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## Beautiful Praise Full of Holiness, Love, and Hope

## Renewing the hearts and increasing the faith of all Manmin members



Each word and every melody of Manmin Praise contain the breath of God and beautify the church members' hearts with the love of the Lord and hope for Heaven.

Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee felt grieved over the current generation when even the praises had become increasingly secularized. He organized the Performing Arts Committee that is made up of performing arts dance teams and singing teams through which has offered up God-pleasing praises.

Just as God gave the Israelites songs so that they would not forget the Law of God and the history of His love (Deuteronomy 31:19, 22), God Himself has also given Manmin Central Church praises for all Manmin members worldwide. It is called 'Manmin Praise'.

The church members including those of the approximately 10,000 branch and associate churches enjoy singing these Manmin Praises in their worship services, fellowship meetings, prayer meetings, and even in their daily lives. Through them, the hearts of the people have been purified and they have achieved the beautiful hearts of goodness God wants. Through the praises the works of thorough repentance have unfolded and people have received the fullness and inspiration of the Spirit.

Manmin Praise is popular even in other countries so many of the praises

have been translated into English, Japanese, Chinese, and Russian and are being sung by the people who use their languages. Additionally, some songs have been translated into Spanish, Tagalog (of the Philippines), and Tamil (of India).

Pastor Persiyal Rajadurai of Madurai Manmin Holiness Church in India said, "We have translated Manmin Praise into Tamil and we sing the praises. My church members said they receive grace and emotion in the depths of their hearts and tears well up while praising."

Sister Smika Kumagai, Praise Leader of Ida Manmin Church in Japan stated, "Unlike other gospel songs, just reading the lyrics of Manmin Praise causes us to feel the heart of God the Father, the Lord, and the shepherd. The melodies are also very beautiful and sink into the depths of our hearts. The praises cause our church members to be united as one when we offer up the Spirit-filled praises."

Pastor Dmitry Petrovsky has distributed Manmin Praise throughout the branch churches in Israel. He said he was greatly blessed by the God-given Manmin Praise. He said, "I admire the beautiful melody that I cannot ever imagine though I am a music major. The words are also inexpressibly gracious." Manmin Praise has been sung in many events and crusades in Israel and they've brought great grace and deep

inspiration to the attendees.

The praises have been collected and made into five albums: the first one is entitled 'The Heart of the Shepherd'; the second, 'Devotion'; the third, 'Heaven'; the fourth, 'Hope'; and the fifth, 'Space'. A Japanese edition was also produced with the 26 songs taken from selected songs in the five albums.

GCN (www.gcntv.org) also provides GCN viewers with the program hosted

by Praise Leader Rose Han, 'We Offer Up Praises'. It offers the ways to sing Manmin Praise well such as the proper mind-set, the voice production method, and the skills of breathing. Another program named 'Fragrance' is hosted by Deaconess Jin Lee who arranges the Manmin praises. The program teaches the viewers the spiritual meaning in the praises, the basics of music theory, and accompaniments.

#### News in Photograph

## The e-books of *The Message of the Cross* and *Heaven I* in Chinese available on amazon.com

Dr. Jaerock Lee's books *The Message of the Cross* and *Heaven I* in simplified Chinese have been available in electronic format on www.amazon.com since November 27 in 2013. Currently, around 90 books authored by Dr. Lee have been produced as *e*-books in 9 languages—Chinese, English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Japanese,



Finnish, German, and Italian—and they are now in worldwide distribution.

Also, the book ministry of Overseas Chinese catches people's eyes. Grace Publishing House, a famous Christian publisher in Taiwan, put Dr. Lee's books in circulation through 53 book stores in Taiwan and 31 book stores in the U.S., Canada, Australia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, and Singapore; and Manmin Publisher has printed and distributed his 10 books in simplified Chinese all over Malaysia.

## Wisdom of Reasonableness

"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy" (James 3:17).



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

Anyone who casts off sins and evil and pursues peace will bear the fruits of gentleness and reasonableness, that is, the fruit of gentleness and having consideration for others with an openness to reason. Then, what does the wisdom of reasonableness mean?

Reasonableness is to show the aroma of a good and beautiful heart with good fruits in words and deeds. If our heart is filled with goodness and truth, the words that come from us will be good words and all our deeds will be beautiful. But being good is not just being soft and gentle all the time. There are also the aspects of strength and boldness. When both choices are OK within the truth, one with reasonableness will choose what is more pleasing in the sight of God, discerning through the Holy Spirit. The characteristics of reasonableness can be categorized into three kinds.

