

40 Days of Purification and 3-Day Ceremony

Our families are broken because God's first family was broken. After receiving the Blessing of Marriage, we prepare our hearts to begin 40 days of prayer and purification concluding with the 3-day ceremony for the restoration of the Blessing God originally intended for the family in Genesis 1:28.

Day 1/Matthew 26:36-39 "Inherit Jesus' Tradition"

If we desire God's Blessing, we should concentrate first on how to live solely for God's will. When Jesus prayed in Gethsemane, he prayed that not his own will, but God's will be done. He did not choose the path of the cross because of his own will. To seek God's original plan for love in the family, we must inherit Jesus tradition.

Day 2/John 14:6 "The Necessity of Rebirth"

In the Garden of Eden, God gave Adam and Eve a commandment. That commandment was the word of God. Then Satan approached and enticed them with a lie. And that lie was the word of evil. Adam and Eve were in a position to choose between the two words: The truth was on one side, and a lie was on the other. They chose the lie. When man accepts the word of God he will then pass from death to life, because truth brings life. Man died in a lie, and in truth he will be reborn.

Day 3/Matthew 10:37 "Love in the Family"

Jesus said, "Love me more than anyone." It was indeed a most revolutionary statement. As a result of the Fall, God lost his children, the brother and the sister, even their parents, husband and wife, and all the related relationships, all these were instantly lost. This is where God's pain lies. Humanity inherited Satan's blood lineage. God needs people who can connect with God's heart, unite their mind and body, and make a lineal relationship with God's love.

Day 4/Matthew 10:38-39 "Jesus' Footsteps"

We should become sons and daughters who are concerned about the heart of our Father and attend Him. However, it is not enough to attend God as a mental image. God is the substantial being who wants to be with us as one body, eating together, living together, sharing joy and suffering together for eternity. God is the eternally unchanging original being of love, the embodiment of eternal hope. Jesus Christ was the person who made no excuses in front of this God. Completely forgetting himself, he was able to do anything for the sake of God's Will. We must be sons and daughters who can follow in Jesus' footsteps.

Day 5/Luke 23:34 "Father, Forgive Them"

Jesus taught that the greatest love in this universe is to give one's life for one's enemy. The teaching of the Bible is contrary to the common rule of our worldly society. It is exactly the opposite of the way of this self-centered world. The Bible teaches complete giving and total sacrifice. "He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it." (Matt. 10:39) It seems almost foolish to think seriously about living this way in our evil society. But once you know God's principle, you discover that there is actually no wisdom greater than this.

Day 6/Galatians 2:20

“Christ Lives in Me”

Marriage is not a simple matter of a man and woman of marriageable age coming together and combining their two lives. Marriage is something built on the basis of sacrifice. The man must live for the sake of the woman, and the woman for the sake of the man. As you continue to live for the sake of your spouse, your selfish mind disappears completely. The heart that seeks to sacrifice this way is the heart of love. Love is not a man and woman meeting each other and having a good time. Love is offering up your life. If you marry, you must do so on the basis of your determination that your life is for your spouse.”

Day 7/Matt 19:7-8

“God’s Original Plan ‘from the Beginning’”

If Adam and Eve had not fallen and had become perfected, they would have stood in the position to receive the Blessing. In other words, they were to be the substantial objects of God. Once they were perfected, they would have been objects who totally received love from God as the subject. Through their Blessing, or marriage, God’s love would have appeared in the world. Who is the master of that love? We must know that the master is not man or woman, but God.

Day 8/ 1 Cor. 3:16

“God’s Holy Temple”

The human body is God’s holy temple. It is God’s dwelling place. You will know this when you enter a mystical state, call out “God!” and He replies, “Here I am” from within you. When you ask in this way, the answer comes not from the sky but from your heart. Originally, had Adam and Eve not fallen, God would have dwelt deep in the core of their hearts and guided them.

Day 9 /Genesis 1:28

“The Original Plan”

God’s reason for creating man and woman and giving them the three great blessings was to complete a family. The three great blessings—that is, to be fruitful, to multiply and to fill the earth—are not something that an individual can fulfill alone. They can only be fulfilled within a family. Therefore, the family is a secure environment in which individuals can establish themselves. It is the ideal foundation for that. No matter how great an individual man or a woman may be, God created originally the ideal of family; a father and mother, a husband and wife and brothers and sisters.”

Day 10/Genesis 1:27

“Male & Female in God’s Image”

We marry to resemble the form of God. God exists with dual characteristics of masculinity and femininity. He is a unified being in whom both characteristics exist together in harmony. Men and women were created to reflect the dual characteristics of God. Therefore, a man and a woman should come together in complete unity and harmony, become like the seed, and return to the state of the original nature of God.

