## "After Reading the book *The Message of the Cross* I Was Set Free from Online Game Addiction"

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introduced to my wife, Deaconess Pilsook Choi by an acquaintance and we got married. Since I was 37 and my wife was 36 at that time, we wanted to have a baby as soon as possible. But there was no sign inwardly concerned about it.

My wife, however, didn't sway at all. This was because she had seen and heard many testimonies of those who came to have babies through Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer even though they hadn't been able to conceive after seven, ten, or even twenty years of marriage.

In October 2002, my wife prayed with all her heart and received Dr. Lee's prayer. Then, we were blessed with conceiving a child. Since I had desired to have a child, I began to lead a diligent Christian life and gave the tithe. But it didn't last long. I soon fell back into my old habits. Even when she had bad morning sickness or it was difficult for her to move around, I was immersed deep in the online games.

The next year, on July 14, my son, Seonghee, was born. I was so delighted that I quitted smoking as I had promised my wife. But I think I liked online games like "Go", card games, or "Yut" more than my wife and my son. I didn't fulfill my duty as a husband. I was just hooked on online games.

My life was full of online games at home and even in my workplace. I played games until 2 A.M. every day. It goes without saying that my Christian life was hopeless. I lived like that for ten years. I can't imagine how much sorrow my wife felt because of me.

I was later told that she left me to the

In November 2001, I was first hands of God with love, prayer, and faith. She hadn't nagged me or complained a word. She believed that I would turn over a new leaf someday.

I heard that my wife and son had talked about me on March 1, 2011. My son said, of pregnancy for a year. Our parents were "Mom! I am so worried about dad. What if dad goes to Hell?" My wife replied, "How can you even say such a thing? God will give him grace. Your dad will also change. Pray, and pray for him to go to Heaven together with us. Will you pray for him together with me?"

> A couple of days later, my son told me, "Dad! Would you please stop playing games and read Dr. Lee's books?" I said, "Yes, I will!" I had his words on my conscience, but I said yes half-heartedly. Then, however, amazing things happened to me.

> On March 7, I had a dinner. All of sudden, the book on the table caught my eye. It was Dr. Lee's representative book, The Message of the Cross. I suddenly had the urge to read the book and opened it.

> Inside the book cover was Dr. Lee's picture. I felt like he said hello to me. I usually fell asleep soon when I started reading a book, but it was different from any other day. Amazingly, I didn't feel drowsy even though I kept reading and reading. I was still wide awake and felt grace overflow in me. I read through the book for around three to four hours at one time

> That day I didn't even turn on my computer. The next day, I even felt curious about what is written in the next chapter on the way to work. My heart had been filled with only online games until the previous day. I found myself happy and joyful to read Dr. Lee's book.



I even came to have hope for Heaven and made up my mind to live by the word of God. I haven't played online games at all since then.

I still feel so amazed by the fact that I could just suddenly stop playing online games that had troubled me for more than ten years. I don't think I could have quit playing the games with my own strength. It was the grace of God and the help of the Holy Spirit that set me free from them. Although the Holy Spirit advised me to quit playing the games countless times, I couldn't turn away from them.

But this time He finally worked through the word of my son.

Now I enjoy reading Dr. Lee's books and pray earnestly in Daniel Prayer Meeting. Happiness fills my family. We came to have one heart. We talk about how to spiritually grow up at home and read Dr. Lee's books together.

We also have received a lot of grace through GCN programming instead of watching soap operas or show programs on TV. We plan to give home service every week. I give all thanks and glory to God who gives us true happiness.

I gave thanks for the love of the Lord who has blessed me so much to study vocal music as well as to protect us in the accident. I repented that I had made my parents feel worried. I give thanks to the Lord who caused all things to



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I am studying vocal music at Yonsei University. Since I had planned to go study abroad after graduation, I had to earn some money. I was oppressed by worries when I saw the financial reality. I ended up thinking that I would have to make it on my own.

I didn't consider the heart of my sidewalk. My car turned over and was his way, but the LORD directs his



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## **On the Verge of Death** due to the Rollover Accident

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complained, but I really had no idea about my wrongdoings.

In the meantime, on July 21, I was driving at 100 km/h on Dongjak Bridge. At the moment when I turned the steering wheel toward the National Cemetery, my car hit the curb of the



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parents who couldn't support me a total loss. I had to scrap it after the work together for good. financially because of the practical accident. However, neither I nor Brother situation of my family. I just Hyungwan Moon who was sitting in the passenger seat suffered any injury at all. We could even work the next day and we had no after effects that troubled us since then.