#### 1. By discerning the truth in any situation reasonableness can give peace and grants peace to others

Since the heart of spiritual goodness is filled with the truth, it has the authority of the light to drive away darkness. When a person who possesses reasonableness is conducting counseling, he can discern the essence of the problem and refresh the hearts of the others. If one has selfish motives, his eyes will be blocked by his own benefit or ill-feelings. But if we don't have any selfish motives, we can see the way to solve the problem. Having selfish motives is to be self-serving. Selfish motives will seek 'my possession', 'my family', 'my fame and power', 'my

pride', and 'my comfort'.

In Luke chapter 12, there was a person who came to Jesus and asked Him to equally divide the inheritance of his parents with his brother. In this situation, Jesus did not teach him anything about dividing the inheritance and how much of a portion each brother should receive. But rather, He tried to teach something even more important by saying in Luke 12:15, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."

Unless this person casts away his greed, he would constantly have conflicts with his brother. So, Jesus gave him the fundamental solution to the problem. He gave him the spiritual answer by teaching him the true way of blessing. If you look into your heart with reasonableness, you will be able to see the essence of any problem.

#### 2. Reasonableness is being selfcontent, stilled and calm in the understanding the God's will, even in difficult situations

If we have reasonableness of heart we have no agitation whatsoever, not only in good times but also in difficult situations as well (Philippians 4:11-12). We won't get discouraged or complain saying, "This is hard and that is difficult." We will be able to do anything with thanks and joy. It's because the grace of God we have in us is much greater than the hardship we are facing at the moment.

When things do not go as they want or when they are in difficult situations there are people who pour out complaints and resentment. They may also blame others for the things that are not going well. Those who have cultivated reasonableness, however, will not lose the comfort in their hearts even in difficult situations. They are neither surprised nor saddened but just quietly discern the will of God in a given situation, and because they are sure of the love of God, they can be at peace and choose the best course of action in every situation.

If we have self-contentment in handling our situations with reasonableness and follow goodness, the Holy Spirit will always guide us. This way, we can discern whether to go

now is the will of God, or whether we have to stop for a moment and continue again later.

#### 3. Reasonableness not only obeys the Word of God but does more than expected

For example, suppose parents ask their son to do something as they are going out. "Take care of your little brother and do your homework, too!" Once he finished his homework he could have just played. However, when the parents got back home, they found that their son had not only done his homework, but he also did some house cleaning. He tried to understand the heart of his parents and did more than what he was supposed to do. How lovely he is, and how proud of him his parents are!

Likewise, those who have reasonableness will obey the Word of God as it is because they love God. Furthermore, they can discern what course of action is better by the Holy Spirit. When God commands one thing of them, by their understanding of the heart of God they do two or three, or even more than that. When God the Father looks at such children, He will be so pleased saying, "They are proper in My sight."

In our Christian life, we sometimes have to choose between two things. If one is truth and the other is untruth, we obviously have to choose the truth. If both of the things are acceptable in the truth, most people would want to choose what benefits them more. But if we have complete reasonableness, then we can choose what can glorify God more and be more pleasing to Him.

In this way, if we have deeper levels of reasonableness, we will not only obey the Words of God but do more than what we are supposed to do.

#### 4. Apostle Paul acted in the wisdom of reasonableness

We can understand the extent to which Paul had cultivated reasonableness considering his actions and professions. He kept the Law of Moses thoroughly even before he accepted the Lord. After he met Him, he dedicated everything he had for the sake of the gospel. He did not enjoy or take advantage of what he could have enjoyed.

For example, he said in 1 Corinthians 8:13, "Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause my brother to stumble." This was also an answer to a question, "Can we eat food sacrificed to idols?" Of course, if you know that something had been sacrificed to idols, it is better that you don't eat it. But you cannot trace the distribution of the meat all the way every time. So, it does not constitute a sin just because you eat something that had once been sacrificed to idols (Romans 14). It is just food now; eating it does not mean you are participating in idolatry.

But for those who have weak faith, they might feel uncomfortable eating something that had been sacrificed to idols. Also, when they see another person who has faith eat such things, they might think he is participating in idolatry. Or, they might also eat them thinking it is OK just because a person who has faith eats it, too. It is OK if they eat it thinking it is just food, but it is a problem if they have pangs of conscience while they are eating it, thinking it had been sacrificed to idols. If you feel you are not supposed to be doing something and yet still do it, it gives grounds for Satan to bring accusations against you (Romans 14:23).

In the case of Paul, having faith he could eat things sacrificed to idols, but he chose not to eat such things due to the fear that somebody might stumble seeing him eat them. He chose rather not eating meat forever rather than possibly causing another soul to stumble because of his actions. God was pleased with Paul doing this, and gave him greater power than the power any other apostle received. God gave him clear inspiration and wisdom, too, so that he could give the answers to the believers to questions regarding marriage, divorce, problems in family and workplace, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Communion.

