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“Mysterious and Beautiful! The Presence of God Is Felt!”

God’s promise and providence expressed in rainbows

A rainbow appears in the Bible at the time after Noah’s flood. Genesis 9:13 records, “I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.” It was the promise of God that He would no longer destroy the earth with flood. Moreover, it showed that the works of God who is spirit can also happen in this fleshly realm and God would lead everything in the fleshly world according to His plan.

By saying, “And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance,” Revelation 4:3 tells us that there is a rainbow around the throne of God. God shows such rainbows as a sign of His covenant between Him and the world just as people share a sign to guarantee their promise. Therefore, when marvelous and extraordinary rainbows appear transcending scientific explanation or human knowledge, the meaning of their appearance should be pondered upon.

Different from ordinary rainbows that appear after rain

A rainbow is an optical and meteorological phenomenon that is caused by both reflection and refraction of light in water droplets resulting in a spectrum of light appearing in the sky. Rainbows caused by sunlight always appear in the section of sky directly opposite to the sun. In recent years it has been harder to see rainbows in South Korea because of air pollution.

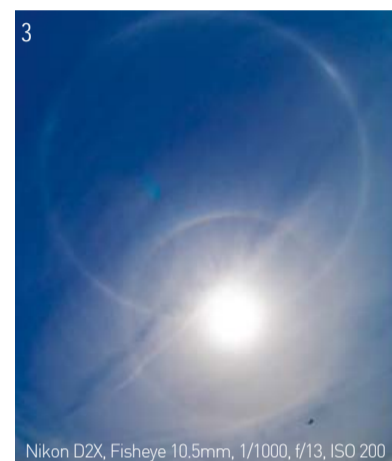
However, rainbows have continually appeared over Manmin branch churches as well as the central church in and out of Korea during their events and also during many outdoor events like the Summer Retreat and



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the mission trip since they witnessed the first circular rainbow surrounding the sun over the central church on May 15 in 1998.

Circular rainbows surrounding the sun and many extraordinary rainbows

In August 2000, God showed Manmin a fourfold rainbow with the sun at the center. When God shows a circular rainbow, He means ‘I and you, and your people are one in the truth.’ It also indicates that God promises us to make us His children and to lead us to become united with Him in His providence. The double circular rainbows and triple circular rainbows show that heaven is divided into a few heavens. A double circular rainbow is shown through the second heaven, and a triple circular rainbow, through the third heaven. In other words, when three rainbows in the first, second and third heavens are seen overlapped at the same time, a tri-fold circular rainbow appears in our eyes. A fourfold circular rainbow appears when God opens the fourth heaven where God the Origin dwells.

The circular rainbow that appeared during the mission trip to Dubai in April 2003 meant that ‘everything will be accomplished in the same space as the space of God the Father’. That is, everything would be done by the works of the Triune God (Pic.1).

During the flight to D.R. Congo for the D.R. Congo United Crusade 2006, a new kind of rainbow beautified the sky outside of the airplane (Pic. 2). A circular rainbow appeared and an arc-shaped rainbow was over it. Strong light emanated from both sides and lower part of the circular rainbow.

A ring-shaped rainbow meaning the accomplishment of promise

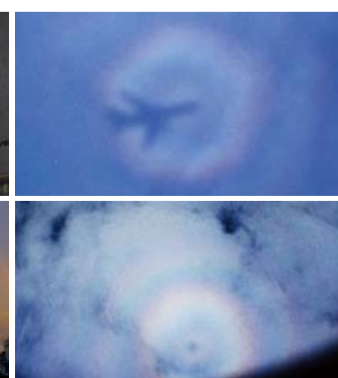
In April 2010, a ring-shaped rainbow over the church’s cross tower amazed its members and residents around the church. A circular rainbow passed through the sun, which made the sun look like a stone on the ring and another circular rainbow surrounded the sun (Pic. 3). It symbolized the fulfillment of God’s providence through the holiness gospel that was proclaimed in the remotest part of the earth and the achievement of God’s plans made for the end time of the world, including the Canaan Sanctuary and the Grand Sanctuary.

