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“I Am Happy to Find the Word of God in My Heart”

The Bible Quiz Contest contributing to the members arming themselves with the Word



All the prize winners of the 12 contests competed in ‘The Best of the Best’ Bible Quiz Contest in November 2012 (Photo 1). Just like them, the 13th contest was also full of the church members’ fervor for the Word of God. Photo 2: The quick pop quiz in the final round Photo 3: The cheering for the contestants Photo 4: Award Ceremony Photo 5: The contestants answering the questions in a written form

The 13th Bible Quiz Contest was held by Men’s Mission in the main sanctuary of Manmin Central Church. A month earlier, the contest had preliminary competitions in which 4,208 members participated. The final contest was broadcast live via the Internet and was attended by 57 pastors and members who had made it through the preliminary contests.

The questions were selected from among 365 verses that appeared in the Church Bulletin from August 2012 to July 2013. Various types of questions were given to the contestants. They had to give the right chapter and verse after watching videos, listening to praises, and seeing pictures. They also were given questions requiring choosing a single verse that was different in ‘topic’ from the others. The questions were all such that the people would only be able to give correct answers if they had not only memorized the verses but also understood the meaning.

Through the two written tests, 12 people were advanced to the final round, in which people who hit their buzzer first were given the opportunity to answer the question.

The contestants were often able to give the answer even before the MC finished the question, which proved their outstanding ability to memorize the verses.

As the contest got more intense, the cheering of audience became equally intense. The audience was also given pop quizzes so they could test their abilities and receive prizes. They also drew lots to become lucky winners.

The Grand Prize went to Deaconess Kye Hyun Ahn (Daejeon), Golden Prize to Deaconess Sunwoo Lee (Seoul), Silver Prize to Pastor Namsuk Heo (Daejeon), Bronze Prize to Senior Deaconesses Chulsoon Park (Seoul) and Geumja Choi. Deaconess Ahn said, “I tried to remind myself of the Bible verses every moment of my life and engraved them on my heart. It was helpful to me in casting off fleshly thoughts.”

The Bible Quiz Contest has been held since 2001 according to Dr. Jaerock Lee’s teaching that the members should love the Word of God and make it bread of life in hearts. The contest has been developed under the dedication of the Men’s Mission.

2013 Inauguration Service of Pastors, Elders, and Senior Deaconesses

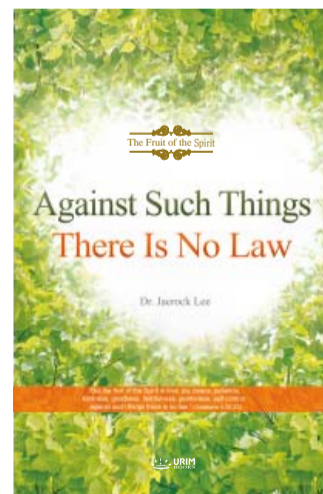
At 3 P.M. on October 6th Manmin Central Church held the 2013 Inauguration Service in the main sanctuary. Sixty-six people were inaugurated as pastors, elders, and senior deaconesses of Manmin, that has, together with its 10,000 branch and associative churches, been accomplishing national evangelism and the world mission.

In the first half, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee preached the message entitled “Holiness” based on 1 Timothy 4:5.

In the second part, Dr. Lee officiated at the inauguration during which pastors, senior deaconesses were inaugurated, and elders were ordained and inaugurated. In the third part, Pastor Esther Chung, Vice Chairperson of United Holiness Church of Jesus Christ gave a congratulatory message, Pastor Kiseok Kim gave a thanksgiving message in reply, and then the Heavenly Voice Chorus sang to celebrate the inauguration.

- The Fruit of the Spirit -

Against Such Things
There Is No Law



Dr. Jaerock Lee

The nine fruits of the Holy Spirit are like a signpost in our journey of faith and a standard to check the extent to which we have cultivated the heart of God.

Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God” (Matthew 5:8).

