

True Parents asked that the speech Father gave on the first anniversary of his being declared the King of Peace in the National Assembly complex in Seoul—which was also both the anniversary of his release from incarceration in the United States in 1985 and that of the day of the declaration of the nation of the fourth Israel in 2003—be printed in newspapers around the world. We are happy to carry it in Today's World.

espected guests from home and abroad, beloved blessed families: I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the work you are doing in many places around the world to establish God's homeland and bring peace to humanity. We are gathered here today to commemorate the historic days in 2004 when ceremonies were held at venues on both Capitol Hill in the United States and the National Assembly in Korea honoring me with a crowning as the "King of Peace." As it happens, this is also the twentieth anniversary of the day I was freed from Danbury prison in the United States after achieving victory over the difficulties of incarceration there. That was the last of six times in my life when it became necessary for me to be imprisoned due to persecution and unjust accusations.

On this meaningful day, I would like to convey to you Heaven's message concerning the value of the Holy Marriage Blessing and its significance. The title of my remarks is "The Holy Marriage Blessing Is the Path to Unite the Virtues of Heaven and Earth and to Harmonize and Unify the Universe as One."

The family of the ideal of creation

Beloved guests, in what form does God, the Creator of all things in the universe, exist? God exists as the dual characteristics of a subject partner in the male position and an object partner in the female position. God created Adam and Eve, the first human ancestors, by dividing the male and female positions within Himself. The children of Adam and Eve were to have been created in the same pattern of male and female as a result of the union formed by Adam and Eve.

God's creation takes place according to this principle of origin,

division, and union. God is the first generation, Adam and Eve were the second generation, and the children of Adam and Eve were to have stood in the position of the third generation. These three generations were to have formed a single family. God gave His blessing, so that sinless descendants could be multiplied through myriads of generations. This is how God created human beings.

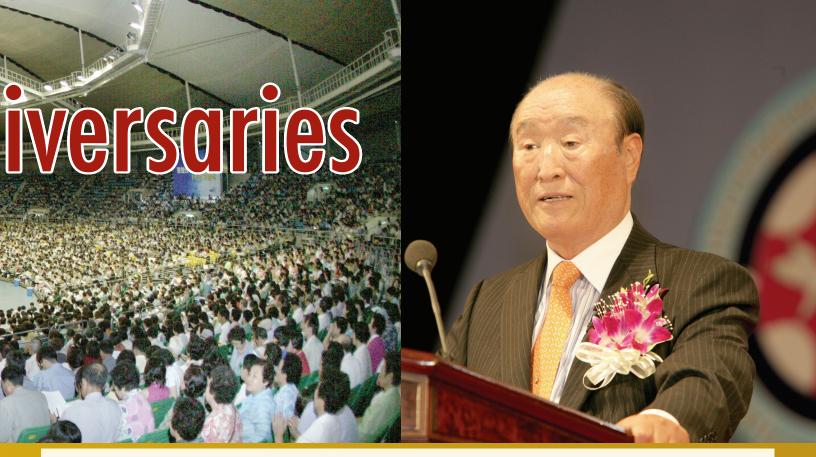
If Adam and Eve had achieved individual perfection in accordance with God's will—that is, if they had perfected their character—and entered into conjugal relations with His blessing and accomplished perfect oneness with Him, then a bond would have been formed enabling God to reside within them. Also, their children would have been linked to a holy order of love enabling them to form parent–child bonds directly with God. This is God's greatest blessing to humanity.

In general terms, to bless someone means that we pray for their good fortune. What, then, is the zenith, the apex of good fortune? What is the most precious aspect of good fortune? It is not money. Nor is it fame. It is not power or knowledge. If only Adam and Eve had been able to marry with God's blessing and multiply sinless children, this would have been the most precious of all blessings. All creation would have responded with joy, and it would have been the day of God's greatest joy as well. It would be the place where the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth and the Kingdom of Heaven in Heaven meet.

What would have happened if God's creation in the Garden of Eden had ended with man and there had been no woman? The miracle of all miracles is that men and women exist together in this world. For only one to exist would be the same as no existence at all. Humankind would have ended in less than a hundred years. It is only when men and women are together that the heavenly path can be established and ethics and moral principles have their beginnings.

