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## “Yeshua, the Name Is Lifted High” 2013 Crystal Music Festival hosted by Crystal Forum in Israel



The emotion-filled praises resonated on the shores of the Sea of Galilee causing the Lord's voice to ring in the audience's ears in Israel, Jesus' birth place. The festival attended by around 1,700 people was carried to all over the world on the airwaves. (Top left, Praise Leader Rose Han; right, Glory Worship Dance Team)

On May 17, 2013, Crystal Forum, the Israeli Pastors' Association, held the 2013 Crystal Music Festival on an outdoor stage on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. It evoked the breath of the Lord.

Approximately 1,700 people from the U.S., Russia, Belarus, Germany, and Switzerland as well as from Israel turned up at the event. It was live-broadcast world-wide via TBN Russia. They courageously praised the name of the Lord Jesus in the outdoor public place, which evidenced how much more influential and powerful the Crystal Forum has become in Israel after Dr. Jaerock Lee's three-year ministry.

In Israel, the number of Christians is very small whereas a majority of citizens adhere to Judaism that is monotheistic. Israeli law officially recognizes the freedom of religion, but Jews do not accept Christianity. Thus, 'Messianic Jews', who believe in the Lord Jesus, used to be socially excluded and Christian pastors suffered from persecutions and financial hardship.

During his twelve visits to Israel

during the three year period from 2007 to 2009, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee preached the holiness gospel and performed powerful works that attested his words. Witnessing Dr. Lee's power, local pastors perceived the providence of God towards Israel and founded the Crystal Forum in 2008. The organization has caused an awakening among the people in Israel.

In September, 2009, they conducted Israel United Crusade with Dr. Jaerock Lee, and he proclaimed Jesus is our only Savior while it was transmitted live to approximately 220 countries.

Since then, Crystal Forum has performed a dynamic ministry of many methods by holding the Seminar for Couples, Youth Camps, and Music Festivals. In particular, the pastors' churches have been revived since great works of repentance and divine healing works unfolded through the handkerchief of power on which Dr. Lee had prayed (Ref: Acts 19:11-12). They have advanced in faith while listening to Dr. Lee's sermons every day via TBN Russia, CNL, Holy God



TV, Rodnoy TV, and internet.

2013 Crystal Music Festival was formed of varied figures who participated in such activities as praise leaders from Ashdod, Haifa, Nazareth, and Tel Aviv; an African praise team; Oxamita from Ukraine; the well-known praise singers Gerasim and Valely Korov from Russia; and Alexander Patlis who is the leader of 'New Jerusalem', the renowned praise team from Belarus.

Vice President of Manmin Central Church's Performing Arts Committee and Praise Leader, Rose Han, together with the Glory Worship Dance Team were asked to participate in the festival and were rendered applause at the

opening performance and again at the finale. A multitude of people in the audience acclaimed their performances enthusiastically. They said Manmin's teams were the best teams in the festival and applauded Praise Leader Han's accurate pronunciation of Hebrew and Russian. Some others also stated, "Their gorgeous attire and props allowed me to picture Heaven." This event was produced as independent programming, and has been broadcast via TBN Russia.

The host said that they were thrilled to praise the Lord Jesus along the seaside of Galilee with many people. They added it is the fruit of Dr. Lee's Israeli ministry.

Goodness (17)

# Elijah's Goodness (3)

“You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent ahead of Him.’ He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice. So this joy of mine has been made full. He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:28-30).

Ahab, the most vicious king in Israel’s history took as a wife, Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal who was the king of the Sardonians. Because she brought many idols, it was inevitable for the people of Israel to become corrupt. When the times had become the worst, God sent the greatest of the prophets, Elijah.

Elijah fully emptied himself of self-righteousness and humbled himself, so he lived at peace with everyone. Also, he demonstrated his love for God in deed and in truth, so he only obeyed. He showed God is the only one true God by bringing down the answer of fire from above in the confrontation with 850 prophets of foreign gods, and the event caused people of Israel to turn back from the corrupt way. After he carried out all his duties, he was taken up to Heaven without death.

After he ascended into Heaven, Elijah’s love for the Lord intensified. Then Elijah assumed the duty of coming down to earth again as the John the Baptist and making ready the way of the Lord, and then he died as a martyr. What trait of Elijah who came as John the Baptist did God consider good?

## 1. John the Baptist did not know he was Elijah

Zacharias the priest and his wife Elizabeth had no child, and they were both advanced in years. But one day, Gabriel the archangel appeared and told them that they would bear a son.

Luke 1:13 reads, “But the angel said to him, ‘Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John.’” And the following verses 15 and 17 say respectively, “For he will be great in the sight of the Lord” and “It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Then, Elizabeth became pregnant and bore a son. It was John the Baptist. Luke 1:80 describes him, saying, “And the child continued to grow and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.” He “lived in the deserts”, and it signifies that his life was distinguished from the ways of this world. In such a way of life, John the Baptist always maintained spiritual communication with God and received exact guidance about when he would appear in the world.

