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2016 District, Sub-district, and Cell Leaders' Devotional Service

Title: The Measure of Faith (Romans 12:3) Speaker: Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee



On May 22, 2016, the District, Sub-district, and Cell Leaders' Devotional Service was offered up during Sunday Evening Service. The devotees numbered 1,690 which includes the leaders of three great grand parishes (parishes 1 through 9, parishes 10 through 21,

and parishes 22 through 32 respectively); the Chinese Parish (Korean Chinese and Chinese); and the Foreigners' Parish (foreigners living in Korea). It was also attended by the leaders from 43 branch churches including Masan, Daejeon, Eastern Gwangju, Gumi, Miryang, Changwon, Cheonan, Muan, Yeosu, Iksan, Jeonju, and New Gwangju Manmin Churches.

The worship service was broadcast live via GCN (www.gcntv.org) and via the internet. Elder Hongki Park, President of Men's District Leaders' Association presided over the service. Senior Deaconess Kyungae

Jeon, President of Women's Cell Leaders' Association gave representative prayer and Senior Deaconess Misun Kil, from Daejeon Manmin Church, read the passage. Then, the devotees offered up special praise to God with their hearts.

Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee delivered the message entitled "The Measure of Faith" based on Romans 12:3 and he spoke on three check points to attain such faith that is fitting for leaders.

He urged them to try their best to achieve the heart of the Lord by checking these three points: the depth of heart, that is, how much spiritual love and gentleness

you've achieved; the breadth of heart, namely how many souls you can accept and serve; and the capacity of heart, in other words, how much demonstrated in action.

While offering up the

service, devotees made up their minds to grow up more in faith, to tend souls with the heart of the Lord, and to attain the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.



Crystal Music Festival Held by the Crystal Forum in Israel



Crystal Music Festival 2016 glorified God through the people who came from many nations. Deaconess Seongkyeol Ju and Glory Worship Dance Team of Manmin Central Church (middle) were invited and moved the hearts of the many people in attendance.

At 6 P.M., on Saturday May 14, 2016, Crystal Music Festival was held in Kibbutz Shefayim Hall, Kibbutz hotel, Israel with approximately 900 people in attendance including Messianic Jews from the nation together with people from South Korea, Russia, Ukraine, the Philippines, Africa, and Latvia.

This Crystal Music Festival started in 2010 by Crystal Forum (Israeli Pastors' Association). Since 2012, Manmin Central Church's

performing teams have been invited and glorified God. In 2016, Deaconess Seongkyeol Ju and Glory Worship Dance Team of Performing Arts Committee performed in the first part and at the event's climax. They danced to Israeli traditional songs and showed fan dance and powerful worship dance. Deaconess Ju praised God and also led praise so that congregations could praise God together.

This event was broadcast live

via satellites and the internet by GCN, TBN Russia, CNL, Impact TV, and In Victory, so people in Russia, Ukraine, the United States, and Kazakhstan as well as in Israel could join it through the broadcasting.

Crystal Forum was organized by Israeli pastors who were spiritually encouraged by Dr. Jaerock Lee's Israeli ministry. Dr. Lee preached the gospel and manifested powerful works in many areas all over the

Israel through 12 visits for three years beginning in July 2007.

In September 2009, he led Israel United Crusade in Jerusalem International Convention Center. Since then, the pastors of Crystal Forum have conducted a variety of ministries holding events like Crystal Musical Festival, Handkerchief Healing Crusades, Pastors' Seminars, Camp for the Youth, and Seminars for Married Couples.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger” (Luke 2:11-12).



Jesus was in the form of God, and He is the Master of all things in the universe, the “King of kings,” and the “Lord of lords” (Philippians 2:6; Revelation 19:16). But why did He have to come to the earth in flesh, be laid in a manger, and live in poverty?

1. The Reason Jesus was Born in a Stable and Laid in a Manger

In Luke 2 there is a scene in which the Virgin Mary and her husband, Joseph, went to Bethlehem to register for the census and it was there that Mary gave birth to Jesus.

Many people had crowded into Bethlehem and filled the inn there. Mary had no choice but to give birth to Jesus in a stable. For there was no adequate place to lay Jesus who was wrapped in swaddling cloth, Mary placed the baby Jesus in a manger. It was in accordance with God’s providence.

Ecclesiastes 3:18 tells us, “I said to myself concerning the sons of men, ‘God has surely tested them in order for them to see that they are but beasts.’” Some may wonder why the Bible says we are ‘but beasts’ and think such a comparison is odd. It is the wickedness of man, however, that often places him below the rank of beasts.