So the marriage of the perfected Adam and Eve would have been God's own marriage. God would have remained as God, but also Adam and Eve would have become the embodiment of

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God. Adam and Eve would have become God's body, and God would have settled inside their minds to become humanity's True Parent in both spiritual and physical aspects.

The course of restoration

But, ladies and gentlemen, as a result of the Fall, which was committed by the first human ancestors at the beginning, human history deteriorated into a history of sin and struggle. Human beings, as a matter of course, should have attended God as our true parents, but instead we became the prisoners of hell, dominated by the false parent, the devil Satan. The bodies of Adam and Eve were to have become temples of God, and God was to have resided within them, and they were to have become people possessing divine value. Instead, their bodies became hotbeds of all manner of sin and falsehood, and the devil used them as his dance stage.

In practical terms, the Fall meant that the marriage that should have been performed with God's blessing was instead performed centering on Satan. According to the Principle of Creation, true love, true life and true lineage are inherited from parents. This means that human beings born with Satan as our parent, through no choice of our own, inherit false love, false life and false lineage.

Humanity became pitiful, exhausted by a struggle between mind and body, with each one forced to leave this world having been unable to resolve this problem even at the moment of death. We ignore the voice of our conscience, which represents the voice of God within us, and we conduct our lives controlled by the desires of our body, which has become the slave of Satan. This is a picture of the human condition.

Most people are not even aware that they have fallen to the point of living in such a wretched and oppressed state. They look around and see that others are in the same situation. They think appearing to be able to see, but being in fact blind, is quite natural. They have become such foolish and pitiful people. How much longer will you live oblivious to this tragedy?

In principle, the person who causes a problem is responsible to

solve it. Because we fell by false love, we must eradicate false love even to its last vestiges. On that foundation, we must receive the true Holy Marriage Blessing centered on God's true love, and set out to build true families. We must put down true roots that will enable us to multiply true descendants, generation after generation.

This is not something, however, that one can achieve just by wishing it would come true. Isn't it true that, during the tens of thousands of years since the beginning of human history, no one has been able to achieve this state and save humanity from evil and sin? The many religions that have risen and fallen over the course of history have done their best to achieve this purpose, but even they have been unable to overcome the obstacle of fallen nature and have either failed or been forced to take detours.

But God is a parent of true love. He gave Jesus the status of His only begotten son and made Himself incarnate on earth. Jesus came with the mission of the Savior and Messiah and dedicated his life of thirty-three years to bringing about this will of Heaven. Yet in the end, even he passed away midway through the course as a sacrifice on the cross.

I am not referring to any failure on the part of Jesus himself. Jesus, who qualified as the perfect human being, or second Adam, searched for his bride. However, Judaism and Israel, which Heaven had prepared for thousands of years, were unable to understand Heaven's will and their ignorance forced Jesus to go the way of the cross. Jesus was the incarnation of Heaven's seed of true love, sinless and pure, but in the end he had to return to Heaven without being able to plant that seed on earth. Jesus came to find a bride on earth, hold the Marriage of the Lamb in the presence of both Heaven and earth, establish a family of true love and multiply Heaven's sinless and true lineage. Yet this mission was blocked, midway through the course.

The value of the blessing

God's love is absolute, unique, unchanging, and eternal, and so too the attributes of His will are absolute, unique, eternal and

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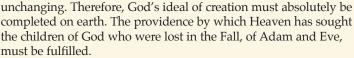


With the start of the millennium, True Parents set up a three-dimensional foundation of victory in the internal providence and the external providence, began Cheon Il Guk, God's fatherland, the peace kingdom and in the time after the coming of heaven, with God's royal seal and the cooperation of the good spiritual world, became the king of peace and of true love.

Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan, International President of FFWPU

Who are we? We might define ourselves as people who love peace. We are people who want to make peace; we are peacemakers.

Dr. Hwang Sun-jo, President of Ilsang Corp.