> On the verge of death a Bible verse popped into my mind. It was Proverbs 16:9 saying, "The mind of man plans



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# "Let's Share the Abundant Bread for Our Souls"

The Publication of the 500th Manmin News Celebration Event By the Support of Mary's Mission

On September 25th 2011, the publication of its 500th Korean edition of Manmin News is celebrated. Manmin News has been spreading the news of blessings to all people of the world. To celebrate the publication of its 500th Korean edition there is an event that shares books. It will give a golden opportunity for the readers to firm up on the basics of Christian faith through books.

We give thanks to readers who have loved Manmin News. As part of our efforts to spread the love of the Lord, we are delivering Dr. Jaerock Lee's books with free shipping to those who make

Those who want to join the event can download an application form entitled 'The Publication of the 500th Manmin News Celebration Event' from news.manmin. org. Please fill in the form and send it via e-mail to book@ manminnews.com. This offer will be extended for a two week period from September 19 to October 2. The books will be delivered in October through the support of Mary's Jecoby (Chukurei Manmin

The pastors or theologians who have read Dr. Lee's books around the world marvel at the books saying they contain the essence and core of the pure gospel. This is



Dr. Lee's books have been translated in 67 languages including English, French, and Russian. More than 140 translations of his books have been published and distributed in 28 languages by 18 local publishers such as Strang Communications, U.S.; Destiny Image Europe, Italy; Grace Publishing House, Taiwan; The Baruch Publishing House, Ukraine; Andi Publishers, Indonesia; Guardian Publishing House of Essence Communications of Canada; Editora Naos, Brazil; and Word of Christ, India.

because the five-fold gospel of while reading the book."

Regeneration, Sanctification,

Divine Healing, Resurrection,

and the Second Advent has

power to change our spirit,

Missionary Pastor Serge

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stated, "Dr. Lee's book, The

Message of the Cross has

spiritually profound messages.

Many of my friends and

pastors said they deeply felt

the presence of the Holy Spirit

soul, and body.

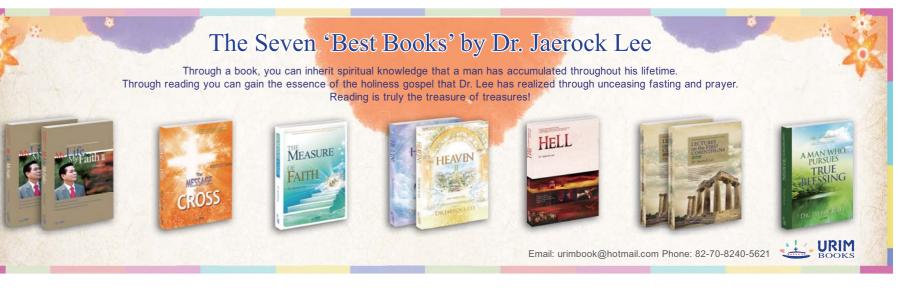
As he confessed, Dr. Lee's books are treasures among treasures that help in our spiritual growth and enable us to have true faith. More than 60 books that he has published are filled with enriching spiritual experience and power that he has acquired by meditating on the Bible, fasting, and praying unceasingly. His messages in the books are understandable by everyone.

Brother Yongjang Kim in Life My Faith. I think it should Fiji, Oceania said, "I devoured his books: The Message of the Cross, The Measure of Faith, Heaven I & II, Hell, and Spirit, Soul, and Body I & II. I came to clearly understand who God the Trinity is, what Heaven and Hell are like, and what 'the spirit' means that had been vague to me.

Sister Minina Nona from Israel stated, "I like Dr. Lee's books very much. I was deeply moved by his book, My

be a textbook for pastors and church workers. We can seldom see someone like Dr. Lee who diligently serves God and earnestly prays."

Sister Subin Gang, 5th grader, came to know the great love of God while reading his book Hell. She confessed, "I thought I will never go to hell. I want to let nonbelievers know that when we die everyone will go to either Heaven or Hell."



### 2 The Word of Life

#### SEVEN CHURCHES

- The Church of Ephesus
- The Church of Smyrna
- The Church of Pergamum
- The Church of Thyatira
- The Church of Sardis
- The Church of Philadelphia
- The Church of Laodicea

# A Letter of the Lord to the Church in Philadelphia(2)

"Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you. Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown. He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name. He who has an ear,

let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." (Revelation 3:9-13)



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Revelation 3:8 reads, "I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name." What words of blessings and advice were received by the Church of Philadelphia who had only a little power yet kept the word of the Lord?

#### 1. I make them know that I have loved you

In the Bible, those who were loved by God could show clear evidences that God was with them. God shows in various ways the evidences to those churches and pastors He loves.

