conditions to the right or wrong side carry you up or down a long way! And the most dangerous point is the unawareness of this fact. Through your heartistic effort, which I can feel substantially in every single issue of *Today's World* and *Blessing Quarterly*, you very, very often put me back on the right track! (And not only me, I know). Thank you—from the depth of my heart.

A little bit about my background: Born in 1952 in Germany, I joined the church in 1975 and came to Korea in September 1980. I was a trainee at the Tongil factory in Changwon, but felt a strong

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desire to stay to continue to work as an engineer in this central place of God's external providence. I could do so, received the Blessing in 1982 with a Korean sister and was furthermore blessed with two beautiful children, now ages four and two. My wife is in the mission field now, having the youngest, our son Boggim, with her and leaving our daughter in the house of her older sister, where the grandmother is taking care of her children, too, while she's also working the home town providence. When the mobilization started in June 1987, it surely wasn't easy, but my wife never gave a second thought about going. For the first time I felt much pain in my heart, but after a few months this changed into a feeling of 'new life' and finally of total joy and thankfulness to True Parents and Heavenly Father! It's such an incredible blessing! Our whole family relationship deepened, became harmonious and mature—I feel much more as a real family than I did before! Boggim, our youngest, grew up in the church center, which is a blessing in itself, and Trion, our oldest, tells everybody

proudly of her mother's work and what she'll do when Mama comes back. I'd take the opportunity again, if it comes, and advise every other couple to do so, too—at least once. It's like a highway to the Kingdom of Heaven—much preferable to a long and bumpy road!

I also would like to recommend a very good book I came across: "Iron and Silk," 1986, by Mark Salzman. He was 23 years old when he visited China as an English teacher for 2 years and describes people and situations he met there. It's made into a film now, I heard. I've been in China myself for a short company visit (3 weeks) last year, and after living in Korea for about 8 years find it the very best book telling something about the inner qualities of Chinese people and their present situation. There are also many similarities with Korean people, even though Korea is changing so rapidly externally now. Maybe you can recommend it to your readers.

Thank you once more from the bottom of my heart for all of your hard work—and may God bless you!

ITPN's, Helmut Hoffmann

"21 Winners" for True Children

by M. J. Yasuko Tashiro

The inside story behind *21 Winners for Young Pianists, Beginning and Intermediate*, published December 1988

After being in the church only one year, I found myself suddenly in the position of giving the True Children piano lessons. I soon found out that they have extremely high expectations in music. First of all, the songs must have a pleasing melody. Secondly, they must have a catchy rhythm. Thirdly, they prefer words written with the music to stimulate their imagination. I bought several children's piano books to start to teach them but they expressed dislike or boredom with the pieces. I was faced with a decision to try my hand at composing or to fail to arouse their interest in piano. Since it was Thanksgiving, I wrote "Gobble, Gobble" and "Turkey Hunting." They were a hit, so soon after, I wrote "Christmas Chimes" for Sun Jin Nim. When Hyung Jin Nim voiced approval too, this gave me a spurt to go forward to do more composing.

My next step was to think of a way to sustain this kind of momentum. I tried to think of their current interests, whether it was snow sledding or the event of Un Jin Nim and Hyun Jin Nim's trying out for the Olympics. I would always go to the music room 45

minutes before their lessons and start writing. I would let my fingers find a relatively easy pattern for both hands and then let my imagination take over. Surprisingly the compositions came quickly and easily. One of the ways in which Hyung Jin Nim would express his satisfaction with a piece was to suddenly bound up from the piano bench, raise up both his hands and run around the room two or three times. This was an absolute joy for me to watch. Sun Jin Nim, so demanding and critical of herself, would not be happy unless she was able to learn her piece quickly and play it well. I wrote "Victory March" originally for Kwon Jin Nim but instead Sun Jin Nim wanted to play it. She developed a wonderful rhythmic flair that really helped convey the spirit of the music. I was amazed how, with a few words of direction from me, she could capture the right feeling technically to create a full sound.

