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“I Would Like to Spread the God-given Songs”

Pastor Dmitry Petrovsky from Israel Paid a Visit to Manmin



Pastor Dmitry Petrovsky of Crystal Forum, Israel paid a visit to Manmin Central Church to see Manmin's ministry firsthand. ■ Photo 1: Receiving Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer of blessing (Interpreter: Deacon Ronya Son) ■ Photo 2: His special praise in Sunday Evening Service offered on June 10 ■ Photo 3: 2012 Crystal Music Festival that let the Israeli pastors become united as one ■ Photo 4: Dr. Jaerock Lee's 2009 Israel United Crusade overflowing with God's powerful works

Pastor Dmitry Petrovsky, Events Organizing Director of Crystal Forum (Israeli Pastors' Association) paid a visit to Manmin Central Church to give thanks for sending the church's performers to 2012 Crystal Music Festival and to experience Manmin's ministry firsthand.

He is doing a very active ministry around the world as a pianist, composer, director, and famous gospel singer. On June 10, 2012, he gave a special song during the Sunday Evening Service and he shouted “Shalom, Shalom” in response to the congregations’ big acclamations and shouts of joy. The next day, at the interview, his face shone with light of grace. Here is the interview with him as below.

◆ What do you feel about Manmin?

“Manmin Central Church has everything including the Word of life, the power of God, fervent prayer, and beautiful music. I have now been able to see it all firsthand.”

I was amazed at members’ fervent prayer, their dedication to God-given duties, and the high-quality of performances. I could see the performances were done through a lot of practice. In particular, I was impressed by Nissi Orchestra. At a later date, I would like to give glory to God together with Nissi Orchestra in a song I wrote.”

◆ We heard that you have experienced God’s power. Can you tell us about it?

“My family and I lived in Belarus, and in the early 2009, my wife was diagnosed with a malignant lymphoma between her two lungs. While I was praying for her, I was told to go to Israel in prayer. I went to the Spirit of Life Church (Pastor Sergey Vocharnikov) in Nazareth, Israel. I have been working with Crystal Forum since that time.

In the meantime, my wife attended a pastor’s seminar Dr. Jaerock Lee led in Israel and received his prayer. Then, she was healed quickly and even conceived a baby. Her doctors said it was dangerous to have a baby in her state, but we kept praying with assurance of healing and she finally delivered our baby safely in the grace of God. In October, 2011, it was confirmed by the hospital that my wife had been completely healed.”

◆ What did you feel when you attended 2009 Israel United Crusade?

“At the Israel United Crusade 2009 with Dr. Jaerock Lee held in Jerusalem on September 6 and 7, 2009, I witnessed a number of people receive healing and answers through Dr. Lee’s prayer and I saw the beautiful performances that reminded me of Heaven. I learned a lot through the wonderful broadcasting system that

aired the crusade live all over the world. Dr. Lee’s three-year ministry in Israel and the United Crusade had great influence. As the fruit of his love for Israel and unsparing support, Crystal Forum was organized and achieved noticeable growth. Now, Israeli pastors want to give strength to Dr. Lee.”

◆ Could you talk to us about the 2012 Crystal Music Festival you directed?

“In May 2012, the ‘2012 Crystal Music Festival’ was held with around 2,000 people in attendance at the Latrun Mini Israel. It was a historic moment for Messianic Jews (Jews who believe Jesus Christ) to praise God in the outdoor venue. People were surprised by the fact that Christians could hold such a big event in Israel. This event enhanced the position of Christians and served as a good opportunity for the Israeli pastors to become united as one.”

◆ What do you feel about the God-given songs ‘Manmin Praise’?

Manmin members enjoy abundant God-given food. Manmin Praise is one of them. I received a lot of grace through the God-given Manmin Praise. The songs purify our hearts. As a person who majored in music I marveled at the beautiful melodies that I could not even have begun to imagine and was moved by the words that are

so gracious. I would like to spread this heavenly food to people in Israel.

◆ What is your specific vision for Manmin Praise?

“After I return to Israel, I will translate Manmin Praise from the English into Russian and Hebrew and allow for people in Israel as well as in the world to know the songs. I want to invite Manmin’s pastors to Israel and hold seminars. With various ways, I want to spread the holiness gospel and the power of God. And my vision is that I want to produce a musical that describes the history of Israel with Manmin’s performers.”

◆ MANMIN PRAISE

Manmin’s Performing Arts Committee has been dedicated to giving God-pleasing performances in this generation when praises have become so secular. Just as God gave songs to the Israelites so that they could keep God’s law and preserve their history as recorded in Deuteronomy 31:19-22, God has given songs to Manmin since 2009 so that all people of all nations will be able to sing them. Now, there are 150 God-given songs, and four albums have been released in Korean.