Only when we receive the wisdom of reasonableness can we choose what is pleasing to God, discern His will correctly, plant faith in the hearts of people with good and beautiful words, and solve their problems in truth.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I pray in the name of the Lord that you will receive the wisdom of reasonableness in fullness of goodness and truth, and please God with beautiful deeds together with a mouth that sends out 'fresh water'.

#### The Confession of Faith

- 1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that
- 2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- 3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by
- 4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven
- 5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through "The Apostles" Creed" each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim

"[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things."(Acts 17:25)

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

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# The Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end



In Revelation 22:13, God says "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Originally, there was neither a 'beginning' nor an 'end' to God. God exists before and after eternity; He Himself is limitless space. For Him neither the limit of time nor of space exists. Then, what is the reason He says this? By understanding the spiritual meaning of this verse, let's feel the boundless and endless love of God the Trinity and become His true children quickly.



God the Father who is the Alpha and the Omega of human civilization

Alpha and Omega are the first and the last characters of the Greek alphabet. At the time Apostle John was writing this "Book of Revelation," the Hellenic civilization was in full flourish. So, "the Alpha and the Omega" does not only refer to the languages that mankind uses to express knowledge, but it refers to the beginning and the end of knowledge.

There is a close connection between human civilization and language. In order to develop and pass on civilization, there had to have been a literary form of language. Even though a generation has outstanding knowledge and skills, if there is no literary language to record it, it's difficult to pass it on to its future generations.

When God created man, He gave him the ability to store knowledge. From the time of Adam, people have amassed knowledge and developed civilizations. However, the knowledge and civilizations of mankind won't develop without limit. Just as the beginning of civilization was already set in the plan of God who created Adam, its end is surely set as well. The course of human history actually began and will end under the sovereignty of God.

Then, why did God the Creator give knowledge to people and allow them to develop civilizations? Only when there was literary language could the Word of God be recorded and correctly passed on to following generations. Also, only when there is development of civilization can this gospel be preached to every corner of the world. When God said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega," it specifically refers to the attribute of God the Father. It is to express God the Father who allowed for all the knowledge and civilization of mankind from beginning to end.

God the Son who is the first and the last of human salvation

Next, "the first and the last" is for God the Holy Son, Jesus Christ. It is related to the providence of the salvation of the cross, which is the secret hidden before the ages. The Lord is the first and the last in the ministry of the salvation of human beings, who were sinners, and leading them to eternal life.

Here, "the first" in the Scripture means that the Lord became the firstfruit of resurrection after the crucifixion by overcoming death, becoming resurrected, and opening the way of salvation for mankind. This is well-explained in 1 Corinthians 15:20.

After the first man, Adam, disobeyed the Word of God and committed sin, mankind was destined to go the way of death. But after Jesus took all the sufferings and was crucified and became resurrected, anyone who believes Him can reach salvation.

Jesus Christ was the firstfruit of resurrection and He has yielded countless fruit (Colossians 1:6). By the

way, when a fruit is first borne, it contains a seed of life. Those of you who heard the holiness gospel and received life, you are the beautiful fruit of the Lord. You then become the seeds of life that are 'planted in the ground', and bear many more fruits. It shows the fact that since the Lord resurrected into life, countless souls can receive salvation in the Lord and join the resurrection.

Then, what does it mean by saying Jesus Christ is "the last"? It means that the providence of human redemption comes to an end as the Lord comes in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). This is how the Scripture describes the Lord as "the last" who will end the providence of redemption by the Second Advent.

Just as a farmer harvests all the crops and later does the gleaning, the salvation of 'gleaning' will be done during Seven-year Great Tribulation after the providence of human salvation is finished.

God the Holy Spirit who is the beginning and the end of human cultivation

The reason God created mankind and governs the history of human beings is to gather the souls who are the 'good grains'. The good grains are the true children of God who resemble the good and holy God. It is to gain true children who love God. So, the beginning and the end refer to the beginning and the end of human cultivation and it explains God the Holy Spirit among God the Trinity.

Originally, Adam the first man's heart was clean without sin and evil. But after Adam's transgression, men became servants who are obedient to sin and became servants of the enemy devil and Satan. In order to become true children whom God wants, they should cast off the fleshly attributes and sinful natures, and recover the original clean heart.

God will give the Helper the Holy Spirit as a gift to anyone who accept Jesus Christ, realize his sins, and repent thoroughly of them and He will help them gain the right, authority, and blessings to become God's children. Unless we receive the help of the Spirit, we cannot pray in the power of the Spirit, realize the Word of God, and receive strength to act by the Word of God written in the Bible.

Only when we receive the Holy Spirit by believing Jesus Christ can we become God's true children through human cultivation. When we obey the Word of God by the help of the Spirit, life and peace will come upon us and joy and grace will overflow. But when we disobey the Holy Spirit, in our hearts lamentation and distress are felt. Even then, the Spirit prays on behalf of believers and helps them receive grace and strength (Romans 8:26).