In January 2011, a comprehensive rainbow came up over Muan Sweet Water Site (Pic. 5). There were a circular rainbow around the sun, wing-like rainbows shining like diamonds on the both sides, a semi-circular rainbow surrounding them, and a fan-shaped rainbow over the rainbows. Muan Sweet Water Site is where the salty sea water at the site of Muan Manmin Church in Jeonnam Province changed into drinkable sweet water by Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer just as the bitter water at Marah had changed into sweet water (Exodus 15:25).

During Rev. Soojin Lee’s mission trip to Russia in June 2014, the mission team members saw a variety of rainbows including a big double-fold semi-circular rainbow, circular rainbows, and a linear rainbow. During the period of the 2014 Leadership Conference from June 30 to July 2, rainbows appeared and caused the members to feel the love of God who is always with Manmin.



Nikon D80, Fisheye 10.5mm, 1/500, f/11, ISO 200



The Righteous Man Shall Live by Faith



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘But the righteous man shall live by faith’”
(Romans 1:17).

In general, one who helps the neglected such as orphans and widows, is deemed righteous. Also one who maintains the outer appearance of gentleness, adheres to public order, endures every situation without being offended or losing their temper is usually called ‘one for whom the law is unnecessary’.

However, the righteous in the sight of God are different from the righteous in the sight of the worldly people. It is because God examines our hearts, not our outer appearances and some people have hearts that are different from their outer appearances. Then, what kind of man can be recognized as a righteous man by God?

1. A God-recognized righteous man

The Bible tells us that those who walk in the ways of God (Hosea 14:9) or walk blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the LORD are righteous (Luke 1:6). But as Romans 3:10 says, “There is none righteous, not even one,” people inherit sinful natures from their fathers at birth. No matter how hard they try to live righteously, all people have this original sin and all people also commit sins as they grow

up. Therefore, none can be said to be righteous.

Jesus, who had existed in the form of God, came to the earth in flesh to redeem us from sins. He took the cross for our sins, shed His blood, died, and He rose again. When we believe this Jesus is our Savior, anyone can receive forgiveness of sins and be reckoned to be among the righteous. We receive the Holy Spirit as a gift through whom we can understand what sins, righteousness, and judgment are. We can also cast off sins and act in the righteousness, and to that extent, we can become righteous and gain recognition from Him.

Therefore, it is very important for Christians to cast away sins and evils and achieve the righteousness of heart. In the Old Testament time, before Jesus came to the earth, people couldn’t cast off sinful natures from their hearts. As long as they didn’t commit sins in action they were not considered sinners. But the salvation through actions is not perfect, so God sent the Holy Spirit to those who accepted Jesus as the Savior as a gift in the New Testament time.

If we cry out in prayer and try to cast away sins to the point of shedding blood, God’s grace and strength and the help of the Holy Spirit will be given and we can cast away all forms of evils completely. When we throw away all forms of evils and become sanctified, we will become righteous and we can gain love and recognition from God, receive answers to whatever we ask, and enjoy the authority and blessing of God’s children.

2. Until we become righteous worthy of receiving God’s blessings

Just as Romans 6:23 says, “The wages of sin is death,” sinners belong to Satan and have no choice but go to the way of destruction. But if they turn back from their sins they will reach salvation, not death. Furthermore, if they become righteous and are recognized by God, diseases have nothing to do with them since Satan can’t even touch them. They prosper in all respects and stay in good health just as their souls prosper.

In order to be righteous, we have to pay attention to the Word of God and keep all His commandments telling us ‘to do’, ‘not to do’, ‘to throw away’, and ‘to keep’. We also have to pass through tests and trials until we become righteous enough to receive God’s blessings just

as athletes undergo intensive training to gain gold medals in the Olympics.

The Bible shows that God let His loving children undergo only the tests or trials that they could endure and by doing so He led their souls to prosper. God Himself guided Abraham, the father of faith, and tested him. He had him go forth from his country, from his relatives, and from his father’s house without knowing where he was going. Until he was made blameless and righteous and recognized, God refined him as written in Genesis 17:1 saying, “Walk before Me, and be blameless”. In the end, Abraham passed the test of offering his only son, Isaac, as a burnt offering and then he received blessings in all respects and enjoyed prosperity.