Most people judge others from their appearance but God sees our inner hearts. Remember that Jesus rebuked the Pharisees and the scribes calling them ‘hypocrites’. The thing we should make pure and clean is our hearts. If one’s heart has sins, lawlessness, and unrighteousness, even though his outward actions are holy, trained by education and common sense, he can’t be a truly beautiful man.

The meaning of having a pure heart is not subjecting our hearts to worthless things but to keep them pure and clean in the truth, not to even think of rudeness, not to rejoice with untruth, and to have no spot and blemish, which is the heart of the truth and goodness.

God takes delight in and blesses those who have purified their hearts with goodness and love. Now let’s look into the blessing given to the pure in heart.

1. God who loves and blesses the pure in heart, like Ruth

Ruth was a person who received blessing due to her pure heart. She was a Gentile from Moab and became a widow at young age with no child. She did not leave her mother-in-law who was also left alone, and she served her with her heart. Ruth chose to leave her hometown and go to Bethlehem the mother-in-law’s home. It was a strange place to her, and there was no place to live in and little food to eat. In fact, she did not know what to do for a living.

However, Ruth did not think about the negative things that could happen nor did she regret her choice to follow her mother-in-law. She served her heartily with an unchanging heart. Ruth had such a good and pure heart that she could overcome everything with joy. Thus, God blessed her to meet Boaz who was rich and good and she had a happy family with him. She is even included in the genealogy of Jesus as King David’s great grandmother.

In the time of Jesus, Pharisees and the scribes kept the traditions of elders as well as the Law, but they still had evil in their hearts. They led ascetic lives so they considered themselves holy. They did not clean their hearts with love for God, but they just practiced the Law on the outside without consideration for others around them, that is, they were hypocrites.

So Jesus reprimanded them as whitewashed tombs (Matthew 23:27). A tomb is a place that contains a corpse, so no matter how beautifully decorated it is, it is just a tomb full of the stench of putrefaction. The Pharisees and the scribes pretended to be holy on the outside, but the hearts were filled with all kinds of sin and evil. Thus, the Lord likened them to the whitewashed tombs. God wants us to have pure and beautiful inner hearts as well as the outward expression of holiness.

2. The way to becoming one who is pure in heart God is holy and perfect, so He wants us to have



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

pure hearts by getting rid of sins and evil from our hearts as well as stopping doing evil outwardly. 1 Peter 1:16 says, “Because it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’” 1 Thessalonians 4:3 reads, “For this is the will of God, your sanctification...”

Then, what should we do to have a pure heart that God wants and become sanctified? If a person is still hot-tempered and becomes angry, then they should become a kind and gentle person. People who tend to be arrogant should humble themselves and serve others. Those who hate must learn to love even their enemies. To become pure in heart a person should do away with every form of evil even by fighting against sins until the point of shedding blood.

We can achieve a pure heart to the extent that we cast away sin and evil, keep the Word of God and fill our hearts with the truth. Unless we practice the Words that we have learned we cannot be changed. It is likened to the situation where you have dirty clothes and are thinking of washing them, but you do not actually wash them. Therefore, if you listen to the Word of God and discover dirty things in your heart you have to try to cast them away.

Of course, achieving a pure heart is not done with your own strength and willpower. Apostle Paul’s confession records it for us. Romans 7:22-24 says, “For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?”

Here, the ‘inner man’ refers to our original hearts given by God, and the heart of the truth in which we joyfully concur with the law of God. On the contrary, ‘a different law in the members of my body’ refers to the heart of the untruth. That is, it is the attribute of the untruth that wants to keep the sins in our hearts. This cannot be thrown away with

human willpower. Then, what should we do?

1 Timothy 4:5 reads, “For it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.” In order to cast off untruthful characteristics deep in our hearts and become holy, we should realize the truth through the Word of God and pray fervently. Only then can we accomplish a pure heart by the grace and strength of God and the help of the Spirit. That is, we need to long for holiness and show our willingness and efforts to practice the Word of God.