In order to satisfy material greed, man does not hesitate to argue, sue, or even kill even his own family

members. In the beginning, God created man in His good and holy image. However since the first man Adam sinned, all his descendants became sinners and their spirits died. They eventually lost the sense of the duty of man and they’ve committed all kinds of sins in satisfying their worldly desires and greed.

Jesus tells us in John 6:51, “I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.” Here, “eating of the living bread that came down out of heaven” refers to making bread of God’s Word in the heart.

Just as life is sustained through the consumption of food, the spirit is sustained through the consumption of spiritual bread. This is why Jesus—God’s Word—came to this world in flesh and made Himself the bread of life for all mankind. Only when we eat the bread of life given by Jesus can we recover the image of God we have lost. In order to reveal this providence to us God had Jesus laid in a manger.

How, then, can we be set free from the life of beasts and perform the duty as man? Ecclesiastes 12:13 tells us, “The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.” Performing the duty of men is keeping God’s commandments. So, it is to do the things the Bible tells us to do, not do the things the Bible tells us not to do, keep the things the Bible tells us to keep, and abstain from the things the Bible tells us to abstain from.

God does not intend to make our lives difficult. In their love, parents teach their children the basic obligations of man by telling them things like, “Study!” or “Wash up!” By the same token, God teaches and tells His children a variety of things so that they may perform the duty as man and lead blessed lives. It is the great love of God who

desires all men to be saved and enter Heaven.

2. The Reason Jesus Lived in Poverty

Matthew 8:20 says, “Jesus said to him, ‘The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.’” Even though He proclaimed the gospel and healed countless sick people, Jesus did not have a designated place for rest. Despite the myriad of miracles He performed during His ministry, why did Jesus live in poverty?

As 2 Corinthians 8:9 tells us, “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich,” Jesus lived in poverty to give us the blessing of prosperity.

When Adam lived in the Garden of Eden, everything was in abundance and he did not need to toil. After he sinned, however, man and all things on earth together were cursed. Adam could only sustain his life through toil and by the sweat of his brow (Genesis 3:17). Since all people became poor as a result of the first man Adam’s sin, Jesus Himself lived in poverty in order to redeem mankind from their poverty.

Some say that it is wrong to ask God for material blessings, but many examples of His promises to give us blessings are found in the Bible. We also see that such fathers of faith as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph feared God and obeyed His Word, so they lived in abundance and prosperity. In the grace of our Lord who has redeemed us from poverty, we ought to be able to receive blessing. Of course, we should not ask for blessings out of greed but so that our wealth may be used to reveal God’s glory through such good deeds as providing relief to those in need, supporting mission work, and giving special offerings for the construction of a sanctuary.

God wants to give to His children

whatever they ask Him by faith (Matthew 7:11), but not everyone who prays to Him saying, “God, bless me!” will receive His blessings. For instance, as 3 John 1:2 reminds us, “Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers,” in order for us to be prosperous in all respects, our souls must first prosper. Saying that “soul prospers” here refers to the recovery of God’s image we had lost by living by His Word.

Deuteronomy 28:2 also tells us, “All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God.” Even if one lives by God’s Word, he must sow by faith in order to receive God’s blessings. Even an individual of great faith will reap bountifully only if he has sown bountifully. If he has sown sparingly, he will only reap sparingly (2 Corinthians 9:6). The kind of blessings God gives you is in a ‘good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over.’ They will be poured into your lap, ‘more than twofold’ and, as much as your soul prospers, He pays you back thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.

“Sowing bountifully” does not only refer to the amount or quantity of one’s sowing. God is interested in the kind of heart, love, and faith with which one sows and He accepts the scent of each person’s heart. When Jesus saw a poor widow putting in two small copper coins into the treasury, He commended the woman because, despite her poverty, the widow put in all that she had to live on. God is pleased with the fragrance of such a heart and devotion.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I hope you will realize the love and providence in God having sent His Son Jesus, laid Him in the manger, and left Him to live in poverty. I pray in the name of the Lord that by doing so you will accept Jesus Christ, perform the duty as a man, and glorify God who will answer you and save you.