I Have Only a Handful of Flour and a Little Oil

"As she was going to get it, he called to her and said, 'Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the LORD your God lives, I have no bread, only a handful of flour in the bowl and a little oil in the jar; and behold, I am gathering a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son, that we may eat it and die.'

Then Elijah said to her, 'Do not fear; go, do as you have said, but make me a little bread cake from it first and bring it out to me, and afterward you may make one for yourself and for your son. For thus says the LORD God of Israel, "The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain on the face of the earth."'" (1 Kings 17:11-14)

In this modern society people have little concern for other people and are preoccupied with taking care of their own interests. However at times there are people who sacrifice themselves to save others and sometimes it makes headlines and people talk about the incidents. In fact, some of such people were following their sense of duty as a human and what they did attracted great attention because so many others don't follow or accept such a sense of responsibility these days.

Then, how should we act as God's children who have been taught the Word of truth of God? We who became God's children with the love of Jesus Christ should understand the heart of goodness God really wants us to have in this generation and act according to the truth.

In 1 Kings Chapter 17 is a story of a widow in Zarephath who received a great blessing by giving Elijah, the servant of God with a handful of flour and a little oil during severe drought and famine. How was she able to receive the blessing?

1. Elijah prophesied the drought in Israel.

In the time of King Ahab, the king and the people of Israel fell into idol-worshipping and committed sins, so God's curse came upon them. The curse was no rain for three and a half years. Before the curse came upon them, God prophesied it through Elijah as recorded in 1 Kings 17:1, "As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."

But the King Ahab even tried to capture and kill Elijah who delivered the prophetic word, let alone offer repentance. God let Elijah hide himself by the brook Cherith and commanded the ravens to provide bread and meat for him there.

It happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land. Then the word of God came to him, saying, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there; behold, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you" (1 Kings 17:9).

It doesn't mean God had said to the widow of Zarephath, "I will send Elijah to you, so provide for him." It rather means that He would guide her heart so that she could provide for him. The reason she could be guided to provide for Elijah was that she had a heart of goodness with which she could sacrifice herself for others.

Also, how could Elijah be guided by God's will like this? This is because he was a prepared-vessel for God's glory, and he was God's servant with whom God walked. God was well enough pleased with him to take him alive into Heaven. That's why he could make the Israelites repent by bringing down fire from



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

above at Mount Carmel.

In 1 Kings Chapter 18, Elijah alone challenged hundreds of prophets of Baal and Asherah that had made the Israelites worship idols. They put offerings on the altar, and the prophets called on the names of their gods, and Elijah called on the name of the LORD. And they agreed that the God who would answer by fire, He is God. In the end, Elijah brought down the answer by fire and revealed that the LORD is the one true God.

God provided for him through the ravens and the widow of Zarephath since Elijah was able to be used as preciously as he was for God's glory.

2. The widow of Zarephath provided Elijah with the only food she had.

Elijah went to Zarephath as God had told him. When he came to the gate of the city, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please get me a little water in a jar, that I may drink." As she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand."

At that time, it was hard to get water due to the long drought but he also asked her for food. He looked like he had no shame, but the widow of Zarephath didn't have any discomfort in her heart. She was rather embarrassed because she couldn't help him in her situation.

She said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have no bread, only a handful of flour in the bowl and a little oil in the jar; and behold, I am gathering a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son, that we may eat it and die" (1 Kings 17:12).

If Elijah hadn't asked her for this in human thoughts, her good heart wouldn't have been revealed as deeds God was pleased with. Listening to her answer, Elijah said, "Do not fear; go, do as you have

said, ... For thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain on the face of the earth'" (1 Kings 17:13-14).

It was not easy for ordinary people to obey Elijah and give him the food that was much more precious than gold in such an extreme drought. They might think, "Why would he be asking a poor widow like me for food when he said he had such power." But the widow of Zarephath gave no reason or excuse for disobedience, but she just obeyed. Seeing this, we can see how much she trusted God and His servant and how good her heart was.

3. Blessing given to those who unsparingly give everything to others

God knew the good heart of the widow, so He chose her among numerous people and arranged for her to provide for Elijah. Through the incident, the door of blessing was opened to the widow of Zarephath.

1 Kings 17:15-16 says, "So she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she and he and her household ate for many days. The bowl of flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke through Elijah." She was amazingly blessed to have food until the extreme drought ended.

We should pay attention to the fact that the goodness of the widow was given to a person who was loved by God. Therefore, we must not neglect service for others including pastors in our church as well as service for God.

Out of goodness, the widow of Zarephath must have shown the same deeds to people who visited her even if they were not men of God. God sent Elijah to her knowing that she had such an inner heart. Elijah was one who was guaranteed by God and God sent him to her so that she could receive blessing even though there were other ways to feed Elijah.

If she had had even little greed, how could she have obeyed Elijah's words in the severe drought and famine? But she had no greediness, but a heart of goodness with which she could give things to others. In this way she was able to obey Elijah and received amazing blessings.

