



**FATHER: "THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION OF MR. HYUN JIN MOON"
"ON PRAYER AND THE SPIRIT WORLD" (PART I)**

Introductory Address at the Vice Presidential Inauguration

Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak
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ESTEEMED leaders and distinguished guests of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification International. It is my great pleasure to welcome you on this historical occasion. Today we have the distinct pleasure to welcome to our ranks a young leader of uncommon potential. It is a day of joy and much hope.

The Family Federation came into existence and has thrived since its inception on the foundation of God's love and blessing. The myriad, worldwide projects founded through the lifelong ministry of Reverend and Mrs. Moon, our True Parents are brought into a unified focus through the Family Federation. Here, the future structure of a peaceful world is established.

Reverend Moon originally had the mission to work with the leaders of all religions and from all areas of human endeavor

to cooperate in realizing God's will for a peaceful and happy world. Sadly this cooperation was blocked. Instead, tragic events drove Reverend Moon onto an isolated and lonely path of rebuilding this original plan unaided. Time and again he re-convened the basic foundations for such a movement, working tirelessly and without complaint through many initiatives until at last he could inaugurate

the Family Federation, and establish it on a secure foundation. This work was carried out through great sacrifice in the midst of persecution and misunderstanding. Nevertheless, by August 1, 1996 leaders from the world over gathered in Washington DC to declare together with Reverend and Mrs. Moon, the official launching of the Family Federation.

In the less than three years since the 1996 inauguration, the Family Federation has expanded immensely. It has done so both at the grass roots level, for example, reaching hundreds of thousands of families in remote villages accessible only by raft or on foot, as well

as at the highest levels of national and international leadership such as True Family programs sponsored by national governments, as in Taiwan, and United Nations-sponsored conferences on issues pertaining to family and morality such as one held last month at the United Nations Headquarters.

The vision and activities of the Family Federation come from Reverend Moon's desire to build a better world. The Family Federation conducts marriage re-dedication Blessings, family education programs, health and medical programs, social and cultural programs, and all manner of support for strengthening families and securing family friendly social environments in nations the world over.

This work is destined to influence human affairs for the better. Its fresh vision, and compelling, universal world view appeals to men and women of conscience, and to leaders from all areas of expertise and social standing.

We are grateful to God and to our brothers and sisters in arms from every religion, from academia and the sciences, from affairs of state and the arts who have played a vital part in expanding the Family Federation. In fact many of you are here today. We thank you for your attendance, and for all you have done for this noble cause in recent

months. Hopefully our work already has had some effect to promise young people a brighter future. We are fortunate to have Reverend and Mrs. Moon to guide this work through an inspired vision and by their sterling example.

As you all know, we are gathering today to honor the appointment of our new vice president. For me, this is both a formal occasion and a personally heart-warming blessing. It has given me great happiness to have-known Mr. Hyun Jin Moon over the years as he was growing up as well as during the time of his recent leadership responsibilities.



True Family and leaders dance on stage during the entertainment at Hyun Jin Nim's Inauguration. (Photo: Ken Owens/NFP)

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VICE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION OF MR. HYUN JIN MOON

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IT is the first time in my life that I am holding as precious a ceremony as this one today is. I give my heartfelt thanks to God, that God waited for such a day as today, and that finally this day has come.

When we look at the family of Adam, there were three generations to be established. However, because of the fall of man God could not enjoy having the three generations completed. Because of that, the history of restoration has been carried out until today to restore the three generations. Therefore today, upon the completion of three generations, we are having this precious ceremony. Therefore, I am deeply grateful.

As we all know, perfection of the three generations is not completed yet. That is why Hyun Jin Moon has now been assigned as the vice president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification International. In this way, along with Hyun Jin we can all perfect this three generations task, and upon that foundation, together we will all build the ideal kingdom.

We have declared that the time of the Completed Testament era has arrived. When we look at human history, there

was the Old Testament era, in which the first promise given by God was supposed to be completed but was not. Therefore, the New Testament era came to humankind, in which centering on Jesus there was to be a perfect family established, but this also failed to be realized. That is why this new era, the Completed Testament era has emerged. In this era we are to complete and build the ideal family and the Kingdom of God on earth together with True Parents.

We must understand the meaning of the Completed Testament Age. This particular era is not for the establishment of a day of independence under God. Rather, God has been wanting to see the completion of the ideal family. Therefore the meaning of the Completed Testament Age is the establishment of the ideal family under God. At the start of this era, I declared the conditions of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, in Jardim, Brazil. These are the conditions all humankind must carry out to fulfill our responsibility in this particular time period. God has been wanting to see the ideal family established upon the foundation of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. We have to understand that this was the hope and expectation which God placed upon Adam's family, His first children.

