

CHEON IL GUK IS THE IDEAL HEAVENLY KINGDOM OF ETERNAL PEACE

[Editor's note] This is the speech the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon delivered on the occasion of the Entrance Ceremony of the Cheonjeong Palace and the Coronation of the King of Peace in Heaven and on Earth, which took place on June 13, 2006 in Cheongpyeong, the Republic of Korea.

Highest leaders of all the nations in the world, honored guests of Heaven who have gathered from every corner of the earth to celebrate this treasured historic and providential day, and people of the spiritual and physical worlds who are being reborn as citizens of *Cheon Il Guk*:

In the name of all humanity in the spirit world and physical world, numbering more than 300 billion, I offer boundless gratitude and glory to God, the Creator of all things, the eternal True Parent of humankind and Great King of the Cosmos.

I ask you to raise your voices high in praise for the victory of the True Parents of Heaven and Earth, the King and Queen of Cosmic Peace. They have personally completed the entire course restoration through indemnity in order to save humanity, who, as descendants of the Fall, would otherwise be eternally destined to wander in evil and suffering, ever sliding down the path to hell.

You stand today in the venue of a tremendous event in providential history. This event is unprecedented and will never be repeated. It is the day when the King of Peace finally ascends in glory. Please recognize that, although they may not be visible to you, thousands and tens of thousands of your good ancestors of blessed families have come here. They are above your head now, joining with you in celebration of this awesome moment. All nature is rejoicing, and heaven and earth resounds with choruses of Hallelujah.

If you truly understood the infinite value of this day, you would not be able to sit still. You would go throughout the world singing hymns of joy and dancing in ecstasy.

The Coronation of God's Kingship

Do you know the significance of January 13, 2001? It was the Day of the Coronation of God's Kingship. For countless years Heaven had been waiting for that event in eager anticipation. It was the greatest and most exalted celebration humanity had ever witnessed. On that day Reverend Moon, who had received the anointing as the True Parents of all humanity and traveled a path of indescribable suffering and pain until he had gained the final victory, offered his entire foundation to Heaven.

For tens of thousands of years, God had endured an existence full of

lamentation and grief, even as He conducted His Providence with a parental heart. When that coronation ceremony was offered to Him, it marked the moment of His long awaited liberation and release. On that providential day, we declared to all heaven and earth that we would attend God as the vertical True Parent and great King of the cosmos, that we would unfurl and raise high the banner of *Cheon Il Guk*, and that the new sovereignty of Heaven had begun.

For next three years, the True Parents held firmly to the helm while the winds of heavenly fortune surged around us like a typhoon. We dashed forward as though each day were a thousand years. Then on the foundation of True Parents' victory, we declared May 5, 2004 the Day of *Ssang-hap Ship-seung*. On that day, the True Parents brought to a close the Age Before the Coming of Heaven with its long years of grief, and opened the Age After the Coming of Heaven, the new era when we can build a new heaven and a new earth. This marked the beginning of a great and historic revolution to return the earth to God as a substantial reality.

Beloved citizens of *Cheon Il Guk*, today you are receiving amazing grace. You are participating in the coronation ceremony of the substantial King of Cosmic Peace, and you are being registered as citizens of *Cheon Il Guk*. Not only you, but also your ancestors by the tens of thousands will thank you throughout eternity for the grace they are receiving along with you today.

The Bible says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness." (Mt 6:33) Today you are witnessing the miracle of miracles: the establishment of the *Cheon Il Guk*, the substantial sovereignty in the Age After the Coming of Heaven. God truly works in mysterious ways. By the first day of the new millennium, God had already placed the *Cheon Il Guk* on the horizon. Who could have imagined, though, that they would see the day when the King of Cosmic Peace would ascend to his throne? We thought it was just a dream, but we are witnessing it in our lifetime.

The Path of the People of Cheon Il Guk

Citizens of the kingdom of heaven, this is a precious and blessed day of victory and glory. Now, as the King of Cosmic Peace, I will declare, on this 13th day of June in the sixth year of *Cheon Il Guk*, the fundamental duties and mission that every citizen of *Cheon Il Guk* should understand and live by as they walk the way of Heaven.

First, as God is the vertical True Parent and you are true children of God, you will establish the realm of three generations your family, perfect the Four Great Realms of Heart, and attend God on the vertical axis for eternity.

Further, you will inscribe on your heart the need to uphold the Cosmic King of Peace, who is the horizontal True Parent, and to live with absolute obedience on the horizontal axis for eternity as a citizen of *Cheon Il Guk*. You will make living for the sake of others, which is the practice of true love, the standard of your life. You

will establish a true family and raise true children who are sinless and pure, thus protecting God's lineage and bequeathing it intact from generation to generation.

Second, no matter what the situation, you will live with your mind and body united as one. In my case as well, from the day I first determined to follow Heaven's path, I resolved to keep this as my motto: "Before you desire to have dominion over the universe, you must first have dominion over yourself."

