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Build Wisdom of Life on the Strong Foundation of Faith Junior Bible Study Book, *Abraham the Friend of God*



Dr. Jaerock Lee's 6th Junior Bible Study Book *Abraham the Friend of God* is to be published on July 28, 2017. His 100th book *Abraham the Friend of God* was ranked as the

best seller among religious books in Kyobo Book Centre, and this time it was edited as a study book for children.

The book has 14 chapters, and

Urim Books Attends the CBA International Convention 2017

Urim Books (www.urimbooks. com) that spreads the word of light to people in the world through the Literary Media Ministry participated in the Christian Booksellers Association (CBA) International Convention held in Cincinnati, Ohio in the U.S. The CBA has an association made up of more than 1,400 Christian book publishers and bookstores from 150 countries.

Urim Books displayed Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's books including *Heaven* and *Hell*; *Spirit*, Soul, & Body; and Awaken Israel in multiple languages. They also entered into cooperative agreements with many leading publishers from the U.S., the U.K., the Netherlands, and India. The book Heaven in particular, was publicized with the video presentation of the Performing Arts Committee's performance that shows the beauty of Heaven. The presentation appealed greatly to visitors.

Elder Kyungtae Noh, President of Urim Books was elected Director



Elder Noh, President of Urim Books, with CBA President Curtis Riskey

of CBA Korea. Urim Books' participation in the convention and Dr. Lee's literary ministry were reported throughout the world by CBA online, Korea Times, and Assist News Service. it depicts the life of Abraham including the calling of God, his obedience with faith, and becoming the father of faith and a blessing. This book explains what the love for God is and what the action of faith is, and the blessing given as the result. You can gain wisdom of goodness.

The cartoon in the beginning part of each chapter gives the readers opportunities to compare their own faith to Abraham's faith, and the activity parts encourage them to apply Abraham's faith to their own life. In addition, the structure of Genesis is presented, and Abraham's journey that was in God's guidance, is illustrated as a map.

By reading the junior edition of the book *Abraham the Friend of God*, children will be able to follow the example of Abraham, lay the foundation of faith firmly, and grow as children who are loved by God.

There are 17 Junior Bible Study books that have been published such as Goodness of the Patriarchs with illustrations, Keys to Studying Well, Powerful Prayer Opens Heavenly Gates, Let's Go on a Trip to the Beautiful Heaven, and Seven-day Providence.

Pastors' Seminar in Mbale, Western Kenya



Bishop Dr. Myongho Cheong, Chairman of United Holiness Church of Jesus Christ, Africa, was invited by

Bishop Dr. Wawire ministering to the Word of Faith Church that has around 600 branch churches in Kenya to lead a Pastors' Seminar in Mbale, Vihiga County in the western Kenya from June 21 to 22. The seminar was attended by over 200 bishops, pastors, church leaders, and local community leaders.

Before getting into the seminar's content in earnest, Dr. Cheong first introduced the powerful works manifested by Dr. Jaerock Lee and Manmin's ministry. He said the message that he would deliver during the seminar had been received by Dr. Lee through his deep communication with God. On the morning of June 21st, the Providence of the Creation was explained and that afternoon the Providence of Human Cultivation was presented. On June 22nd, a lecture on Job was given.

After delivering the messages, Dr. Cheong prayed for the sick with the handkerchief on which Dr. Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12). Many people were healed of their diseases such as herniated lumbar discs, hemiplegia, and arthritis, and some of them recovered better eyesight.





Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

"And He said to them, 'When I sent you out without money belt and bag and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?' They said, 'No, nothing.' And He said to them, 'But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one" (Luke 22:35-36).

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When the time of His crucifixion came, Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one." It means that they should prepare for themselves what they would need after His crucifixion. Let's delve into the spiritual meaning of His word.

1. The Reason Jesus Told His Disciples to 'Sell Their Coat and Buy a Sword'

In Matthew 10, Jesus gave the power to His disciples and told them to preach, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." And He said to them, "Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts, or a bag for your journey, or even two coats, or sandals, or a staff." He meant that they should use what God would provide them with through those who were healed of diseases, were brought back to life, were cured of leprosy, and set free from demonpossession by the power.