Day 11/Mark 10:6-9

“Marriage is a Sacred Vow”

The purpose of marriage is to synchronize the man's heart and the woman's heart to perfect their love. The wedding ceremony is a proclamation of the couple's commitment and determination toward that goal. If you start with the goal to perfect your love and heart through your married life, you are on the way to fulfilling the ideal of family.

Day 12/Philippians 2:3
"Living for the Sake of Others"

You were not born for your own sake but for the sake of others. This is the beauty of marriage -- it pushes people to think always of themselves in terms of another. Likewise living in a family requires us to think in terms of "we" -- the children think of their parents, the parents think of the children, each child thinks of the other brothers and sisters.

Day 13/Matt 20:28
"Necessity of Salvation"

Jesus came as a savior, but his teaching was, "... the Son of man came not to be served but to serve." (Matt. 20:28) Evil subjugates others for its own benefit, while good sacrifices itself for the benefit of others. Since the human fall, God's work has been the restoration of original goodness. God wants to abolish the world of evil and recreate the world of goodness. We have lost our health. We have become sick people. The salvation of God is, therefore, the restoration of human beings to a healthy state once again. This world, being the kingdom of hell on earth, is a place where a savior is necessary.

Day 14/John 3:16
"The Heart of a True Parent"

The basis of love is the heart that sacrifices everything for the sake of the other. The reason parental love is true love is that parents are willing to give everything to their children, and when they have given everything, they want to give even more. Parents who love their children do not even remember what they have given. No parent would keep track of all the shoes and clothes he bought for his child and say, "This is how much I spent on you." Instead, a parent gives everything he has and says, "I wish I could do more for you than I have, and I'm sorry that I cannot."

Day 15 /Mark 4:30-32
"Why Marry?"

"Why is marriage so important? It is the path to finding love. It is the path to knowing what love is. It teaches about life. Marriage joins the life of a woman and the life of a man. In time [through children], it joins the lineage of the man and the lineage of the woman. It thus begins a history, a nation, the world and the Kingdom of Heaven on earth

Day 16 /Deut. 6:5-7
"Family is the School of Love"

The family is the school where love for humanity is taught and learned. When children who are raised in the warm love of their parents go out into the world, they will care for people in difficulty in the manner they learned in their home. People raised in loving relationships with their own brothers and sisters will go into society and share their caring hearts with their neighbors. People raised in love will look upon each person they meet in the world as a member of their own family. The starting point toward a true family is the heart of love that treats strangers as family and shares with them.

Day 17 /John 8:44
"Satan's Lineage"

When we see God's purpose of creation, centering on the connection of heart, God, as the spiritual Parent, created men as His substantial children. Adam and Eve, who were created first as the substantial objects in the image and likeness of God, were God's first substantial objects and the first parents of mankind. Thus, by joining as husband and wife and multiplying children, they should have established a family connected and united in the hearts of the parents, couple, and children representing parental love, conjugal love and children's love. In this manner, God intended to establish the Kingdom of God on earth, with His children of direct descent. However, due to the fall of man, and the first human ancestor's blood relationship with the archangel Lucifer, all mankind have become the children of the devil, inheriting Satan's blood lineage. Thus, the first human ancestors fell into a position in which they were cut off from the lineage of God.

Day 18/ Matt 10:37
“Original Love and Jesus’ Words”

Due to the Fall, humans formed a relationship with the archangel. Accordingly, human beings lost the power to penetrate through the door of love and rise up centering on the ideal relationship of love with God. The reason Jesus said, "You must love me more than anyone else," is not because he wanted to receive love for himself. If human beings believed in those words and loved Jesus, he could grasp them with a force stronger than the force that is holding them in the realm of Satan and elevate them to the position where they could give and receive the original love with God. For this purpose, he said, "Love me more than anyone else."

Day 19/ 1 Cor.: 15:21, 22
“God’s Desire for Adam and Eve”

The fall was not a material loss but a loss of heart, a loss of the core truth of creation. Genuine, pure love was entangled in the action of the fall. That love by which God wanted to have Adam and Eve blossom in the ideal was the hinge upon which the perfection of everything in creation would turn. God had dreamed of the blossoming of the beautiful flowers of love in Adam and Eve, and their fragrance would fill the earth. That was how God wanted to receive His joy and glory. But by the fall that love was hurt.

Day 20/ Mark 15:1-5
“A Life of Sacrifice and Service”

In the satanic world, people try to use and exploit other people and things to an infinite degree. Jesus stood in the opposite position. Jesus led a life of which Satan was incapable. Satan had to surrender because Jesus was meek and humble, compliant and obedient, and he led a life of sacrifice and service.