One day, Hyung Jin Nim wrote on top of the page of "Caring," "I like this." When he was at the keyboard, he wanted to play it over and over in many different registers. Then came "Happiness" and his wanting to help me compose.

Always, however, it seemed an awesome task for him to play something new and it was not easy for me to consistently write something different as well as a little more difficult than the last piece so that he would feel he was progressing to a higher level. Sometimes I would write something too difficult and it would be an uphill climb to gain back his confidence. In California, before I joined the church, Yun Shim, my niece, came to visit me. I wrote her a piece called "Fun In California." It was at a moment when inspiration was not forth-



Mother and Shin Gil Nim at his 100-day ceremony in East Garden.

coming that I decided to let Hyung Jin Nim try it. With a little coaxing from me and some struggling, he managed to master it and soon he was playing it all the time.

Sun Jin Nim meanwhile was playing "Welcome" and enjoying the phrasing and lilt of the piece. She was always able somehow to catch the mood of the pieces. One day many months later, just before I was ready to submit the pieces to the engraver, she came over and said, "Auntie Yasuko, play all the pieces in the Intermediate book for me." This was a surprise to me since she had decided to set aside piano playing because of tremendous demands from her studies. I started playing and she became very excited, remembering the ones I had written for her, giving me her impressions, and changing titles. Of course, all her titles were superb and described the pieces perfectly. They are "Dewdrops," "Winter to Spring," "Young and Free," "Big Heart Santa Claus," "A Long Time Ago," and "Confidence and Sweet Dreams." When I played the last piece, "Snowflakes," to which she helped me write the words, she said, "This is my favorite piece and even though it's hard, it'll be something the students can work

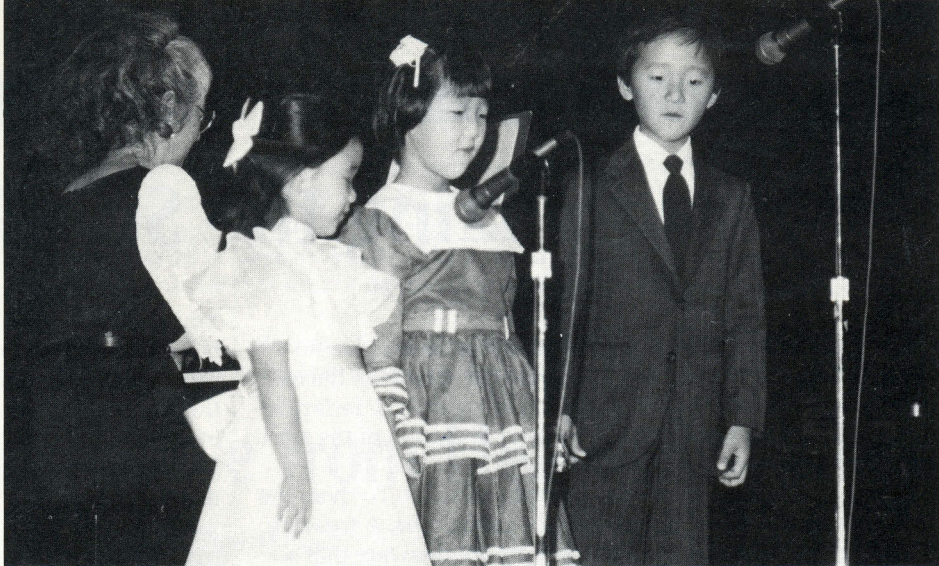


Left to right: Yasuko Tashiro, her niece Yun Shim, and Sun Jin Nim relax after a lesson.

