



Message from the Publisher

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Let's Be the Owners of Victory in Our Lives

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ON February 6, a celebration of True Parents' birthday that will be remembered in history was held. This year's celebration, in this third year of Cheon Il Guk, should not be thought of as just an ordinary, annual event. This year was special in that it is the year when we are celebrating True Mother's sixtieth birthday. What does it mean to True Parents that Mother is sixty? That is a providential circumstance that demands some reflection.

True Mother wore a wedding dress for the Holy Marriage Blessing of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening Cheon Il Guk. Why did True Parents have to hold a holy wedding ceremony when they are so advanced in age? Right after their Holy Marriage Blessing ceremony, they held the Coronation of the King of the Blessed Families of the Peace and Unity of the Cosmic True Parent and the True Parents of Heaven and Earth. Representatives of the 185 mission countries, as well as present and former heads of state—representing the Cain-side world—participated in the ceremony and witnessed this providentially historic event. What was the significance of this ceremony?

True Parents have pioneered realms of the providence that Jesus could not reach. The important substantial fruit of their course was the Coronation Ceremony of the King of the Blessed Families. History has been the course of the providential work of God for the salvation of humanity. There have been numerous events in history, but as a whole it can be considered as being nothing more or less than the providence of re-creation by God. The era prior to the Old Testament Age predated the commencement of God's providence. There have been only three ages in the providence of re-creation. There have been numerous events in the history of the world, of nations and of peoples, but all history can be expressed in terms of the history of three ages. Nothing lies outside the boundaries of providential history.

The three ages are the Old Testament, the New Testament and the Completed Testament ages. I might add that the New Testament Age ended in 1992 and the Completed Testament Age began in 1993. The Completed Testament Age lasted seven years. Of course, when we recite the eighth part of the Family Pledge, we say, "...as we enter the Completed Testament Age..." but providentially speaking, the Completed Testament Age is actually over. With the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God [January 13, 2001], the era of Cheon Il Guk has come. The

era of God's coronation has come. The Old Testament Age, the New Testament Age, the Completed Testament Age and the age of God's coronation exhibit clear differences.

The New Testament Age was the age of restoration, the period of re-creation. The Completed Testament Age was the age of completion. It was the period which was supposed to have ended with the realization of the purpose of creation—individual perfection. The proof that individual growth had been completed was the Registration Blessing held beginning in 2000. Beginning with the Registration Blessing, the realm of the fourth Adam came into being. A historic change occurred by which we no longer need a medium to reach God in prayer but can report directly to God.

With the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God in 2001, the new age, the age of Cheon Il Guk began. The Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God was the greatest providential event in history. The process of re-creation and of the growth period leading to the time of perfection have been completed. God's coronation ceremony marked the historic great transition point that realized, on earth, the original world of creation centering on God.

After the accomplishment of God's coronation, we are to establish God's nation. When God created heaven and earth in the beginning, He was the sole Creator of humankind and all things, but the Creation couldn't be completed just by having been begun. Everything needs to go through a growing period to be perfected. As God's new kingship has begun, it must go through a certain process to be firmly established on earth.

Other religions do not have such a viewpoint. Of course, the Principle doesn't mention any of this, either. Is the expression "King of the Blessed Families" in any part of the Principle? The Principle covers the period only until the arrival of the Lord of the Second Coming. The providence after that has gradually developed through the life courses of True Parents.

After the establishment of God's kingship, True Parents built the Nation of Cosmic Peace And Unity. They are building a nation. Cheon Il Guk was established in 2001 after the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God....The new nation, the new government should be built based on God's kingship. The ceremony that launched that kingship was the Coronation Ceremony of the King of the Blessed Families of the Peace and Unity of the Cosmic True Parent and the True Parents of Heaven and Earth.

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An incident occurred in relation to Father's officiating the Registration Blessing. There was a senior member who'd joined the movement in the early years and later left. His blessing had broken and he had later married another woman. Suddenly, two days before the Registration Blessing, Father asked us to find him.

So we found this man, who had left the church twenty years before, and brought him to the Cheong Pyeong training center, where True Parents were at the time. He made a full bow to Father. Father asked him the name of the woman he'd been blessed to, and her whereabouts. He said didn't know where she was. Father told him that he had to find her and bring her to the Registration Blessing, so that they could be blessed again. Finally, Father said, "This is as far as I can go in taking responsibility for you."

Father's saying that he had gone as far as he could in taking responsibility for that man is something we should think deeply about. No matter what sins we have committed, True Parents paid the indemnity for us up to the point of the Registration Blessing. After the Registration Blessing, we, the blessed members, must all take responsibility for our own tribes. Due to the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God, we can all become fourth Adams; we can be tribal messiahs and true parents. Just as True Parents have done, we should bring our tribes and neighbors together and substantially and completely establish God's kingship. That's the providence of this time.