Day 21/Matthew 10:36
“Enemies in Your Own Household”

What kind of love is the love that Jesus pioneered and established? It is love that is counter to the love of this world. Although the love of human beings is at best for the sake of the nation, the love of Jesus was universal. In other words, it was love that transcended individuals, people and nations. It penetrated deeply into Heaven. What kind of love is the love of God? It possesses

both sides. It does not just love itself, it even loves the enemy. Therefore, while we love God, we must also love our enemies.

Day 22/ John 15:13
“Sacrifice Behind Love”

Jesus came with the spirit of sacrifice and service. In truth, Jesus came to this earth as the only begotten son of God. A true parent child relationship, a true husband wife relationship, and a true brotherly relationship cannot be established unless we relate with sacrificial love. The genuineness of those relationships depends upon that standard. Likewise, if a true couple sacrifices for each other, then love can constantly be restored in addition to the power of sacrifice. Therefore, husband and wife can become one eternally if they share their suffering with each other. True friends are those who sacrifice themselves for each other. The position of love can be established when one sacrifices oneself and gives himself for others. Thus, sacrifice accompanies love.

Day 23/Malachi 2:15
“A Godly Seed”

When God created Adam and Eve, he intended to have total unity in love between Himself and man so that there would be no boundaries between them, and they could rejoice and live eternally together. That was the life God had planned for man. Therefore, God was waiting for Adam and Eve to bear the fruit of love. A fruit is actually the seed itself; the core and purpose of a fruit is to bear the seed inside. Inside every seed are two identical pieces joined together, and the life force is contained in the embryo of the seed. That embryo contains the essence of the parents' love, of God's love, and the life force. Everything is contained in that life package. The two pieces surrounding that embryo are needed to allow the seed to germinate and to give nourishment so life can spring forth.

Day 24/Genesis 1:27
“The Image of God”

If Adam and Eve had not fallen and instead had become perfected, they would have experienced their Blessing ceremony. In other words, Adam and Eve were to have been the substantial object partners of God. With Him as the subject partner, they automatically should have become the object partners. As the object partners, they should have achieved individual perfection. This would have been the foundation upon which they could have connected their objective love to God, the subject partner of love, and fulfilled the Blessing through marriage.

In the end, perfection refers to marriage, and marriage refers to the manifestation of God's love.

Day 25 /1 Cor. 7:4
“The Right of Dominion”

The time of marriage is the time when one inherits the love of God. It is also the time we inherit the authority of re-creation. The joy God felt after He created Adam and Eve appears through marriage. After that, the right of dominion commences. Through receiving the Blessing in the realm of perfection, things of the greatest value are inherited. What we call the Blessing ceremony therefore refers to the manifestation of love; it refers to our being given the right to create, and it refers to us as subject partner and object partner receiving the right of dominion over each other.

Day 26/ Genesis 2:18

“A Life Together”

The life of a married person is such that a man and woman who had been alone on their path to seek love abandon that path and stand as complements to each other- comforting each other when they feel lonely, sharing joy together when they feel joy and giving each other strength during difficulties. In this way, one becomes the right foot and the other the left; one becomes the right hand and the other the left. Together they praise God, saying they are moving forward with God’s love superimposed on the theater of their lives.

Day 27/ 1 John 4:12

“His Love Is Perfected In Us”

Love is eternal and permanent; it must have a storehouse. Men and women are meant to be that storehouse; love is meant to be held by them. So, love does not really exist within just a man or just a woman, but rather between them; both must possess it together. That is the whole purpose of the differences between men and women, according to God’s original ideal.

Day 28/ Matthew 19:3-8

“True Family”

“A true family is a place where a husband and wife each love the other and live for the sake of the other, as if the spouse were his or her mother, father, or sibling. It is a place where the husband loves his wife as he loves God, and the wife respects her husband as she respects God. We cannot forsake our siblings, no matter the difficulties we may face. Neither can we forsake our mothers. So the term divorce cannot even exist. The husband is in the place of the father and older brother to the wife. Just as a wife could never forsake her father or older brother, she can never forsake her husband. In the same way, a husband could never forsake his wife.

Day 29/ John 4:13-14

“A God-centered Family/A Living Spring”

The family is where we receive so much love that it overflows from our hearts. The family protects its members in its embrace, but its function is not to prevent love from getting out. In fact, the love in the family should overflow into the surrounding community. No matter how much love may overflow, the love in the family will never go dry. This is because it is received from God. The love we receive from God is such that we can continue to dig it out but never see the bottom. In fact, the more we dig, the more love wells up like pure spring water.

