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Pre-Blessing Prayer at the 120 Million Couples Blessing

Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak
June 13, 1998
Madison Square Garden
New York City

BELOVED Heavenly Father, and beloved True Parents! We offer our gratitude to you. Today, June 13, 1998, on this historic day of Blessing, in True Parents' names and upon their victorious foundation, the families of Heung Jin Nim and Jesus, together with my family, have been appointed as the representatives to conduct a comprehensive pre-Blessing of those who are in the spiritual world, including the four great saints, righteous people,

ple on the earth but also to the vast array of spirit persons, from saints to sinners.

I sincerely hope and pray that through this pre-Blessing ceremony and the main Blessing ceremony with True Parents which follows You will bring us into the new age when the four great saints and all the tribal realms are blessed into one, and the heavenly world and physical world become harmonized into one so that we can all enter into the



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Rev. and Mrs. Kwak, as Rev. Kwak addresses the Blessing participants and guests during the pre-Blessing ceremony on June 13.

patriots and good ancestors, and even those who are in hell. Please come and guide this whole ceremony as the master.

As the first human ancestors created a false lineage as the enemies of God, there has been a history of sorrow throughout which humankind has committed a myriad of sins on the earth, which they have had to bring unresolved to the spiritual world. No one has been able to provide a solution to this history.

Since only True Parents can remove Satan's false lineage, representing all humanity on earth and in the spirit world, I offer gratitude to them for granting the grace of the Blessing through their victory, not only to the peo-

ple of grace of True Parents' Blessing. Please receive honor and glory through tens of thousands of generations. I pray that, along with the liberation of the spiritual world and the Blessing of the physical world, True Parents' sovereignty will reign throughout the entire cosmos and they will see only victory. I pray in the name of True Parents. Amen. Amen. Amen.■■■

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BLESSING PRAYER AT THE 120 MILLION COUPLES BLESSING

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

JUNE 13, 1998

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

NEW YORK CITY

BELOVED Heavenly Father. Today is June 13, 1998. Thank you for appointing this Madison Square Garden, directly beheld by heaven and earth, as the holy place of Blessing and for granting this holy time for over 120 million couples to receive the Blessing.

Unlike at the previous Blessings, today's Blessing ceremony brings together all the good and evil people from the physical and spiritual worlds in order to liberate heaven and earth and to pioneer the way of the peaceful unification of heaven and earth. Through the false love, false life, false blood lineage and false conscience of the false parents which initiated God's history of grief, the young Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden came to inherit Satan's blood lineage and spread the fallen seeds. Moreover, all the families of humankind have been formed out of the first ancestors' family, which initiated the miserable history of the elder son Cain murdering his younger brother Abel. Historical resentment and grief have been created as those on the side of Cain have been sacrificing and shedding the blood of those on the side of Abel and God, on the levels of family, tribe, nation and world. As a result, people in the world of religion and conscientious people have been shedding blood throughout the course of history.

Thus human history made a sorrowful start with the bloody battle of brothers and family breakdown in Adam's family, which should never have happened to God. To restore all this, with His eyes set on the restored future, God has worked throughout the course of history through a strategy of being hit and conquering, being hit, paying indemnity and enduring on the individual, family, tribal, national and worldwide levels. All humankind must render gratitude to such a God.

In continuation of this path, religious leaders and saints have also endured as sacrificial offerings in order to expand God's victorious foundation, until God could establish a unified history on the worldwide level by bringing together the generations of righteous endeavors. We are grateful for these ancestors. We have now entered the age for God to proclaim His victorious authority.

With the coming of this age, heaven has sent the True Parents in order to clear up all the evil consequences in the spiritual and physical worlds that originated from the evil parents. Centered on true love, the True Parents will clear away the defiled blood lineage, the corrupted kingdoms and all the impurities on the earth, and they will bring the blood lineage of true love which can directly connect to God and His ideal of creation, thereby opening the direct path from earth to the Kingdom of Heaven. Moreover, they will completely demolish the walls of the individual, family, tribe, nation and world and heaven and earth, thereby liberating hell on earth and opening the gates of the heavenly kingdom. They will indemnify the sorrow of Adam's family by blessing all the

families of humankind. They will lead the heavenly tribe into the Kingdom of Heaven, and this will be welcomed by the spirit world. Standing in the restored elder brother's position with the heart of True God and True Parents, all the heads of Satan's world must restore on the worldwide level the elder brother's murder of the younger brother in the Garden of Eden. I am grateful, Father, for Your grace in granting this day of Blessing when they can be liberated in this way from living with Satan.

All people in the spirit world and all people on earth long now to be in this place. Through the Blessing, the four great saints and countless spirits centered on Jesus, together with people in the satanic realms can come to serve heaven and raise the flag against Satan, thereby subjugating Satan and entering the realm of heavenly blessing. [Without True Parents] this would have been impossible, even on the foundation of millions of years of suffering. By extirpating the lineage of the false parents, True Parents' victory has unified the separated realms of elder son and younger son and has sealed the rupture between the spiritual and physical worlds, bringing into reality Your loving heart and hope. I am truly grateful that You have granted this time for us to be blessed into the day of opening and liberation when we can go straight into the Kingdom of Heaven, together with all humankind, on the level of global family.

All of the people offer gratitude to God and True Parents that through the blessing of the four great saints centering on Jesus, and of countless conscientious people and ancestors, their successors, not to mention their descendants, can step into the realm of liberation and participate in True Parents' liberating work to open the gates of the cosmos. Working today to accomplish the Blessing of 120 couples, and furthermore of 360 million couples, is a way of opening the gates of heaven and earth together with all humankind. We are grateful over and over again for Your allowing us to build such a direct highway to heaven.

Please officiate directly all the procedures of this holy ceremony. Today, in this Blessing, I proclaim before the whole cosmos and all humankind, ancestors and descendants, that we have received the mandate to march forward towards the heavenly kingdom, shining with endless blessing and liberation and eternal freedom and victory. As we sincerely thank You for enabling us to follow this course and become citizens and children of the heavenly kingdom, in the name of God and True Parents I proclaim before heaven and earth and all creation that the time has come for achieving the comprehensive and final victory. Amen, Amen, Amen.■

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KOREA IS THE HOMELAND OF FAITH, THE MOTHERLAND OF THE UNIFIED WORLD

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FEBRUARY 2, 1998
CENTRAL TRAINING CENTER, SU TAEK DONG
KURI CITY, KOREA

FATHER'S PRAYER BEFORE SPEAKING

Heavenly Father! We know that within the flow of the ages, one being is less significant than a speck of dust. And when we come to know how exalted the authority of Adam and Eve was and the dignity of their position as the lords of creation which You bequeathed to them, we are awe-stricken beyond expression.

In front of God, our original Parent, we could not establish our dignity or our honor, and we could not fulfill the duties of filial children, of loyal patriots in the ideal nation which You hoped for, of the saints whom You hoped for in the ideal world, or of the children of God whom You hoped for in the completion of the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven. The Unification Church knows that it was Your great, high and broad will to bequeath to humankind the entire universe

at the point when humankind came to possess the authority of the children of God.

When I say "I," I do not mean a Korean "I. We should consciously be aware that God has invested us with the authority of being the representatives of all individuals, families, peoples and nations, as well as of the world and the entire cosmos. Furthermore, through love God has called and established us and through the True Parents has been training us. We should be grateful that we have become those who can even think about such a position. We must recognize the benefits of the Blessing and the fact that we have a relationship with and the love of this tradition of cosmic, historical content.

The individual standard of absolute love, the family and tribal standards of absolute love, and the standards of absolute love of the people, nation, world and cosmos, up to the standard of the absolute love of God—all of which are

connected—all these standards are united within the realm of one family. There they are able to progress from being created through to growing until reaching the point of perfection. No one knew this until now. We sincerely thank You, Father, that now, through the words of the Divine Principle and through the contents of the teaching given by the True Parents, the Unification Church members can have such a position.

I could not forget this land of Korea, which is to become the homeland, and I have come here again, Father. Now that I have come, You know the unspeakable things that are here. Thus I could not help but begin to hold the Hoon Dok Hae in order to tie together a foundation of heart. This is the homeland with which I have an eternal relationship, such that if I cannot live here in the Kingdom of God on earth, I will live here in the eternal Kingdom of God. Therefore, I came here and began the Hoon Dok Hae. Today the national messiahs from every nation of the world have gathered here to celebrate True Parents' Birthday. Leaders of the people and representatives of important organizations have also gathered together here. Heaven,



True Parents' Birthday Celebration in Seoul, Korea, on February 2, 1998.

Adam and Eve were like the only son and only daughter after hundreds of millions of generations. They existed only once in history. The shock and sorrow of God when He lost Adam and Eve cannot be expressed. No one knows the grievous situation which God has endured.

please teach them. These Hoon Dok Hae have begun in order to bequeath to them the position of glorious and victorious leadership--the foundation which heaven has worked to achieve. With all these words of the Completed Testament, having arrived at the great transitional period of the Completed Testament Age, even if one does not have the authority of the liberated, chosen people of heaven, any person can stand in the position of the chosen people and through the ancestors of the chosen people can overcome the works of the historical ages on earth and in heaven. Because of our ancestors becoming one with True Parents in place of the claim of Israel, through claiming the realm of liberation by connecting one's clan from top to bottom, we have reached the age of the blessing of all people. Thank You for this Blessing that You have given us.

I hope that the people who have gathered here can become Your children who will be blessed. May your holy will of the 360 million couples unite the hearts of the people nationwide. May the shout of liberation, the call of "mansei" ring out and bring light forever in the traditional spirit of the homeland. And may each individual examine himself and take responsibility to carry that spirit to all nations. Let each individual spread this way of the Blessing throughout the world. I pray this earnestly. I sincerely ask and desire that the blessing of heaven go to all nations on this occasion of the 78th and 55th birthday celebrations of the True Parents, and that through the Hoon Dok Hae we will have today, much blessing will come down upon the leaders gathered here from 185 nations as well as upon all the people of all those nations. I hope that they will go forward to the world of the liberation of all nations by possessing the almighty power of the whole history. I proclaim and pray all these things in the names of the True Parents. Amen.

THE VAST CONTENT OF MY MESSAGE

I assume that those who have come here for the first time today may find some of what you have heard shocking and at the same time strange. When I say strange, I do not mean it in a bad sense, but rather that the words you heard are higher than any others you have heard before. It would be good if you think of it in that way. This message did not come about as the ideas of Reverend Moon. It has a vast, enormous content, which contains the perfection of the individual, as well as the perfection of the family, tribe, clan, nation and world, and the perfection of the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, and the realm of the liberation of God. This message has not appeared before now in this society in any educational material. Because in future historical ages as well there will not be any educational materials with this content of the ideal, I believe that these materials alone can move all of history. This is not merely an assertion, it is a fact.

We lost Adam's family because they fell. That is, Adam's family died. Because of whom? Because of a woman. Women should know that. The first Adam was a husband; he could have become the lord of the universe; he could have been the leader of a nation; he could have been the head of the family;

he could have become her husband. It was that kind of man the woman caused to fall. Causing him to fall was the same as killing him, because it prevented him from having a relationship with God's love. In terms of the lineage, our lineage should be united with the lineage centered on life centered on God's love.

THE DEVIL IS CALLED SATAN

Satan is an adulterer against God's love, the adulterer of love. Owing to the violation of the adulterer, since the first man and woman were connected due to the love of the adulterer, God could not touch them. He could not interfere. You must understand that. The reason God who has such power could not interfere when Adam and Eve fell is because He was not in a position to tell them to do this or that when they were attacked by the adulterer. He could not interfere in their area of responsibility any more than He could beat them to death or make them invisible. You should know this. If the night before a husband who has true love is going to marry his true wife, that wife is taken by his enemy and her chastity violated, in the concept of love, can that husband protect his wife or not? Therefore, you must understand that the woman, Eve, killed Adam. Because he was killed in the family, from the viewpoint of God's honor, this cannot be restored in the family. Because God cannot establish His honor without establishing a nation and winning in the nation, the Old Testament Age was to prepare a place to win on the national level. This content is dumbfounding.

What does the word promise mean? You need to know that they did not have a marriage ceremony. Therefore the words Old Testament, New Testament and Completed Testament came into existence. This means that in spite of the fact that the ideal of creation was the ideal of the true family in which Adam and Eve, the first ancestors of humankind, could have become one centered on true love, centered on the true love of God, their blood lineage was changed and they went into the bosom of the enemy. You need to know how precious the position of Adam and Eve was in their lineage, for how many generations they were the only begotten sons and daughters. Perhaps among you there is someone here whose only son was killed or whose only daughter died. Throughout your whole life your heart burns with sorrow, and you can never forget that day. If your child was the seventh generation of being an only child, it would be worse. After how many generations of only children did Adam and Eve appear? Adam and Eve were like the only son and only daughter after hundreds of millions of generations. They existed only once in history. The shock and sorrow of God when He lost Adam and Eve cannot be expressed. No one knows the grievous situation which God has endured.