3. They shall see God

Some people ask how people can see God. Judges 13:22 reads, “So Manoah said to his wife, ‘We will surely die, for we have seen God.’” John 1:18 also says, “No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.” However, Exodus 33:11 tells us, “Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.”

When God descended upon Mount Sinai, the Israelites could not come close to the place out of fear of death but Moses spoke with God face to face (Exodus 20:18-19). Why is that some saw God and walked with Him while others can’t?

3 John 1:11 says, “Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. The one who does good is of God; the one who does evil has not seen God.” The pure in heart can see God but those whose hearts are dirty with sin and evil cannot see God.

Only when we have the pure heart can we enter New Jerusalem or the Third Kingdom of Heaven and see the Lord and God at close distance. However, people in Paradise, the First and Second Kingdoms of Heaven cannot see the Lord in close proximity. According to the extent that we become sanctified, our spiritual lights from us and our dwelling places will be all different.

The blessing given to the pure in heart does not simply mean seeing God’s image, but also it is to receive answers to our prayer and to meet and experience God in all parts of our lives. It includes receiving various gifts of the Spirit including tongues recorded in 1 Corinthians 12:9-11 and experiencing the living God. All these can be said to be the blessing of seeing God though they are just some parts of it.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I urge you to realize the love of God deeply, cast away filthiness from the heart, and achieve complete holiness. I pray in the name of the Lord that by doing so you will be prosperous in all things receiving answers and blessings and enjoy the glory of seeing the face of God in New Jerusalem.

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 Innate Human Personality

Can We Change It?

Many people say they cannot change the very nature of their personality and stubbornly hold on to it without changing. Of course, every person has a different character and we cannot say such and such character is superior.

But some people's personality is so markedly different that it causes difficulty for others, breaks peace, and results in problems in communicating with others. Even among Christians, some may have hard times due to idiosyncrasies in character.

Let's suppose one person does everything fast and impulsively and the other is very slow and deliberate doing the work. If they want each other to follow their own way while working, a conflict is inevitable. Also, if some have negative ways of thinking or they are too introverted, they might not be able to overcome their limitations and cause trouble for others. Thus, if they cling to their personality it will become a framework.

Then, what should we do to destroy the self-frameworks of personality? The Spirit will give us realization on what kind of framework of personality we have when we pray and meditate on it. We can have a God-pleasing personality and achieve the heart of spirit when we act with the truth as the standard, not one that is a personal standard.

Let's delve into the three sorts of frameworks of personality here.

To destroy the framework of negative thinking



We should give thanks in everything, feel the love of God, and rejoice always

Some who have the framework of negative thinking tend to talk about worries or troubles without realizing it rather than giving a confession of faith or happy words. This cannot give grace to others and they cannot show virtuous dignity to others. If they make mistakes or hurt others' feelings, they do not try to recover the relations by asking for forgiveness or pleasing them. But they just take a step back from the situation and do nothing.

They have such worries and anxiety from personality so they are faced with limitations even though they trust God and love Him. However, there is nothing impossible for God so if we act with trust in God something impossible will be made possible and something possible will be made even better.

If we really trust and love God we should give thanks to Him in everything, feel the love of God, and rejoice all the time. But those who have the framework of negative personality have worries in their hearts though they say they give thanks and rejoice. If they meet with hardship they try to overcome it with faith but they have hard time thinking, 'What if things go wrong?' Even when something good happens they are trapped with a series of negative thinking such as 'What if it still goes wrong?' and then they come to lose joy and thanks in their hearts.

Therefore, they should try to feel the love of God, give thanks in everything, and run with faith by praying to God. Then, their hearts and thoughts will be changed positively (Philippians 4:6-7).

