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The Worldwide Orchestra Specializing in Praise Nissi Orchestra's 24th Anniversary



Nissi Orchestra is made up of Manmin members. On February 28, 2016 they celebrated their 24th anniversary and gave glory to God with special renditions of two songs "Heavenly Glory" and "Our Praise 2". The orchestra was organized on March 1, 1992 and since then it has been contributing to the spreading of the gospel and the development of Christian culture (Photo 1, Peaceful Re-unification Jubilee Convention celebrating 50th anniversary of Korea's independence; Photo 2, National Annual Breakfast Prayer and Korea-Russia Goodwill Concert; Photo 3, Russia Miracle Crusade 2003; and Photos 4 through 7, events of the church).

Bible Study Book *Hidden Manna* Vol. 1 Has Been Published

On March 20, 2016, Dr. Jaerock Lee's Bible study book *Hidden Manna Vol. 1* was published following the weekly study book *Six-day Manna*.



This book consists of two parts. Part 1, "Beautiful Goodness of the Forefathers of Faith" shows the life and faith of the forefathers who moved God's heart such as Elijah, Moses, Apostle Paul, and Mary Magdalene. Readers will be able to learn the highest level of goodness and love these forefathers demonstrated before God. They will also discover the keys to receiving answers and blessings.

The part 2, "The Measure of Faith Allotted by God" clearly explains the process of growth of faith from the faith that we have when we accept Jesus Christ up to the perfect faith of whole spirit that is pleasing to God. Readers will have a chance to check their measure of faith and gain greater longing for the rock of faith, spirit, and whole spirit, and even deeper level of whole spirit.

Hidden Manna Vol. 1 was published in celebration of Easter, 2016. We hope that many people will read this book and thereby grow up in faith, attain to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ, achieve the utmost level of goodness with which they can give their lives unsparingly even for their enemies, and enter New Jerusalem.

Three Japanese Branch Churches' Anniversary Services and Handkerchief Healing Meetings

From February 27 to March 3 in 2016, Rev. Heesun Lee, Manmin World Guidance Pastor preached the message in the anniversary services and led the handkerchief healing meetings in three branch churches in Iida, Tokyo, and Tabata in Tokyo, Japan.

Rev. Lee delivered the messages entitled "Faith", "Sincere Heart", and "God-pleasing Faith" respectively. She urged the members to follow the examples of forefathers of faith with trust and obedience and emphasized the importance of fervent



prayer to do so.

Afterwards, she prayed for the sick with the handkerchief on which Dr. Jaerock Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12). Many people were then healed of their diseases including autism, otitis media, eczema, and rhinitis.

Many were also set free from pain. Some recovered better eyesight.

Rev. Lee also had time with the church workers and urged them to ride vigorously on the flow of whole spirit with deeds of true faith and trust.





Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“In the beginning
God created the heavens and
the earth” (Genesis 1:1).



If you are a Christian, you must clearly understand why God the Creator put the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden, why Jesus is the only Savior for mankind, and why God made Hell.

Churches should give the answers to the questions about these three topics and teach believers the providence of salvation in the cross that covers the profound and mysterious things that were hidden before ages. Only then can they possess true faith. Above all, they should know God the Creator clearly.

1. God who created the heavens, the earth, and all things in them

Some people in this world claim that there is no god. There are others who worship gods that men made up with their imaginations or some images of creatures. But the one and only true Deity is our God the Creator.

Even though He may not be visible to our naked eyes, God truly exists. He is the Creator and the Governor of everything in the universe including mankind and He is the Judge. He transcends man, who is a mere creature and He is immeasurable. It is no easy task for man to explain God. Even with much deliberation or examination, man in his limited knowledge cannot wholly understand God. But the Bible gives a clear answer to all this.

Genesis 1:1 tells us, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” From the state of nothingness, in six days God created the heavens and the earth by His

Word alone, and on the sixth and final day of the creation, He created Adam, the first man of all mankind.

Because man was created by God, he instinctively feels and recognizes the existence of some supernatural being from the depths of his heart. We find in Ecclesiastes 3:11, “He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart.” By God having set “eternity in their heart,” people with a good conscience acknowledge and seek some kind of deity even without hearing or knowing about God.

Romans 1:20 reads, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.” As this verse reminds us, even without seeing God in person, we can know that God the Creator is alive and that there is only one Creator.