THE SUFFERING OF KOREA

The pitiable Korean people are the people in Asia who could not go beyond the boundary line of their 5,000-year history filled with groans, suffering, persecution and invasion.

We cannot deny it. God is the root of love, the root of life, the root of lineage; God is the root of the conscience. Where is God? If He is the root, is He at the bottom or at the top? He is at the bottom. Because He is the root, He is in the deepest place.

God took pity on them because of their history of blood and tears which has left complaints in their hearts. Our Korean peninsula has been invaded 932 times. Carrying that sorrow, how many times have the people of this nation been ripped apart and trampled upon? The God of sorrow could not help but consider this nation of sorrows as He searched for a nation. It is the same as a person to be pitied feeling sympathy for another pitiable person. It was to their benefit that the Korean people were in such a position. Korea has a tradition of the lineage being traced through the eldest sons. Even if someone is like a grandfather to the person in the position of the eldest son of the lineage, he must unite with him and have respect for his position. It is amazing that this basic mind set was preserved like a record in the history of God's providence of restoration. And the Korean people were traditionally a people who dressed in white; but this is not the time to talk about that.

Because of one woman, Eve, Adam died. The first son died. Because God lost him in the family, in view of the dignity of God, He must find him in the nation. From the viewpoint of God's dignity, in order to find him in the nation, He cannot just look for him. In order to establish the national level, a thought system of the people needs to appear. Centering on the individual whom God needs, the family which God needs, the tribe, people and nation which God needs, for 2,000 years after Jacob God went the way of suffering, walking a very complicated path. When you come to realize that, when you come to understand the work God has done, it is no problem to crawl on your knees and to weep aloud. Your tears will be like a waterfall, your nose will run, and you will drool. All three kinds of liquid will flow with the pain of the heartbreak you feel, and you will discover that you are a sinner who does not deserve to be forgiven even if you repent.

You must know how frustrated God is. It is not that way because God did something wrong, but because His son and daughter did something wrong. Why does God need sons and daughters? He needs them in order to realize the ideal of love. Love cannot be realized alone. You all have love, don't you? You all have life, don't you? Every man and woman has them. And you all have lineage—sperm and egg—don't you? You cannot realize it alone. The atmospheric pressure is pressing each square centimeter in an equally balanced way. Because it is in equilibrium everywhere, we cannot feel it. Do you understand what I mean? You should know this clearly. If something is in equilibrium, can you feel it? If we put something here like this, we do not know whether it is there or not. Do you count how many times you blink your eyes? If you start counting, within three hours you lose count. Try it once. One, two, three. Do you count how many times you breathe? I am trying to get at why you cannot feel it. If you put your right hand on the left side of your chest, you feel your heart beating. Can you hear your heart beat? If you listen to it through a stethoscope, the sound of it is louder than that of a bomb dropping. If a tiny little fly appears in our environment and moves even slightly, we are aware of it, but as we live are we conscious of the bomb-like sound of our heartbeat which is hundreds of times louder? When we are so

busy for several months or a half year, living almost like a madman, we may go for decades without sensing it. That is because we are one with it.

THE ROOT OF LOVE

Then where is God? God is the root of life; God is the root of love. We cannot deny it. God is the root of love, the root of life, the root of lineage; God is the root of the conscience. Where is God? If He is the root, is He at the bottom or at the top? He is at the bottom. Because He is the root, He is in the deepest place. But because the mind and body are one, we cannot feel it. As men and women, you all have love. Whether a person is handsome or ugly, at any rate, a man needs a woman and a woman needs a man. Even if an ugly woman appears before a handsome man, if that man is longing for someone to love, a loving feeling begins to bloom. Love is exciting, life is exciting, and the blood in their veins boils. You have all felt that, haven't you? As young men and women, what boiled within you when you were dating? Could you feel your heart beating or not? (Yes.)

Perhaps there are some people who have come from the countryside from noble families, but what is that noble class? How noble can a person be who cannot feel love? How can a person who does not know love become the master over another? How can he become a husband? I am speaking frankly. If a beautiful woman appears before a handsome man, a shock more frightening than thunder and lightning occurs. That is why men and women are told to be careful. If one is not careful, he can lose his sense of direction and be caught by the nose, by the hand, by the foot or by the eye. Do you understand?

The path of love is the search for absolute love. In relation to searching for the way of God's absolute love, does absolute refer to two or to one? (One.) The word absolute definitely refers to one. Then if we have all the ideal women and ideal men which the love of men and women are hoping for, and if all are hoping for absolute love, is that love one or two? (It is one.) Aren't there two directions? There are two starting points, aren't there? (No.) Is that something momentary or eternal? (It is eternal.)

The woman killed Adam. As was mentioned before, after the parents are victorious, next in the realm of the chosen people there must be the foundation of the individual, the family, and the tribe. Then the foundation of the nation must be dealt with. What does this mean? What was the fall of Adam and Eve? They lost their chastity in their youth. They fell as youth. It was the spring season. This is the seed that was sown at the beginning of human history. Because of this, the family was turned upside down. The family was destroyed. Its order was reversed. What can God do about the reversal of order in the family? In order to bring it back into its proper order, from where can it be reversed? Satan is holding onto everything. It cannot be done through Adam and Eve. Switching it back is done through the youngest son. That is why throughout Biblical history and until now people have said that God loved the second son because he was "a blood

As a consequence of knowing how serious the fall is, one can come to know how serious repentance and liberation are. The more one comes to know the sorrow which filled God's heart after the fall of humankind, the more one cannot help but sympathize with God. We come to understand that God is our Parent.

sacrifice." But they have not understood what they were talking about.

Even Satan knows that God is the original Lord of humankind. Because this is a problem rooted in love, if one loves one can take possession of the blood lineage, of life and of love. Thus, because of Satan's love, humankind is connected to Satan's life and Satan's lineage, and everything is reversed. Then if God wants to restore this, how can it be done? Even though Satan is in possession of everything, he knows he is not the original Lord. The position of the original Lord is the center, and he is stubbornly standing in a relative position by force. But because he is in an opposing position, in spite of his conscience being an absolute plus, centering on the body which is in an opposing position another plus came into existence. So they are repelling each other.

THE CONFLICT BETWEEN MIND AND BODY

For this reason the mind and body are fighting. You should understand that you are human beings who cannot escape from the history of conflict of these two people. No one should speak arrogantly. Whether you are a president, a congressman or whatever, you are caught by the nose like that. You should know that from the time of the first human ancestors until now, it is because of the conflict between the mind and body that throughout the ages of history, sorrowful battles connected history, creating complicated circumstances and a history of chaos in the family and chaos in society. Who will stop this conflict? Originally, if humankind had not fallen, since the mind would be an absolute plus and the body an absolute minus, centered on love they could automatically become one; but humankind put its roots in the love of the body, and because the body became another plus, the history of conflict came about. Until this is completely solved there cannot be unity. Because of this, religions have sought to overcome the body. They have guided people to be gentle and humble, to go to the lowest place. Satan is arrogant and goes up, but religion advocates a way 180 degrees opposite, instructing people to go down and to sacrifice and serve others.

I do not know whether some provincial governors have come today or not, but such people usually try to establish their authority. They tell others, "You must do what I say." They are very commanding. They do not realize that this is the fallen world. In regards to the daily life you have been living, does your body pull your mind around or does your mind pull your body around? This is the issue. Why does the body drag the mind around? What made it that way? We have not realized that it was because of the fall. We did not know about the fall. People who do not know about the fall cannot know about salvation. They do not think they are in need of salvation. People who do not know they have a disease do not think they need any treatment. Isn't it like that these days? It is the same as with something like cancer. People go along calmly for three or four years without knowing they have it, and then they die. Today, due to the human fall,



Flowers are presented to True Parents prior to Father's speech on True Parents Birthday.

people are in a natural prison, in a natural execution ground. Satan has the gallows ready and waiting, but people live without knowing that. As a consequence of knowing how serious the fall is, one can come to know how serious repentance and liberation are. The more one comes to know the sorrow which filled God's heart after the fall of humankind, the more one cannot help but sympathize with God. We come to understand that God is our Parent. Today all the religious people go before that parent and pray, "God, take responsibility for my difficulties. You alone take responsibility for all the difficulties and forgive me." There are so many people praying this way and expecting to receive blessings. Do not be disappointed if I call you thieves. If you are on Satan's side you are like thieves. There are a lot of people like thieves. Our Unification Church members do not pray like that. We seek the liberation of God. We seek the liberation of the parents, the liberation of the nation, the liberation of the world. We cannot become thieves saying self-centered prayers. Therefore, the world opposes us.

THE PATH OF DENIAL

The religious world orders people to leave their homes. Why must we leave our homes? We must deny our nation; we must deny heaven and earth; we must deny the world; we must deny our people; we must deny our tribe; we must deny our family, our grandfather and grandmother, our mother and father, our husband if we have one and our wife; couples must deny each other. We must deny our sons and our daughters; we must deny everything. That is why people are ordered to leave their homes. We must go back to

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Is the Messiah who is longed for in the Completed Testament Age, the Messiah who was longed for in the New Testament Age and in the Old Testament Age? Since people can see the Messiah in the Completed Testament Age, do you only want to see him? Or do you want to know him and attend him?

the position of zero. The providence of salvation is the history of re-creation. If we think of it as a factory manufacturing goods, everything which was made according to the blueprint has been destroyed. Therefore, through a new blueprint everything must be repaired. The providence of salvation is the history of re-creation, but in the creation, all of the created beings, including the water, air and soil, have no concepts; they do not have ideas. How about you? You brag that you are a congressman, a minister or such and such. You carry such ragged baggage around with you. But owing to your stench, the nation is being ruined. You have been selling out the world. You should know that you cannot help but be judged, and the judgment which is coming in this history of sorrow is the Last Days. Do you know that or not? (Yes.) I thought you would not like hearing this, but I am grateful that you say you know it. There is hope for you.

So we need an Eve nation. Eve must be given rebirth. Centering on the Israelite people, the realm of the chosen people was formed. The establishment of the realm of the chosen people is evidence of the existence of God. The fact that religions order people to leave their homes is also evidence that God exists. And then what? Do they tell people to have conjugal relationship or to remain celibate? (To be celibate.) To be celibate! Why? The person who can become the parent of humankind had not yet been able to marry, therefore these false human beings could not be married. The sexual organs of the original, unfallen Adam and Eve of God's ideal should become one together with God, centered on true love, and should become the palace, the base of operations to connect to life and lineage. They are the original palace of love. They are the original castle of love. Do you understand? Did you think about the sexual organs in that way?

THE PALACE OF LOVE, LIFE AND LINEAGE

The sexual organs are the original palace of love, the original palace of life and the original palace of lineage. Because no individual can be born and no nation can be born without passing through this point, this cannot be denied. The seed of love, the seed of life, and the seed of lineage are in the original palace of love, but humankind did not form a direct relationship with God. This became a wicked situation, and heaven and earth were turned upside down. The sexual organs became the worst thing. But people who think they are great are licentious and talk nonsense. None of them can go to heaven. As I searched for this way, as I went into the spirit world and looked around and came to know this fact, do you have any idea how many times I said, "Oh no; it would have been better if I did not know this." There are peaks upon peaks. If the individual wall is this high, the family wall is higher, and the tribal wall is higher, and the clan wall is higher, and the nation's wall is higher, and the world's wall is higher, and the wall of heaven and earth is higher. And if you want to liberate God, you must go over an even higher wall. Even though God is at the top, He cannot direct things. He is imprisoned over there at the bottom of the mountain. He is hemmed in and imprisoned by Satan, and He is living the life

of someone in prison. Having gone to such a place, would Reverend Moon have been happy?

You have no idea how much God enjoyed it when I met Him and clung to Him. I went around stirring things up, and I found out everything. A theory must be organized to show the fact that the history of the True Parents has been like this. It must be theoretically organized so that intelligent people will not be able to argue with it, and so that whoever runs into this teaching will be inspired and will not be able to help but follow. We must include the contents which can draw a line—a decisive, final boundary line—and for the first time begin on earth. It is a way which is 180 degrees opposite. It says that we should deny every individual and that we should deny every family, deny all the nations and deny the world. Then we must go beyond the history of denial from the individual level up to the levels of the world and cosmos and even the ideal of God, who created everything. In that case, is Reverend Moon going to be opposed or not? (Yes.) Yes. Did the owners of the earth oppose Reverend Moon or welcome him? (They opposed him.)

