

'America and God's Will' TP Sun Myung Moon 1976 September 18th

In his "America and God's Will" speech on September 18, 1976, at the Washington Monument, . Addressing an estimated 300,000 crowd for the U.S. Bicentennial, he emphasized that America must move beyond self-centeredness to build the Kingdom of God on earth.

Key Themes and Context of the 1976 Speech:

- The Mission of America:** TP Moon declared that God chose America, at the threshold of its third century, to take responsibility for saving the free world and guiding the globe.
- Anti-Communism & Godism:** He urged America to stand against communism, stating that the nation must declare that God exists, and that God dwells right here, with us.
- A Call for National Awakening:** Describing America as having lost its spiritual, God-centered focus, he warned that God is beginning to leave America unless it returns to the spirit of the Founding Fathers.
- The Event:** The address was part of the "God Bless America" festival held at the Washington Monument, which, despite the bad press directed at the Unification Church, drew a massive audience (estimated around 300,000, according to some accounts) to hear the message.
- "Day of Hope":** This speech marked a high point in his American ministry, aimed at mobilizing youth to reverse the moral decline.

Moon's 1976 address was framed as an urgent, prophetic call for the United States to act as a righteous, God-centered nation, rather than focusing solely on materialistic and selfish pursuits.