After the event, Father said, "I've finished everything I had to do." The Coronation Ceremony of the King of the Blessed Families of the Peace and Unity of the Cosmic True Parents and the True Parents of Heaven and Earth is a ceremony marking a great transition through which God's kingship begins as a substantial kingship on earth through the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

For the period of God's kingship to begin substantially, a precondition must be established in history, which is that there must be Ancestors of Goodness. The ceremony to accomplish this was the Holy Marriage Blessing of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening Cheon Il Guk. Why, after having been blessed in 1960, did True Parents have to hold another Holy Wedding?

The Holy Wedding in 1960 was held on the perfection level of the growth stage. Adam and Eve were supposed to

give birth to children without having fallen. When they'd completed the four-position foundation, they could have completed, individually, the purpose of the Creation. Therefore, the Holy Wedding in 1960 was to restore True Parents to the position of Adam and Eve before the fall. It was the ceremony for them to begin being True Parents.

The church received so much persecution in 1960. The movement began with the members hidden away in Chungpa-dong Church, which was like a small cottage. Yet, if we really want to substantially create the world of God's kingship, we must have the authority of True Parents as the eternal ancestors of goodness for all humanity on a foundation of victory that the world acknowledges. That's why, on the foundation of Cheon Il Guk, we had to have the Holy Marriage Blessing of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening Cheon Il Guk.

The Holy Marriage Blessing was to determine the ancestors of goodness based on God's kingship. On such a foundation, the Coronation of the King of the Blessed Families took place.

The "Cosmic True Parent" means God, and the "True Parents of Heaven and Earth" means our True Parents. The Coronation ceremony for the King of the Blessed Families was based on God and True Parents having become one vertically on the foundation of peace and unity. It was a major providential event. It was a grand beginning of a historic providence that launched a new age after the complete settlement of Cheon Il Guk on earth, which is centered on God's kingship.

With this amazing new beginning, True Parents gave us two very important things. The first was a Cheon Il Guk portrait of them with the official seal of True Parents. As owners of Cheon Il Guk, the husband and wife of each family are to write their names and, as their seals, mark the photo with the print of each finger of one hand. True Parents are asking us all to make a new beginning. This is a mission of faith. This new beginning entails our inheriting the name, teachings and accomplishments of God and True Parents.

Who are we? We are people of God. We are messiahs and true parents to our tribes. We all are owners of Cheon Il Guk. We should inherit the qualification and truth as owners and accomplish what is required to fulfill the task of liberating the whole. As the sign of this promise, True Parents are giving us a special picture of themselves. We

received two of these pictures; one is to be returned to headquarters and one is to be kept as proof of the family's registration.

The second gift from True Parents was their accession to the throne on earth. That is, centering on God, Father became the King of the Blessed Families. Now that the new king has come, we must proclaim that kingship to our clans, tribes, nations and the world.

Jesus couldn't do this two thousand years ago. As is recorded in the Bible, he was ridiculed wearing a thorny crown and purple robe, and killed. In contrast, True Parents wore golden crowns and royal garments, and, in front of representatives of five different races of people, they held the Coronation for the King of the Blessed Families.

Brothers and sisters, what is the primary concern of God and True Parents? God is omnipotent, but His omnipotence is rendered ineffectual under certain circumstances. As long as Satan can accuse people, God's omnipotence has no real meaning.

Therefore, what concerns God most is Satan's accusation. True Parents have overcome it so far. Why did True Parents have to endure their suffering course? It was to prevent Satan's accusation. Under Satan's accusation, True Parents cannot do anything.

The victorious Coronation of the King of the Blessed Families of the Peace and Unity of the Cosmic True Parent and the True Parents of Heaven and Earth was a historic event that launched a new age on a foundation of victory free from Satan's accusation. We have participated in the providence and we must launch a new history by inheriting the age. It is indeed an inspiring time! I sincerely hope every one of us can lead a victorious life according to the providential standard of the new age.◆

From a more recent sermon:

True Father told us that the Holy Marriage Blessing was "True Parents officially registering their marriage."...

Father told us the Coronation Ceremony was for the registration of our births. The Holy Marriage Blessing was registering the marriage and, from True Parents' standpoint, the Coronation Ceremony signified the complete settlement of God's kingship on earth! It meant the complete settlement on earth on the part of blessed families. From our point of view, at the Coronation, we received the blessing—the global level blessing. Father said this means the registration of our birth.◆