Now that you have come close, I believe that you will want to see this Reverend Moon again whom you have seen today. I do not know whether I am ugly or handsome, but since you heard that there is a fellow who is called the True Father, which is a good name, and that it seems he is outstanding and great, you probably wanted to see him up close some time. (Yes.) Well, take a good look. (Laughter and applause.)

THE NEED FOR TRUE PARENTS

This talk today has been going on now for about an hour and forty minutes. But have you begun to think that the True Parents are absolutely necessary, or are you thinking, "Who needs something like the True Parents?" Has your thinking changed? (Yes.) If it became different after about an hour and a half; then how different would it become after listening for ten or fifteen hours? Because of that, some people say that if you meet Reverend Moon and your eyes meet his, your thinking turns around and you become brainwashed. So they say, "Something terrible will happen if you meet him. Don't go. Don't go." The true lord is the True Father, but these people have become false lords and have turned everything upside down and have put a veil in between, saying, "Don't go. Don't go. Don't go." They tell people not to go and it seems they will not, but the light of the sun is shining.

Korea has opposed me for forty years. It was happy I was gone. But while the world has become brighter, the darkest place is now Korea. In the Western societies it is like this: Whether people are Christian or of other faiths, they all say, "If Jesus is not going to return on a cloud, if he is going to come as a person, then Reverend Moon is surely the Messiah." (Amen!) Look at it this way. Is the Messiah who is longed for in the Completed Testament Age, the Messiah who was longed for in the New Testament Age and in the Old Testament Age? Since people can see the Messiah in the Completed Testament Age, do you only want to see him? Or do you want to know him and attend

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him? Then what's next? Do you want to be separated from the Messiah or do you want to live with him? (Live with him.) Oh no; oh no. (Laughter.) Are you all great people, people who are qualified to relate to the Messiah? If you say you would like to live with him, it's a big problem.

Then if the Messiah is called the True Parents, when people who have been living in sin come and ask to be saved, should they be beaten or must they be received as the prodigal son was? In the Bible there is the story of the prodigal son, isn't there? Like the parable of the prodigal son, must all the people who come be adorned with the treasures which have been hidden in the house and even given a banquet? That is what was done for the prodigal son, but I don't know how to do that. I intend to chastize them. Do you hope not to be chastized, but rather to be welcomed, or do you want to be chastized? (We hope to be welcomed.) You came to the right place. After casting someone aside, do the parents wonder if he is alive or not and go looking for him or not? (They look for him.) They go and look for him. If they cast him out, they wonder whether he might go wrong, and when they find him, if he still says to his parents, "I love you, Mother and Father; if you kick me out like this, how can I live?", when he weeps, his parents will go to him, embrace him and bring him back and will want to hold a banquet for him. You should know that there are parents like this. You may have thought that kicking someone out was terribly impolite, but now that you hear the explanation, you are grateful.

Reverend Moon has to win the hearts of all women, beginning with the grandmothers. The grandfathers, fathers, husbands and brothers may want to protest when Reverend Moon wins the admiration and respect of their mothers, wives, daughters and sisters. Nonetheless, all women like Reverend Moon; there are none who do not. The women throughout history have longed for someone like him in their dreams in their lives in the past, present and future. Why? The words True Parents also mean true king, true grandfather, true father, true husband and true elder brother. Is this true or not? (It is true.)

THE HISTORY OF SUFFERING

In the Garden of Eden, at the time of the fall, one day through a mistake of love, Eve lost everything. You need to know this kind of thing. You need to know how frightening a thing the man-woman relationship is. Engaging in a momentary relationship turned the cosmos upside down. God, the Lord with the power to create the universe, has been grieving for countless generations until now and is still held by His grief. In the Old Testament Age and the New Testament Age, how much blood was shed? The things of creation shed blood; the sons and daughters shed blood; and even the parents shed blood. Throughout history everything was smeared with blood. Why is that? Because of false love; false love.

Ladies! Because the lord who is coming comes as Adam, you are younger sisters. He is reclaiming the history of suffering which has torn apart his younger sister. Having discovered that, what should be done? Eve in the Garden of Eden could

not become a true younger sister, so she must become a true younger sister now. Then as she grows up, she must become a true wife. She could not become the true wife. She could not become the true mother or true grandmother. Since they are trying to come into this position, in order to return to the position of the younger sister, as a complete child all the women are following Reverend Moon. This is not from the position of leading the man around as they wish. Because there is no way to live unless they go the way of a woman who can follow with complete obedience, these women must respect and follow Reverend Moon. Can you understand this? Then what is to be done? The false younger sister must become a younger sister who can receive God's love. She must become a wife who can become one with the love of God. That kind of wife must be raised up. Next a tradition must be made which allows her to become a true mother.

How much have I been criticized because of women? And how much have I been criticized because of the group wedding ceremonies? All their sons and daughters, the people the parents loved most, married without consulting with their parents. I was criticized because I took their children and married them without consulting the parents. That is a situation to be criticized. The satanic world is bound to criticize it. That criticism is not a bad thing. However, seen from heaven's side, there was not any condition to accuse me by. Even Satan himself could not find a condition. We carried out that work from a position of righteousness. Satan could not accuse it, and God welcomed it. Then what happens to the people who opposed it? All the people who opposed this world which could not be accused were caught by the conditions of the accuser. Later all of them will have to fall to their knees. In that way, if all the women who come to Reverend Moon's side are trained—if we say there are 5 billion people and all 2.5 billion women are brought before Reverend Moon and educated—then the 2.5 billion men will be saved also. It is the opposite course. Eve brought about the fall and went to hell, but centered on the love of the True Parents, her historical mistake must be brought in the opposite direction. That is why the age of women is coming. As for Korea, if women had come out and made a political party and put an ad in the newspapers saying, "Banish the politicians! Those sons of the thief, the successors of the Archangel!", then a woman would have become president. It would be good if I instigated it, but I am not a politician. I am busy going my way. Women know all their husband's secrets. The blessed couples in Korea number more than 6,500,000. Eventually, all will be blessed. Now there are no more people to be blessed. In the future, if all the women unite, the ruling and the opposition parties will disappear. Let's wait and see whether they disappear or not.

THE POWER OF FATHER'S WORDS

What I am saying today is what I said when the Unification Church started; it is what I said when there were only three billion people on earth; it is what I said in the 1960's. Do you understand? (Yes.) I spoke about those things in detail. I said things which at that time could not even be dreamed. I

I said things which at that time could not even be dreamed. I said those things at the point where it was being determined whether I would live or die. This people should know the fact that I said these things at the crossroads of life and death in order to leave behind at least the words in case I died.

said those things at the point where it was being determined whether I would live or die. This people should know the fact that I said these things at the crossroads of life and death in order to leave behind at least the words in case I died. Because the words exist, even if I die these words have the power to restore the world and more. How miserable will the resentment and sorrow be of this people if they could not attend such a person? It cannot be compared to the situation of the people of Israel. Reverend Moon is the parent coming in order to establish the Kingdom of God of complete world peace. If they sought to kill and throw out such a parent, by what can that sin be indemnified? For this reason Reverend Moon did not appear in public in Korea until the responsibility was fulfilled. Elder Nah and Elder Pak were making a fuss, but that was not a problem. I did not appear in public because there were so many enemies. So I went to America and accomplished my responsibility centered on the word. Now the whole world is hemming in Korea.

So the Eves of three generations killed the first Adam and they killed the second Adam. Because of that, the Israelites became wanderers throughout the world, and how much of their blood has been shed? Because they grasped the resentment of the people, the people of the world have trampled them with horses and shot them with guns, and as a result of the gathering of political and economic winds, six million were slaughtered as they filled up the quantity of that sin. They are a people to be pitied. I am seeking to liberate them, but that people opposes me. Centered on their successor, the realm of the second Israel, God needed a world stage, and in order to prepare a landing place, for two thousand years the

blood of martyrs has flowed. Right after World War II, which prepared a world-level territory, they should have become one with Reverend Moon, but in spite of that they did not.

Why was Japan one of the Axis nations in the second world war? England, America and France were the Allied nations. Those Allied nations were the archangel nations. The word axis means center. The satanic world has the center. Then centered on World War II, and centering on the Allied nations and the Axis nations, due to the victory of the Christian cultural realm, the victory was won.

Look at it this way. England is an Eve nation. It is an island. The thing which England gave birth to is America, which is the Abel nation. France fought with both England and with America. They were enemy nations. These three became one and thus unified heaven and earth. Since the beginning of history, the world had only been unified this one time, centered on the Christian cultural realm. If Reverend Moon had appeared on that foundation, by the time he reached the age of 40, heaven and earth would have been unified. Korea would have become the leading nation of the world. However, because of the opposition of the Korean Christians, Kim Il Sung appeared as the lord of the second advent on the satanic side. He occupied Reverend Moon's hometown in the north, and the south was pushed back. In recovering that foundation, forty years have passed. Kim Il Sung has gone, and communism has fallen. America is going to fall. If we talk about these things, there is no end to it.

The thing which women must understand is that they killed their first husband; and next they killed their second husband; and the Lord of the Second Advent who is coming is their

husband whom they have also killed. They exiled him. They banished him to the wilderness. After the liberation, our Korean people shouted *mansei*, but I could not shout *mansei* even once. Centering on the celebration of victorious results, the Unification Church shouts *mansei*, but I am a man who could not shout *mansei*. Why? Because I know how things will be in the future. Because I know that communism can dance wildly. If you come to understand the principle of all these things, you know everything.

Therefore, Eve, the women, killed the third Messiah also, Reverend Moon. Christianity, as the bride on the world domain, exiled Reverend Moon. For this reason, through a course of 40 years in the wilderness, a second landing place was restored. This time now is representing the completion of the foundation of blessed couples worldwide 40 years ago, during the



Prayer at Pledge Service on True Parents Birthday.

Fulfill the reading of Hoon Dok Hae. Try it for just three months. Your sons and daughters will fight over who gets to do the reading. If that happens, then I believe there is hope for the people.

seven years from 1945 to 1952. Do you understand? Now that time will come with the completion of the 360 million couples.

WORLD INFLUENCE

Our motto for this year is, "To be proud of and to love True God absolutely is to complete the 360 million couples blessing and eradicate the blood lineage of the satanic world." You must know that we have not been able to resolve the history of sorrow by cleansing the defiling of the bride of God and by meeting the bride and attending her. America should not brag about its domination of the world. After bragging, one is destroyed. An America which advocates being one nation under God will be destroyed. America must advocate one world under God. America must not forget the world of peace, and from the position of going beyond the nation, Korea must stand in the position of the elder brother representing the parents' heart and assist your younger brother who is being ruined. You must work yourselves to the bone for him. I was opposed for saying such things and even went to prison, but these days they know they need my help.

Think about the festival held in November in Washington DC, which is the capital of the world. In its midst, with the heads of the American government and of the CIA and FBI focusing their attention, in that very place we held the International Blessing Ceremony.

If anyone wants to have a contest of strength I will join the contest. If you want to have a contest of ideologies, I will join the contest. There is no contest for me in the area of ideology. The decision has already been made in the world. Don't you think that numerous scholars and numerous religious people have sought out Reverend Moon to destroy him? They all left without being able to answer even three words. As a Korean person who is of that level, is Reverend Moon worth bragging about or not? [Yes!] After you go back to the countryside, I will look at the list of people who came today. If I visit you there, you should be willing to treat me to lunch or dinner. Will you do that or not? Over there on the chairs some holy people are sitting. Will you do that or not? If I come to visit you will you at least buy me lunch or dinner, or buy a chicken? You should know that you must not treat me less than you would the husband of your granddaughter, or your son-in-law or daughter-in-law or your children's parents-in-law. You should know at least that before you go. Then you will not be ruined and your family will not be ruined. You will receive blessings.

During World War II, many people who participated in the war were called brave men. Even if someone received a written command and was just about to get on the train to report for duty, but could not and had to go away, can he also be considered a brave man who participated in the war? (Yes.) (Laughter.) You should know that such a thing is possible. You were not called here for nothing. I will not take responsibility for the people who were called here and did not come. I am the one who takes the responsibility. But you should carry out the *Hoon Dok Hae* (Gatherings to Read and Learn). If people fulfill *Hoon Dok Hae*, as I am doing, the nation will do more than just live. Now Reverend Moon has a world foundation. In this era of

globalization, do you want to make your sons and daughters into world personalities or national personalities? Whether you are a congressman, or a minister, or a governor of a province, do you have the confidence to do that? No, you don't. Entrust your children to me. Do you understand? Fulfill the *Hoon Dok Hae*. Try it for just three months. Your sons and daughters will fight over who gets to do the reading. If that happens, then I believe there is hope for the people. I will give out all the treasures I have collected throughout my life and by my hard work.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE COMPLETED TESTAMENT AGE

Today I am saying these things centered on this birthday, which is my 78th birthday. The Seven Eight's holy day is the day when the realm of the sabbath where God may rest on this earth was proclaimed. It is the day that the day of rest of the parents of heaven and earth was proclaimed. So it is related to this 78th birthday. And if the world Blessing of 360 million couples is accomplished, that will be the end of Satan's lineage. If the end comes and is overthrown, then everything will tumble down. People who have attended become one centered on the word. Because we are entering the realm where heaven can support us and cooperate with us, we are doing this today. I am sorry you had to make a lot of effort to get here today. Thank you for coming. (Applause.)