Did John the Baptist himself realize that he was Elijah? When asked if he was Elijah, John the Baptist said in John 1:21, “I am not.” John the Baptist had no idea that he was Elijah. While John had received the spirit containing Elijah’s heart, it was clouded by characteristics he had inherited from his parents.

But Jesus’ spirit itself was His heart, and He was not influenced by any hereditary natures from parents. Thus, Jesus was well-aware of His identity and purpose to come to the earth even at an early age. We know this through an incident that took place when Jesus was 12. The virgin



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

Mary and Joseph were looking for Jesus and found Him in the temple. Then, Jesus said to them in Luke 2:49, “Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s house?”

While Jesus clearly knew who He was from an early age, John the Baptist did not exactly know who he was. John the Baptist faintly knew what kind of life he was to lead, because Elijah’s heart was contained in the spirit of John the Baptist. As he separated himself and abstained from the world and always communicated with God, John the Baptist came to understand his duty. He received guidance that he would have to make ready for the One who would come after him, and on what he was to proclaim and to do. He waited for his time when he would appear in the world.

## 2. His goodness, to carry out his duty without changing

And when his time came, John the Baptist proclaimed, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” As described in Matthew 3:5-6, people from Jerusalem were going out to him, and all Judea, and all the districts around the Jordan; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins. Then, the people wondered in their hearts about John, as to whether he might be the Christ.

John answered and said to them all, “As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Luke 3:16).

John the Baptist perceived directly that his duty was to make ready the way of the Lord and he did not cross the ‘border’. As John the Baptist proclaimed to the people about the “One is coming who is mightier than I,” how earnestly they must have longed for the One he spoke of!

When Jesus began His ministry, a great number of people who had followed John the Baptist now followed Jesus. John’s disciples said to him, “Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified, behold, He is baptizing and all are coming to Him” (John 3:26).

Would John have become heartbroken and said, “Oh,

no, my time is up”? John instead said in John 3:28-30, “You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent ahead of Him.’...He must increase, but I must decrease.” He admonished his disciples, meditated on his duty, and truly rejoiced in the appearing of the Lord.

His spiritual love for the Lord is felt in him rejoicing in the truth. Love of John the Baptist for the Lord remained the same even until he was martyred. God regards John to be truly good for unchangingly carrying out his duty of making ready the way of the Lord.

## 3. His goodness, to humble himself and seek only the glory of the Lord

The Lord’s coming is drawing very near and at this end time all believers have a duty of preparing the way of the Lord who comes again. Church workers fulfill their God-given duties faithfully, and it is to make ready the way of the Lord. Even if you do not have an assigned duty, all believers of God have a duty of spreading the gospel and being the salt and light of the world. No matter what kind of tasks you are assigned to, when each of you faithfully carries out your duty the way John the Baptist did, you will be recognized as a worker who has prepared the way of the Lord well.

To become a valuable vessel like John the Baptist, we have to cast away selfish motives, humble ourselves, and lift up only the Lord. We must not want to be glorified when we give glory to God and work only for the glory of the Lord with truthfulness. Moreover, if your fellow workers can give greater glory to God, you must be able to give them even your vested rights in sincere joy and thankfulness.

If you really love Father God from within the heart, you have to place more emphasis on thinking “How can I reveal ‘more of God’s glory’?” than “How much more work can ‘I do for Him’?” This is the heart of the one who only seeks the glory of the Lord instead of his own glory. This is truly a great heart. You will not put your mind on the kind of the duty that you will be given but ardently desire better leaders to be selected for God’s kingdom and the Lord’s glory.

It does not mean that we have no zeal for the Lord or we shrink away because our zeal has grown cold. When a worker who looks less capable than us has been chosen as the leader, if we have true goodness, we can help the leader carry out his duty in the fullness without revealing ourselves to others. It is considered as true goodness. If you have such a heart, you never feel unpleasant or jealous and you rejoice together even if others received more recognition for his accomplishment than you and love from people.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if you really long for the day of the Lord’s coming, you must empty yourself and make peace with everyone. You must also show your love for God with deeds, live in truth, and carry out your duty unchangingly. By doing so, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will be able to make ready for the way of the Lord and welcome Him in glory.

## 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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# How Much Goodness Have I Cultivated in Me?

God is Light and in Him there is no darkness at all. He wants His children to dwell perfectly in Light as well. This is because we can acquire the spiritual authority to dispel darkness and derive love and blessings from God to the extent that we cast away sins and accomplish goodness in us. By meditating on the following questions, you can check how much goodness you have cultivated in you and how well you dwell in Light.

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“Am I accustomed to giving or to receiving?”