The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
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 the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.
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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To Practice Spiritual Love That Believes, Hopes, and Endures All Things

Some people make mistakes all the time and cause damage and give hard times to others. Some complain a lot and even become sulky over small things. When you are engaged in a group work or something with them, you might think that it would be better if they were not among you. However, we, the children of God, should practice spiritual love that 'believes, hopes, and endures all things' even for them. Now let's look into detailed ways to practice it.

◆ STEP 1 ◆

We have to believe the love of God until the end

1 Peter 1:7 reads, "...so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

God wants His children to grow up in faith quickly and overcome every trial with faith no matter how harsh it may be. This is because only then can they later enjoy everlasting praise, glory, and honor in the eternity of Heaven.

While living according to the Word

of God, we might be faced with unjust sufferings. In order to overcome them, we have to believe we are receiving special love of God. We should know that it is from the love of God who is leading us to a better dwelling place in Heaven and give thanks to Him from the heart.

Moreover, we should believe His love until the end. When we meet with the trials of faith, it may cause pain. If the pain is severe and it goes on for a long time, some may think, "Why doesn't God help me? Does He really love me?"

If we have doubts about His love we may want to give up. We may even have complaints and have resentment towards Him. We have to keep the love of God in heart and endure the trials. We have to believe that God wants to lead us to better heavenly dwelling places because He loves us.

If we believe the love of God and endure until the end, we will finally become a perfect person (James 1:4). A trial is God's love that cares us so much. I hope you will unchangingly believe this love so that you will endure and overcome all trials.

◆ STEP 2 ◆

We have to believe that the trials are a shortcut to fulfill our hopes

Romans 5:3-4 says, "And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope." As said, the tribulation of trials is the shortcut to accomplish our hopes.

Some may think, "When will I be renewed?" But if we endure trials and keep on renewing ourselves, we will finally become God's true and perfect children who resemble Him. We will finally have the qualifications to enter

into New Jerusalem.

Therefore, when a trial comes, we should not avoid it but try to pass it with our best. Of course, it is a natural desire for a man to take the easy way. But if we try to get away from trials, we will arrive at the desired destination much later.

Suppose there is a person who gives you a hard time in every matter. You do not openly show it on the outside, but you have discomfort toward that person. You just want to avoid him. In this case, you should not just try to

ignore the situation, but you should overcome it in an active way. You have to endure things that you suffer when you are with him, and accomplish the heart to truly understand and forgive him. When you try hard this way, God will give you grace and strength needed for you to love him.

Therefore, trials are a shortcut on your way to your hope. If you really want to have spiritual love, whenever you face a trial, you should rejoice thinking that you are now taking a shortcut.

◆ STEP 3 ◆

We have to do only good

Daniel lived only by the Word of God without compromising with the world, but he was thrown into the lions' den by the schemes of evil people (Daniel 6). However, he never complained against God. He never complained against the king who had him thrown in. Although he knew it was an evil scheme he did not react with evil toward those who had plotted against him. Because he knew God's will, he reacted only in goodness.

Then, God sent His angels to close the mouths of the lions and they protected Daniel from any kind of harm. Instead of Daniel, those evil people who schemed against him became the lions' prey.

It may seem to be foolish to react with goodness toward those who act with evil toward us. But if we know the law of the spiritual realm, it is

wise to act only with goodness. It is also a way to blessing. We should overcome evil with goodness.

From a fleshly view, tests or trials seem to be coming from other people or from some situation. But spiritually, they are brought by the enemy devil and Satan, and to overcome a trial is a spiritual battle. To win in this battle, we have to fight according to the rules of the spiritual realm.

Romans 12:21 says, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." If we act in goodness this way, it may seem that we face loss and we lose at the moment, but in fact, it's the opposite. It's because the just and good God controls all the fortune, misfortune, and life and death of mankind according to the spiritual law.

For instance, some of you might be suffering from persecutions from your

unbelieving family members. The persecutions will quickly go away and your family will be evangelized only when you act in goodness. But some may think, "Why is he so evil?" and try to persuade him through argument. Then, the trial may become more serious and take you longer.

Then, you first have to try to move their hearts with love. You have to pray with love and serve them in the Lord. You have to become the light that shines brightly on your family. In any kind of situation, you have to think in goodness and confess with faith.

You should do goodness in every situation engraving Apostle Paul's profession, "I die daily". Then, God will work at the best time. The most powerful weapon in a spiritual battle is not in the power or wisdom of men but the goodness of God.



On the Threshold of Death due to a Heart Attack, I Was Brought Back to Life!

“My Living God! I Am Happy Because of You!”