The Holy Spirit worked with God when God created men and started the human cultivation and did many things even in the time of the Old Testament. Since the Lord's resurrection and ascension, He has worked in earnest. He helps people circumcise their hearts, cultivate them, achieve sanctification, and become true children. However, the work of the Helper the Holy Spirit will not continue forever. We should know it will stop when the Lord comes in the air. By realizing this, believers should endeavor to adorn themselves as the brides of the Lord.

# "I was healed of depression and recovered my ability to hear"

Deaconess Malhee Park (aged 61, 2-19 Parish in South Korea)

It was not until I attended church for 20 years that I realized the Lord's love and experienced the Spirit. But it was also momentary, and I soon lost the fullness of the Spirit.

At that time, my husband drank much alcohol due to the failure in his business and my first daughter moved to the U.S. after marriage, so I did not have anyone to rely on. Moreover, we often moved from place to place. Because of the negativity of my personality I did not talk to my husband, which resulted in depression. I just wanted to die.

In the meantime, I visited big churches thinking of the reasons why the words of the blessing in the Bible did not apply to my life. I read many best-sellers related to faith and tried to find the answer. But even such things could not fill my empty heart.

Finally I heard about Manmin Central Church from my sister's friend, Senior Deaconess Boksoon Choi, and I felt like I could live if I went to the church.

### I was set free from depression after meeting the true shepherd

In October, 2004, I was greatly moved in the first service of Manmin Central Church. Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's message entailed the perfect trust and faith in God and his fervent love for the Lord. Delivering the love of the Lord, he shed tears of emotion. His humbleness and graceful attitude impressed me a lot.

Afterwards, I read his testimonial memoirs *Tasting Eternal Life before Death* and came to understand faith. Reading *The Measure of Faith*, I could check



my level of faith. I could understand why the words of blessing in the Bible could not become mine. I became joyful and filled with the Spirit. I was happy coming to awareness and understanding of the Word of God through sermons and now leading my life of faith. The depression disappeared without me even realizing when.

## After 30 years, I experienced the power of recovering ability to hear

I felt excitement in attending Daniel Prayer Meeting held every night. I became my small group leader and worked joyfully. In the meantime, I was healed of frozen shoulders and my hair became thick. Also, my left ear that had been deafened, recovered hearing ability.

Around 30 years ago, I had my left ear drum ruptured due to extreme shock. The hospital recommended me to have artificial tympanum inserted into my ear, but since I did not have any desire to live I did not have the operation. When the water entered ears and when I was tired, I suffered from otitis media. After I attended Manmin, I was healed of it. But I could not hear well with my left ear, so I constantly received prayer for the sick.

In June, 2013, I was doing house work in the kitchen. All of a sudden I heard loud sound from my left ear! I was so surprised and checked it once again with my cell phone on my left ear. I could hear sound clearly from the ear! I could hear even better after receiving Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer on the first day of Manmin Summer Retreat held in early August in 2013. It was like a dream.

I give all thanks and glory to God who guided me to meet the living God through the true shepherd, experience the love of the Lord, and lead a happy Christian life.

## "Meeting Dr. Jaerock Lee is my turning point"



Pastor Dawson Samson, Senior Pastor, Grace Assembly of God Church, India It has been already 40 years since I became a pastor after I was born and raised in a Christian family. Meantime, I met with a crucial moment that was to make everything of my ministry change.

It was to get to know Dr. Jaerock Lee. I said I worked for the Lord, but I did not awaken many souls. But his case is different.

In 2001, I attended Dr. Jaerock Lee's Pastors' Seminar and United Crusade in Kenya. I was greatly touched seeing him boldly preach that God is alive and Jesus is our only Savior. Then people with incurable diseases and AIDS were healed of their diseases. Many people who relied on crutches and wheelchairs threw them away and came to walk and jump. I was very amazed by their testimonies. In July, 2001, Pastor Joseph J. Han was dispatched as a missionary to India from Manmin Central Church. I felt joyful and helped him settle down well.

In 2002, Dr. Jaerock Lee's India Miracle Healing Prayer Festival was held, which was the biggest, the best, and the most crowded crusade in the Indian Christian history. The super-sized crusade attracted more than three million people in total. Countless people were healed of their diseases and converted to Christianity. They accepted the Lord and glorified God greatly. It is still the talk of the whole country even though 11 years have passed since then.

In October, 2013, I finally visited Manmin Central Church in Seoul, South Korea after earnest longing. I was deeply moved by Dr. Lee's message and his service and love for his church members. He is a real man of God who walks with Him.

Meeting Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee, the pastor of power, served as a great turning point to newly establish the way of my ministry. I give all thanks and glory to God who showed the way I have to walk.



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