God has given you a conscience as your guide in accomplishing this objective. Your conscience knows everything about you. It has complete knowledge of every action and step you take; it even knows your thoughts. Your conscience knows all these things about you before your teacher or pastor knows. It knows them before your parents know. It knows them even better than God knows. So if you place your conscience in God's position over your life, and go the way of absolute obedience, of "high-noon settlement," it is certain that you will establish a realm of resonance between your mind and body and perfect their unity.

World Peace through Exchange Marriage

Citizens of *Cheon Il Guk*, the unification of spirit world has been completed. The issue now is the 6.5 billion people living on earth in the physical body. They struggle in agony in the midst of sin and suffering, yet they are your brothers and sisters. Your third mission is to educate them and bring them home as people of *Cheon Il Guk*.

You should educate everyone to understand that all human beings without exception are descended from the Fall and must change their blood lineage through receiving the Holy Marriage Blessing from the True Parents. You must continue the work of engrafting people onto the True Olive Tree, by having them participate in the grace of exchange marriage, until the day when all humankind, numbering more than 300 billion souls, is restored to God's lineage.

Fourth, you are created to spend ten months in your mother's womb, about 100 years on earth breathing air, and then all eternity in the spirit world. You should understand that, just as proper preparation in the womb is required for a healthy life after birth, you must devote your earthly life to prepare yourself for the next stage of life in the spirit world. Never forget that in every time and place, and no matter what you are doing, your ancestors in the spirit world are with you. Be ever mindful to live in harmony with the spirit world. Communicate in prayer with the heavenly world with sincerity and dedication, so that you may become perfected in your spirit self while you are living on the earth.

Fifth, your talents and abilities are required for the management and governance of *Cheon Il Guk*. Now therefore, cut away and cast off your mask of selfish individualism. It is but a remnant of the Age Before the Coming of Heaven. In order to belong to Heaven, you must change ownership by participating in the Ceremony of Returning Ownership, offering everything you own to God and then

receiving it back from God.

In addition, all citizens of *Cheon Il Guk* will provide funds for the well being and peace of humanity, not by taxation but by voluntary contributions. They will demonstrate the model of offering the first three tenths of their income for public purposes. This cannot be an imposed tax; it has to be a gift that citizens offer willingly to Heaven with joyful hearts.

The Life of Citizens of Cheon Il Guk

Sixth, beloved citizens of *Cheon Il Guk*, in the Age After the Coming of Heaven it is possible to recover the ideal world of creation that was lost as a result of the Human Fall. God created all the earth's creatures as our natural environment; they are absolutely needed for human prosperity. Human beings and nature are meant to share a realm of mutual resonance, with humans as the subject partners of love and nature as the object partner thriving under human management and beautified by human creativity. We can no longer tolerate actions that destroy nature and pollute the environment.

As citizens of *Cheon Il Guk*, please have the wisdom to protect and love nature. Return to nature and enjoy a life of liberation and complete freedom. To love nature is to love God and humanity. When human life resonates with nature, human character can blossom in perfection. The flowers of a true culture of heart, a true artistic world, will bloom. It will be the Garden of Eden, the original ideal where human beings and all creation live in complete harmony and express their original nature.

If you practice such true love in your daily life, how can God do anything but bestow great blessings upon you? You will live for all eternity in blessing and happiness.

Seventh, the Age after the Coming of Heaven that God and True Parents have opened is a time of dramatic change. As registered citizens of *Cheon Il Guk*, you have the mission to make this era blossom and bear fruit in blessing and glory. Therefore, please become Heaven's emissaries, fulfilling the dual missions of the "Peace Kingdom Police Force" and "Peace Kingdom Corps." Serve humanity under the banner of the Universal Peace Federation, which is working to establish the position of the Abel-type United Nations. Worthy countrymen and women, if not you, then who, will nurture and protect the blessed families and this blessed planet Earth that God has given us?

Please become true princes and princesses who live in attendance to God as your True Parent, for He is the Peace King of the multitudes. Let us build the everlasting Peace Kingdom by attending the King of Cosmic Peace and fulfilling the dutiful family way of filial sons and daughters, patriots, saints, and divine sons and daughters.

Beloved people of *Cheon Il Guk*, I hope you truly will celebrate and enjoy this precious and holy day. Brush off all your cares and worries and celebrate this day in joy while attending your Heavenly Father and True Parents with all your heart. The sincerity and dedication expressed by each of you brings even more glory to this day. The beautiful mountains, streams, trees and flowers here at Cheong Pyeong Lake are showering their blessings upon you as you prepare to embark on your ambitious journeys. Your descendants, too, will take pride that you participated in this long-awaited day, and they will honor and praise you forever.

I pray that the abundant grace and blessings of God in heaven may be upon you and your families.

Thank you.