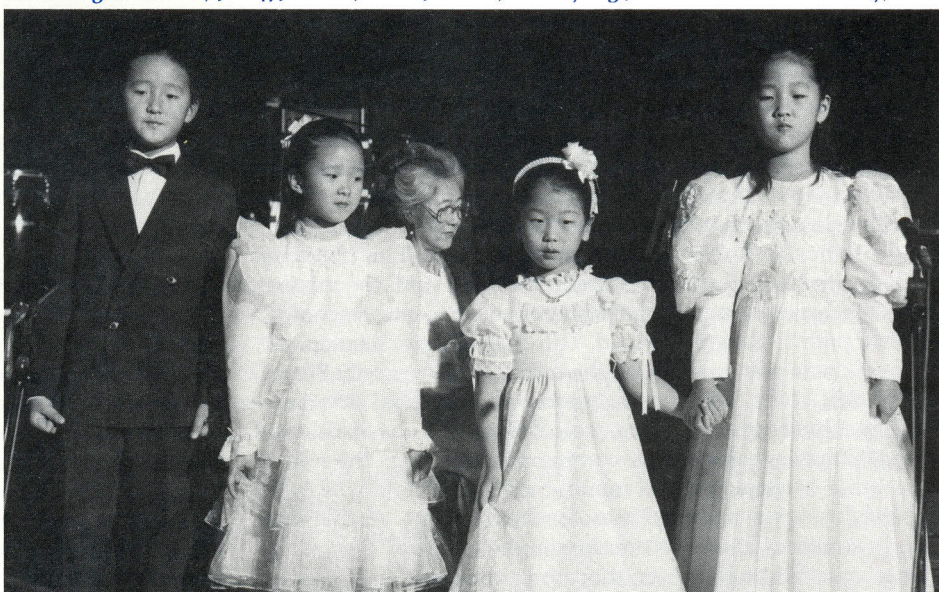
toward and then they can get a certificate when they finish the book."

Now Jeung Jin Nim is taking piano lessons and enjoying Hyung Jin Nim's pieces. The first time she played "Turkey Hunting," I noticed she changed the rhythm to fit the words, "He runs fast and furiously." Of course, she's just a beginner and I don't expect her to play 8th notes, which are fast notes, but it was so descriptive and so appropriate to emulate the turkey running away and she was so intense in playing it that I had to immediately change it. So this became a Jeung Jin Nim change. Also when the word "softly" occurred, she would play so quietly that you knew the keyboard could whisper.

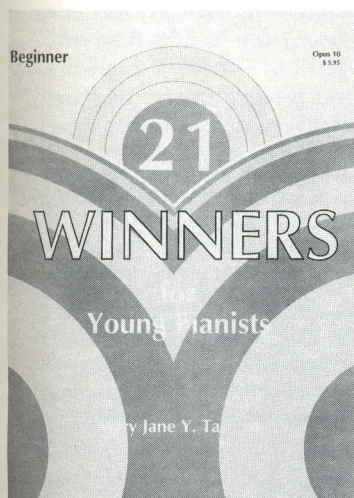
It continues to amaze me how quick, true and definite all the True Children's responses are. I am thoroughly infected by their enthusiasm when I have been successful in writing something that is good. I also know that when I do something wrong and misjudge the pace of their absorbing what I give them, that I must immediately humbly apologize to them. By their expressions, I could see their heart change towards me. At first, going through the process of composing for them was an experiment; it turned out to be a constant challenge and demanded all my experience, knowledge and resources. Unification Thought talks a lot about trial and error, rethinking, redoing, relistening, rehashing, constantly improving through self-criticism and constructive feedback. My experience certainly stimulated this process.



Left to right: Yasuko, Jeung Jin Nim, Yeon Jin Nim, and Hyung Jin Nim on Children's Day, 1986.



Left to right: Hyung Jin Nim, Jeung Jin Nim, Yasuko, Shin Jeung Nim, and Yeon Jin Nim on Children's Day, 1988.



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Even though I didn't ever think I would publish children's pieces, I suddenly found the chance to do this when Parents gave me a gift of money one day. Mr. Peter Kim, my central figure, supported me and nine months later, 21 Winners became a reality. These two books can be shared with many chil-

dren. With the dedication to Shin Gil Nim, representing the third generation, this became a means to express to True Parents my appreciation for their work

on the earth to bring about a substantial new world.

