

'God's Hope for Man' TP Sun Myung Moon Washington, DC

In his speech "**God's Hope for Man**" delivered in **Washington, DC** on **October 20th, 1973**, TP Sun Myung Moon outlines a theological framework centered on the reciprocal relationship between God and humanity.

The primary themes of the speech include:

- The Subject-Object Relationship:** God, as the "Subject," created human beings as His "Object" to experience joy, which can only be felt through a reciprocal relationship of giving and receiving.
- The Supreme Value of Love:** TP Moon asserts that love, life, and an ideal, are the most precious elements of existence. These qualities originate in God and are reflected in humans, making humanity as important to God as He is to Himself.
- Man as "Incarnate God":** The speech introduces that human beings are meant to be the visible form of the invisible God. When a person reaches spiritual perfection, they reflect God's nature so fully that they will no longer require formal religion, or a savior.
- Good vs. Evil:** Goodness is defined as **total unselfishness** and living for the sake of others, mirroring God's investment in creation. Evil is defined as the emergence of **selfishness**, rooted in the "Fall of Man," where the desire to be served replaced the original principle of service.
- The Goal of Restoration:** History is viewed as a process of restoring humanity to its originally intended healthy state. TP Moon emphasizes that the "Kingdom of Heaven" is not a place for personal salvation but a state of harmony achieved through true love that lives for others; and on giving first, rather than seeking to receive.

This speech was the first in a major 1973 speaking tour; the following night, TP Sun Myung Moon delivered "**God's Hope for America**" in the same city.