To break the introversive framework



We have to harbor others with love and virtuous generosity and broad mind

The introverted do not express themselves easily. It could be inherited from birth or it could be formed with trauma that they have experienced during their lives. For example, if they were severely disappointed by someone in the past they find expressing themselves and telling the truth about their feelings to be difficult. Also, they do not want to reveal their shortcomings to others and try to hide them, which causes a framework to develop.

Even though those with an introverted personality do not have discomfort toward others and act kindly to them, because of such frameworks in their personalities, they cannot let others feel comforted by them. Even if they do not practice any evil they

cannot give grace or show virtuous generosity and deliver love to others. Sometimes the personality interferes with their spiritual growth as well as giving others feelings of uneasiness. They may lack the ability to empathize with others' feelings and are unable to effectively communicate their feelings with others. Such people do not share their hearts and even do not have interest in others' hearts. Then, how can they destroy the framework of personality, are changed, and come into spirit? They have to break the framework and pay attention to and consider others' hearts, positions, and situations. They must harbor others with broader insight and hearts and with love and virtuous generosity. Then they can become people of spirit.

To destroy the framework of self-abasement



We should do our best in everything with obedient hearts

Even if we act in humbleness, we should discern between the situation we should deal with and the situation where we should take a step back. When we do some work, we must not think we are not good enough to do that work. Rather we should boldly achieve the work with trust in God's love and help. This is because in some situations we should boldly come forth and deal with the work with faithfulness for the kingdom of God.

Those who have a framework of self-abasement take a step back saying, "I am not a person who takes charge and I don't have that kind of personality." They avoid taking the responsibility and say, "I want others who are better than me and long for it more to handle it." Some people come to be like this due to their inherent personality but in some cases, they have developed such a framework themselves. In those cases, they might have been bold and passionate but they have been intimidated throughout the long-lasting trials and they no longer act

with former boldness.

Some people say that they have not stood on the rock of faith or they have not come into spirit and think they cannot lead in accomplishing the works of God and draw lines marking their own self-set limitations. They tend to just shrink and take a step back. For them to grow up in spirit they must ask for God's strength to work faithfully and more actively. Our God of love will work with us when we do our best to do everything in obedience, even if we have not stood on the rock of faith and come into spirit yet.

Deuteronomy 6:5 reads, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might". Even if you take over something that doesn't seem fit to you if you try to fulfill the duty with love for God you will be able to transcend your personality and achieve a greater work. If you try once and twice, you will transcend it with God-given boldness.

“God’s love for people in India is boundless”

Elder Celliah Ebenezer (President of Industrial Employees Prayer Fellowship, Chennai in India)



I was born into a wealthy Christian family in Madurai District in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. I liked exercising very much and wanted to be a wrestler. But my parents’ teaching of goodness and their exemplary lives led me to devote myself to the Lord.

I ran a huge valve manufacturing company, Greenfield Engineering, and performed my ministry by serving as President of the Industrial Employees Prayer Fellowship. We have financially supported local pastors and missionaries and helped well-known preachers from overseas countries hold crusades in Chennai.

I came to be sure that Dr. Jaerock Lee is a true servant of God through his India United Crusade 2002

One day in 2002, I heard from an acquaintance of mine, Pastor Owen Roberts, that a crusade would be conducted with Dr. Jaerock Lee as its speaker. I worked as a chairman of Crusade Publicity Committee and publicized the crusade through many different kinds of media including TV and newspapers.

Dr. Lee’s India United Crusade 2002 drew a total of more than 3 million people. It made history in Indian Christianity and glorified God greatly. Although there were a variety of difficulties and interruptions from others, they were all in the preparation process for God’s blessings.

In particular, Tamil Nadu issued the Ordinance of Banning Forcible Conversion just before the crusade. It was a test of great faith not only for pastors who prepared for the crusade, but also for many

Christians. There seemed to be no choice but to give up; however Dr. Lee pushed ahead with the crusade only with faith.

The consequence was unimaginable; the powerful works of God, signs, and wonders overflowed and countless souls accepted the Lord and received healing through Dr. Lee’s messages and prayer. They gave glory to God. I saw the crusade go on in the hand of God’s absolute help.