God lets us pass through tests for our spiritual growth and leads us to the way of blessing. That is, He leads us to righteousness. After we pass the God-allowed tests, He gives us blessings and leads us to greater faith. We understand the heart of God through it and become perfect men who achieve the heart of the Lord.

3. To be righteous, we should have spiritual faith

Romans 1:17 reads, “But the righteous man shall live by faith.” Here, ‘faith’ refers to spiritual faith that is living faith. With spiritual faith we can believe in the creation of things out of nothing. We can believe this way when we demolish our fleshly thoughts and don’t use our own thoughts or knowledge in listening to the Word of God. With spiritual faith, we can obey what we seemingly can’t obey and we can believe the creation of things out of nothing. And we can receive salvation.

Then, what can we do to possess this spiritual faith? First, we have to listen to the Word of God earnestly. Romans 10:17 says, “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.” To receive spiritual faith, we first have to listen to the Word of God. Without hearing of the Word of God we can neither know the truth nor gain faith. We should go to church earnestly, listen to the messages delivered in worship services and hear testimonies and sermon lessons in the many gatherings and meetings which allow for us to have and increase our faith.

Even if we have such knowledge and faith as knowledge, it doesn’t mean

we have cast off sins and live by the Word of God perfectly. We have to pray diligently and throw away sins and untruthful things by the help of the Holy Spirit and we must act upon the Word. Only then can we possess spiritual faith. It is just as James 2:22 reads, “You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected.”

4. How to live as righteous men pleasing to God

Abraham obeyed what God told him to do without his own thoughts. He obeyed with spiritual faith and walked in faith in any kind of situation. Think for a moment about how Moses led the Israelites to cross the Red Sea that was blocking their Exodus from Egypt before them, or how Joshua, Moses’ successor, led them to cross the overflowing Jordan and destroyed the city of Jericho. It was because they had spiritual faith with which they could obey the command of God and God was pleased with them and blessed them with answers.

We may be faced with problems like a Red Sea blocking us, a city of Jericho, or an overflowing Jordan River in front of us. When we are faced with such problems, if we live in the truth, it is ‘living by faith’. Suppose someone hits you. With fleshly faith you might hit him back and hate him. But with spiritual faith, you don’t hate him but rather forgive, understand, and love him. When you reveal actions of the truth with spiritual faith, Satan will go away and problems will be resolved.

Righteous men who live by faith keep God’s commandments and act in the truth with love for God. If we love God, it’s not hard to keep His commandments. How can people who love God disobey the Word of God since loving God is keeping His commandments?

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, even if the Red Sea is before you and the city of Jericho just ahead, you don’t have to be worried. If you take the way of the righteous, God will relieve you of your pain and solve all your difficulties. Therefore, I urge you to become righteous and please God. I pray in the name of the Lord that by doing so you will live a blessed life not only on the earth, but also with eternal life in Heaven.

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 Close Is Your Faith to the Rock of Faith?

Let's check our faith by examining nine evil attributes that we need to get rid of to stand on the rock of faith and looking at several practical cases.

Nine attributes we have to cast off to stand on the rock of faith

Anger

Do you still lose or try to suppress your temper? Do you reveal your annoyance, even a little, when you speak? Do you convey ill feelings when speaking with others? When you have little anger, then you are standing on the rock of faith.

Ill Feelings

Do you feel bad when you are blamed or reprimanded for something? If you're not treated as expected, not compensated for your efforts, not recognized by others, or you are misunderstood or disadvantaged, does it affect you negatively? Do such situations depress you? If you lose heart and then don't have strength to pray or fulfill your duties, it shows that you still have ill feelings.

Hatred, Jealousy, Envy

How do you feel when others are loved, recognized, and complimented more than you? If you rejoice with the truth, you are close to the heart of spirit. If not, then you are far from it. By just checking your feelings alone, you can estimate how close you are to the heart of spirit.

Lying and Deceiving Heart

If you deceive others or make up lies for your benefit, if you make a false report, overstate or exaggerate your performance to reveal yourself or gain credit, or if you understate or hide what is unfavorable for you, it shows that you have a lying and deceiving heart. If one lies and deceives others for immediate gains, then the individual must think he can delude God!