When Jesus was with them, they had the power of God. So, they lacked nothing. But He knew that things would be different after His crucifixion. That is why He said to them, "But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy

Sell Your Coat and Buy a Sword

one."

At that time, Jews wore a tunic like a long shirt and a coat. They wore coats for going out and for the sake of politeness. Also, in the day it was protection from scorching heat, and at night they could wrap themselves in this garment for warmth. The material indicated their status and wealth.

What, then, is the reason Jesus told them to sell their coat and buy a sword? He was telling them how to prepare themselves when they were to wait for the second coming of the Lord after His crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. However, they could not get the spiritual meaning of it. They brought two real swords to Him, and He said to them, "It is enough."

He said so because He knew that they would realize what His word meant when they were to receive the Holy Spirit after He fulfilled His duty as the Savior. That is, His explanation was enough for the time being.

2. The Spiritual Meaning of 'Buying a Sword'

To resist the evil of the day, we should take up the full armor of God which includes the sword of the Spirit. Ephesians 6:17 reads, "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

In warfare, one should have a sword to protect himself from enemies. In a spiritual sense, the Word of God is a sword that protects your spirit. You should be armed with the sword so that you can resist the assaults of the enemy devil because it prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Jesus also drove away the devil with the Word of God when it tried to tempt Him after His 40-day fasting (Matthew 4:4).

Only when we have the sword of the Spirit, that is, the Word of God can we resist and win in the spiritual battle with evil spirits. If

you don't make the Word spiritual bread for you, you may be deceived with enticing words and fall into the way of death. For example, Eve failed to keep in mind the Word of God who had said, "From the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die." She deleted the word "surely" and said "You will die." The serpent did not miss this chance and tempted her to eat from it. Adam and Eve ended up eating from it and were sent out from the Garden of Eden.

Today, the devil is trying to tempt God's children with enticing words while they are trying to live by the Word and are persecuted in the world for it. The devil attempts to instill into you such fleshly thoughts as "It is enough to attend only Morning Service on Sunday..." or "It is okay to skip Sunday Services when you are so busy. God will understand it." Some may feel uncomfortable and doubt, thinking, "Why is God not helping me though I am receiving this persecution so I can keep the Lord's Day?"

However, if you are armed with the sword of the Spirit, that is, the Word of God, the verse of Exodus 20:8— "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" and the spiritual meaning of true rest will come to your mind. Then, you can drive away the temptation. Even if you are persecuted for keeping the Lord's Day, you can win in the spiritual battle because the Bible verses pop up in your mind such as "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:10) and "For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God" (1 Peter 2:20).

3. The Spiritual Meaning of 'Selling Your Coat'

One's clothes spiritually represents the heart of the person. In the Old Testament, people tore their clothes when they repented or lamented. They expressed their grief in heart

through their clothes. The first part of Revelation 22:14 says, "Blessed are those who wash their robes." Here, the 'robes' also refers to the heart of man and to 'wash their robes' means to cast off sin and evil and become sanctified.

In Mark 10, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak and came to Jesus when He called him. A cloak must have been a precious belonging to a beggar but why did he throw it aside? It's because he gained spiritual realization, that is, he knew what to do when he came before Jesus.

His cloak was physically very dirty and stunk. As explained, the condition spiritually refers to the heart. But Jesus is so high and noble that Bartimaeus could not come to Him with the filthy and stinky heart stained with sin and evil. He wanted to repent of his sin and come to Jesus with a humble heart. His heart was expressed in his deed of throwing his cloak aside.

Simply put, his throwing aside the cloak spiritually means cleaning his heart. Bartimaeus had such a good heart, so he threw it aside and came before the Lord. And he could receive the answer to his heart's desire. Likewise, 'selling your coat' in today's passage also means you should cast off dirty sin and evil and fill vour hearts with the Word of God.

Here, it is not enough for you to memorize many verses of the Bible and preach them eloquently. Even if you know the Word well, if you do not cultivate it in your heart, you will be just the same with those who do not know it. You may be tempted by Satan, practice untruth, and go the way of death. Only when you obey the Word by putting it into practice can you destroy the work of Satan, reach salvation, and become a spiritual warrior who glorifies God.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I hope you will keep in mind the spiritual meaning of "selling your coat and buying a sword." I pray in the name of the Lord that by doing so you will remove sin and evil, obey the Word with a humble heart, and receive whatever you ask for.

