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Manmin Summer Retreat Filled with Signs of Love

Seminar, Sports Day, Camp Fire Worship & Praise Concert



Manmin Summer Retreat 2014 is a week away. Manmin members are anticipating events worthy of note scheduled such as Dr. Jaerock Lee's Seminar, Camp Fire Praise & Worship Concert, and Sports Day.

The Retreat also features God-given optimal weather and remarkable wonders which need to be experienced. The members enjoy cool breeze and most favorable weather at the Summer Retreat venues whereas South Korea suffers in scorching heat nationwide in early August.

In 2013 especially, something unforgettable took place in Jumping Park in Muju Deogyusan Resort in Jeonbuk Province. During Manmin Summer Retreat 2013, around 7:30 P.M. on August 5th, a huge number of members from many parts of Korea and 22 countries were waiting for the

Seminar to commence.

declared the opening, the sky became covered with black clouds and a few raindrops started to fall. It soon began raining during special performance and it turned to heavy rain, which soaked the members' clothing. But they were not shaken because they had experienced God's powerful works before. Dr. Jaerock Lee prayed to God saying, "Father God, give us good weather. Rain clouds, go away right now! Father, change them into clear clouds and let stars be seen. Rain, stop! May the light come!"

Soon the black clouds scattered and it stopped raining. In the sky where clouds had cleared away stars were made visible. Moreover, cool wind dried the members' wet clothing and they had the seminar in the best

condition ever. They imprinted in their hearts that God can do anything and answers every prayer of the shepherd.

The cumulonimbus cloud associated with rain showers and thunderstorms is a dense towering vertical cloud. Some are more than 42,000ft (13km). It is actually impossible to disperse such high rain clouds and stop it from raining. Only God the Creator can do it and it is a mightier work than causing the Red Sea to be parted.

The Red Sea was swept and parted by strong easterly winds all night and the water returned to its place after the Israelites crossed the sea. However, the rain clouds cleared away right after the prayer and didn't come together again until the end of the Sports Day held following day, which caused Manmin to enjoy cloudless

good weather while competing in the sports games.

Since 2006, big swarms of dragonflies have descended from the sky every Manmin Summer Retreat. They land on the members' fingers and all over their bodies and eradicate harmful insects like mosquitos. Dragonflies have compound eyes enabling them to see in all directions. They can see movement of things at a distance of 121feet (37m), so they are notoriously hard to catch. But those appearing during Retreat come near the members and please them since they stream out through the spiritual realm by God's work.

Since its opening in 1982, Manmin Central Church's members have been experiencing powerful works by God's grace. More related stories are on page four.

Make Yourself Become Obedient to Christ



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5).

As we act in the Word of God after accepting Jesus Christ, we can be given spiritual faith and amazing blessings from God. We can glorify God by achieving His works greatly, receive answers to whatever we ask, and prosper in all respects.

However, some believers are living in trials and afflictions or with diseases and pain without receiving blessings though they pray and work diligently. If they really have faith, they are to live according to the Word of God and enjoy His blessing. But what stops them from receiving His blessing? It is because they have fleshly thoughts hostile toward God.

Let's delve into fleshly thoughts and ways to cause them to be the obedience of Christ and receive God's answers and blessings.

1. Fleshly thoughts hostile toward God

Romans 8:6-7 says, “For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is

not even able to do so.”

‘Flesh’ refers to the sinful nature combined with body, that is, they are untruthful attributes intrinsic to the heart though not revealed in actions. When such untruthful natures come out through untruthful thoughts, they are fleshly thoughts from the mind set on the flesh.

Why is the mind set on the flesh hostile toward God? People hear and learn many things from parents, teachers, and friends from their birth. No matter how good their parents or teachers are, people are more likely to learn the untruth from them that is in contrast to God's will rather than the truth.

For example, God told us to overcome evil with goodness, to go two miles with one who forces us to go one mile; and when someone takes our shirt we are to give him our coat as well. He taught us that the greatest among us is one who serves and that yielding or sacrificing is the way to win. However, most people believe they should revenge offenses of their enemies and overcome evil by resisting until the end.

As said above, men's thoughts are different from God's and men's righteousness is different from God's. Men's righteousness comes from fleshly thoughts. If we deem such fleshly thoughts to be right and follow them, we can't live according to the Word of God.

Accepting Jesus Christ, we want to become righteous and lead a righteous life. But, fleshly thoughts prevent our faith from increasing and cause our hearts to ache. Romans chapter 8 says that fleshly thought is hostile toward God and that it is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.