The difficulties in publishing were many with Tom Miho doing the engraving despite his having been very sick, Narihata-san patiently doing the cover over three times to satisfy the printer, and the printer having problems with his workers and having to do the second book over twice. But when Father signed 21 Winners on December 8, 1988, and said, "Keep on composing," all the problems faded from my memory. Profound love, which Father exemplifies and talks about, sometimes cannot be expressed fully in words, but through music I can express a whole rainbow of feelings. I thank Heavenly Father every day for this gift and the enriching experience of being able to help the True Children. □

"Mobilizing the Spirit World"

Through the victory [at Washington Monument] we fulfilled the conditions needed to liberate the sorrow of the entire spirit world and the physical world together. I declare today that the time has come for the total liberation of the spirit world and the forgiveness of past sins....

Spirit world is now besieging people on earth. To them the world is small, almost like the size of an ice cube. A treasure chest has been opened but most people are unaware that a new treasure has been discovered and a new power has been released. Spirit world has opened up, but nobody realizes what has happened.

Because of the fall of Adam and Eve, the separation between the spirit world and physical world stretched miles wide. Even though the people in spirit world wanted to descend to the earth to intervene in the life of the physical world, they could not do it because between the two worlds lay a chasm which was in the hands of Satan. Adam was supposed to be in the father's role, but because he failed then all his children failed. Spirit world could not freely descend until the mission of the father was consummated here on earth, and he could open a path to the spirit world. This is the rule of heaven.

God's plan was to work on the individual level with Abel, then with Abel's family, tribe, nation, and the Abel side on the worldwide level. No one could bridge this chasm during the 4,000 years before Jesus' coming. Jesus came in the role of the father of mankind, and in him the spirit of God was manifested through a perfected man for the first time. At that time God wanted to pioneer a breakthrough in history. Because of Jesus' crucifixion, however, this pioneering task was accomplished only spiritually. That is why the Second Advent became absolutely necessary. The position of the True Father must be established in order to pioneer complete salvation from the individual level to the worldwide level, as well as to open the pathway to the spirit world.

All the wrongdoings and mistakes of the past, including the mistakes of Judaism and Christianity, must be indemnified. The Unification Church thus has a mending mission. By paying indemnity we are mending the mistakes of history in the shortest possible time. You call me the True Parent. Why? Because for you my role is that of a true parent, true father, or Adam. I must mend all of the past mistakes, and step by step bring about wholesome restoration from the individual level to the worldwide level. This was symbolically consummated at Washington Monument, so that the individual failure, family, tribal, national and worldwide failures were mended. Thus I opened wide the highway between this world and the spirit world, so that anyone can ascend or descend without restriction....

Now your ancestors can come down freely on the highway between the spirit world and the physical world. Our ancestors in the spirit world are our allies and will help us witness to others. They will come down in an unprecedented avalanche, like Niagara Falls. They will pressure their descendants, "You must become a champion. Go out and witness.

You must do more." They will not only come down to you, but also to their descendants who are not yet members, directing them to go to a workshop, or to meet a person from the Unification Church. This phenomenon will happen increasingly.

In the wake of the victory of Washington Monument a far more jubilant victory celebration is being held in the spirit world because they have now been liberated. Now they can freely come to the earth and work with you, their own descendants. From this time on, when you go out on your mission you will receive all kinds of spiritual experiences—visions, speaking in tongues and special dreams. Not only you but many people outside our church will experience these things.

We must sway three countries to God; once God can influence at least three nations, the whole world will tumble into His arms. Presently in the spirit world there is a great deal of competition. Because good spirits can descend first, the country which has more good ancestors will be benefited first, directly affecting the destiny of that nation. We are not just mobilizing Christian spirits, but even Jesus himself, as well as Buddha, Confucius and Mohammed. Taking a father's role, they will come down to their own followers on earth. Not many people understand these things precisely, but I can clearly testify to them because I am the pioneer who opened the pathway. What I have prophesied has been fulfilled.... You have one simple mandate from God and from the True Parents: to have absolute unswerving faith. Press forward and work more intensely than in the Washington Monument campaign. Then the power of God and the assistance of your ancestors will come with you. Any amount of spiritual assistance you require will be no problem. You will only prosper.