English

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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The Secrets to Becoming a Peacemaker

'Peace' spiritually refers to the condition of the broad and beautiful heart that is able to love all people. Now let's look into how to make peace with all people.

First, We Must Be Careful with Words!

Suppose something bothers you at home or in your workplace. You may feel uncomfortable. Some of you may express the discomfort with words or actions. Others may hold the feeling in heart. The two cases yield totally different results. If you hold it in, it is like keeping a bottle of ink in your pocket, but if you express it with words or action, it is like you open the ink bottle and splatter the black ink around you. Then, it will have a bad influence on people around you.

Let's say you work with a leader in church. He seems to have opinions

different from yours. If you complain about him and talk behind his back with other people who oppose him, it can become a synagogue of Satan. Later, everything will become like snares that cause disputes and arguments. It will also cause difficulties in the work of God.

Perhaps you may have agreed with those who measure, judge, and slander others in their own expressions of their thoughts, but not giving much thought to consequences. You may not have had evil intention, but it might be the case that the evil you have not cast off completely came out. Thus, Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear."

Therefore, to be a peacemaker, you should be careful with your words. That is, speak with words of goodness all the time, and do not listen to evil and untruthful words. But see and hear only goodness. Later, you can even lead other people to love and goodness. Then, you can become a peacemaker.

Second, We Must Serve Each Other!

The most common reason people break peace is that they seek their own benefit rather than seeking the benefit of others, and they insist on their own righteousness rather than understanding and embracing others. If you serve others with a humble heart, you will naturally make peace by sacrificing yourself, seeking others' benefits, and fulfilling what they need. Then, you cannot break peace.

'Service' is spiritually like a mother's serving her child. She sacrifices herself to take care of her child. She does not care for herself first. It is giving up oneself completely just as salt melts completely to enhance the flavor of food. In this kind of service, you put others before yourself, seek their benefits, and serve them. Then, you can make peace. Here, we should

remember that we should serve each other. Matthew 23:11 reads, "But the greatest among you shall be your servant." God wants leaders to show an example of service, and He also wants everybody to become the first one to serve others with heart.

God wants us to help and encourage each other to become a person after His heart and be loved by Him. When we believe and obey each other and march forward together with one heart, we can say we serve each other.

To cultivate this 'serving heart' in your heart, you should get rid of your 'self' first. Only when you cast off your 'self', the concept of what is 'yours', your greed, putting your family first, your personal opinions and self-righteousness can you consider and serve others in any kind of situation.

Some of you may serve others just because you know the truth and you know you have to serve them. In this case, you may keep your ill feeling within when you are bothered by something or someone. But, at some point you will change and it will burst out. Thus, you should break your 'self' completely and serve others from the depth of your heart.

If Jesus had not served us sincerely, He could not have taken the suffering of the cross. But His service was true, so He could give everything and even His life to save souls and finally died on the cross. We should also have this kind of true service in our heart, serve each other, and make perfect peace.

Third, We Must Embrace Everything with Love!

Moses, the leader of Exodus, and the Apostle Paul prayed for souls' salvation and even risked having their names blotted out from the Book of Life (Exodus 32:32; Romans 9:3). Deacon Stephen also prayed for the people who were stoning him and asked God not to hold their sin against them while he was dying (Acts 7:60).

They prayed with earnest love for those who were rejected by God. When you have such perfect love to give up even your life, you can achieve the heart to embrace everything. With this love, you will not have anything related to your own 'self' and will not expect anything in return although you give everything. You will just feel happy to give.

What should we do for our brothers and sisters who are pressing on together one another with one heart and one will toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God? Philippians 2:4 says, "Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others." James 2:15-16 reads, "If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,' and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?"

The verses tell us that we should love them not words of the tongue but in

deeds and truth. The members in the Early Church looked after and helped in love (Acts 4:32). Here, to achieve such love to embrace everything, we should unchangingly hope for others with faith.

Although some of them give you a hard time and break your heart, you should endure with love and unchangingly believe that they will do well. You should not judge or condemn them nor feel uncomfortable. You should hope that they will become better. When you embrace everything with such true love, you can perfectly achieve the heart of peace that God wants (1 Corinthians 13:7).