Women must gather the devotion of the three ages. What that means is, because there are not three ages at once, from the grandmother through the mother, three generations must become one and repent for the sin of having killed the original husband. I have liberated all the ages by establishing movements for the liberation of women. Through this, by knowing Reverend Moon women have come to know a true elder brother, and a true husband. And owing to being able to know a true ancestor, the original human ancestor, even though millions of years pass, as long as the heart of love does not change, that tradition will create a lasting world culture. It will be the bridge to the world of peace and unification, the single cultural realm of Adam. Amen. (Amen.)

(Pointing to writing on the blackboard:) What is this? (The Proclamation of the Completed Testament Age.) Today on this birthday here at this headquarters I have proclaimed the Completed Testament Age. The age is changing. It has turned around 180 degrees. In the Old Testament Age, marriage could not be perfected. In the New Testament Age what was promised failed. Now as regards the Completed Testament Age, the marriage ideal is being completed. In the time of Adam, the first family was turned upside down, but today the 360 Million Couples Blessing is the ultimate Blessing, which will solve the reversal which occurred in Adam's family. The age is coming when parents will be able to bless their own children centered on the original parents, the True Parents' original love, original life and original lineage. We are going beyond the age of the first Adam, the age of the second Adam, and the age of the third Adam into the age of the fourth Adam. Do you understand? Until the age of the third Adam, indemnity was required. When the 360 Million Couples Blessing has been completed, we will enter the age

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of the realm of the fourth Adam, which does not require indemnity. Therefore, because we enter the age in which in Eden the parents can bless in place of God, all of the people centered on their relatives who have been blessed will form a direct road to the Kingdom of God.

The ages of the realms of the first and second Adams required indemnity. Requiring indemnity means that Satan still remains. There are still traces remaining of Satan having polluted the blood lineage. By eradicating the blood lineage of the satanic world the traces completely disappear. From the liberated position of being able to bless in the Garden of Eden, all people, all the families of humankind are blessed all at once on one level. Do you understand? Adam was not able to establish the one family, but because of entering the age when the families of all the people of the whole world can be blessed, from the point of the perfection of Adam's family, centering on one's own blood lineage, we are going into the age of liberation where we can multiply directly the true love, true life, and true lineage which can enter the Kingdom of God. This age is to be called the age of the liberation of the realm of the fourth Adam. Amen. (Amen)

The record of these enormous contents is now contained in over 300 volumes. This same kind of content was being talked about fifty years ago, and it was all correct. It has not been stolen from somewhere. Even all the words spoken extemporaneously are coming true. This is because I am a specialist. Do you know that? (Yes.) In that way, when the individual peak had been gone over, it was proclaimed. Satan cannot enter the place where the individual is victorious. Proclaiming the realm of the victory of the family, we pushed Satan out. Then we made the proclamation of the tribal realm of victory and the proclamation of the realm of the victory of the people. Now that we are seeking to proclaim the realm of victory of the world, what about the parents of heaven and earth and the realm of the cosmic sabbath? You must attend God. The Old Testament Age offered sacrifices to prepare the way for the son. Jesus came and fulfilled the responsibility of the son and prepared the way for the parents. Because the parents came and suffered in order to attend God, the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath of the Parents of Heaven and Earth was proclaimed. That day is the Seven Eights holy day, which correlates with my 78th birthday. To explain this would take a long time, because all those things occurred along the way which was planned and which adds up and which has a conclusion with no contradiction. How difficult would it be to win over Satan who has struggled with God and imprisoned Him? Satan is such a king of wisdom—the serpent. But he is melted by me. Yes, the respected people who have come here may have opposed me. But I declare the forgiveness of all those who opposed me if they have come here today. (Amen.)

We have arrived at the age which can be so good; then what is the first problem? It is how we can establish the hegemony which can lead the world into the Kingdom of God. The motto mentioned earlier is one which we cannot forget even if we want to. It will not do for us not to hold onto that motto. What I am referring to in that content is the Blessing. You should know that "Blessing and Eternal Life" refers to "Blessed Families and Eternal Life." It is very interesting to explain these things. History

is resolved through them. Through this one text, history can be resolved. Will you who have come here today welcome me if I visit your county or district? (Yes.) It is not a bad sounding response. Then you are good people. The nation will live. Blessing and Eternal Life. If we say "Blessing" we mean the International Holy Wedding Ceremony of the Unification Church. Do you understand?

THE MEANING OF THE LAST DAYS

The people of the world are living in the Last Days. As I said before, because of what was sown by a youth in the Garden of Eden, the family was turned upside down. Just as God could not intervene directly in the Garden of Eden at the time of the fall, now—in the Last Days, the time of harvest—no political, economic, cultural, educational or religious organization is able to handle the worldwide problems of youth. They have all given up. It is only the True Parents who can cope with this. Do you understand?

We are living in the Last Days. Why are the families of the world breaking up now? Fathers and mothers and children are becoming enemies. Why? Because they do not have true love. Isn't that right? The main reason for this is that they do not understand about eternal life. Do you know about eternal life? Who thinks that he will have an eternal life? The understanding is not enough even within Christianity. Because they do not know about eternal life, they do not really know whether there is a spiritual world or not. That is true. I am talking about this from that position. The content of this message is the final warning to you. If someone comes to know for certain that he has eternal life, he does not sin even if other people tell him to do so. Even if someone tells him to live for himself, he does not. If you do not know this, you can never enter the Kingdom of God—whether you believe in Christianity or any other religion.

The place where the True Parents were born becomes the homeland of humankind. It becomes the starting point of the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven. We will enter the age of the absolute authority of God. There we cannot be destroyed, and a golden age will develop. May Korea become a nation proud of the victorious realm of all the nations by the national family becoming one with the True Parents through the Hoon Dok Hae. Amen. Korea will not be destroyed. Do not worry.

The great persecution which Reverend Moon who is standing here went through during his life was all guided by God. Do you understand that? Therefore, the world's political, economic and cultural leaders are focusing on Reverend Moon and paying attention to him. Korea is the homeland of faith and is to be the motherland of the unified world. This position which is being focused upon must not be taken away. Do you understand? (Yes.) Do you want it to be taken away or do you want to hold onto it? (We will hold onto it.) The people who say you will hold onto it, raise both hands and try to welcome it. (Yes.) May God's blessing be with you. Amen.■

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Blessing '98

True Parents listen to the congratulatory remarks presented by world leaders during the 120 Million Couples Blessing Ceremony on June 13, 1998.

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True Parents lead couples in recitation of the wedding vows.

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Many of the newly blessed couples pose for a group photo in front of the New York City Post Office opposite Madison Square Garden.

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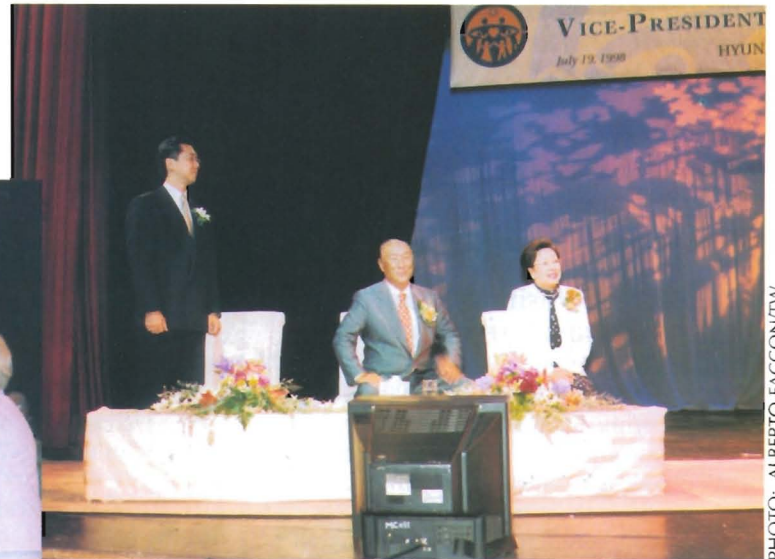
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Manhattan Center Ballroom



True Parents and guests dance on stage at the close of the ceremony.



True Parents and Hyun Jin Nim during the inauguration ceremony.



Hyun Jin Nim gives internal guidance to newly matched second generation couples on the day before the Blessing ceremony.



Dr. Sang Hun Lee

New Revelations about Life in the Spirit World

Part III

[Editor's note: This is the third segment of a series of revelations received from Dr. Sang Hun Lee, who passed into the spirit world on March 22, 1997. Dr. Lee pioneered the systematization of Unification Thought and Victory Over Communism (VOC) theory as an application to Father's thought. He served as president of the Unification Thought Institute for many years. He and his wife participated in the 36 Couples Blessing in 1961. They had three children. Dr. Lee was 84 years old when he ascended to the spiritual world.

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The Four Position Foundation and the ideal of unity in love August 7, 1997

The Four Position Foundation is the core of the Divine Principle. It explains that a couple should be united centering on their love and multiply their children. However, the formation of the Four Position Foundation as it is viewed in the spiritual world is much more exciting and mysterious. The Four Position Foundation means that a husband and wife are united and multiply their children centering on God. However, when they are in love and united with each other there is no distinction between subject and object; they completely become one body. Moreover, God's love covers their love, so the only thing visible is resplendent light. The beauty of their love itself is all that can be seen.

Then what does children's love look like? Children's love appears as a union just as does couple's love. To explain it differently, it is the time when parents and children are united into one by their love. They are distinct people—father, mother and child—but they do not appear separately when they are united in love. Their unity can be seen as the father's figure, mother's figure, or child's figure. However, once they start to talk with one another, they appear as three different people again.

The formation of the Four Position Foundation means that if we are united centering on God, we will be one body

with God. When this happens, it does not appear that there are four separate beings (including God) as are perceived on earth. Therefore, a couple united with God lives as though they form one body, even though they are two different people. This is how spirits at the top level appear. However, a subject and object who are not united do not appear as one body, nor can God's resplendent light be seen through them. Only those who pass through all the gateways to heaven can achieve such unity.

Therefore, the basis for the Four Position Foundation is the dual characteristics of a couple becoming one body in the love of God. That is, the Four Position Foundation is God's fundamental purpose, and it is the foundation of the fundamental power of God's love upon which He can exist and operate in the world with the power of love.

The fundamental energy of God August 4, 1997

Dual characteristics are the manifestation in the created world that resemble God's characteristics. The dual characteristics are given by God. Their fundamental force is Universal Prime Energy, and Give and Take Action is the action between these two characteristics. Then what is the Principle of Reciprocity? When a subject and object engage in give and take action, the forces of Give and Take Action, which are rooted in Universal Prime Energy, cause them to have give and take with one another. In other words, this force is like the attraction of a magnet. The Divine Principle describes Universal Prime Energy as the utmost fundamental energy which causes a subject and object consisting of dual characteristics to enter into give and take action. It can be understood if we simply call it God's fundamental energy.

The fundamental force behind the change of the seasons—spring, summer, fall and winter—is not formed by human beings. The original source of all of the energy used by the created world including human beings is the one force given by God. We cannot fully explain this fundamental force that is described in many

ways in the Divine Principle, but it is the energy of existence of the eternal God. It is the energy of God, my Father, who is the sole creator of humankind. God is the master of the spiritual world, which is unlimitedly wide, which our reason cannot understand, which we cannot see in its entirety with our visual sense, and which we cannot grasp or explain. We also cannot fully describe God no matter how much we study Him. He is the One who cannot be described or explained based on our senses or emotions.

I, Sang-Hun Lee, enjoy logical reasoning and analysis, but God is the master of the eternal light, Who cannot be divided or analyzed. God is the One who guides the providence and leads people profoundly with His resplendent light.

I had thought I would be able to analyze God once I came to the spiritual world. However, now that I have come, I am just full of admiration for its huge scale, and my earlier expectation to analyze the spiritual world seems foolish. "My God, please forgive this son. You are the One who cannot be compared with any other existence anywhere. Your value and existence are one and unique, Heavenly Father." There is no other way to express my feeling than to say, "Oh, my God! Oh, my God! Oh, my God! Please forgive me!"