First, God shows countless works evidencing that He is the living God. Also in the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, God interprets the deep secrets of the spiritual realm that no man can understand. The enemy devil may try to disturb and disrupt them, but God shows the evidences by protecting them.

Sometimes, God allows His beloved children to undergo persecutions or trials in the process of refining them. But in the end it turns out to be a blessing, and there will surely be evidences. On the other hand, those who persecute or bring troubles to them will face judgment in justice. That's because standing in opposition of a person or a church standing against God Himself.

Revelation 3:9 reads, "Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie I will make them come and bow down Him.

at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you.'

"The synagogue of Satan" is a group of two or more that speaks against the truth and causes trouble within the church. 'One who lies' is the one who denies Christ Jesus, and he is the antichrist as said 1 John 2:22.

But there are some who lie even though they say that they believe. They say they believe, but do not actually live by the word of God as recorded in 1 John 1:6. Such people are those who "say that they are Jews and are not.' They say they believe in God, but belong to the synagogue of Satan. They hinder the kingdom of God.

They call themselves God's children with their lips, but they don't live in the truth, and they gossip, judge, and condemn others. They just bring troubles and arguments to the church. They may even condemn churches that reveal the glory of God through miraculous wonders and signs if something said or done is not in accordance with their ideas or frameworks of thought and belief. They even condemn the churches as heretical. They say they believe, but they cause trials for churches and hinder the kingdom of God.

The Church in Philadelphia also suffered persecutions and difficulties from those who said they were Jews and were not. But God caused such people to repent that God loves and guarantees is evidence that He loved the church. The Lord made some of them the truth becomes much easier. come and bow down at the feet of the Church in Philadelphia. By doing so, God made sure that they knew the church was loved by

But not all of them repented and turned back. They already committed the sin of speaking against the Holy Spirit, opposing Him, and disgracing Him. It's never easy for them to repent, turn back, and be forgiven (Ref: Matthew 12:31-32)

But among those who call themselves Jews, there are some who have good hearts. When they hear the word of the truth and see the works of God's power, they will realize their sins and repent.

#### 2. I also will keep you from the hour of testing

Though they possessed only a little power the believers in the Church of Philadelphia kept the word of God and did not deny the name of the Lord. They also kept God's word of perseverance, and they were kept from the hour of testing as stated in Revelation 3:10. Why does it say 'word of perseverance'? In order to keep the word of God, it sometimes requires much perseverance.

It is especially true when we have only a little power, or 'weak faith'. Since in the phase of weak faith, the attributes to follow the untruth are stronger in our hearts than the attributes to follow goodness and truth, in order to overcome it and to fight against sin and follow the truth, we must endure steadily with praying and fasting. But when the heart of the before the church. He showed the truth grows to be stronger than that of the untruth, then followin

> But we should not let our heart rest just because the heart of the truth is stronger than that of the untruth. Until we cast off every form of evil, we must endure with

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"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaver 4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus that has been given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

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perseverance and keep control over what might come out of us.

When we try to endure with perseverance and do our best to live by the word of God according to our measure of faith, God considers our effort as the deeds of faith. God protects such children and blesses them in the avoidance of trials.

Here, 'hour of testing' means the time when the enemy devil and Satan bring tests to those who don't live in the truth and betray and leave the Lord. It also indicates more specifically, the time of the Seven-year Great Tribulation.

As we live in these end times of the world, we have to stay awake and lead a sober life in faith so that we may not fall in the hour of testing. If we just attend church but do not practice the word of God and if we befriend the world, then we will not be caught up into the air when our Lord comes back. Instead, we will fall into the Seven-year Great Tribulation.

But, if we keep the word in perseverance, we will not only escape from the hour of testing, but also enter the Seven-year Great Tribulation Wedding Banquet held in the air together with the Lord. When the Lord comes back again in the air, those who are asleep in the Lord will rise first. Then, those who are alive and

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When the children of God live in the truth, God will protect them so they can avoid trials and afflictions. Even when they face trials, God makes everything work for the good (Romans 8:28). So if we are not protected by God and suffer trials and afflictions. we have to look back and examine whether we have walked properly in the sight of God.

If we face trials, even though we have lived a proper Christian life, it is a trial that God allows in order to give us blessing. But there are some who pass judgment and gossip thinking they are discerning in the truth when they see a person suffering trials.

However, we should not judge those who suffer trials. It is the same when faithful Christians are persecuted and even martyred. It is not that they were not protected by God. It is rather the case that they overcame the trials. This is because they can receive the glory that cannot be compared with the passing sufferings on earth as stated in Romans 8:18.