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To express God's concern for each of His children, we must tangibly help those we meet in our daily lives. Through reading popular literature we learn about people and programs that are also trying to help today's families. Each month, if possible, Today's World would like to let you know about some of them. This column is not meant to endorse any program or organization mentioned.

Father has been emphasizing outreach to young people in many of his recent sermons. Several newsletters published by the **Citizens Committee for New York City, Inc.**, provide ideas on how to start youth programs in a community area, and offer step by step suggestions: first understanding young people, then targeting specific problem areas, and finally creating a program to fill their needs in a constructive way.

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This month's contribution is from Chantal Masuda, a blessed mother working in Brooklyn, New York. It is guidance concerning relationships with others given to her on December 18, 1988, taken from a diary she keeps of prayers with Heavenly Father.

Patience—A Perspective from Heavenly Father

By Chantal Masuda

My prayer:
"Heavenly Father, please help me to feel this sister's heart, what the real situation is, where the problem really is."

"Chantal, what's the problem? I told you to be patient with her! It is your responsibility to work this situation out. If she doesn't understand something, you have to help her to understand. You cannot just expect her to understand and just wait for this to happen. You believe in give and take, don't you? Therefore, what are you waiting for? This is my power. You have to use it—you have to learn it as a skill, the secrets of communication. This is how I work—I need to be free to circulate everywhere. Like the water, I want to be able to penetrate everywhere. Do not keep things unsolved. I thought you knew that by now. I am so tired of all these problems without resolution. You turn around and around and go nowhere. I watch, but I can do nothing because you are leaving me aside.

"You are responsible for each other; do not forget that. Think about the True Children. They are united in this way. They take each other's burden. They are so close to each other—they listen to each other. I told you to listen to others. To listen is not just to listen to the words, but to the heart, to the internal situation of the other. Once you can understand and feel the other person's heart, you have to act to liberate the other. This is your responsibility. You are

responsible to help the other, and in this case, to help this sister. You are older than she is. You have more experience, you have to share it. Don't be afraid. This is a self-centered attitude. Go ahead. You know what you have to do. Don't give me more pain. Move faster. I need to be free and I can be free only with you being free. Don't you understand that? You are paralyzing me. I cannot move when you cannot move. You are my key. You! You! You! Please! Please! Please! I am in chains. Free me, by freeing yourself. Come to me. Come to me more."

"I understand. I can feel Your heart, Heavenly Father, I understand."

Because I was feeling deeply Heavenly Father's heart at that moment, I understood quite well His words, but something was still puzzling me. These words seemed in contradiction with "patience." Several times Heavenly Father told me to be patient with this sister. To me, "be patient" means: "I should

not say anything. I should wait for her to understand by herself and just suffer in silence!" I asked Heavenly Father then: "What is patience? I don't understand anymore."

My thought was led to Claire (my 22-months-old daughter). How many times I shared with my husband how "patient" she is. Patient! What do I mean when I say that Claire is patient? I mean that *she doesn't get angry—she doesn't get mad!*

For example, one evening she wanted me to change her diaper. I was busy with something else and didn't want to interrupt what I was doing. With a constant peaceful face she came to me in four or five different manners to make me change her diaper. Once, she went to take a clean diaper, put it in her mouth and came to me like a little doggy. Her final try was: She took what I had in my hands, put it away on the table, handed me the diaper and with her other hand, took mine and led me to the bathroom. And all of this without a single sign of frustration or impatience. I was so moved!

All right! I understand! When Heavenly Father tells me to be patient with this sister, He means: "Do not get mad at her." He never meant that I should not do anything to help her understand, that I should just say nothing, wait and see and suffer in silence. No! On the contrary: I have to go again and again to her until she understands, like Claire did with her diaper, *without getting angry at her.* □



Chantal with her son Hiromitsu and daughter Claire.