Day 30/John 14:6

“Recovering Our Original Nature”

The human Fall, in essence, severed our relationship with God. Rather than attaining oneness with God, our ancestors joined in a reciprocal relationship with Satan, thereby becoming one with him. Jesus was the only begotten Son of God; he attained oneness with God through perfect give and take action. When we unite with Jesus in a perfect reciprocal relationship, we can recover our original God-given nature. We can cultivate a give and take relationship with God and become one with Him. This is how Jesus serves as the mediator for fallen people; he is our way, truth and life.

Day 31/Jeremiah 29:11

“One Original Family”

If Adam and Eve had reached perfection without falling, they would have become perfect not only individually but also on a universal and historical level. And they would have been able to start a new family centering on God's love. From this family, a society, tribe, nation, and world – one big family – would have been realized in which God could have dwelt.

Day 32/Matt 6:10

“Thy Kingdom Come”

What God and Jesus hope for is not one people or one nation. It is constructing, centering on God, the ideal world that can bring unity to heaven and earth. Therefore, the love that Jesus presented was love on the level of the world. It was not self-centered love on the level of the people and nation or religion, but love that transcends the world and links heaven and earth.

Day 33/ Colossians 3:13-15

“True Family: A Foundation for Peace”

Family is important in that it expands to become the world. A true family is the basis for forming a true society, true nation, and true world. It is the starting point toward a world of peace that is God's Kingdom. Parents will work for their children until their bones melt away. They are not working just to feed their own children, however. A person whose heart overflows with love is capable of working for the sake of others and God.

Day 34/John 3:16

“The True Love of Parents”

The love of parents cultivating a family is like the honeybee attached to the flower. Even if a parent should lose his own life, he will never let go of the bond of love that ties him to his child. Parents will lay down their lives for the sake of the child and then later forget that they had done so. This is the true love of parents. No matter how far or dangerous the path may be, the parent will gladly travel it. Parental love is the greatest love in the world.

Day 35/ 2 Chron. 7:14

Peaceful Marriage for a Peaceful World

Marriage is more than a simple coming together of a man and woman. It is a precious ceremony of commitment to carry on God's work of creation. Marriage is the path by which a man and woman become as one, create new life, and establish true love. Through marriage, a new future is created: Societies are formed; nations are built. God's world of peace is realized with married families at the center. It is in the family that God's Kingdom of Heaven is brought about.

Day 36 /Matt 5:48

“God's Plan for Perfection”

So husbands and wives must be centers of peace. Not only must there be love between the husband and wife, but the couple must also be able to bring harmony to their extended families. It is not enough that the husband and wife live well together in love. All the relatives must love each other as well. Why do a husband and wife fight? They fight because they each want to receive love. Couples who only want to receive love will not last. A family whose members only want to receive love will fall apart. But a family whose members are

determined to give love to each other will not break down. It will survive, even if others wish it ill. Love that prompts us to live for each other is eternal love.

Day 37/ Eph. 6:1-4
The Purpose of Marriage

The purpose of marriage is self-perfection and dominion over the universe. When one perfects himself, he seizes control of the universe and embraces the world of the future. Marrying is a statement that we will perfect ourselves and come to possess God. Thus, we become a counterpart to God, one who has assisted Him in realizing His ideal of creation. Since God created good sons and daughters, we should also give birth to and raise good sons and daughters. Having children is a serious matter. Through giving birth to children, we infinitely expand the world that God governs, the world that God created.

Day 38/Proverbs 5:18-19
“Love Never Grows Old”

If your heart never gets old, your love will never grow old either. Your life will never be boring and your lineage will endure forever. True love never grows old. It becomes more beautiful the older it gets. With such a heart you will always see your husband as the best-looking man in the world, and he will look at you as the most beautiful woman in the world.

Day 39/Rom. 8:37-39
“A Taste of God”

When a man and a woman love each other centered on God, a variety of things happen. When you know the way to God, when you really taste God's love, you realize that nothing on earth can compare with it. No suffering or sorrow can defeat one who has tasted that love... Money and power absolutely do not transform us into sons and daughters of God. One who has tasted God's love is called to live according to divine law, uphold God's dignity and authority and protect His glory. God's sons and daughters will never lead trivial, insignificant lives.

Day 40/Deut. 6:4-7
“A Heavenly Home”

A home as desired by Heaven would be one where the entire household is beaming in harmony and filled with the merry laughter of the wrinkled but joyous grandfather and grandmother; it would be a place filled with the sound of the grandchildren's laughter that echoes the prayers of hope that express the promise of the future. The seemingly slow gestures of the grandfather reflect something broad, deep, high and vast. A home should be a place where one can hear God's joyfulness from the hearty laughter of the grandfather. A harmonious melody should flow out from the edges of the skirt of a thoughtful grandmother and the grandeur of the heavenly way should be breathing and alive in the gaze of the ever-busy father and mother.