Please understand that even though Jesus passed into the spirit world because of disbelief within Israel, today Heaven has sent True Parents, who are the saviors of humanity, the Messiah and the returning Lord, to earth, and is bringing the history of the Providence of Salvation to a close. God is carrying out His absolute and eternal providence in accordance with a program for the providence of salvation that cannot be delayed or extended any further.

Ladies and gentlemen, you are present today at a very active scene of the providence. Let those with ears to hear, hear. Let those with eyes to see, see with certainty. Let those with mouths to speak give witness to all nations. The Rev. Sun Myung Moon who stands before you now is the Savior, Messiah, Returning Messiah, Peace King, and True Parent. He has manifested on earth with Heaven's anointing as the one for whom humanity has waited with eager yearning for such a long time.

This is not my own claim. Founders of the major religions and tens of thousands of other saints and sages in the spirit world have sent messages testifying to this fact. God himself has sent a message asking that all 6 billion people work to establish the Peace Kingdom on earth, centering on the True Parents. These messages have already been widely published. If you cannot believe these facts, please put your life on the line in prayer. Surely, Heaven will give you the answers that you seek in prayer.

Ladies and gentlemen, what then is the path that humanity, which became wild olive trees as descendants of the Fall, must take? It is to receive the Holy Marriage Blessing from God through the True Parents. A wild olive tree will always be a wild olive tree, even after a thousand years. It must be grafted to a cultivated, or true, olive tree and secure for itself the true lineage. The Holy Marriage Blessing that is received through the True Parents is the blessing and grace of being grafted to the true olive tree.

It is sometimes said in the world that the Holy Marriage Blessing led by Rev. Moon is nothing more than a marriage performed in the style of the Unification Church. This ceremony, however, is

much more than just a wedding to mark the coming together of a man and a woman for the purpose of beginning to build a family. Weddings held until now were centered on the two individuals involved, but the essence of the Holy Marriage Blessing returns joy to God. It is a precious condition for indemnifying history. It is a holy and grand ceremony of blessing and grace. Please understand that, in this ceremony, we resolve the grief of God from the Fall, of Adam and Eve, and pass through the standard of bride and groom that Jesus was not able to accomplish.

So the term "Holy Marriage Blessing" did not just begin with me or with the Unification Church. Instead, it existed within the innermost heart of God since the time of the Creation. After the fall, however, it became one of His cherished desires. Please understand that God has always pursued this as a goal and longed to see it happen.

Is there anyone who knows the circumstances of God, who had to walk a path of unspeakable suffering in order to bring about this historic day? This is a historic day of resolution of grief and a providential day when God's cherished desire is fulfilled. Seen on this level, the Holy Marriage Blessing is an incredible blessing, but it can also be an incredibly fearful blessing.

The position of the Holy Marriage Blessing is where all the sorrow in history, from the farthest past into the present, can be brought to closure. A new beginning can be made toward fulfilling the cherished desires of God. It is a starting point, an opportunity to create a new future for humanity. It is the most certain way to extricate oneself from the dominion Satan exercised in the era before the coming of heaven.

Only through the Holy Marriage Blessing can you inherit the bond of True Parents' love. It is the process and end result of the transfer of Heaven's full authority. When a family that has received the blessing goes to the spirit world, True Parents will be responsible for them. This means that such a family will live under the dominion of True Parents. Once a heavenly bond is made with the True Parents through the Holy Marriage Blessing, this becomes an eternal and unchanging bond. The Holy Marriage Blessing becomes the key to opening the gates of Heaven.

The fulfillment of the blessing

Then, ladies and gentlemen, what kind of time and age is it

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I wish Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak-ja Han Moon, hero, king of peace can become the incarnation of eternal, unchanging, true truth and true love. I hope the good men and women from all over the world who are participating today can have true families, through the blessing of the couple who are the king of peace and become leading actors in the work for world peace.

Venerable Na Yong-hwa, Founder of Imjae Buddhism

Peace is not brought by somebody as a present; it has to be eternal and positively should be completed. To complete peace, we should become its subject and owner and exert ourselves. I'm sure that if you practice true love in your lives within society and go to the front line, we will come nearer to peace in Korea. Besides, all over the world, I know many people have the same desire as we do. Many people are working for peace; I truly respect this.