After He lost his own children, the pain in God's heart was so insufferable and incredible we cannot imagine how great it was, because it was like losing His only son after 10,000 generations. It was not just the only son after seven generations, but the only son after 10,000 generations who was lost. That kind of pain and sorrow and agony filled God's heart. This son was lost, yet was still alive, but God had to chase him out into the wilderness. Therefore we must understand that God has been in the position of the king of sorrow and the king of pain. Therefore, since the Unification Church came into being, we Unification Church members have had the responsibility to liberate God's agonized heart and to build the ideal kingdom together here on earth.

We also need to understand that the responsibility of the Messiah, the Lord of the Second Advent who has come as a true parent to mankind, is to establish the position of the true child of filial piety, true patriot, true saint and true divine son. When we

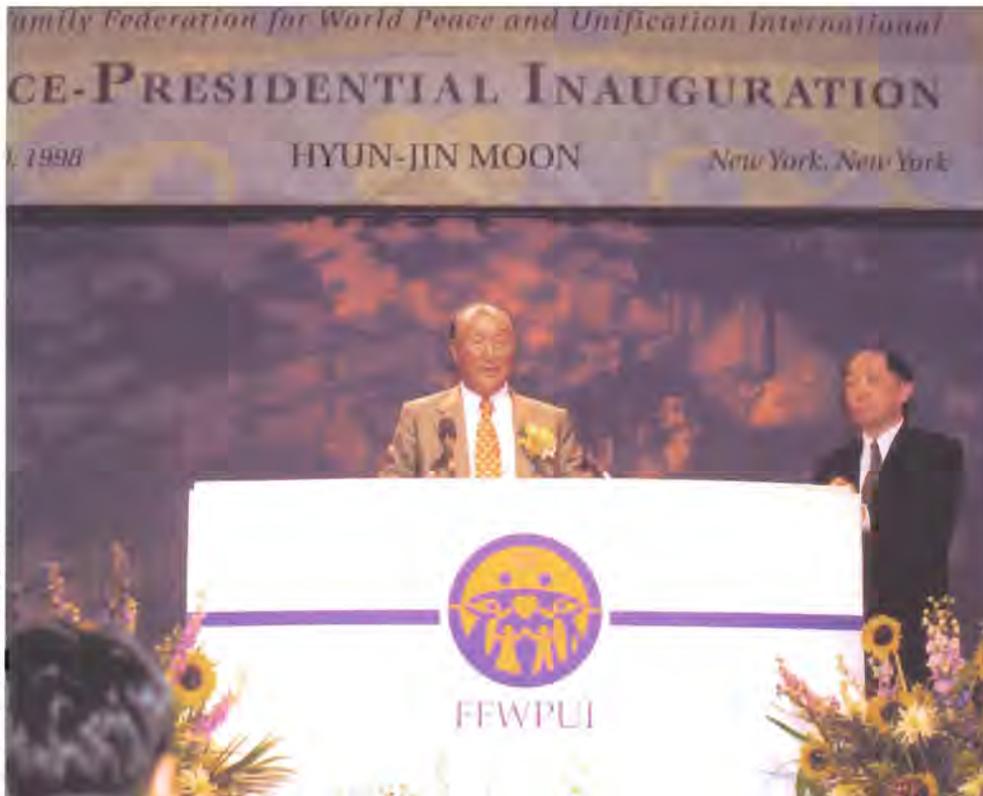


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Father explains the significance of Hyun Jin Nim's mission.

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study the Bible, it teaches us that those who seek to gain their life will lose it, while those who are willing to sacrifice their life will gain it. It also says that whatever is bound in this world will be bound in heaven, and whatever is loosed in this world will be loosed in heaven. Why is this so? We are in the position of the children of God to liberate God's heart. Because we know the reality of God, even though God has been betrayed and abandoned thousands and thousands of times throughout the course of history, we are the ones who have to come forward and liberate the heart of God. In order to liberate such a heart of God, we have to come into a position of absolute faith—eternally absolute faith. Our love must follow the same principle. We have to go beyond the love of God when God chased his own children out of the Garden of Eden. That is the only way we can liberate God's heart. Where true faith is established, it entails true love.

When the seed of true love is sown on the foundation of true faith, this seed of true love should germinate and grow. In order to grow this true love we have to apply absolute obedience. Faith is an abstract concept; it is not a reality. Even the Bible teaches that what is required in a life of faith is an absolute faith which trusts and believes in an invisible concept. The absolute God gives us absolute trust. Therefore, we have to return our absolute faith to God.