Manmin Ministry India was organized to spread the holiness gospel and the powerful works

After the crusade, I came to have firmer faith and became more eager to spread the gospel. In the end, Manmin Ministry India was organized with Pastor Joseph Han ministering to Chennai Manmin Church. From that time on we have spread the holiness gospel and the power of God by conducting Pastors’ Seminars hosted by Chennai Industrial Employees Prayer Fellowship. Since I worked for the Lord, I came to receive blessings in business and perform my ministry more actively.

I have visited Manmin Central Church twice and received a lot of grace. Back at home, I delivered the news about the church, Dr. Lee’s spiritual messages, and his books to my family and relatives. As a result, my nephews who are pastors, came to long to visit Manmin Central Church—the scene of power.

I was amazed by Dr. Lee’s power once again in 2013 Manmin Summer Retreat

In August 2013, I participated in Manmin Summer Retreat 2013 and experienced the amazing power of God. At 7:30 P.M., on August 5, the seminar started. After Manmin’s performers gave a special performance and as the presider was introducing the speaker, a few drops of rain fell at first. But then it started to rain. Dr. Lee did not move, even in the rain, and neither did the members.

At that moment the India United Crusade 2002 flashed through my mind and I came to be filled with inexpressible emotion. This is because back then Dr. Lee preached in heavy rain during the crusade on the third day. At that time, it was a blessing because people in Chennai had been suffering from a water shortage for ten months. For that reason, the attendees listened attentively to the message with happiness rather than leaving. After his preaching, he prayed for the sick on the stage and many testified to their healing through prayer for the sick. Many people watched the scene on TV and came to the crusade held the following day and it was crowded with countless people.

The memories came through my mind, and I became full of expectation with a thought ‘What kinds of blessings will be given to us?’ I looked at Dr. Lee with full attention. After the introduction of the presider, Dr. Lee boldly prayed to God. “Rain, stop.

Clouds with rain, scatter! Sky, be made visible and stars appear!” Then, the seminar started.

Not long after, surprisingly, the black clouds were scattered, it stopped raining, the blue sky was opened, and stars appeared. God sent the cool wind to us and dried wet clothes. Hallelujah! After the message, Dr. Lee prayed for the sick and all the attendees. Many people were healed of all kinds of diseases and gave testimonies. My nephews were also healed, which touched me even more greatly.

By prayer, Pastor Victor Selvan was healed of a 22-year-old disease and Pastor Simon was healed of high blood pressure that troubled him for four years

Pastor Robinson Victor Selvan (Zion Garden Assemblies of God Church) received a lot of grace reading Dr. Lee’s testimonial memoirs *Tasting Eternal Life before Death* and he has watched GCN TV every day. For 22 years of uric acid (protein waste) accumulated in his knee joints so they were swollen all the time due to gout and the severe pain caused a lot of troubles for him. He also had to control his body condition by eating vegetables because meat such as chicken and beef made more urate in his body and caused his legs to become even more swollen.

But when he received Dr. Lee’s prayer with faith his pain was gone. He came to walk up and down stairs without pain and he also was able to eat beef and chicken with no problem. He had no pain at all. Pastor Sathya Moothy Simon Paul (Jesus Comforts Ministry) was healed of a four-year problem with high blood pressure and came to be more assured of Manmin’s ministry with thanks to God.

I have met innumerable foreign pastors, but the one who I respect and love the most is Dr. Jaerock Lee. Many pastors and believers in India still remember Dr. Lee and his crusade and they talk about it. I give all thanks and glory to God who desires all people to be saved, loves more than 1.2 billion souls of the people in India, and let them meet the true shepherd.



The power of Muan Sweet Water... Elder Ebenezer, his nephews together with:(from left to right—Pastor Simon, Rev. Robinson Allen Daniel and wife, Elder Ebenezer, Pastor Victor Selvan)



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