Chairman Lee Cheol-seung, Seoul Peace Prize Cultural Foundation

when the blessing becomes reality? The Era before the coming of heaven, when the world was under Satan's dominion has ended, and we have entered the time after the coming of heaven, when the Peace Kingdom will be established. This is the best of times, when the grief of God, who has worked for six thousand years to see this day, is resolved and the cherished desires of humankind for peace are realized.

It is the time when we see the fulfillment of the cherished desires of Jesus, who came to earth but left before he could completely fulfill God's will. In addition, it is the time when the blossoms of true love bloom and bear fruit for the first time since the creation of human beings, and when we can be welcomed by all nature and receive its respect and glory.

How strongly has God yearned to see this day? We come to a new era in which evil disappears. At this time, a new heaven and new earth are established under the bright light of the sun, and all creation communes together, the entire universe dances in a new morning of victory.

I have said that the heavenly ideal cannot be fulfilled without establishing the family through the Holy Marriage Blessing. The heavenly ideal is completed when the will of God is fulfilled and the heavenly way is established in the family, centering on true love.

What kind of love is true love? True love exists for the public benefit; it is a love that seeks first to give and live for the sake of the whole. It is a love that gives but then does not even remember that it gave, and it gives without end. It is a love that gives joy. It is the heart of love of a mother embracing her child and feeding it at her breasts. It is the love of a child who practices filial piety toward the parents and feels joyful. Just as it was with God when He created human beings, true love is the creation of a love that is absolute, unique, unchanging, and eternal without condition or expectation of receiving anything in return.

True love creates for us the wellspring of the universe, the center of the universe, and the owner of the universe. True love also symbolizes God's root, His determination, and His power. So when we are bound together in true love, we can be together forever and still enjoy each other's company. The universe and even God will follow when we pull them with true love.

The value of true love is reckoned by its power to bring an eternal end to the walls that human beings descended from the Fall, have created, including national boundaries, race, and even religion. An absolute prerequisite for entering the Kingdom of Heaven is a life lived for the sake of others, that is, a life of true love

What is the heavenly way? In short, it is the tradition of Heaven. It is a tradition of practicing true love rooted in Heaven. A life in the heavenly way is an exalted life that transcends the human laws of the world. Violent social or political revolutions are unnecessary in true love, and the same is true in the heavenly way. You only need to follow the path of true love, the heavenly way, and practice a life of sacrifice and service that is for the sake of others. This is the path that will bring about an explosion of God's love. It is the path to develop and expand God's lineage, and the path to preserve God's lineage forever.

You now need to run forward in this time after the coming of heaven with a determination that says: "As long as God does not change, I will not change. No matter the circumstances, I will continue on this path. Even if the life, love, and ideals that I have preserved until now in the satanic world are all taken from me, I will continue on this path. Even if God should change, I will bring God back and continue on this path with Him. If God is not absolute, I will make Him absolute, if necessary, and continue on this path."

Ladies and gentlemen, why do we marry? I have said that we marry in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven and to save humankind. We must understand that when two people become husband and wife through the Holy Marriage Blessing, the wife who stands before the husband is a daughter of God and a daughter of humanity. If the man can love his wife as much as humanity loves her and as much as God loves her, then he is qualified to be her husband. The same is true for the woman. Just because he is your husband, don't say, "Look, that's my man." Before you claim him as your man, think of him as God's son and as a man who represents all the men in the world.

Between a husband and wife, the husband is the right foot, and the wife the left. They should leave footprints of a life lived

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for the sake of God and humankind. These footprints are, in fact, your families. But if either the right or left foot is not whole, the person will limp. Will you be people who leave footprints betraying a limp? When you become a couple in which the wife upholds the husband as she would Heaven and the husband holds the wife in esteem and protects her as he would the earth, then the place where they embrace will be where the virtues of heaven and earth are harmonized and the universe will be harmonized as one.

Our mission

Respected leaders, we are now entering a glorious age. The Kingdom of Heaven on earth that is God's ideal of creation, the Peace Kingdom, is being established before your eyes. The life that I have lived for more than eighty years, a lonely path speckled with drops of blood and sweat shed only for the sake of Heaven, is now witnessing the fruits of victory for the benefit of the six billion people in the world.