Thus, one who tries to analyze and study God is a most foolish person. A wise person only says, "My Heavenly Father," and realizes that the fundamental source of all energy is the expression of the Heavenly Father's prime energy, as is explained in the Divine Principle.

Human structure based on the subject-object relationship

In light of the nature of the structure of human beings, people are not supposed to live individually. We are supposed to live for our subject or object. When a subject and object perform give and take action well and become one, they form a foundation through which God can work, and they become the ultimate object of God's joy. Most people think that they live simply for them-

selves. However, living individually is not in accordance with the original will of God. For that reason, a person pursuing a single life is not a filial child of God. In the spiritual world such a person will feel ashamed. If human structure were designed for single life, God's creation of the highest intelligence would be called a failure.

Life for one's spouse

If human beings are God's ultimate creation, they must possess an element which God desires. This element is the heart with which a person cannot help but care for his or her spouse. Therefore, based on the dual external structure of human beings, every person needs an object, and each person's internal character is formed with the heart of caring for his or her object. This is obvious from the design of the sexual or reproductive organs. Human beings are supposed to live according to the direction given by God to live for others. To go against this direction is a crime in front of God; such people will have no home in the spiritual world. Since no one can live on earth forever, eventually they must go to the spirit world, but they will be lost there. For that reason, each person should appreciate the value of his or her life given by God and should lead a life of serving God and others.

Human beings as the center of love

Since human beings have a dual structure, they should be the center of love to be perfected in front of God. In other words, human beings were created by God with the highest intelligence in all of creation, and for that reason human existence should be more valuable than that of the rest of creation. However, as a result of the fall humankind could not become so. Therefore, they must fulfill their responsibility as true sons and daughters by following the direction to return to the original position. What does this mean? The creation is simply made by God. Its value is merely to offer its beauty and growth to God.

Human beings are the medium of love

God has given human beings a value of love which the rest of the creation does not possess. Love cannot be generated by single existence. Its value can emerge only when a subject and object are united and become one. A human being, as a medium of love, becomes the

center of love and leads God to His ultimate joy by becoming qualified to stand as God's true child. Thus, human beings should be the medium of love to offer the ultimate love to God and to lead God to His joy. Human beings should reach the standard of value that God provided. We should do our best to live our life in order to make God joyful. For this reason, we must love our object, who is our spouse. We should become one as God's children and return glory to God. This is human perfection.

True love **August 7, 1997**

True love is the original love which was lost in the Garden of Eden and which we try to find in order to live with God. Love can be called true love only when its standard of value is centered on God. There is no true love without God. Because Adam and Eve did not offer the first fruit of love to God, both God and human beings have lived in sadness as parents and children. Because the first fruit of love was taken by Satan, God has had to work to take it back. However, since countless seeds of sin have already been planted on the earth, after the harvest of the fruit of sin God is working to collect the pure grain by separating it from the spoiled grain.

God needs a strategy in order to bring back the first fruit, which was taken away by Satan. This is the condition of indemnity. With True Parents coming on earth, the formula has finally been discovered. The ultimate purpose of God in the providence of restoration is to find His lost children. Humankind must realize the origin of true love and return true love to God. Only those who have gone through the True Parents' standard of rebirth, which is the Blessing, can appear as the true children of God. For this reason, those who have not passed through the Blessing are not qualified to be the first fruit.

In order to be guided to God by the original true love, a couple who have received the Blessing from True Parents must love one another, multiply children, and establish a four position foundation. True love is the sight of a couple becoming one and they as parents with their children becoming one through loving one another centering on God.

In the spiritual world, true love radiates as a perfected appearance with an incredibly bright luster. This radiance can appear in the form of children and of parents. The original luminary of the light is the true incarnation of true love that God

has given us. If a husband and wife cannot become one, their children cannot become one and the light of true love cannot radiate completely. In general, our image of true love is that of agape love that is given and received eternally. However, true love is that which establishes a Four Position Foundation of complete oneness centering on God.

Therefore, those who have not been reborn through the Blessing cannot join the line of true love. They do not have a ticket to come to the Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world. Therefore, everyone must do their best to participate in the line of the Blessing.

Original love

God said that it is beautiful to watch Adam and Eve loving each other. God rejoices even to the degree of feeling rapture. However, because of the fall of humankind, God lost all such love. For this reason, mankind has the responsibility to console God's *han* and to make it possible for Him to rejoice again.

Original love was discussed in the section on true love. I will categorize the appearances of original love as follows:

- a) Love of a husband and a wife centering on God
- b) Love of children centering on God
- c) True love centered on God, which is indeed the original love.

The appearance of an original couple in front of God

What is the appearance of a couple who have established the original love when they meet God upon arriving at the Kingdom of Heaven? They enter this world in beautiful apparel, just as a bridegroom and bride enter a wedding hall on earth. Since the bridegroom and the bride whom God receives are extremely beautiful, the scene is like that of the image held by earthly people of angels from descending to earth. A good man and woman go forward to God and offer a full bow while receiving resplendent light and surrounded by a beautiful melody.

Within this radiant light, the man and woman share their love with one another. The appearance of a couple loving is like the world of light becoming one and is very bright. Within the light, God embraces the couple and rejoices, radiating love in a stream of light. How does this take place when normally a couple does not come to the spirit world together? A wife who came to the spirit world before her husband goes forward to God when she is finally joined by her husband. This is a description of the experience of my

wife and I when we went forward to God. It made me think that this was the original love of God that God wanted to establish in the Garden of Eden.

The relationship between the Principle of Reciprocity and original love **August 8, 1997**

Original love is the love which God sought in the Garden of Eden. Then, what relationship does it have with the Principle of Reciprocity? The foundation of the Principle of Reciprocity is the giving and receiving for the sake of another (an object). The Principle of Reciprocity from the viewpoint of original love is the appearance of a good man and a good woman advancing the ideal of the Kingdom of Heaven.

What is the life of an original couple in view of the Principle of Reciprocity? As an example, let's say there is a couple eating together at a dining table. If there is a specific food that the wife wants to offer her husband, the food appears in front of her husband the moment she thinks about it. When the husband feels grateful to his wife, at the same moment the wife perceives his gratitude and smiles.

However, when I see people eating in hell, they do not recognize each other's thoughts. The scene is just as one might easily see in a labor camp or prison where people fight one another for more food because of their hunger.

In the Kingdom of Heaven, couples know one another's thoughts, words, and actions by simply looking into each other's eyes. Since the husband and wife always know one another's heart of wanting to give and willingness to give—no one thinks centering on themselves—their relationship can be compared with the relationship between a magnet and a compass.

Accordingly, they are always very humble before one another, express respect to each other, and smile warmly and peacefully. The world of original love is the world where couples live with the heart of willingness to give and to receive centering on God and where they dance together within the rapturous light of God, which is like the warm sunlight in spring. In light of the ideal of original love, which is something people on earth dream about, I want you to live so that you can be accepted by God.

Humankind's central role in the universe **August 8, 1998**

God, who created heaven and earth, created humankind with the central role

in the entire world of creation. However, because of the fall of humankind, it seems that the value of all things and the value of humankind have been reversed. For this reason, humankind has lost the value of existence as the children of God. How painful God feels that the world of creation which He built for the sake of His children grows and multiplies on its own, but the owner of the main role of the creation of heaven and earth does not appear! Humankind's task is to correct its fallen position and to return to God on its original track.

However, the only way for mankind to appear as the owner in front of all things is by standing upon the standard of value of the Blessing by being reborn through the True Parents. God originally blessed His children to do everything that they desire in the Garden of Eden. God gave them the qualification to be the managers of the entire world of creation. Through rebirth, mankind will restore all things, resume the main role in the Garden, and attain the standard of value of managers of the universe.

Then how high does the standard of value of humankind reach? It reaches the qualification to stand as the children of God and the owners of the entire world of creation. God created all things for the sake of humankind. Therefore, God will rejoice only when humankind rejoices together with God in surveying all things.

The appearance of humankind and all things in harmony

Don't you think that a reciprocal relationship must be established between humankind and all things, since all things are the object of joy of humankind? Then, let's give an example of the manifestation of harmony between human beings who have regained their qualification as the center of the universe and all things. When a man and woman become one through original love, all the surrounding grass, flowers and birds harmonize with them. The grass radiates beautiful colors with a light that sways in excitement. The birds all gather and sing their beautiful songs. Passing breezes caress the couple with a silky soft touch. All that surrounds them radiates in beauty. When a couple shares their love within such an atmosphere, God responds with a stream of bright rays of light. We may have observed a scene in a movie in which a king and queen in a castle, clothed in soft and beautiful attire, share their love to the beautiful music of a harp. However, such a scene cannot be compared with the expres-

sion of true love between an ideal man and woman.

Humankind as the manager of all things has received an abundance of treasures from God. However, because of the fall, we cannot feel or see them. Yet, if we reach the standard of the value of a perfected human being, we will restore every relationship. Therefore, humankind must regain the value of the original owner of the entire universe and return gratitude and glory to God.

God's joy through humankind's dominion over the creation **August 8, 1997**

God created human beings as His children. However, God cannot abandon His painful shim jung toward His children when they do not return to God's bosom and instead wander around at a distance. For this reason, there are times when God reverses the management indirectly. By doing so, God has been consoled as He patiently watches all things. However, God feels joy when His children appear in front of all things and play the central role. This is because all things desire humankind to have dominion over them.

When God sees all things harmonizing with a couple appearing in front of Him and fulfilling their role, God wants to bless such a good man and beautiful woman by telling them that the world of creation is all theirs. One stream of brilliant light harmonizes with all things and reconfirms that the main role in such a beautiful world is that of humankind. Then God blesses the couple to do whatever they desire. When a good man and woman who have received such a Blessing walk by, every blade of grass dances with joy.

Human beings feel God's love within such a beautiful enraptured atmosphere, where birds rejoice with their chirping sound and the breezes play melodies and carry indescribable fragrances. Therefore, since the world of creation is the description of God's devoted love for us, we must joyfully return our love toward God as our main role in the world of creation.

Perfected human beings have the value of God and live with God

When human beings grow in the right way and are completely accepted by God as His children, they stand in the position of the perfected children of God and God bequeaths everything to them. Thus, human beings who are acknowledged to be the managers of the world of creation can

stand as the object of God's eternal joy. They will have a standard of shun jong that can know God's thought through living and rejoicing with God, and will have the standard of the value of God.

For this reason, indeed, human beings are to reach God's position and standard of value; this is God's ultimate desire for humankind. God wants humankind to be in the position of perfection where He can bless them with the words, "This is all yours. You have accomplished everything." This is the position in which we always live with God within God's radiance.

Cain and Abel in view of the Principle of Reciprocity August 9, 1997

Already the origin of the Principle of Reciprocity has been mentioned several times above. Here I will show how the relationship between Cain and Abel in view of the Principle of Reciprocity is systematized in the spirit world. God was going to give Cain the exact same love that He gave Abel, if and when Cain and

help one another and the desire to sacrifice for the sake of each other would have functioned more strongly.

The Cain/Abel relationship in the Kingdom of Heaven

The Cain/Abel relationship clearly exists in heaven also. People are in various Cain/Abel relationships, such as elder person and younger person, higher level person and lower level person, one who receives more love and lives near God and one who receives less love from God.

Between the elder person and younger person, for example, rather than the elder person ignoring the younger or shouting orders at him, he will ask, "What are you doing now?" with such a warm heart. Then, the younger person will smile and respond, "How can I help you?" In such an atmosphere, each other's hearts are given and received.

Also, when a younger person has a question to ask an elder, he will say, "I am very curious about something; could you please help me to understand it?"

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Abel established a reciprocal standard with each other based on Cain respecting and loving Abel. However, rather than loving Abel, Cain arrogantly showed off of his qualification as the elder son. This pained Abel's heart and motivated him to hate Cain. Cain's arrogance resulted in the sorrowful history of God's providence, throughout which God has had to indemnify the segments of history that left behind mistakes. In order to do so, God has pulled humankind forward to establish the necessary conditions by which to receive the Messiah in a position where God could say that humankind has no sin. For this reason, just as the Principle of Reciprocity mentions that subject and object become one with the love caused by the heart to want to give to one another, the original relationship of Cain and Abel would have been the same if man had not fallen. Cain would not have had the emotion of hating Abel to the extreme that he wanted to kill him. To the contrary, the power to respect and

Then the elder will not answer with an attitude of authority and reputation, but with the love of a true elder brother.

God did not apply the Principle of Reciprocity between subject and object humankind alone, but to all of creation. God gave the heart of love that wants to give for the sake of the other. Since such a relationship was broken, the Cain/Abel relationship became more distant. Because the situation on earth became complicated, the situation in the spirit world became more complicated.