Centering on love, the position of faith is above and underneath is the position of obedience. Also centering on love, if we say on the right-hand side is faith, then on the left-hand side there is obedience. If there is faith in front of love, behind there is obedience. They all go together. If we truly understand God's pain and His suffering heart, we cannot imagine staying away from God. We cannot withdraw our absolute faith in God. In that kind of absolute faith there is no self-concept, self-opinion or self-reality. We have to have the same faith in God that God had in us at the time of creation. The same is true for our love and our obedience. We have to offer our faith, love and obedience to God in the same way that God offered these to us.

When it comes to ourselves, can we find absolute faith within us? We are the descendants of ancestors who were chased out of the Garden of Eden by God. Therefore, all the cells within our entire body were received from our fallen ancestors. Can we say then that our eyes have the ability to find absolute faith in God, or can we trust the functioning of our nose absolutely? What about our ears, or our sense of touch? We cannot. What about our body? We cannot trust our body. What about our mind? Our mind is always swaying back and forth and right and left. In other words, we cannot find absolute faith among the fallen descendants of humankind. The only place we can find absolute faith is within God.

God created Adam and Eve as the substantial embodiment of absolute faith, love and obedience, however through the fall humankind lost this original foundation. Therefore it is our destiny as fallen descendants to have to recover our absolute faith, love and obedience in God. This is an incredibly difficult and unimaginable course for us as fallen human beings. Therefore, we can conclude that no matter how many times we are rejected and refused by God, when we try to

approach God again, we should overcome all this refusal and rejection and continuously go towards God, giving our absolute effort to find our absolute faith, love and obedience. That is our only course.

When we look at the religions in the world throughout human history, there have been many founders of religions, but there is no founder who achieved a standard of absolute faith, love and obedience to God. They were always wandering and doubting, swaying back and forth. Through this kind of struggle, finally they came up with their own religion. As a result of the fall, humankind fell from its original positions to a position even lower than that of all things. Thus from God's point of view, even though humankind was created as the master of all things, through the fall we became a being even lower than insects. Therefore, whoever could find the courage and patience that no matter how bad and unacceptable the treatment they received from God was, they were able to overcome that humiliation and still maintain absolute faith, love and obedience in front of God, those are the only ones who could found religions. In other words, if we are absolutely determined to climb all the way up from the lowest possible level back to the original position of humankind where we can receive God's fair treatment, that is the only way we can regain God's trust. From the individual to the family, all the way up to the cosmic level, that is the only way we can establish the ideal world with God.

When we look at this world, there have been in the past and there are today many prominent people who have devoted themselves to public service and to religious organizations, but there is no person who has achieved this kind of absolute standard. There has been no one who truly understood how God created humankind upon the foundation of His absolute faith. Therefore this is the time in which we must go beyond that level. We have to overcome all the suffering and pain and liberate God's heart which is filled with pain and agony. In order to comfort God's sorrowful heart and liberate God, we have to shed thousands and thousands of times more tears than God has shed. It is easy to say that, and we can easily make pledges, but liberating God? The Unification Church teaches to liberate God. Is it true? But then we have to think about our situation. We are still fallen descendants. So even though we may make pledges before God that we will practice absolute faith, there is a huge gap between our faith and the original faith that God expected from our original ancestors. It may be easy to say that God has been waiting for the children of true filial piety throughout human history. But think about the suffering, pain and agony that God has been enduring throughout history. It was not that easy to find such a person.

What is the meaning of the Messiah, or True Parents? The Messiah is the true father of humankind who comes as the new perfected Adam to fulfill the role of the original Adam who was created by God but afterward fell. This Messiah is in the position to comfort God's heart filled with pain and sorrow and to go beyond that level and liberate God from that kind of bondage. The Messiah is the son of the love of God, therefore when God, the parent cries, the Messiah, the son should also cry, and when the Messiah cries the surrounding

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When the son of God and God Himself and the angels are crying together, who can suggest that they stop crying? God cannot, because God has been walking such a thorny path. The Messiah is the one who understands God's heart. Therefore, whenever the Messiah comes to God, he cries, ten times, one hundred times, one thousand times. The Messiah cannot meet God without tears. When the Messiah comes in front of God, he converses with God saying, "God, You created all the things in the universe from minerals, insects, plants and animals to humankind in order to experience joy, didn't You?" Because of the fall of man, all things which were created by God in a way became fallen too. Thus, the Messiah is the one who comes to God and says, "God, because of the fall of man, all these things that you created are dead. Therefore I will work with you to revive them, to give life back to them." All things, humankind and God are all in the realm of agony and pain because of whom? Because of Adam and Eve. The Messiah, who comes as the Lord of the Second Advent, should go beyond that level. The mistake of humankind made by Adam and Eve should be rectified by the Messiah. Therefore, imagine how many tears the Messiah must shed in order to do that. The Messiah is the representative of man who is with tears. At all times he is a man of suffering. In the morning and evening, in the spring, summer, autumn and winter, through every change of the seasons, the Messiah is always in tears with God. When God watches the Messiah in tears all the time, in front of all things, in front of the change of seasons, in front of the animals and fallen people, God feels sympathy towards him saying, "My son, it is not your fault. It is because of the mistake made by Adam and Eve. It is also the responsibility of all things, and also partially my responsibility." This kind of comfort and sympathy will come from God. That is the only way we can restore everything.