The widow of Zarephath faced a crisis of death in the drought of three and a half years. But due to her truly good heart, God worked for her so that she could eat and live with no worries in the drought as a result of her goodness.

God reveals men of goodness and blesses them without fail at His appointed time. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will become children of the Light who do good, receive great blessings from God, and give great glory to God.

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)

What Causes Us to Give Irrelevant Answers to Questions?



A compass helps us determine the direction to the north, south, east, and west. It is a great help to many people including pilots, sailors, climbers, and architects. This is because we can achieve our goals only when we know the right direction and take the right way.

東問西答 which is a Chinese expression means "Asking about the East Gate and getting answers about the West." That is, it means that one gives totally irrelevant answers to the questions. Then, what is the reason that people give such irrelevant answers? In most of cases it is because they have dishonesty in their hearts. Irrelevant answers include cases when you lie without knowing it and giving excuses and reasons.

You can become men of spirit who God wants when you achieve an honest heart by finding the reasons you give irrelevant answers. Let's examine the reasons.

1. Irrelevant answers because of unnecessary idle thoughts

If you do not listen to others' questions intently, the questions can 'go in one ear and out the other' or you may make judgments about the speaker from within your own idle thoughts. As a result, you give irrelevant answers. When some people see and hear something, they develop a train of mixed thoughts. They cannot help but give irrelevant answers to questions because they can't control these thoughts.

Let's say a person asks someone "Who, when, where did such and such occur? In detail, will you what they did?" If the listener has a lot of fleshly thoughts, he misses the second question and others while thinking about how he will answer the first question. He should have stopped all unnecessary thoughts and listened intently to all questions. The moment thoughts move to other things the result will be irrelevant answers.

Some people even interrupt others and cut them off as they are speaking. When they do, they can't figure out the purport of the inquiry and it results in irrelevant answers.

2. Irrelevant answers intended to hide the truth

If a pastor asks you "how many hours are you praying each day?" You should answer with the exact number of hours that you pray like, "I pray for two hours daily". But some of you might answer like this, "I can't pray much these days because I am busy." Why do you give such an answer? This is because you might feel embarrassed if you tell the truth. So you intentionally want

to hide the truth and end up lying and giving an irrelevant answer. To avoid embarrassment for a while and hide your wrongdoing, you give an excuse and other reasons. In effect you give irrelevant answers.

3. Irrelevant answers because you have your own answers

Even though someone asks you a question, some of you don't answer the question but talk about what you want to say. This is because you already have things that you want to say and you may even want to lead the conversation for your benefit or advantage. With such a heart you keep disobeying even the words of superiors. You cut people off in the middle of what they are saying to say what you want to say.

In other words, if you have selfish motives and greed with which you push your opinions, you will give irrelevant answers and disobey. But you will be guided to the way of blessings when you seek others' benefits and obey them, not when you try to get what you want even if others' opinions don't agree with yours.

4. Irrelevant answers because you want to shift responsibility to others

People make mistakes. When you acknowledge mistakes, you can quickly make up for them. But some people give irrelevant answers to make excuses for their mistakes. They may even deny it and blame it on others. Although they run away from the problem for a moment, they will be faced with bigger problems some day. More important is the fact that even if you can deceive others and avoid responsibility when

People usually give irrelevant answers to hide the truth when they think they are faced with unfavorable situations or they have something that they want to hide. Let's check ourselves thinking of the Word of God and how you answer others' questions.

"But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil." (Matthew 5:37)

Q: How many people came to the meeting yesterday?
A: Well, I think the meeting was not well-publicized.
Q: So how many people did come?
A: Not too many.

Exemplary Answer: Ten people came.

Q: Your outfit looks good on you. Is this new?
A: Thank-you, but it wasn't really that expensive.

Exemplary Answer: Yes or No.

Q: Son, where are you?
A: I am outside, Mom.
Q: Where are you?
A: I am with my friends.

Exemplary Answer: I am at the church.

Q: Did you have lunch?
A: I felt sick a little.

Exemplary Answer: Yes or No.

TIP

◆ Three Points that You Ought to Consider Before Speaking

The words of our mouths are one of measuring tools to check if we dwell perfectly in God's Word. By carefully thinking about our words in daily life, we can check if words give grace to others and we can make a habit of speaking good and beautiful words.

First, "Is it true?"

You must check if what you are about to say is true. Is it a story that you heard from others? Is it just a rumor? You have to check such things and then speak.

Second, "Do I really have to talk about this now?"

Even if what you are about to say is true, you have to think about the necessity of your words in the situation. Even if you saw something or heard something, you don't have to always spread what was seen or heard.

Thirdly, "Will my words spoken with moral integrity?"