The ideal of the Kingdom of Heaven must first be established on earth, and on this foundation the spirit world will become organized. While you are alive on earth, I want you to reorganize, rethink, and reestablish the original standard of the Principle of Reciprocity, which is to live for the sake of the object.

The Kingdom of Heaven

In simple words, the Kingdom of Heaven is the place where people gather

and live with no individualism or self-centered thought. In other words, it can be summarized as the world of living together, glorifying together and being together in which an attitude overwhelms the heart of willingness to live for the sake of the object and to give endlessly.

Hell is the gathering place of people with attachment to 'I': to myself as an individual, my situation, and my possessions. Hell is the world where people with this kind of thinking go.

The eternal world

In general, most people living on earth pursue physical joy as their ideal in life. This is the reason why for those who do not know God, life in the physical world can easily become a preparatory ground for hell. No one can avoid the eternal world. For this reason, we must live our short life in the physical world with daily examination, comparing it to the eternal world. The law of the eternal world accepts no excuses, just as the physical world. There are no personal exceptions. This is the context in which I truly want to inform and help the people in the physical world, and this may be my best gift. All I want to mention again and again is this: in light of eternity, do not live one foolish moment. This is the way of filial piety to True Parents. This is because the organization of the spirit world is very complicated.

Place of eternal happiness

The Kingdom of Heaven is the place within which we all become one with each others' love centering on God. In this world, every person respects the personality of every other, and is always humble, warm, smiling and giving life. Whether your height is tall or short, whether your appearance is handsome or ugly, whether your position is that of president or security guard, whether you are rich or poor, whether you are highly educated or not does not matter at all. In this world, there is no difficulty, no envy; only eternal happiness exists.

Meetings in the Spirit World (I)

Jesus Christ - August 10, 1997

All people are concerned about paradise, where Jesus is staying. Then, what does Jesus Christ do? He is living as a solitary person in the cosmos. What does this mean? It means he is very lonely. There are many Christians around Jesus. Some are wearing necklaces with a cross and others are holding rosaries. However, even though Christians serve Jesus Christ, fulfilling the highest goal of their

earthly lives, Jesus feels lonely. What is the reason for this? If Jesus is the highest Christ, as Christians believe, why is he staying in paradise? It is because Jesus is still praying and working for the complete fulfillment of God's will on earth. Since most Christians do not really understand his heart, he is in a lonely position with which we should sympathize. From this perspective, even paradise is not a perfectly happy place. Thus Christians who are in paradise beg Jesus to go forward to the door of the Kingdom of Heaven, and to take them with him saying, "Oh, Lord! Let us go together with you!" Whenever they do that, Jesus feels pain in his heart. He answers, "I am not staying here with the qualification of Christ, but as God's son. I am happy and grateful for this place."

Then when will Christians be able to move from paradise to the Kingdom of Heaven, and how long will Jesus have to stay in paradise? Jesus has to wait until True Parents come and bring liberation. At that time, the people in paradise will be able to receive many advantages.

I saw Jesus go with God many times, but many Christians were not aware of it. This is one difference between paradise and the Kingdom of Heaven, where everyone will be able to understand Jesus' heart.

Holy Mother Mary - August 10, 1997

The Holy Mother Mary was a great woman who is respected as Jesus' mother. Even though she is always with Jesus in paradise, I have never seen her walking proudly. Even though she is not a nun, she is living like a nun. She is living with a burdened conscience because she did not fulfill her responsibility to Jesus on earth. Therefore, the relationship between Jesus and his mother is very difficult. However, they do not blame each other. Rather, they are very caring for one another.

Joseph - August 10, 1997

Joseph is the husband of the Holy Mother Mary and lives on the same level as Mary, but he is also living a very lonely life, separated from Mary. Even though they were a couple on earth, now they are living like strangers and do not even meet each other. Joseph has difficult feelings when he meets Jesus, and the Holy Mother Mary also feels sorry when she meets Jesus. Moreover, they seem to be afraid of what people think about them. Joseph is repentful for his past earthly life and feels very sorry for Jesus. Because most of the people around them know the

relationship between Joseph and Mary, their lives are not free on earth or in heaven. Therefore, paradise is not such a happy and joyful place, but it is a place of longing and hope.

Buddha - August 11, 1997

Buddha is the most famous and respected personage among Buddhists. I am going to tell the story of how I met Buddha. He is spending his time sitting at the foot of a high mountain, sighing deeply. When I asked him why he sighed and worried so much, he answered, "You did not come here to meet me, but to analyze me. Since you are living in God's love, you may know every situation. In spite of that, why do you ask me? Every April 8, Buddhists celebrate my birthday with a festival, but in my heart I only want to hide. I feel very sorry and repentful that when I lived in the physical world, I did not teach people how to serve God. Because I also lived without knowing God, my teaching seemed to lead many people to a sinful way. What

very humble and benevolent.

How does Buddha meet God? Some Buddhists, believing that Buddha was the highest religious founder on earth, may feel he should be treated most highly. However, even though this may be troubling for them to hear, Buddha cannot meet God directly. However, he can sometimes receive God's direction through a messenger. When he receives God's direction, as a servant would before king, he offers a full bow before God and kneels down to receive His direction. He offers another full bow before God's direction as would a person reading a king's order.

Buddhists can sometimes see such a scene, but they do not know what is going on. Moreover, God's direction does not come often. The content of God's direction seems to console Buddha, as he knows he will need to wait silently for a long time for him to come into the direct realm of God's love. It was very surprising to learn that God is together with Jesus but not with Bud-

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can I do?" He spoke to me like this, sighing deeply.

His face does not seem bright and he likes to walk high up on the mountain. He dislikes meeting people and wants to go where there is no one else. He is always repenting in his prayer and repeatedly offer full bow before God with his whole sincerity. Even though some believers are following him, he does not appear in places where many people are gathered. The place where Buddha is living seems to be in the high level of the middle spiritual world.

I am going to give Divine Principle and Unification Thought lectures to Buddha continuously. His character is very mild and humble. He does not walk proudly with uplifted head, but with his head dropped at a 45-degree angle. He always speaks with a benevolent face. When he is listening to a lecture, he thanks me for the lecture continuously. When I ask him to promise to hear the next lecture, he does not promise easily. After some silent moments, he makes a facial expression as if to say, "If you have extra time, please come." He does not say unnecessary things. He is

dha directly. Why is that so? Jesus served God, but because not knowing God Buddha served himself, he is still within the realm of the fall and cannot yet go before God. However, God forgives him and consoles him.

Confucius - August 11, 1997

Confucius is the great king of Confucianism. He stays as does Buddha in the highest level of the middle spiritual world. Even in the coldest winter, he wears the classical oriental overcoat and hat while meditating deeply, sitting on the snow. Therefore, if I do not make an appointment with him, it is not easy to meet him. When I greeted him, saying, "I came here to meet the teacher Confucius," he responded, "Isn't it rude of you come here without an appointment?" I introduced myself to him by saying, "When I was living in the physical world, I thought of Confucianism as the most valuable thought. I wrote Unification Thought and I lived with a new view of life through Rev. Moon's teaching." When I finished introducing myself, he said, "How can you speak your great teacher's name directly? You

should refer to him respectfully saying each of the Chinese characters in proper order as Moon Sun Myung." He taught me like that. He also said, "Since the way you are sitting seems to be uncomfortable, please change to another position." His words and behavior were very courteous. Thus, it was not easy to speak my opinion.

Whenever I visited him, he came out dressed humbly. He seemed like a stone Buddha. Since he did not speak quickly, it took time to listen to his few words. His facial expression also did not change, and he looked severe. I liked very much the lectures on Divine Principle and Unification Thought, and he gently asked me to come again. However, because he was worried that his request might cause me trouble, he glanced at my facial expression. Since his character is very reticent, it is difficult to know his inner situation.

I was curious to learn how God's love is delivered to the place where Confucius lives. In the case of Buddha, God's love was delivered through someone, but with Confucius it was different. Confucius was called by God. When God said that he should teach God through his thought, he gave a full bow before God. Because he offered a full bow very politely, it took quite a long time. Why does God treat them differently? Buddha himself acted like God, but Confucius taught various requirements of etiquette and norm. He did not act like God. There were many people around Confucius who looked courteous and wore the traditional dress of an overcoat and hat. It was not easy to meet Confucius. When I went to meet him, I had to pass through as many as twelve doors.

Mohammed - August 12, 1997

Mohammed is at a distance from God and the Holy Spirit. His dwelling place is neither the middle spiritual world nor paradise, but it is not hell. If it were the same in the spiritual world as it is in the physical world, I could say the name of the place, but in the spiritual world it is difficult to express location. In looking for him, I met with many difficulties. It was also difficult even to find the way to go to him. This is because he dislikes revealing himself easily to other people. Therefore, the meeting place was not bright.

He asked me why I wanted to meet him. After introducing myself, I said, "Since you are someone whom many earthly people want to meet, I also came to see you." After thinking for awhile, he began to speak: "When I lived in the

physical world, many people wanted to meet me, but since coming to the spirit world, that seems excessive to me. I believe that God sent me here to have me recognize my sins in the physical world. I feel very sorry and repent that I made God suffer by my wrong thought. However, because of God's grace, on this level there is not the punishment of hell. I am very grateful to God for letting me stay here, because this place is too good in comparison with my sin.

He continued, "When I was in the physical world, I thought that my thought was the best one and that it could not be compared with any other theory of God. However, it was a very big mistake and I feel very shameful for that. I cannot lift up my head before God. However, since you came here, please give me your deep advice and sufficient thought." This was the fourth time I met him.

The reason I met Mohammed many times is that I wanted to understand his thought clearly. At the second meeting, I explained a part of Unification Thought and introduced True Father, and he accepted my words positively. He already knew True Father very well. He said that he is very much looking forward to seeing Reverend Moon in the spiritual world. When I asked why he is waiting for Father, he said he knows that True Father will establish the law of the spirit world and liberate that world. When I asked how he knows this, he said it was through attending many seminars that were held in the spirit world.

Mohammed was wearing clothing which covered his entire body from head to foot. He seemed to have the character of a religious founder, and stood as a dignified figure. The place where Mohammed was staying seems to be in a lower position than the middle spiritual world. Most of the people around him were dressed in a style typical of what we see in the Arab countries. People living in this area are trying to escape from meeting people. If I tried to look at them, they turned their faces away. Even if I asked the reason, they did not give me an answer. Finally I assumed that because I had come from one of the higher levels they wanted to hide their shabbiness and the shame they felt.

Mohammed seemed glad to meet me, and at the same time, seemed to feel shy. He always met me bashfully. While staying there, I never saw God call Mohammed. I did not even see God send a messenger. Even though Mohammed recognizes God's love and feels sorry for God, on the

other hand I did not see that he offered a full bow or expressed his devotion like Buddha and Confucius. However, it is possible that he does so in secret. He does not seem to feel lonely like Buddha, and he also does not have a meek face like Confucius. Why did such a great leader of Islam go to such a lower level of the spirit world? I thought deeply about that, and came to the following conclusion.

Humankind was created to pursue goodness and to resemble God's love. However, through his autocratic authority, Mohammed seemed to pursue individual desire rather than follow goodness and love. Our attitude of serving God should spring automatically from our original nature. A faith which is obtained by forcible and cruel methods is just formal faith. Moreover, such forcible methods oppress our original human nature and are far from God's original intention. Therefore, those who practiced it cannot but stay in such a level of the spirit world.

Mohammed is looking forward to seeing that kind of practice destroyed. However, it is a very difficult problem. Only when he receives the cooperation of earthly people as well as people in the spirit world will he be able to solve this problem and go before God. Therefore, if people from his faith attend the Blessing ceremony and also pray for the restoration of the results of his wrong teaching, he will like that very much.

(Mohammed gave the following message directly to Mrs. Kim:) My name is Mohammed. I know that you came here as a responsible person for the Middle East. Even though a most precious person came to this area, I feel very sorry that I cannot treat you well. I know how big a mistake I made. Even though it is very difficult to restore Arab people because of their selfishness, I wish that they would be restored by God's love and True Parents' love. I came here because I have something which I want to ask to you. If you make a 40-day prayer condition to restore the realm of the Middle East, I will open the way for you to meet Arab people, because I can help you through the prayer condition. If you do so, it seems that your precious family will stay here in safety. Thank you very much.

(Mrs. Kim: Mohammed was thinking about how to witness to Arab people in the Middle East.)■

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Daily Family Life in the Completed Testament Age

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[Editor's note: During the last seven days of June, Lady "General" Kim visited the New Jersey families to give the following internal guidance on how to live our daily life of faith and to encourage us in our efforts to bring success for the next Blessing. These are unofficial notes taken by Mrs. Linda Haft. Translated by Rev. Hong.]

I know you worked very hard for the success of the last event. I appreciate so much your efforts to bring victory at Madison Square Garden!