We must understand that when it comes to the practice of absolute faith, love and obedience, it only should come after we win victory over all the suffering, agony and tears. Without understanding this, no matter how many times we recite "absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience," it does not have anything to do with God's providence. The fruit of absolute faith, love and obedience was Adam and Eve. Through absolute obedience, Adam and Eve were in the position of returning absolute faith and absolute love to God. The central force which could help them to attain that kind of goal was the power of true love. After God created Adam and Eve God said, "It is good." That meant God was happy to have given his faith, love and obedience, and to have invested Himself 100 percent into the creation of Adam and Eve.

It may sound a little extreme to you, but let me ask you a question. What is the fundamental difference between Adam and Eve. As a female, Eve was created as the object of the male Adam. What distinguished Eve as female from Adam as male was their love organs. In front of God and Adam, when Eve was created her love organ represented the fruit of absolute faith, love and obedience. In front of God and Eve, Adam's love organ represented the same. When the love organs of Adam and Eve become completely united and one

then the entire universe can be united. The love organs of human beings are like the key to open the door. The path of true love is the direction that our entire five senses combine together for the sake of and head for. When it comes to your conjugal life, do you absolutely feel that your love relationship with your husband or wife is eternally straight in that one direction? Adam was created and lived there in the Garden of Eden for the sake of that love organ of Eve, and vice versa, the purpose of Eve's life was for the love organ that Adam was carrying. They should have felt that those love organs which they mutually owned were better and more important than anything else, even better than the position of king and more valuable than anything else in the world.

Centering on the love organ, our entire five senses are being mobilized each time. Unless we absolutely mobilize our five senses centering on this love organ and make one with its function, we cannot even talk about absolute faith, love and obedience. Regardless of our gender, when we take a shower we see our naked body. We have to realize that the most important part of our body is our love organ, but that that love organ is not mine; it exists for my spouse. Unless your first love is connected to your love organ without having been damaged, and unless your ideal family is being built centering on this love organ, whatever you may achieve in this world has nothing to do with God. In other words, the position of the love organ should be absolutely straight. No matter how many degrees you spin around, even 360 degrees several times so that you become dizzy, if you are just rolled out then you should be able to stand straight again centering on this love organ.

When it comes to the magnetic power generated by the relationship between the North and South Poles, no matter what direction a compass is turned in, its needle will always point north to south. It will never make a mistake. It will absolutely point in that direction. In other words, no matter what kind of suffering or difficulty you face in your daily life, even if you become drunk, even if you are be bitten by gangsters, your love organ should be kept straight, which means only for the sake of your spouse. When a husband and wife meet together, they usually kiss each other first, then what is the part of the body they want to touch? There should not be any disagreement to that. The love organ feels eternally happy when your own, eternal spouse touches it and places his or her hand on it eternally. If that agreement, that feeling between husband and wife is taken away, whether that couple are your grandparents, your parents or your married children, they will be miserable. This is a universal truth.

The reason I am giving you this kind of vivid explanation on this special day is that in order to build an ideal family, we have to be absolutely serious about the usage of our love organ. Think about God. God originally wanted Adam and Eve to believe absolutely in Him from the time of their conception, not just from sometime after they were born, not just after they married one another. In other words, throughout their entire life, even from the stage of life of being a fetus in the womb, they should have been able to offer their absolute faith, love and obedience to God. That is what God wanted.

We must understand how miraculous it is that the era of the fourth Adam has begun. Because of the victory won by True Parents throughout the entire world, finally from God's point of view three generations have been restored and now the era of the fourth Adam can begin. That is the significance of this inauguration today.

At the time of marriage, Adam and Eve were also supposed to want to see their status at the time they were in the womb. When Adam and Eve, having grown up and reached the time of their marriage, finally came to the realization that when they were within the womb of God, God had created their love organs for the sake of their spouse and that God wanted to see them in such a way, keeping their love organs for the sake of one another and mutually exchanging their love, God would have been so happy. God could have felt, "My children finally came to the same conclusion as I."