I Was Deaf in My Left Ear for 49 Years, But I Came to Hear!

Deaconess Sungsil Kim, age 62

In 2009, I was on the doorstep of death in a hospital in Tianjin due to cardiac infarction. My doctor told me that there was no chance left for me and wrote out the paper work for the crematory. My daughter Deaconess Songyeon Han called my sister Deaconess Seongok Kim in Yanji and told her that she wanted me to receive Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer. I received his prayer for the sick during Sunday Morning Service by my cell phone.

Then, I saw a vision, in which a big stone came out from my chest. I looked around to find it. My daughter asked me what I was looking for, so I told her what I had seen. She said with joy, “My mom is saved!”

I asked my doctor to come so that I could be discharged from the hospital. But he brought a funeral director to me. When he saw me, he was surprised because I was standing normally. I am still alive by the amazing power of God. Hallelujah!

I am not well-educated and have nothing. The only thing I can do is to preach about the living God I met to those who are dying ignorant of Heaven and Hell. It is the reason that I live. I give all thanks and glory to God.



Deaconess Sungsil Kim (left) and Sister Yeonok Kim of the Chinese Parish

Sister Yeonok Kim, age 57

When I was nine years old, I suffered from a serious earache and I eventually lost hearing in my left ear. I went to a church for ten years but I could not hear the sermons well. I always felt troubled and became passive in many ways.

On March 12, 2016, while I was taking a walk in my neighborhood, I ran into Deaconess Sungsil Kim who was distributing *Manmin News*. I heard from her about the powerful works manifested through Dr. Lee and registered in the church the next Sunday.

The sanctuary was so bright that I felt like I was in Heaven. I was assured that God led me to this church so I shed a lot of tears of thanks.

In late March, I also attended Manmin Prayer Center's Divine Healing Meeting. After listening to the sermon of the Center's President, Boknim Lee, I repented that I had hated my parents, siblings, and co-workers. Then I received the prayer of the handkerchief on which Dr. Jaerock Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12). I felt kind of a twinge for an instant, and then through my left ear, in which I had been deaf for 49 years, I was able to hear. Hallelujah!

I came to hear well. I am so happy!

“As Renewed by the Holiness Gospel, I Am Receiving Blessings!”

I used to be a Catholic with no assurance in salvation. I had no peace in my heart. I enjoyed the worldly pleasures with my friends and drank alcohol. I hated others over trivial matters and harbored hard feelings. I even beat my wife and took it out on her when something bad happened outside the family. My family was not peaceful. I was a lieutenant in the navy, but many reasons made it hard for me to be promoted.

In 2006, I heard that amazing healing works were taking place through Dr. Jaerock Lee, an international revivalist who came from South Korea. I went to his DR Congo United Crusade. I witnessed many people being healed of incurable and terminal diseases. I was also moved by his message. Later I heard about Kinshasa Manmin Church and went there myself.

In January 2007, I became a member of Manmin and started to listen to Dr. Lee's messages through GCN. I realized what a true Christian life is like and became filled with thanks and joy. When I learned about why



Deacon Symphorien Haizuri Malumba, age 55, Kinshasa Manmin Church, DR Congo (fourth from right in the family)

Jesus Christ is our only Savior by the book “*The Message of the Cross*” I was fascinated.

I learned about the circumcision of heart. I stopped drinking and smoking and my hot-temper changed to mild one. I no longer beat my wife. My family members started to show their interest in the church because they saw me change. They finally registered in the church. Moreover, as my family became more peaceful,

God gave us overflowing blessings. Hallelujah!

In March 2015, I could not walk well due to pain in my left leg. When Pastor Hosu Lee of Kinshasa Manmin Church prayed for me with the handkerchief on which Senior Pastor had prayed, I was set free from the pain (Acts 19:11-12).

My wife was healed of rheumatoid arthritis through Senior Pastor's prayer for the sick, and my second daughter recovered from food poisoning by the prayer of the handkerchief. My granddaughter is growing up well although she was born weak and kept in the incubator. I am so thankful for the grace of God, so I try to pray constantly and live

by the Word. As I have done so, I have received many blessings.

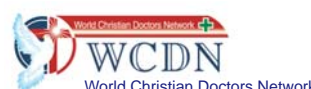
I was promoted so quickly that I became a Lieutenant Commander and now I am a Naval Commander. I am also a chairman of the Church Management Committee in Kinshasa Manmin Church. I give all thanks and glory to the God of love who has been leading us to live a blessed life.



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