If things we have seen, heard, and learned in the world go against the will of God and disturb our believing lives, all of them are thoughts set on the flesh and hostile toward God. I urge you to realize it and demolish them completely.

2. To demolish fleshly thoughts, we have to obey Christ

What should we do to remove fleshly thoughts hostile toward God?

We should destroy speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ as read in 2 Corinthians 10:5. Here, ‘to obey Christ’ means doing what is right in God's sight as written in Exodus 15:26. To do so, we should cast off every form of evil as said in 1 Thessalonians 5:22 and keep the Word of God.

We have to cast away hatred, jealousy, envy, and all evil things opposed to God's Word. We should also love even our enemies, humble ourselves, and serve others just as Jesus did. It is making ourselves become obedient to Christ.

Apostle Paul said in Philippians 3:7-9, “But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him...”

He was a citizen of the Roman Empire (Acts 22:25) that ruled the world at that time. He was also a Pharisee of the tribe Benjamin (Romans 11:1). He was strictly educated according to the law under Gamaliel, who was the best teacher of the law in those days (Acts 22:3). He as a Jew took the lead in persecuting believers in Christ.

However, on the way to Damascus to take believers in Christ to Jerusalem, he met Jesus Christ. Through his experience, he was convinced of his wrongdoings and realized Jesus is the Savior. From then on he left behind his knowledge, education, and social status and followed the Lord.

Why did Apostle Paul count all things that were gain to him as loss after he had met Jesus Christ? It is because he realized that eternal life and true happiness are in Jesus Christ and the fountain of all knowledge is in Christ as well.

All the worldly studies are just subordinate elements to living in the world. Knowing Christ Jesus surpasses any value and can solve all fundamental human problems. Since Apostle Paul realized this, he led a truly valuable life establishing churches and sacrificing his life for the sake of the gospel.

Then what is the reason people won't count all things but rubbish and obey the Christ as Apostle Paul did?

Now people seek only their own benefits and think they are always right as the world becomes filled with sin and evil and love cools down. With such self-righteousness, they won't listen to others. Then they can't realize God's righteousness and obey Christ.

3. Fathers of faith obeyed the Word

Though Joseph, son of Jacob, was righteous, in his self-righteousness he often pointed out others' shortcomings. He didn't understand God's righteousness in making peace with others. Since he revealed his brothers' faults to his father, they hated him and they sold him as a slave to Egypt.

Joseph soon realized the will of God and obeyed. He was always with God and God caused all things to work together for good for him. God helped him cast away his self-righteousness through affliction and made him a peacemaker among all people in God's righteousness. He blessed him to prosper in all respects and to become the second ruler of Egypt after the Pharaoh.

Apostles Peter and Paul did not use their own thoughts in following the Lord. But they set all they knew aside, humbled themselves, and practiced the will of God. In doing so they were able to achieve the righteousness of God. Even when they were faced with many persecutions or difficulties, they rejoiced and accomplished the will of God. It is because they had demolished fleshly thoughts and had firm hope for eternal life.

God does His great works through a man who obeys the Christ.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I urge you to destroy speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. Then God will give you wisdom, understanding, and discernment. He will guide you, and bless you to prosper in all aspects. I hope you will discover yourselves, cast off every form of evil, and obey the Christ. I pray in the name of the Lord that by doing so you will achieve God's great works.

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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“Blessings have come since I kept whole Sabbath!”

After graduating from college in 2007, I was busy working for a private English academy and tutoring some students in my hometown of Geoje. I had no free time and grew weary in both body and mind. Since 2010 I have only tutored a few students. I earned a large income, but I felt dissatisfied with my life because I had an unstable job and couldn't go on a trip or study in the graduate school in translation and interpretation that I had wanted to attend.

On September 25, 2011, by the guidance of my aunt, Senior Deaconess Sunok Chung, I began to attend Geoje Manmin Church (Pastor Seungmin Lee). I sometimes skipped worship services or taught students on Sunday. In February 2012, Rev. Heesun Lee, Manmin World Guidance Pastor, came to our church to preach at the anniversary service. She advised me to keep whole Sabbath.

To obey her, I didn't work on Sunday. Then I experienced an amazing work. Even though I stopped teaching a high school student on Sunday who paid me a larger fee than any other student, I earned the same amount of monthly income as before. Hallelujah!

Geoje has few private academies for high school students, so there are many private tutors and the market is very competitive. Geoje students study at school until late at night, so they study with private tutors mostly on weekends.