"Healing, Answers, and Blessings! The God of Love Gives Only Good Things!"

I suffered from an allergy for ten years, and it became worse over time. I shed sticky tears, and my eyes were itchy and painful. I had a rash around my eyes, and my eyelids were always swollen. When I put eye drops and took medicine, the symptoms were gone. But soon they reoccurred.

I began to attend Yamagata Manmin Church in August 2012. The symptoms improved and I stopped taking medicine. But when they re-occurred, I put eye drops in my eyes. So, I felt ashamed before God because I did not completely rely on Him.

In July, 2016, I made up my mind to be healed by faith and stopped using eye drops. When

I ate ham, sausage, eggs, chicken, or shrimp, I had the allergy symptoms. When there was fine dust or a cloud of dust, my eyes became swollen and sore. But with a longing for healing by faith, I repented that I had not obeyed the Word of God and had a changing mind.

In August, I participated in Manmin Summer Retreat 2016. On the third day, during Camp Fire Praise & Worship, Senior Pastor prayed for the sick. Then, I was convinced that I had been healed and joy was overflowing in my heart.

The symptoms improved, and after I dipped myself in Muan Sweet Water pool on the following day I felt my eyes become clear



Deaconess Nanhee Han, age 45, Yamagata Manmin Church, Japan

(Exodus 15:25). Afterwards, I had no problem in my eyes anymore.

In May, 2017, I visited Manmin Central Church. I ate whatever was served without thinking of the allergy and I had no problem. It showed I had been completely healed. Moreover, my eyesight test result showed that my eyes vision improved from 1.0/1.0 to 1.5/1.5. Hallelujah!

God's grace and blessings have been overflowing even at home. I cultivate "La France" pears in my orchard. The stalk is so weak that big and good quality fruit would fall even in a breeze during harvest time. In October 2016, I received Senior Pastor's prayer because a typhoon was forecast before harvest time, and our pears were perfectly protected. Only a few of them that were unmarketable fell, and our income increased. My fatherin-law was amazed, saying, "I have cultivated fruit for 20 years but it's my first time to experience such a good harvest as this."

My husband Hirokazu Kaneko received surgery for myocardial infarction several years ago. He recovered quickly drinking Muan Sweet Water, and registered in the church. He stopped drinking alcohol and smoking. My father-in-law's blood sugar

level dropped and his blood pressure also became stabilized after he went to the church for the first time.

Also, my cat had a car accident and could not move at all, but when we sprayed Muan Sweet Water on it and prayed with the handkerchief on which Senior Pastor had prayed (Acts 19:11-12), it was healed, came to jump up onto a three-drawer dresser in 8 days and became perfectly normal in 20 days.

My family is so happy thanks to healing, answers, and blessings given in the shepherd's space. I give all thanks and glory to God who gives only good things to us.

"A 4mm Urinary Stone Came Out without Surgery!"



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At 11 P.M., on April 22, 2017, I had pain in the part below my right abdomen. It was sharp, stabbing pain, and repeated. I felt more and more painful over time, and it became really serious after an hour. It was my first time to feel such great pain.

I was about to go out for a medical check-up. But suddenly I felt nausea and vomited. The pain subsided. I thought I had indigestion problem. I drank Muan Sweet Water (Exodus 15:25) and received Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer recorded on the telephone Automated Response System with the handkerchief of power on my belly (Acts 19:11-12).

At 5 A.M., I woke up from the pain again. I crawled to the restroom and repented of my past on my knees. I was moved to hospital by ambulance. My CT scan showed I had urinary stones. The doctor said the biggest stone was 4mm and suggested I receive removal surgery.

I went back home. I kept drinking Muan Sweet Water and received Senior Pastor's prayer on ARS with a desire for the stones to come out naturally.



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Around 9 P.M. in the evening, I felt something in my body being pushed and coming out when I urinated, and it made a sound. There was a black stone in the toilet. The 4mm stone that had caused pain in me naturally came out in 22 hours. Hallelujah!

I felt so much better after it. I had no pain. Two days later, two stones that were too small to be seen on the CT scan came out in my urine. Now I am perfectly normal.

I give all thanks and glory to God who healed me. I extend my thanks to Senior Pastor who prayed for me.





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