Whenever I look at you, even from my small viewpoint, I can see what wonderful, beautiful sons and daughters of God you are!

True Parents were really joyful and excited at Madison Square Garden! I strongly believe that when you work with absolute, strong confidence, Heavenly Father will really support your efforts to bring great victory!

Whenever a new event happens, we need to unite the physical world and the spiritual world. We should always unite these two points together, otherwise no success or victory can be won. I believe you really united with the spirit world and that is why you could bring victory at Madison Square Garden.

I see each one of you as so valuable, so precious. You are building the Heavenly Kingdom of God on earth! You have your own body and name but Heavenly Father is working through you. You cannot just survive by yourself, by your own way of thinking or your own ideas. Live your life using God's ideas. Behind you are your ancestors and all the good spirit world. That means your life is connected with God's. God's life is connecting through you! Your will should connect with God's will. Then God's will can be accomplished through you.

Many times I think, "Why am I here in America?" American life is completely opposite to my life. I do not like bread and cheese, I like kimchee and

rice! One day True Parents told me, "You should live in America," to which I replied, "Okay." So far I have survived. Someday, True Father will say, "Go to Africa," and I will go. That is my life. Our life is not ours; it belongs to God. If you did not follow God's will 100 percent, could we have brought victory at Madison Square Garden? No! When you say "Thank you, God! Thank you, True Parents!", can you imagine their response to you?

My strong prayer before Madison Square Garden contained 3 main points:

1. "Heavenly Father! Please give us a wonderful day June 13!" Once everyone was inside, it began to rain so hard and continued until the event was over. True Father told me afterward God was probably listening to my prayer (Laughter.)

2. "Please protect True Parents and True Family. Let there be no trouble, no problems."

3. "Please fill up Madison Square Garden! Let there be no empty seat! Even send back forty buses. It's okay!"

Any time our prayer is connected with God's Providence, God listens. Have strong conviction God and True Parents always are with you and you can do great things! Whenever God and True Parents do something, great results come about. When True Parents declare to carry out some big event, leaders always say, "It's impossible!", and always True Father says, "Don't worry. I have already spoken with the spirit world and they are taking care of everything." If True Father makes some plan to be carried out within six months, know that Heung Jin Nim, Jesus, Daemo-nim, and all the spirit world are more concerned than we are. Do you think it was we who brought 77 churches for the 2,000-voice choir together or the spirit world? (The spirit world.) Ministers who listened to True Father's special, special prayer really received a blessing!

From now on, you can rearrange your life. Accomplish Family Pledge #5: "Our family pledges to strive every day to advance the unification of the spiritual world and the physical world as sub-

ject and object partners, by centering on true love" and Pledge #8: "Our family pledges, as we enter the Completed Testament Age, to achieve the ideal oneness of God and humankind in love through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, thereby perfecting the realm of liberation of the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven, by centering on true love." You can do anything! Whatever you desire, just focus on these two pledges and even in an impossible situation, you can bring victory! True Father has often said that if we are connected with Pledges 5 and 8, all is possible.

Blessing '99

We have received another mission now—to give the Blessing to 240 million couples. I can see many spirit beings here at this meeting. One sister reported to me recently, "I did 3,000 blessings today!" When I look at you, I know you can do more! But can you do this in your home?

Several months ago, we offered the condition of making 120 kyungbaes, breakfast fasting and midnight prayer. We do not need this now! Already the spirit world is ready to support us. That is why you should pray desperately before going out, asking, "Where are the righteous people?" Then walk down the street and you will find many. Our condition now is much easier than it was for 120 million couples. We can use holy candy and holy drink, no signature is needed, and it is hot so everyone is thirsty! Use your imagination.

We need to pray in order to accomplish our family goal of 10,000. The best way is to give the Blessing daily. We can now bless 500-1,000 every day easily. Give people a drink and they say, "Thank you!" If in one day you bless 3,000, in one week you can be finished!

The key point is our mind. Our minds must be one with God's will and God's mind. How you set your own mind is most important. If you are not really set up in your own mind, then Satan will try to get you to stay home and watch

television, or you might come to think that this Blessing has no meaning. We all need to clearly, 100 percent separate our minds from Satan's power. From now until next week, separate yourselves from Satan's power and go out. If that is not enough, come back the next night to listen to Mrs. Kim. You cannot meet God in your house. First, in your mind you must receive God and True Parents. If you do not feel that connection now, you need to make some conditions.

Do you carry out Hoon Dok Hae in your home each morning? During Hoon Dok Hae, all of the spirit world is supporting you. You can pray, "Heavenly Father! Today I need 2,000 people to bless!" It is so important that your whole family be in agreement with how important the 240 million Blessing is. You need their support. Tomorrow your whole family can come here. We will have a special prayer and pledge ceremony. We will have a form for your whole family to sign and to indicate by what date you want to accomplish this goal. Set your goal and then ask the spirit world to support you.

Tomorrow we will conduct a simple ceremony in which each husband and wife can come to the front with your children and announce in what period of time your family will accomplish 10,000 blessings. God will receive your pledge and help you to accomplish it. Afterwards, we will take photos of each family together with Rev. Hong's family. That will mean your family has graduated this ceremony. Mrs. Kim will give a special prayer for each of you through this photo to support your blessing victory.

Please! Each of you, make a goal. True Parents are especially concerned about America.

When you take your children with you, they will have an eternal memory of doing this Blessing activity with you. We have another big, joyful job to do now. There are about 4,000 churches in New Jersey. You should divide up all the churches among you. Go to the churches you are assigned to and pray outside. "Father! Now is a different time! Four saints are blessed now. Many Christian people in the spirit world are helping. This is a life and death situation." And then go in and take care of that church.

Member Testimonies

#1: We have been going to a Reformed Church and attending their Bible discussion group. Bit by bit we are giving them the Divine Principle interpretation of the Bible. The minister is so interested in our

discussions that he invited two theologians to attend. When I read about the Jewish people's rejection of Jesus being parallel to Christians today rejecting the Messiah, they responded, "The Islamic people have a similar reading." I asked them, "But what if Rev. Moon is the Messiah? What if Christians today are doing the same thing as the Jews did to Jesus when they reject Rev. Moon?" I brought my set of Hoon Dok Hae books and asked them to take whatever interested them. One theologian is now studying Father's words on the family.

#2: My family and I went to a festival at a Greek Orthodox Church where we set up a table and cooler. In one hour our cooler was empty. 400 people were blessed. This was so inspiring after the difficult experience I had the day before.

#3: I appreciate General Kim so much. My spirit has changed completely. I am doing about 100 blessings each day. I realize I need to accomplish one level before going to the next. Today I was praying all day. During the day I felt particular parental towards one person to whom I offered some holy candy. He accepted it right away, but his friends did not want any. That man is Jewish and his name is Cohen, a family line which originated in Aaron's tribe of priests. I thought maybe this tribe has been waiting 2,000-4,000 years to meet the Messiah and receive the Blessing. Later I prayed deeply for him and that he can really be blessed and develop eternal love with his wife. I realized I was praying so deeply for this person whom I had never even seen before. This is how much our heart changes through giving the Blessing.

#4: Sunday there was an event in our town to which we went wearing our FFWPU shirts and carrying brochures to give out. We blessed only 63 couples that day, but 337 people the next day. We could have done more but ran out of holy drink. We will be better prepared next time.

#5: One sister carrying her case of holy juice noticed she was being followed by two men. She turned and confronted them asking, "What do you want?" One replied, "I want something from that small bottle you have." She gave some holy juice to them both, then one asked her, "Can you give me some for my family also?"

#6: Our friend's child had a birthday at the Twin Towers today so we brought Blessing candy there. We took the ferry to the Statue of Liberty, where my little girl handed out candy. Everyone took some; no one could resist. Sometimes I

bring my older boys to the airport. We blessed 350 today and 200 yesterday.

General Kim: You can witness to more ministers now! Now is the time. Don't worry or hesitate. America is in such a specially blessed situation now. Jesus' family is now living at East Garden. Bless 10,000 quickly! Select five or six churches. Walk and pray all around the church, sanctifying the area with holy salt. Have a strong prayer, then the next day meet the minister. If the minister is righteous, he will connect with Jesus' spirit.

Within this time period, 120,000 ministers will be blessed. True Father's idea is to bless 80 million pure young people. We must educate twelve from each tribal messiah's tribe. Teach Divine Principle and do Hoon Dok Hae. Use your own method to raise them up to participate in the 360 Million Couples Blessing.

There is such a good atmosphere here tonight. There are many second generation children here. True Children are all working so hard giving out the Blessing on the street. Hyun Jin Nim's wife, Yun Ah Nim and Young Jin Nim's wife, Hwa Jung Nim, who is 8 months pregnant, are going out every day to give the Blessing. They are working so hard to bring victory giving the Blessing on the street. My mission before was to take care of the True Children. But now my mission from True Parents is to go out and encourage all the members in America. Between June 25 and September 15, I will travel all over America as an itineray advisor.

True Parents are working hard now in South America. Many Korean national messiahs from around the world are attending a 40-day workshop. They are all crying to see True Father working so hard. At East Garden, True Children have the same schedule each day. They go out blessing all day, and at night they pray and cry for the members' victory.

You must know that this is an amazing time in which the Blessing can easily be given. Some members give 2,000-3,000 Blessings in one day. This is not the result of human effort alone.

How to bless 10,000

1. Separate completely, 100 percent, from Satan's influence.
2. Unite with your spouse absolutely.
3. Unite parents and children.
4. Do Hoon Dok Hae each morning

The spirit world is so close. They can really support us now if we do this. I was specially trained by True Parents in how we should do Hoon Dok Hae each day. Maybe you usually wake up at 6:00 a.m. and do the reading yawning. No! This is

not correct. Please do the following:

- Wake up and dress as you would for work, washing your face.
- Sing "Song of the Garden."
- Offer a full bow to True Parents.
- Offer the Family Pledge in Korean.
- Each day everyone pray, beginning with the father, then the mother, then the children from the eldest to the youngest. Many second generation children do not even know how to pray.
- All children must attend.

Contents of prayer

- Appreciation for True Parents; their long life is a benefit for humankind
- Pray the same for the True Children
- Unity with central figures and those in leadership positions
- Your own goal
- Your family

Hoon Dok Hae is the best time to educate your children

Korea, Japan and America are now all one nation. The second generation are all one nationality. Please think about the time of your children's Blessing. If one side is educated and the other is not, this will be a big problem. This is a very serious responsibility. The second generation is more directly connected to God than we are. You must pray ten times to be heard, while your children can pray once to receive Heavenly Father's attention. You can bless one hundred by yourself but one thousand together with your children. Your children are not your own children. They are Heavenly Father's and True Parents' children.

Tomorrow, go out with your children and give the Blessing. You only need

five days to finish your goal. Heavenly Father wants to hear about the activities of the second generation, and also of the spirit world.

Our three main responsibilities

1. Formation stage: Bless 10,000
2. Growth stage: Bless five ministers of churches.
3. Perfection stage: Ask a minister to recommend six of his church's most pure brothers and six of their most pure sisters. Tell them you will bring them to Rev. Moon to educate them and to match them to be blessed. Many churches have no idea how to educate their young people.

Today is an exciting day! The National Baptist Church had a big meeting somewhere near Chicago. 50,000 people received the Blessing. Can you feel how much the spirit world is trying to help you. Please believe it.

Every day say, "Thank you, True Parents," 100 times or 1,000 times. Do any of you have this photo of True Parents? Make five copies, frame them and give one to your five ministers. Can you do it?! Don't worry. Also give the "Blessing and Eternal Life" speech to those ministers and a copy of the Divine Principle. The spirit world will give messages to the ministers through dreams and in many ways. They will miss you. Then go to that church again and ask the minister for twelve pure young people. Pray over the name list of the twelve young people. Then your job is done. You should fulfill this before February 3, 1999. If your family can go beyond these three points, then your family will be a great family in the eyes of God and True Parents.

The following are some special instructions which I received from True Mother to give to you.

1. Be absolutely serious to fulfill Family Pledge service in your home. Do not miss one.
 2. Get reports from each of your children, asking whom they have met and what they have done. Check everything.
 3. Fulfill Hoon Dok Hae every day.
 4. Attend every Sunday service.
- There are only 52 services each year.

5. You and your children offer tythes anytime there is a special event or occasion, showing your gratitude to God and True Parents.

Do you all want to become billionaires? Tithing 10 percent is the best way to bring about material blessing on earth. The physical world is connected to the spiritual world.

In your home, you have a picture of True Parents in a nice place, don't you? Please have Your children bow to True Parents before going to school and when they come home.

Everyone has a Unification flag, don't you? True Father has said the spirit world will come down directly to help you. Every family must put this flag in your home.