Acts 20:35 reads, “...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” The things we ‘give’ or ‘receive’ include all our truthful deeds that require time and efforts as well as money.

Suppose many people received financial aid from church. Some of them manage their Christian life diligently, constantly say thanks, show deeds of thanksgiving, and even help those in need later to repay the grace they received. On the other hand, there are others who express their gratitude, but they themselves do not practice the goodness they benefited from. They know that helping the poor is one of the deeds that belong to goodness but they just expect others to do such deeds of goodness without acting upon it themselves. Still others work faithfully and volunteer to pay back the grace, but they stop it at some point in the middle. They even forget about a desire to repay the grace when a lack of agreement occurs in the relationship with others.

Let’s take another case for example; when a group has a meeting. Some come early to the meeting, prepare for it before others come to make it go well, and check

preparations diligently. If they are in the situation where they cannot come early and make preparations, they feel ashamed and try not to do the same later. Others, however, are habitually late for meetings. Even if they are not late they come to the meeting after others have finished pre-meeting preparations. They have made a habit of receiving benefits from others’ service.

Here is another instance. Some of you may enjoy helping the poor or giving presents, and you like to serve others even when you don’t have to. However, if they fail to thank you, some people may think they do not know the duty of men or consider them to be arrogant and rude. Acting like this implies that you have set a price for your service. God does not deem such deeds as ‘good’.

The goodness or the heart of spirit acknowledged by God simply gives others what they want and comforts their hearts. God does not stop giving after He gives once, but He desires to give the best things again and again to us. We must also take pleasure in giving more than receiving, just as God does, without thinking, ‘I’ve served him once and that’s enough.’

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“Do I understand others and put myself in their shoes?”

Many Christians ask God to allow for them to achieve a form of goodness such as a serving heart or a heart of sacrifice. But, in reality they lack understanding or acceptance of someone whose behavior does not meet their expectations of benefit.

For example, suppose that a church worker has been working together with you but he is about to go home in the middle of the work. Now, if you understand him in goodness thinking he may have some reason, you will not feel troubled. You can just work more earnestly so that the work can be completed well.

But some people think, ‘I’m also busy and have things to do. Wasn’t this planned for in advance? Does she really have to go now?’ Or they might judge her thinking she is selfish. Or, they might think they will ask her to fill-in for them for the same period of time she was absent from work when they have volunteer work to do later. Then, their volunteer works cannot be offered up to God as the fragrance of goodness. It occurs to them because they

do not cultivate the word of goodness in their hearts and accumulate it as just knowledge.

If you apply the standard of goodness to others, but not to yourself, it could happen that you mistakenly think you are good and righteous. You might think you are achieving goodness because you invest time working for God’s kingdom even in the middle of your busy schedule. Then, what if you had been admonished for it when you were about to leave early in the middle of the work? You may have felt hurt thinking, ‘Does he have to say that? I am already embarrassed about having to leave early. He should thank me because I worked so hard for this long.’ You might be offended and might think you are right.

When we think of our own viewpoint and benefit, we cannot achieve spiritual goodness. Men of goodness always think from the position of others. That way we will not choose the easier or better way for us, but we will find ways to make others feel at ease and become the source of glory to God.

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“How well do I serve my superiors in accordance with the system of order?”

Some people do not serve their superiors with their hearts and do not obey within the system. Nevertheless, if their subordinates do not serve them properly, they feel uncomfortable saying they ‘undermine the order of things’! Because such people have arrogance they feel discomfort with people who do not serve them as they see fit.

Let’s say a project is going on in your office. A subordinate makes a report to your superior without reporting to you. You might feel uncomfortable and think, ‘Why hasn’t he reported about it to me? Why hasn’t he asked for my opinion?’ But people who think like it usually do not follow the order themselves. When superiors command them to do something, if things do not agree with their hearts, they complain and feel agitated with all kinds of thoughts.

Every organization or group has its order, and each individual has his own tasks. However, there

can be different situations: where they have to just understand and harbor subordinates, and where they have to correct their mistakes in kindness to allow for the order to be well kept. That is, it is not always spiritual goodness to unconditionally understand and embrace a subordinate who violates the group’s order.

What do we have to do to discern such cases in the truth and choose what is pleasing to God all the time? We must cast away a desire to dominate others, to become the head, to be served, and to receive recognition and also get rid of self-esteem. We then can distinguish the case that requires us to understand and encompass juniors with deficiencies from the case that needs our intervention and training for them to maintain the system’s order. Also, we can wisely discern between the cases where we have to just obey a superior and we have to accept subordinates’ opinion and make suggestions to the superior.



## “I praise the Lord who plays the song of my life!”

Deaconess Eunjung Kim  
(2-15 Parish, Nissi Orchestra)

My husband and I met in college when we studied in Yonsei University. After graduation, we performed in an orchestra. I majored in a horn that has gentle and soft sound, and Deacon Jongwoon Park, my husband, majored in the trombone that makes low-pitched solemn sounds.