Judgment

Most people judge others by appearance or by their own standard. However, we must not rashly make judgment on people because each person has a different inner heart and a different intent or purpose for his actions. Only God who searches our inner hearts knows.

Changing Heart

You have to check if you often change your decision or plans, or check if you simply break promises with yourself, with others, and even with God.

Adultery

You have to thoroughly cast away lust in heart or adulterous thoughts, not to speak of adultery in action. You must keep in mind that an adulterous mind is the source of temptation that Satan easily and persistently uses to lead people to death.

Greed, Selfish Motives, Covetousness

With greed and covetousness in the heart, you feel jealous of others' possessions, fame, authority, and appearance. Selfish motives refer to the heart to seek one's own benefit and follow personal passions and desires of the heart. It leads to various kinds of corruption. They are generally related to money. Money gained through these hearts causes you to pursue more money and sensual things of the world. It will distance you far from God (James 1:15).

Betrayal

Betrayal is related to changing heart, craftiness, seeking one's own benefit, lying heart, and arrogance. Such evil attributes work in combination and bear betrayal. Betrayal includes forgetting the grace you received, turning your back on your group or team for your own benefit, and extinguishing others' expectations by breaking a promise with them.

Why haven't they stood on the rock of faith yet?

Case 1. A person lacking the longing for spiritual things

He thinks in complacency, 'I will also be changed someday.' But he has not changed even after passing of much time. He has to have earnest longing for spirit and change and keenness to enter New Jerusalem, and realize that following the shepherd is the most important way to enter spirit.

Case 2. A person using fleshly thoughts caused by greed

Greed can be the stimulants of the fleshly thoughts that cause one to do things for his benefit. In the same manner, if evil attributes remain in us, they cause us to have fleshly thoughts. We may even think it is not fleshly thought and saying, 'It's nothing. It's really OK' or 'I am doing it for God's kingdom'.

Case 3. A person with discomfort of the heart and of the lips

When she sees somebody else act in a different way, she doesn't try to understand with goodness and to see the person's strong points, but just has uncomfortable feelings against him. People who often have discomfort in heart reveal it with the words and have a tendency to blame others or their circumstances. The feelings of discomfort arise from fleshly attributes such as a person's self-righteousness or self-frameworks.

Case 4. A person mistakenly thinking in arrogance

Such a person is unable to use the Word of God to reflect upon himself, because he thinks mistakenly in arrogance such as, 'I am of goodness. I love God and the shepherd.' He is very likely to be confined within his own goodness. Arrogance hinders him from seeing himself and acknowledging and accepting the advice or reprimand of others.

Case 5. A person with strong self-frameworks

A person with strong self-frameworks hurts others' feelings and breaks peace while working together due to her self-frameworks. However she just thinks she faithfully works and volunteers. She may say she loves God, the Lord, and the shepherd, but her love is mostly fleshly love rather than spiritual love. Fleshly affection and love expects love in return and it causes negative feelings.

“After throwing away idols, I was healed and became healthy!”

I had attended worship services at Iida Manmin Church in Japan guided by an acquaintance, but I didn't register. However, every time church members visited my home, my heart opened little by little. In January 2013, Pastor Eunkyung Ryu paid me a visit and talked about Jesus Christ, Heaven, and Hell. I was given faith in her messages and desire to go to church. From that time on I attended church every week.

One day we had family worship with Pastor Seungkil Ryu. Through him, I learned about idolatry in detail. In Japan, family shrines or Kamidana (miniature household altars) are commonly found. Many houses are decorated with such altars or many other idols that God hates. Since I grew up in such a country, idol worshiping was something natural to me. I didn't know what a great sin it is in God's sight. Right after I learned God hates them, I threw all of them away including ancestral shrines, Kamidana, and a golden ornament with dragons carved on it, Maneki-neko (Japanese lucky charm), and so on.

After that God started to give me a lot of blessings both in spirit and body. Most of all I came to be able to worship God in spirit and truth during services and pray every day by the grace of God. I was given the assurance of salvation while reading Dr. Jaerock Lee's book *The Message of the Cross*. I realized how important circumcision of heart is. Since I began offering the tithe of my income, I have had good harvests in my farming works.