#### 3. Hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown

Since the Church of Philadelphia kept the word with perseverance from the time they had but a little power, the Lord opened the gate of blessings

Church in Philadelphia. The Lord said, "Hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown" in Revelation 3:11.

Our Lord once told the Church in Thyatira, "Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come." (Revelation 2:25) It means that they should keep their faith that they had, so that they might not lose the chance of salvation. But when the Lord said to the Church in Philadelphia, "Hold fast what you have," it is not just about the matter of salvation.

From the time that they had only the little power of their small faith, the members of the Church in Philadelphia kept the word of God. Here, what is meant is that they were able to fulfill their God-given duties properly so that they would be able to receive the crowns and rewards that God had promised to give them in Heaven. If we truly have faith and hope for Heaven, to keep from losing the crowns promised to us, we must neither neglect our God-given duties nor give them up.

Also, we must not have arrogant minds in our duties thinking, "It cannot be done without me." Because of arrogance, the lampstand can be removed. We should keep the humble attitude, the first love, and our initial fervor.

have accepted the Lord will put on the resurrected body and participate in the

During that time, the Holy Spirit will be taken away from this earth. The world will enter into the Sevenyear Great Tribulation. The anti-Christ will appear. His people will find those who try to keep their faith in Jesus Christ and try to make them deny the Lord with severe torturing.

In order to avoid this hour of the Seven-year Great Tribulation, we have to be awake, pray, and adorn ourselves as the brides of the Lord. Namely, we have to cast off all forms of evil to accomplish the heart of the Lord. As much as we live in the word and in the light, God protects us from the

for them and showed them the evidence of His love. Moreover, He Seven-year Wedding Banquet in the told them He was coming quickly, and My God how they had to behave in Revelation 3:11.

Now, the promise of our Lord, "I am coming quickly!" not only applied 2,000 years ago, but also applies in the same way today. Some may say, "He said He's coming quickly, but why is He so slow to come?" But actually He is not slow to come. Most people live for only seventy or eighty years with health, and then they met the Lord who said "I am coming quickly." (2 Peter 3:9-10) So, we should prepare ourselves well enough to welcome the Lord at any time.

The 'Lord who will come quickly' gave these words of advice to the

4. He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of

The Lord gave His assurance to the Church of Philadelphia that He would make them pillars in the temple of God when they fulfilled their duties well and were able to overcome. (Revelation 3:12) 'The temple of My God' here indicates the place housing the throne of God. This is New Jerusalem. To become a pillar in New Jerusalem means to become an important figure in New Jerusalem.

The members of the Church in Philadelphia had but a little faith, but they kept the word of God and never denied the name of the Lord. Accordingly, as their faith grew, they could practice the truths unchangingly

and reach complete sanctification. They were also able to faithfully fulfill their God-given duties. He whose faith is recognized as perfect by the Lord will become a pillar of New Jerusalem.

But even though God has given the promise of blessings to us, if we do not hold fast His promise and keep our heart, the promises of blessing will be forfeited. When we unchangingly fulfill our duties and overcome until the given word is made real, we can receive the promised crowns and rewards and also the blessing to become pillars in New Jerusalem. Because God is never-changing, He never takes away these blessing from those who are qualified.

The Lord guaranteed eternal blessings saying "And he will not go out from it anymore." Also, the Lord made sure the blessing of becoming a pillar of the temple of God saying, "I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem.'

The new name of our Lord is "The King of kings and the Lord of lords." It is the glorious name given to the Lord Jesus who completed the providence of human salvation by redeeming us from our sins, and who resurrected and ascended into Heaven (Philippians 2:9-11).

Only those who are completely sanctified and faithful on this earth can enter into New Jerusalem. There, God will allow to them eternal glory. That is why it is called the 'City of Glory.'

The promise of this hope does not apply only to the Church in Philadelphia, but to all the churches and believers who act like the Church in Philadelphia and its members. We cannot enter the Holy City, New Jerusalem if we are not faithful to the utmost degree with full measure of faith. We have to accomplish complete sanctification and we must be faithful in all God's house. We can enter there only with the highest level of faith.

Reaching this level of faith cannot be done only with our own strength either. In the Bible, those fathers of faith who were considered to be worthy of entering New Jerusalem came forth as pure gold through severe trials of refinement in the providence of God. They fulfilled their duties that could not be done by common people, even to the point of death. Only then could they be qualified to enter New Jerusalem.

Dear brothers and sisters, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will receive blessings of becoming a pillar of New Jerusalem by keeping the word of perseverance even with a little power, becoming wholly sanctified, and being faithful in all God's household.