### Nissi Orchestra, a life changer

One day, Deacon Sanghyun Kim, who studied the trumpet in the same university, introduced us to the Nissi Orchestra. It sounded amazing for a church to have an orchestra that is made up of church members and specializes in playing praises.

In February, 2002, I registered in Manmin Central

Church and became a member of Nissi Orchestra and Brass Ensemble in the church. Nissi Orchestra currently has 45 members and 27 member candidates. On weekdays, we practice regularly, and we give glory to God with our performances in Friday All-night Service, Sunday Services, Korean Christian churches' events, and overseas crusades of the church.

Not long after we registered, we experienced and met the living God. In July, 2002, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee was preaching in Pastors' Seminar that was held in Pyeongchang, Gangwon Province. I witnessed the power of God there.

That day, the sky was full of black clouds and it seemed like it would rain soon. But when

we arrived at the seminar venue, a circle-shaped part of the sky over the location was clear unlike the sky around the circle and there were countless stars shining.

More strikingly, I saw stars zigzagging quickly, bobbing up and down, and moving in straight lines. I could see such various kinds of stars' movement and shooting stars. A plane was flying by as though it wanted to prove that the stars were not planes.

In this experience, we came to break the framework of knowledge and possess faith. The biblical incident where the three Magi went to Jesus' birth place by the guidance of a moving star came to my heart more realistically. God showed such amazing signs by conducting the universe in order to plant faith in the seminar attendees.

God increased our faith showing His healing work

In 2006, I was expecting my first child, but I showed the signs of premature labor. But I received Dr. Jaerock Lee's recorded prayer on Automated Response System (822-830-5230, Extension: 41) and delivered the baby on the due date.

Then, I came to have my second child. While I thought I was busy, I became lazy in leading a Christian life and I was losing grace and fullness of the Spirit. I barely managed to keep carrying out the duty as a member of Nissi Orchestra. I could not worship in spirit and truth during services and I did not pray.

My husband and I often quarreled due to divergence in our opinions concerning child-rearing. On such occasions, my second child Yejun went into serious convulsions. My daughter Yerin has come down with cellulitis. Whenever my children got sick I received Dr. Lee's prayer and shook his hand. Then, they were healed completely. However, I seemed to become diligent in leading a Christian life only when some accident happened, but when problems settled I went back to a lukewarm faith.

On November 9, 2012, I was busy doing chores at

home and by mistake my feet hit against the edge of my bed. The fourth toe of left foot was fractured. My left foot was swollen, which accompanied severe pain, so I couldn't even walk.

When I went to hospital, the doctor told me that I had to wear a cast and if the cast did not work for mending the fractured bones I would have to get operation. But instead of following what he said, I offered up three-day fasting and repented that I hadn't loved God first of all, prayed, rejoiced, and given thanks.

And I put off the cast and prepared to receive healing with faith.

On November 16, 2012, I shook hand with Dr. Lee with faith. Suddenly, strength was given to my toe and I came to walk on my feet. Hallelujah!

Now, my family feels so happy due to the love of the Lord. Children are growing up healthy and nice. I give thanks and glory to God who changed us and became instrumental players who have hope for the best dwelling place in Heaven, New Jerusalem.



## “I became a good daughter who serves parents and studies well”



Sister Kwantida Inkan  
(Chiang Rai Manmin Church in Thailand)

I am a 12<sup>th</sup> grader in Maetam High School of Science in Thailand. In August 2012, I received a leaflet about a free Korean class that Chiang Rai Manmin Church offered and went to the 'church' for the first time in my life.

While learning Korean in the church, I felt like church members were my family and realized the love of God and the Lord during services. At that time, Chiang Rai Manmin Church watched Dr. Lee's sermon DVD entitled "Spirit, Soul, and Body" during Sunday Morning Service. I was greatly touched by the message and changed myself. I could get rid of hatred from my heart and changed my thoughts in a positive way.

In October 2012, I was attending every kind of service but I was finally faced with the conflict with my parents who were devout Buddhists. It was that I could go to church only after my school grade went up. So, I tried hard to serve my parents according to the Word of God, prayed, and studied hard.

God gave me wisdom and allowed me to acquire much knowledge in a short period of time. In March, 2013, my school grade went up very high. I even received Outstanding Student Award that is given to exemplary students who show outstanding learning performance. Hallelujah!

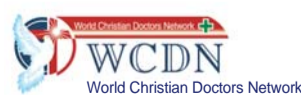
My parents no longer oppose my attending church. I am studying hard, serving them well, and trying hard to become holy by means of the Word and prayer. I also distributed *Manmin News* with a thankful heart to the Lord for His great grace given to me. Thank You, Lord who saved me who was destined to eternal death.



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