Moreover, I was healed of many diseases and became healthy. After receiving Pastor Seungkil Ryu's prayer with the handkerchief on which Dr. Jaerock Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12), I was healed of high blood pressure and anemia that had troubled me for more than seven years. After drinking Muan Sweet Water, I was also healed of reflux gastritis from which I had been suffering for two years (Muan Sweet Water is sweet drinkable water that was changed from the salty seawater that comes from the sea in front of Muan Manmin Church in Muan, Jeonnam Province by the prayer of Dr. Jaerock Lee).

I am also very happy to have been healed of the after-effects of frostbite that had caused pain in my toes for 16 years. My ten toes had bled every winter, and because of it I was unable to walk. I had to put a bandage around my feet so I wore men's socks and bigger shoes than my size. It made it much harder to walk. But after receiving Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer for the sick from the altar and spraying Muan Sweet Water on my feet, the symptoms were completely gone. Hallelujah!

My latest check-up showed that my eyesight on the right side, which had fallen to 0.6 due to surgery for cataracts four years ago, recovered to 1.5. It is because I sprayed Muan Sweet Water in my eyes by faith instead of eye drops. I give all thanks and glory to God who taught me how much He hates idolatry and gave me blessing of good health in this old age.

Sister Miyako Shimodaira
aged 76, Iida Manmin Church in Japan



“My son was cured of a fracture of the thumb and growth plate injury”

On May 19 in 2014, my son Seongkyul came home with his right hand swollen. I thought he simply had injured it because he could not move his fingers, so I just had him receive Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer for the sick recorded on Automated Response System (822-830-5320).

His pain disappeared and swelling subsided with passing of time. So I had no regard and my son didn't suffer much because he is left handed.

But my husband, Deacon Minwoo Ko who is a physical therapist, suggested having him be X-rayed saying Seongkyul's thumb didn't look normal. On May 31, we went to an orthopedic hospital. The doctor said his thumb had been fractured and the growth plate was damaged. He put a cast on his thumb and recommended us to go to another bigger hospital.

On June 3, we went to a hospital specializing in spine and joints. The X-ray revealed that the metacarpal bone of his thumb and the growth plate had been fractured as expected. The doctor said that injuries to first or second phalanx of thumb are common and it is his first time to see a child who fractured the metacarpal bone of the thumb except for an adult's case in the past.

He added that a pin insertion might be needed for his broken thumb and recommended us to go to a university hospital with his written opinions. Pastor Miyoung Lee, my Great Grand Parish Pastor had told us that it was a good opportunity for us to look back upon our past Christian lives. Just as she said,

we fasted and repented feeling the love of God. I repented that I had fulfilled my duty as a cell leader without joy, my husband repented that he hadn't raised Seongkyul in the truth, and Seongkyul repented that he hadn't worshiped in spirit and truth and fought with his friends.

On June 5, my son and I received Dr. Lee's prayer for the sick on ARS and went to an orthopedic hospital for children in a university hospital. Because I knew God always wants to give us only good things, I felt peace in my heart and then became assured of his healing. As I believed, his X-ray showed that fractured parts had knit together well and no abnormality was found in his growth plate. It is amazing that it took him only less than two days to become normal. Hallelujah!

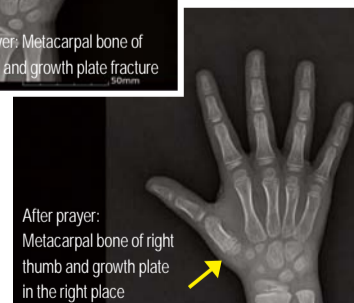
The next day, before Friday All-night Service, my son received Dr. Lee's prayer in person. Then, he came to move his thumb freely as if it hadn't been injured. This incident served as an opportunity for my family to experience the love of God and increase faith.

We give all thanks and glory to God.

Deaconess Eunjung Ham
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Before prayer: Metacarpal bone of right thumb and growth plate fracture



After prayer: Metacarpal bone of right thumb and growth plate in the right place



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