Around 12 A.M. on February 27 in 2013, I had a car accident. A drunk driver in a midsize vehicle ran into my compact car. He broke his hipbone, but I just got a minor bruise on my knee though my car was so badly dented that I had to scrap it. God protected me in a big life-threatening car accident.

It served as a turning point in my Christian life. I thought I kept Sabbath, but it was not keeping the Sabbath completely. I sometimes didn't attend Sunday Services and

I was often late for services. I had met God who blessed me, but I hadn't cut myself off from my attachments to the world yet.

I thoroughly repented after the accident. I concluded I was now living on borrowed time and gave thanks to God. I started looking forward to Sunday, attended church decently dressed, and worshiped in spirit and truth. I started to have good fellowship with church members and fulfilled my duty with joy and thanks. And I tried to cry out in prayer. Then I received overflowing blessing. Though I didn't advertise my class, there were too many students for me to accept all of them.

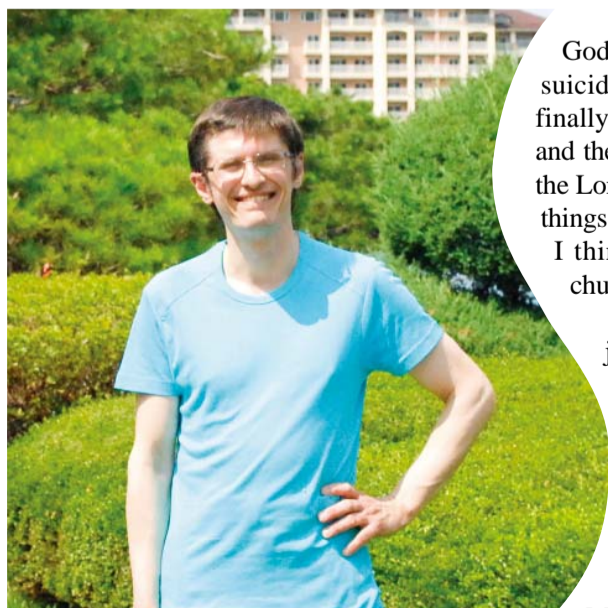
God gives me wisdom every moment in teaching students. I feel no one likes doing something that is not interesting, so I based my teaching methodology on 'fun'. I teach with active and loud voice and use students' names in examples to increase their concentration. I sometimes use biblical stories or the Bible verses in teaching and try my best to set my teaching to students' learning levels or situations. I also give them regular level tests so that they can test and study under pressure. I prepare gifts for students who studied hard for the school tests regardless of the test result. During vacations, I give them double lectures but I receive the same fee.

I also pray for them and care about their character building. In doing so, I am earning students' and their parents' trust and more income in God's blessing. I give all thanks and glory to God who allows me to feel His love, stand on the rock of faith, and live with hope for New Jerusalem.



Sister Minjae Cheong, aged 29,
Geoje Manmin Church
in South Korea

“I'd like to deliver God's love to Europe”



Brother Fabrice Flandre, aged 46,
Hainaut Manmin Church in Belgium

I used to be a Catholic, but I was not able to meet God. I often felt depressed and lonely and attempted suicide several times in my youth. At the age of 20 I finally met the Lord and felt assured of the living God and the existence of Heaven. I decided to give my life to the Lord. However, I still lived a life stained with worldly things like watching secular programs on TV and movies. I thirsted for God's Word and looked for a sincere church and shepherd, but I couldn't find them.

Churches in Belgium accept the worldly culture just as most European churches do. You do not see many young people in church and many churches have been closed. Here, homosexuality is legally permitted, premarital cohabitation prevails, and the society has become so drenched in sexuality. The words 'chastity before marriage' are meaningless these days.

In April 2011, I came to Handkerchief Healing Meeting held in a Pentecostal church (Acts 19:11-12). I was greatly blessed to listen to Missionary Christina Roh's sermon and see healing works

manifested through her. Through her I learned about Manmin Central Church where signs, wonders, and powerful works occur. I was so pleased because it was the church and the shepherd I had been looking for. I saw various contents on Manmin website such as Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons, praises, performances, and overseas crusades. I could see God is really with the church and I was deeply moved.

Since Hainaut Manmin Church (Missionary Christina Roh) opened on September 18 in 2011, I have offered up Manmin's worship services via the Internet. I realized the love of God and the Lord through Dr. Jaerock Lee who showed an exemplary life in everything. Now I could keep my determination to give my life to the Lord.