As a mother, when you gave birth to and as you are raising your child, have you ever felt that you are raising your child for the sake of your husband, or as you raise your daughter that you are raising her for the sake of Adam, because Adam is the only child of God? When it comes to the concept of an ideal family, it is not an easy concept. When we look at American society can we find any ideal family? No. Absolutely not. So we have to throw all these American families into a melting pot and create new families out of them. What is your choice: do you want to keep the existing American families as they are and hope that they will turn out to be ideal families, or do you want to be thrown into the melting pot and be re-created as an ideal family. What does it mean if you are leading a life of free sex? It means eagles are preying on your dead body, and even crows come and eat up your flesh. All kinds of scavengers will come together and eat up your body. That is the kind of life free sex is.

Do you understand, you men and women? We have to know how much of a change we have to make. Even in the secular world, many husbands and wives consider themselves to be ideal couples. However, without going through the kind of formula course I am explaining here, when you go to the spirit world you cannot enter the Kingdom. After the marriage of Adam and Eve, do you think Adam and Eve thought about divorce? Was there any other possible candidate there? Was there an alternate candidate for stepfather or stepmother? When we look at the world today, in particular at America, America is filled with stepfathers and stepmothers; some families have as many as five. Therefore America is doomed to perish. If not, I will make it perish. Who said "amen," a black person or a white person? I would like sometime to hear "amen" from a white man or woman.

I am not telling you these things to please your ears, but to inform you of the truth. A medical doctor who is trying to cure your disease has to inject the proper medicine into your body, not just touch your body. It is a serious issue. Once your love is given, it should be eternal. If you make your spouse sad even once, when you join the spirit world that mistake will become a stumbling block.

Today we are having the ceremony through which I am appointing my son to take the position of vice president of the FFWPUI. It is not an easy position to fill. It is like an offering table, which requires sacrifice. One lucky thing is that because of True Parents' appearance on earth, the entire world is in a way now being cleaned up. Therefore the time has come in which we can establish world peace together. I am very grateful to see my son who is not even thirty years old taking the

vice presidential position in the Family Federation, because when we study history, Jesus Christ started his public life at the age of thirty. The purpose of his public life was to establish an ideal family, yet this was not done. However, because of the foundation of all the millions and millions of blessed couples now all over the world and by the grace of True Parents, now my son Hyun Jin, even before age 30 is taking this position.

We must understand how miraculous it is that the era of the fourth Adam has just started. Because of the victory won by True Parents throughout the entire world, finally from God's point of view three generations have been restored and now the era of the fourth Adam can begin. That is the significance of this inauguration today. That is why Father is so grateful.

My advice today to my son Hyun Jin is to please maintain a standard of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience in front of God, in front of True Parents, in front of his spouse and in front of all the Family Federation members. In order to establish the completed foundation of the fourth Adam and the realm of the fourth Adam, Hyun Jin Nim still has a course to go on the family level, clan level, tribal level and national level. Therefore he has to apply his absolute standard of faith, love and obedience before everyone.

The conclusion of my talk today is that, even if I die, my eternal goal is one of absolute faith, love and obedience. As long as I continue to live in this physical world the same goal is with me. Absolute faith, love and obedience is my eternal, one and only goal. Even in the spirit world I will have the same goal eternally. Today you have to decide in your own mind to have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience throughout your life, when you die and forever in the Kingdom of God in the spirit world. By making these three your motto you can achieve and occupy everything. How wonderful a value they have. Just as God has been having hope in humankind that we as his children become much better than Him, maybe 1,000 times better than Him, I as the father of Hyun Jin Moon, pray and hope that Hyun Jin will become much greater than me, 1,000 times greater, and fulfill the mission which is yet to be done. My son Hyun Jin is more handsome than me, he has more strength, he has more courage; he also has obtained an MBA degree, which I did not. I congratulate Hyun Jin, and I am really hopeful regarding his future. Some people in the world say that Reverend Moon failed in business ventures, but now I have a son with an MBA who will be successful in business. He will also attend Unification Theological Seminary, and upon graduation will pursue a Ph.D. He will become a prominent theologian and be able to relate with all the theologians of the world. Thus he will have a task which will make his mind and body absolutely one. From Hyun Jin Nim's point of view, if True Father asks him to do ten things, Hyun Jin Nim would come and say, "Father, that is not enough, I will do 1,000 things." As long as that kind of relationship exists between Hyun Jin and myself, the future of the Unification Church FFWPUI will be great. Amen, amen, amen. ■■■

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