

God's Homeland

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I have often said that there isn't always such a thing as the right time. We must take into consideration the topic of today's *Hoon Dok Hae*, what is happening in reality today and the selfish calculations of the superpowers surrounding Korea. This nation, which must realize God's word, is God's homeland and True Parents' nation. What should be done in this present situation in which superpowers such as China, Russia, the United States, Japan and other countries seek only their own national interests?

Recently China has been saying it will have control over even banks as part of its endeavor to expand its power. Korea also became a member, didn't it? [True Mother is apparently referring to the Asian Infrastructure investment Bank]. Several nations in Europe have allied themselves with China too, haven't they? When seeing this state of affairs, what thought comes to you? For Korea to survive even in a balanced state of power hasn't been easy. That is because leaning to one side, whichever side it may be, could make circumstances more complicated.

Quicken your pace

We have set goals to achieve by 2020. Even if we attain these goals, we still will have a long way to go. The world is too wide. Let us take religion as an example. Should religions that recklessly kill people because of the slight differences existing between them exist or disappear? This brings shame to the name "religion." Human beings could be called God's greatest work; yet there are religions that still mistreat human beings. How did all this happen? It happened because we did not properly know God. The path we have to follow is endlessly wide and has obstacles everywhere. What should be done?

This nation, True Parents' fatherland and God's homeland, is still divided in two. North Korea keeps shooting missiles as a survival tactic. It is as if they are trying to say, "If you threaten us, we will act." Can we just stand by and watch this continue? Is there a way to bring about the reunification of the two Koreas? Is there an alternative that can bring unity to this nation? A new era has opened centered on Foundation Day. Can we let what True Father said, and the fact that he has completed everything, come to nothing? There is only one method, one way. It is the True Parents. Do you understand?

I am saying that you should quickly fulfill your tribal messiah responsibilities. In the future there will be many university graduates; yet people say there is no guarantee that these graduates will find a job. Right? We can give them jobs. Do you really think major companies can eternally maintain their businesses within the family? We live in an extremely competitive society. On the other hand, we are different. When one restores a person to God's side, that person will restore another healthy person like him or her to God's side too. This is witnessing. Through witnessing, we give hope to others, and those recruited will honor God's Will and think, "Ah! I should try living more for others!" For example, the person might think, "I should work not only in Korea or in this society alone, but I should turn my sights on the world!" If this happens, the person will become the greatest global citizen in this era.

Why did you think witnessing to someone and sending that person out as an evangelist is difficult? If those who cannot find a job after graduating from university listen to True Parents' teachings, receive training, go out to the world and teach Korean in different countries, not only will they be elevating the status of God's homeland, Korea, but also they will find a way to make a living. Hence, they will be grateful to you and welcome you for it. If you gradually expand your environment in this manner, you can

become leaders. This system of ours is a means of organization that young people should learn first in order to survive in their struggle for existence. We must revitalize CARP.

Protect God's homeland

Don't we have to save Korea? Korea is still not in a position in which it can stand on its own feet. As God's homeland and the nation where True Parents were born, can we let Korea be poorly treated? From the perspective of God's Will and the providence, we are following the eternal path, while today's governments and all other organizations will disappear one day. As time passes, they will dissolve. We will not. They can assert that they can speak and act without any responsibility attached. Yet we cannot. We must complete our responsibilities. Each one of you and your families have lived and joined hands with True Parents in this age. As Unificationists who joined as adults and as those who were born into our faith, you must fulfill your responsibilities.

The reunification of the two Koreas must be realized by 2020. How unfortunate is North Korea! They have no food to eat but keep shooting missiles. They may be doing so to feel secure internally, but that is not something to be done. A leader should never let the people he or she is leading go hungry. I wonder what sense of ownership they have when thinking and acting. If they are doing something wrong, they should be educated. China is gradually expanding its influence and will not leave Korea in peace. If that happens, Japan will not either; nor will the United States leave Korea alone.

That is why I have worried about this for a long time. This nation, which is where the providential history came to fruition, must be healthy. It must become a nation that can stand tall among the world's nations. Being God's homeland and True Parents' birth nation, Korea is the center of the world. Hence, we cannot allow the center to suffer. I have to protect this nation while I am still alive. If I go to the spiritual world too, who will do this? That is why I have asked you to find ways to become a neutral nation.

There is a reason why I sometimes visit Switzerland. I do not go there just to observe the natural scenery. Among the permanently neutral states are Switzerland, Costa Rica and some other countries. Centered on the Korean headquarters, all organizations should research ways to do this and should work on widening the thoughts of the Korean people through the *Segye Times*. China, Russia, the United States and Japan are now seen as the four superpowers, but we should not let them treat Korea as they wish. Therefore the two Koreas must be reunified before they do that. You can imagine how much I worried about this as a result.

The reason why I am working so hard is to save this nation. What is my purpose in saving this nation? It is to save the world. The Korean people have nothing to boast of. Korea does not have abundant tourist attractions as Brazil does. It does not produce a lot of gold and silver as some countries do; nor does it produce oil. It has nothing. Through what means, then, can this nation center itself and be able to stand tall in front of the world's nations? There is only one way, and that is through the True Parents. Through the truth, the truth; only through the word can it shine.

We Must Be As One

You should change your way of thinking, beginning with those who are here. This nation must first safely stand upright, because it is to become a firm foundation for the substantial Cheon Il Guk. If an owner cannot do what an owner does, that is a serious problem.

From now on, doing one's best is not enough. We must risk our lives to defend God's homeland. Only by doing that, can we keep our honor as people who have lived in this age. We cannot do this by just living well. I am asking you to join hands and speak out in one voice.

All nations are like sons and daughters in front of True Parents. They are sibling nations. How sad must the spiritual world be? Those in the spiritual world have high expectations of each one of us. We should change from now on. While doing *Hoon Dok Hae* every day, we should be able to say, "I will spend my day in this way today. I will practice this at all costs."

In the evening, we should be able to say, "I did it." The next day, we should again be able to say, "I will do even greater today." We should be able to give reports reflecting development in this way. We should not have the same reports yesterday, today and tomorrow. Can we change? We must change. Only by changing, can Korea survive. By doing this, we also can survive and our descendants can grow well with a heart of gratitude toward us.