In more than 180 countries, ambassadors for peace who have inherited Heaven's will and tradition are working hard, day and night, proclaiming the values of true love and true families. They are moving forward with full force to establish a world of peace on earth

In the Middle East, one of the world's tinderboxes, Jews, Christians and Muslims have found the resources in my philosophy of peace to engage in a new dimension of peaceful dialogue. The Unification Thought of Rev. Moon also played a decisive role in ending the cold war. Efforts behind the scenes to bring about the unification of my homeland of Korea are being carried out under my leadership.

But that alone is not enough to satisfy me. I began my life's work at the command of Heaven. I have come as the True Parent of humankind with God's anointing, and I am determined to keep my promise to Him to build His Kingdom.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to take the opportunity of this precious forum today to declare a truly historic and revolutionary project for the sake of peace and the welfare of human-kind. This is a project to build a bridge over or a tunnel under the Bering Strait, where Satan has historically divided east and west, and north and south, and where the North American and Russian land masses are separated.

This World Peace King Bridge/Tunnel will be connected to a future international highway system, so that people can travel by car from Africa's Cape of Good Hope to Chile's Santiago and from London to New York, making the world a single community.

Heaven warns us that separation and division will no longer be tolerated. This project will bind the world together as a single community, tear down the walls of race, culture, religion, and nationality created by human beings and establish the world of peace that has been God's cherished desire.

The United States and Russia must become as one, along with European nations, China, India, Japan, Brazil, and all other nations, and indeed all of the world's religions. Together they must combine their energies to succeed in this historic project. The success of this project will play a decisive role in establishing a Peace Kingdom where there is no need for war or division.

Ladies and gentlemen, some may question how such a huge project can be completed. But where there is the will of God, there is a way. The science and technology of the twenty-first century has advanced to a level where boring a tunnel under the Bering Strait is not a problem. The construction costs are also not a problem. For example, do you know how much money the United States poured into the war in Iraq during the past three years? The figure is going to reach 200 billion dollars soon. That is more than enough to complete the Bering Strait project.

The choice before us

Why do not only the United States, but so many in the world continue the foolishness and barbarism of war, pouring endless amounts of money into the project of killing one another? Humankind should stop repeating the perversity of sacrificing our children's lives, squandering astronomical amounts of money for the sake of war. The time has come for all the countries of the world to pool their resources and dash forward toward establishing the world of peace that is the desire of God, who is the master of the great universe.

Humanity has entered a dead-end street, and the only way for it to survive is to uphold the peace philosophy of true love, true life, and true lineage that is taught by Rev. Moon. When your good ancestors are mobilized and the heavenly forces in the time after the coming of heaven sweep down upon the earth, even countries and peoples that appear strong will have no choice but to surrender.

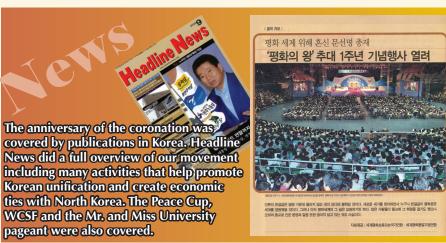
The choice is now before you. There can be no perfection in ignorance. This message that I convey to you is both a warning and a blessing from Heaven. Will you join in step with me as I rise and gain victory in accordance with heavenly fortune? Will you become principal actors in establishing true families, true societies, true nations, and a true world? Or will you remain captive behind the same old walls that Satan likes—the wall of your religion, the wall of your culture, the wall of your nationality and the wall of your race—and spend the remainder of your lives in agony and regret? Heaven is summoning brave leaders who will turn this world of evil upside down and establish a new heaven

and new earth.

Today I have delivered Heaven's message. Please inscribe it deep in your hearts and remember that the Holy Marriage Blessing received through the True Parents has the unifying value of bringing together the virtues of heaven and earth. Please use this information to set new coordinates for your lives, so that you may become wise leaders.

Let me end my remarks by asking you to pledge that you will become brave leaders who will maintain the heavenly way that has become the tradition of the time after the coming of heaven and who will lead the world and humankind.

Thank you. ◆



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