Even if what you are about to say is necessary, you have to consider the time, place, situation given to you because there are appropriate and inappropriate words. Even if what you are about to say is true and necessary in the situation, you should carefully check if your words will be beneficial and give grace to others.

“I Give Thanks to God Who Healed My Heart and My Son of Impetigo”

When I was young, my parents got divorced due to frequent discord and business failure. So hatred and complaints against my parents from my childhood have left deep scars in my heart. As a result of the influence, my marital life was not very smooth.

The deep scars I had seemed to be brought back up again when I saw my husband who would no longer embrace me warmly. I resented him when I was bone tired and weary from raising our child, and I begrudged and hated him.

My three-year-old son came down with impetigo

In the late March, 2012, red eruptions began to appear on the face of my three-year-old son named Eu-in after an outing. The next day blisters appeared on his brow and chin. After he felt the itchiness and scratched them, the eruptions were spread to eyebrows, nose, and mouth. I didn't take it to be serious because he had been previously healed of cold and enteritis by Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer.

So my husband and I received his prayer for the sick recorded from the telephonic automated response service of the church. Nevertheless, he wasn't getting any better. At the moment, we realized we had to repent before God. This is because children's diseases usually are caused by their parents.

On April 6, 2012, we went to the Pediatrics & Adolescent hospital to figure out the precise name of his disease. The test result showed that he had impetigo. The doctors recommended that we have our son admitted to the hospital and get medical treatment because they were concerned about impetigo spreading to his whole body. That night we went to the



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Friday All-night Service and deeply realized the importance of a peaceful family while listening to the message.

Afterwards, I repented thoroughly that I had raised my son with lack of love, hurt my husband's feelings, and argued with him frequently over trivial matters. My husband also told me that he repented that he hadn't attended to my needs well and had not kept peace in the family.

After we repented, the work of divine healing started

For 3 days from that time, the God of love gave grace to my husband and me for three days. Then, we received Dr. Lee's prayer for the sick again on the automated response service. At that time, impetigo was spread to the back of my son's hand and groin. But after the prayer, impetigo started to be healed. To my surprise, he was completely

cleansed within a week.

In fact, three weeks before my son's impetigo, on March 9, we had gone to Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee and received his prayer giving offerings for his ministry. At that time, he said to us that we had not yet stood on the rock of faith. He went on to say, "You must have peace in the family. You must raise your child spiritually." That is, God had already shown us the way to solve our problem through him, but we didn't obey at that time. How foolish we had been!

In addition to the healing of my son, the God of love healed the scars in my heart that I had had since childhood. The message entitled "Hidden Darkness" delivered by Pastor Soojin Lee during the Sunday Morning Service on June 3, 2012 gave me great insight and self-realization.

During the night of that day, Senior Pastor Lee appeared in my dream. I dreamed of three things in a row at that night. In the first scene, he arranged and piled up black colored clothes and told me to throw them away with my old habits. In the second scene, he held my hands fast and comforted me saying he knew everything that had hurt my heart. My hands, arms, and heart got warm. In the third scene, he showed me people who gave thanks to God who were in worse situations than me and told me to lead a life filled with thanksgiving.

Since the dream, the influence of my past scars surprisingly hasn't resurfaced. I give all thanks and glory to God the Trinity who healed my son of impetigo and the scars of my heart that I couldn't deal with in my strength. I give thanks for my family's happiness.

Interview



“Senior Pastor Lee Preaches the Message Based on the Bible- He Is My Great Teacher”

Troy Miller
(NRB Network President & CEO)

The NRB Network, run by National Religious Broadcasters (NRB), started its first broadcasting in 2005. Now, in 2012, it reaches 33 % of the population of the US, but we have set a goal to cover up to 100% of US population by 2015.

We air the 'Words of Life with Dr. Jaerock Lee' every Sunday morning. His overseas crusades are also broadcast as special programming. In inspiration, I felt that Dr. Lee is a great teacher who spreads the gospel of the Lord. The NRB Network doesn't broadcast any sermons. We seek and sort out pastors who deliver the message based on the Bible.

Two years ago, I happened to watch the service of Manmin Central Church via GCN (Global Christian Network) TV and thought to myself "Here is the gospel!" GCN TV's programming is not only for Koreans, but also for all people of all nations, so I believe that Americans should watch it.

Today, it's not easy to spread the gospel in the world. In the United States hardships have sometimes come to us according to change in political flow and groups of atheists that have put pressure on and opposed broadcasting of the Christian message. The NRB is an organization that plays a pivotal role in spreading the gospel in USA through radio, TV, Internet, and literary media. We also work together with several government branches and put efforts into having Christian broadcasters' opinions accepted.

Dr. Lee's holiness gospel that is aired on Sundays is very precious to us. The NRB TV Network thinks the partnership with GCN TV and Dr. Jaerock Lee is very valuable. We love him very much and extend our heartfelt thanks to him.