My conclusion is, give the Blessing with holy candy, juice or wine. Your whole family can gather all the materials on the table and pray together that you can use them to remove Satan's lineage. Please finish in one week! I will pray for your victory!!

Kamsa-hamnida!!!

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Mrs. Kim together with members gathered at the Clifton Church chapel.

The Truth Has Set Us Free

Welcoming Remarks of Rev. Byung Wooh Kim
Thanksgiving Celebration for Religious Freedom
Manila, Philippines
April 25, 1998

[The following are the welcoming remarks given to more than 300 VIPs who attended a Celebration Banquet for Religious Freedom. The Unification Church endured tremendous persecution and scrutiny from the government of the Philippines for more than two years. Finally on March 12, 1998 Justice Secretary Silvestre H. Bello made an official declaration saying that the allegations against our church were without merit and ordered the case dismissed.]

MR. Speaker, Jose De Venecia Jr., Reverend Kwak, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen, in joy and gratitude—and on behalf of the Unification Church—I bid you all welcome, and I thank you for sharing this day with us.

As a religious congregation, we in the Unification Church gather often for all kinds of reasons and occasions. But perhaps there is none more special than what brings us here tonight.

Just a week ago, a huge cloud hung upon our church here in the Philippines. For more than two years, many of our leaders and members—including our beloved founder and holy Father, Rev. Sun Myung Moon—endured the humiliation of being investigated by government bodies and facing court charges for no other reason than that we practice and live our faith.

Now the cloud has been lifted. The words of the psalmist have been fulfilled: "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

As we always believed—from the first day of our ordeal to the last—we knew that this day of vindication would finally come.

We knew this day would come because God would never forsake those who were being persecuted for spreading His message of faith and hope. "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free," reads the Gospel of St. John. Those words never left us during our ordeal.

We also knew this day would come because here in the Philippines—the only predominantly Christian country in Asia, and a famous citadel of democra-

cy—religious freedom is sacred. Righteous people would not allow the laws of this land to be perverted by a few. We have not been disappointed with respect to that belief.

Those of you who are present here tonight are our dear friends and supporters who worked tirelessly behind this victory.

The list of others who took part in the crusade for our rights contains many names. We can only regret the fact that they are not here with us tonight. It includes men and women in the government—such as President Fidel V. Ramos, Speaker Jose De Venecia Jr., and Justice Secretary Silvestre Bello III. It includes the leaders of other churches who sounded a ringing declaration on the sanctity of religious freedom. It includes men and women from academe like Brother Andrew Gonzales, who is here with us tonight. And it includes members of the media, without whose intercession our ordeal perhaps would not yet be over.

It is hard to find the words to thank

each and every one of you for your compassion and your caring. But perhaps the best way to show our gratitude is for us in the Unification Church to strive to be of even greater service to this country and to God. So this is what we pledge tonight.

And there is no better manifestation of this than the presence here tonight of Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak, president of Unification Church International and the special assistant of Reverend Moon. His coming here makes this day doubly proud and blessed for all of us.

Tonight, in this gathering of friends and brothers and sisters, we are conscious more than ever before that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves. We are all members of the family of Christ, True Parents of all humankind. And nothing could inspire us more than His promise that what we give will be given back to us many times over. May God bless and keep you always.■

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(Top l.) Rev. Byung Wooh Kim reads welcoming remarks. (From l. to r.) Mrs. Babbly Luat, Joseph Navalta, Mr. Neil Salonen, Rev. Jae Suk Lee, Rev. Kwak, Rev. Kim, Gen. Honesto Bumanglag, Dr. Philippe Cachola, Bishop Maglya and Mr. Roberto Ocampo.

The Heart of Jesus at Blessing '98

Nancy Makowski
New York City

ON April 17, Easter Day according to the lunar calendar, Father gave a wonderful speech at Belvedere in which he explained that all the activities we are doing now are for the sake of "comforting the heart of Jesus." Jesus wanted so much to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, but he could not because people could not believe in him and thus could not help him fulfill his mission. That is the reason Jesus' heart is in deep sorrow.

When we read Dr. Sang Hun Lee's revelations, he also says that Jesus is very lonely, that "he lives as if he were the only existing person in the cosmos," and that even though there are many Christians around him, he still feels very lonely. They do not understand his heart and constantly beg him to take them to the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus' heart is not in Paradise where they are; his heart is longing for the Kingdom of Heaven, Jesus is still praying and working for the fulfillment of God's Providence on earth first.

The event of Blessing '98 was the beginning of the liberation of the heart of Jesus. Although I had to focus on translating into Spanish for the satellite transmission, I could not help the tears flowing down my cheeks. I felt Jesus' presence, with tears of joy and of relief, because finally his children, the ones who had been persecuted, rejected, ridiculed and massacred for their belief in his words, were there, attending True Parents. Although there was a racial variety in the audience, most of them were Black Christians. I remember that in 1976 during the Washington Monument rally Father said that just as Jesus was helped by a Black man when he was carrying the cross, also at this time it was the Black Christians who would come to attend Father during his most difficult time in America. At Madison Square Garden also, most of the singers and attendants were Black and they were singing for Jesus; they were comforting the heart of Jesus when they

came to receive True Parents' blessing. Furthermore, in his speech Rev. Kwak said that Jesus, Heung Jin Nim and Daemo-nim were present in the audience along with 16 billion other spirits. When I translated those words I felt a rush of heat throughout my whole body and could almost see them all in a glimpse. I had to grab the microphone and stand up to get hold of myself and continue translating.

Jesus was happy that day! Jesus was finally being comforted on earth and in the spiritual world! Never before since True Parents came on the earth have Christians from all over the world come together in the name of Jesus to attend True Parents. Whether knowing or without knowing, they came, and they felt Jesus working with them. "My people will hear my voice," Jesus said. Finally, the Christians are listening to Jesus' call. Since Jesus' heart was being comforted, True Parents' heart was also being comforted. Because we were near the very top of the stadium, we had a pretty good view of everything as a whole. Then I could have a short prayer thanking God for all his efforts, thanking Jesus and True Parents. This is what Jesus had wanted to witness in his lifetime. This is what he should have done. I imagined all the brides dressed in white being from all religious denominations. They love Jesus so much and have dedicated their whole lives to him. I prayed that such an image will soon come true.

Blessing '98 was the event in which not only we, the members of the Unification Church acknowledged True Parents' accomplishments; it was the religious leaders, political leaders, the former ambassadors who said that "what we see here now is the extension of Rev. Moon's personal dedication, personal belief in the living God and personal ideal for the family."

Truly, True Parents have the most parental heart ever seen yet on this earth. Their belief and trust in their followers is so beautiful and absolute that they do not feel threatened and welcomed eight other religious leaders to come, preach to us and give us blessings in their own unique ways so that they can be embraced. They are not concerned just for us, but in embracing the whole world. I felt so moved and humbled by True Parents heart and attitude.

There was some opposition outside the Garden, but fortunately the partici-

pants all came in early, so they could not get in. By 10:30 a.m. no more people could come in; they were sent to the rotunda where the proceedings were shown on video.

During the closing banquet at the Waldorf Astoria, Father said to the VIPs that he felt like dancing, singing and celebrating. Even so, he still gave a strong and daring speech to them.

After all, I felt a tremendous urgency to do more and witness more. Although I had the opportunity to visit my family and bless them all, to bring one full bus, I felt it was not enough. Jesus would have like us to bring many churches and they will need to be educated fast. I feel this is just the beginning. All our years of witnessing, fundraising, struggling, "hanging in there" have just been a preparation for this time to come.■

Blessing in the Amazon Rain Forest

Fritz Piepenburg
Lima

TWO of our brothers went pioneering in the tropical rain forest of Peru, sailing along the Amazon river and visiting communities by boat. They determined to return to Lima only after fulfilling a goal of 10,000 families blessed. After working hard for several days, without obtaining extraordinary results, they finally arrived at a town called Requena. As the church bell was ringing in the late afternoon, they also joined the people attending the Catholic mass. One brother was struck by the similarity of the Catholic priest to the Hindu religious leader who attended the November 29 Blessing in Washington, DC. This Catholic father had the same white beard and even the tone of his voice was similar. He felt this was a hint from the spirit world to work with this priest.

The next day a series of events unfolded which felt like a dream to these brothers. First they met a local journalist who listened carefully to what they had to say about the family and felt deeply inspired. The journalist introduced them to the mayor of the town, who was equally inspired about their message and sincerity. When

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True Parents, Please Do as You Will

Congratulatory poem on the occasion of the 39th True Parents' Day

Rev. Kwang Yol Yoo
Romania

If, even now, there is a person who does not know well how to act in daily life, what should be done about that?

In front of you, how should we pass? When eating together at one table, is it all right to just eat as we please? Or when we sit and stand, how should we do it?

When for Pledge Service we need to move your holy portrait closer, how can we grasp it and with which hand? To which place should we carry and place it?"

Even now, we have ignorant children who cannot distinguish what to do. When you speak to us in person in what position must we sit?

When alone reading our beloved Lord's words, must we read sitting up straight? Or is it all right to read propped up on one arm stretched out and leaning to one side? Is it wrong if sometimes we read your words lying down comfortably just like reading another book?

When you speak such lofty words, or convey such awesome, astounding, amazing news, in what position must we receive it?"

And if someone always does things the easy way, even so will you still accept such a person?

An unworthy person like me holding up this name I cannot be proud of if I have gone in out of all the places I should and

should not go, how can a new bud come and blossom in that place?

True Parents, please forgive my unworthy self. Now finally it seems my range of vision is beginning to expand, and I kneel down anew before my True Parents.

Oh, True Parents, always and everywhere I will become a person of character in my life of faith and will live a thorough life night and day.

Heavenly Father, True Parents, From now on, I will start my life again. I pray you do everything as you desire. I pray you do everything as you will.

[Translated by Lynne Kim.]

the brothers explained about the blessing campaign by way of the brindis, the mayor said the only man capable to assemble a large number of people in a short time was the Catholic priest. Thus all of them went to the priest, who told them he had never before heard of the Family Federation, but supported fully its objective of establishing healthy and Godly families. During the following two days, he gathered more than 6,000 families, who all listened to our brothers' speech and received the Blessing.

The two brothers were also invited to speak on local radio and give their full message to all the people of the town. Because of the smooth cooperation among the press, the political and the religious authorities, our brothers could reach out to the entire population of the city and give them the Blessing within a couple of days.■

The Most Happy Time in My Life

Sandra Felberbauer
New York

Lately I had some of the happiest times of my life working to get signatures for Madison Square

Garden, and I would like to share my experiences with you.

As a parent, I have always been inspired and happy when I see my children inspired. That is the same reason I like to go out and get signatures. I see that glimmer of hope and inspiration in people's eyes, and this makes me happy.

During the 40 day condition, I had the chance to meet Yoshiko Gehring and she inspired me. She told me about how the black people inspire her.

Luckily we live in an area where mostly black people live and I could go to grocery stores in the area and get many signatures from them there.

I fell in love with these lovely people. They are all respectful of anyone who works for the Lord. If you approach them and they do not have time or something is really bothering them, they are kind to you and say they are sorry—they cannot sign at the moment but will sign later. Even Jehovah's Witnesses, although they do not sign, are grateful to you that you are doing something for God and it is nice to meet them also.

Most people in this area are open-minded, humble and want to do God's will, and I really enjoyed working with them, seeing that glimmer of hope and inspiration in their eyes, even those of some of the most down-trodden. Some of them will say, "I am glad you came to me and asked me to sign! Then I'll give them the juice cup and they'll look

deep into my eyes. It seems they are thinking, "Yes! It is a new beginning." Then some will begin laughing and say "I could sure use that!" Then they will thank me.

I am inspired, and most often I wake up to get things going and I can hardly wait to go out. I recently read that 3.6 billion people in the spirit world are blessed and many of them are helping us to get going, reminding us of important things to do, and so forth.

I just have to tell you all that the more I go out, all the more I am grateful to True Parents for the Blessing. Even though we do not really understand the meaning of the Blessing, it sure seems to me that just by having people sign their name they receive hope and inspiration for their life.

I thank you all, especially my family, for working and being together so I can go out, for our leaders for keeping things together, for our Korean brothers and sisters and their strong will (all the Koreans my husband and I have had the opportunity to work with are so determined to accomplish for True Parents), for the Japanese brothers and sisters for inspiring me, for the lovely souls in the spirit world for helping us and for all of you for keeping things going so we can inspire our True Parents. Thank you sincerely!■

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“This appointment is all the more significant to me since the Family Federation represents the culmination of my father’s lifelong efforts. It has always been my life’s goal to ultimately aid my parents in building God’s kingdom here on earth through the formation of God-centered families, and with this appointment, I can finally join my parents in their crusade.”

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