Now I have served the church as a treasurer and interpreter. In June 2014, I paid a visit to Manmin Central Church and have been more earnest to become sanctified. I want to deliver the love of God, who is Light, to Europe that is in spiritual darkness. I give all thanks and glory to God who let me meet the true shepherd.

“I can’t forget wonders shown during Summer Retreat!”

A heavy rainfall stopped in a moment, black clouds cleared away, typhoons died out, clouds appeared and disappeared, and stars moved! Such works of God’s power took place in Manmin Summer Retreat and caused Manmin to believe the authenticity of the Bible. Here are a few testimonies.

Torrential Downpours Stopped in an Instant



In August 1983, Manmin Central Church had its students’ and young adults’ summer retreat. But the previous day, there was localized torrential rainfall in Seoul and Gyeonggi including the retreat venue in Daebu Island, Incheon. At dawn on the day of the retreat, it was still pouring with crashing thunder and lightning. It just didn’t seem to stop. However...

▶▶▶ “Our departure time was drawing near, but pouring rain was still hitting the windows and it just didn’t appear to be stopping. But we had seen many works of God through Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee, so we completely believed that it would stop raining after he prayed.

All people in attendance were of one same heart. Dr. Lee and we prayed together, went out, and took our steps to the ground. At that moment, the heavy rain suddenly hovered like early morning fog and disappeared in a moment. We jumped, danced, and shouted with joy. I can’t still forget the moment.”



Elder Myeongil Hong,
Church Maintenance
Bureau

Heavy Sea Waves Couldn’t Stop the Summer Retreat



In July 1986, the Light and Salt Mission members were set to come back home from Summer Retreat held on (the island) Ulleung-do. The weather forecast said that a typhoon alert had been issued for the sea and large waves were hitting the shore. The members had to go to work the next day so Dr. Jaerock Lee got a boat used in cuttlefish fishing. They sailed from Ulleung-do through monstrous sea waves in the small boat and safely arrived at Dodong Port.

▶▶▶ “I was not afraid at all. It was because I was given spiritual faith witnessing a woman who was like dead stand up and walk by Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer in the Revival Meeting held in the small church in Ulleung-do. I also spent time in grace and emotion throughout the Summer Retreat.

Large sea waves looked like they were overtaking our boat, but we danced to the song, ‘When Jesus Commands, Raging Waves Calm Down’. We had been determined to live for the Lord during the retreat though our faith was small. Several members who were there with me have grown up as pastors and workers used preciously in the church.”



Pastor Guemran Hwang,
Chinese Parish Pastor

Clouds Came from All Directions and Covered the Sun



In August 1999, the Men’s Mission members were having Summer Retreat at the Cheongun Training Center in Icheon, Gyeonggi Province. The organizing office made thorough preparation for the Sports Day so that all of members could have a great time with their parents and children. But...

▶▶▶ “When I arrived at the field for the event, not a single cloud was in sight and there was no wind. It was just scorching. But when Dr. Jaerock Lee prayed for the event and the weather, clouds suddenly came from all directions. I can’t forget the spectacle. God let cloud banks cover the sun so our members could enjoy the sporting events in happiness amid cool breeze in a shady field.”



Elder Jongtae Choi,
Administrator of the Second
Elders’ Association

“Brothers and sisters, take a look at stars in the sky”



In August 2001, College Mission members were having their Summer Retreat in Pyeongchang, Gangwon Province. It was a pitch-dark night. There was thunder and lightning around the retreat venue. No one could expect to see any stars in the sky! But, the attendees prepared for the event of ‘Watching Stars’ with faith.

▶▶▶ “We were about to have the event of ‘Watching Stars’ but the sky was filled with black clouds and no star could be found. It was a pitch-dark night such that we couldn’t see things around us and it was difficult to recognize people right next to us. But after Dr. Jaerock Lee prayed, stars came to our sight one by one and soon countless stars were twinkling only in the sky over us. All members gave glory to God with emotion.”



Deaconess Sojae Kim,
Vice President of the 1st
Canaan Mission

In addition to this, in July 1987 Students’ Sunday School had its summer retreat at the South Han River in Yeosu, Gyeonggi Province. Under the influence of a typhoon, South Korea had huge torrential downpours nationwide. But it didn’t rain in the summer retreat venue. In August 1994, during Men’s and Women’s Mission Summer Retreat in Mongsanpo Beach in Chungnam Province, approaching black clouds changed their course when Dr. Lee prayed. In August 2000, during Summer Retreat in Muan Manmin Church, pictures of moving stars were taken with a video camera so more people could see them.



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