2. The evidences that enable us to believe God the Creator

First, people of different races and ethnic groups in this world may look different, speak different languages, come from different cultural backgrounds, and have different colors of skin. However, each individual on the earth is the same in that everyone has two eyes, two ears, one nose, and one mouth and these parts are located in identical positions for all men. Moreover, while there are slight differences among animals, birds, insects, and fish according to their specific characteristics, in essence, their appearance is identical in formation which attests to their having been designed and formed by the one and only Creator.

If there had been several creators, each of them may have determined and created form and functions of men and animals according to each of their personal preferences. On the other hand, proponents of the theory of evolution claim that mankind evolved from higher animals, which in turn have evolved from lower life forms. However, as we find in Genesis 1:21, “And God created the great sea monsters, and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and

God saw that it was good,” from the beginning God created everything according to its own kind.

Creatures on land did not evolve from fish, and birds did not evolve from creatures on land. Man did not evolve from an ape; an ape was created as an ape from the beginning, and man was created as man from the beginning. Of all creatures, man alone was made in God’s image with a spirit, a soul, and a body. No matter how closely an ape may resemble a human being, that ape cannot understand or worship God the way a human being with a spirit is able to worship Him.

Next, the evidence found in natural phenomena attests to “God the Creator” all too clearly. With Earth’s rotation and revolution, various yet systematic phenomena including the change of night and day, four seasons, high and low tides, and the circulation of the air take place.

Celestial positioning and movement have been established to create the most suitable and appropriate environment to sustain all life forms, including human beings. The distance between the sun and the earth, or the distance between the earth and the moon is the most appropriate: the sun, the earth, and the moon are neither too far nor too close from each other and, without even a slightest error, have been systematically rotating and revolving for a very long time. The universe was not accidentally created by some “Big Bang” as opponents of the evolution theory propose.

For instance, we know that a clock consists of a myriad of parts that have been elaborately assembled and operates accordingly. Suppose someone argued, “At the time of a volcanic eruption, all the parts in this clock came together on their own and began operating.” Would anyone believe that story? Now, then, how could this universe in which we live, the universe that is infinitely more elaborate than a clock, have come into existence on its own and begun operating in such an orderly fashion?

All this is possible because everything in the universe has been designed, created, and is in operation by the wisdom of God. For these reasons, no one can give an excuse to God on the Judgment Day, saying, “I didn’t think You really exist!”

3. Reasons people are unable to believe in God

Why, then, do people still refuse to believe in God even as they witness such clear evidences of creation? People tend to only believe in things that are visible to their eyes and tangible in their hands. They accept things they can understand with their knowledge and thought. They will not believe in the existence of an invisible God, biblical signs and wonders, or the like, all of which are beyond man’s capacity. However, everything in the Bible is true.

Just as Jesus tells us in John 4:48, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe,” only when people witness signs and wonders that are not possible by man’s capabilities will their knowledge and frames of thought be shattered. When people see, hear, and experience things which no man is capable of doing, they will come to acknowledge the fact that God’s Word is the truth.

By countless manifestations of His power, God has repeatedly revealed to biblical figures that He exists. To Egypt’s unbelieving Pharaoh and his retainers, God revealed Himself through the Ten Plagues. Our Lord Jesus proved that He was the Son of God through manifestation of signs and wonders, while Apostle Paul healed the sick and the weak, drove out demons, and revived the dead in the name of Jesus Christ.

Manifestations of God’s work are necessary in our generation as well. For unbelievers, God’s power is sure proof by which they can be led to believe in the living God the Creator. Since its founding, countless signs and wonders have been manifested at Manmin Central Church and manifestations of God’s power of greater magnitude have been taking place with the passing of time.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the evidence that attests to God’s existence is clearly revealed in every creature in the universe, in signs and wonders, and in manifestations of His power. By fearing God and living by His commandments, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will experience God’s work and give glory to Him without restraint.

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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Can Those Who Died without Hearing the Gospel Be Saved?

Acts 4:12 reads, "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." Then, what about people who lived in the Old Testament time before Jesus' crucifixion for the salvation of mankind, or about those who died without hearing the gospel?

◆ Judgment of Conscience, for people who did the things of the Law from their consciences

Romans 2:14-15 says, "For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them."

God gave the Law to the people of Israel in the Old Testament time and the Law became the standard for salvation. Those who kept and observed the Law were saved. But the Law was given to the chosen people, Israel. The Gentiles, who were not Israelites, did not have the Law.

Before Jesus came to the earth the Gentile people were judged according to their deeds of following the ways of their conscience. When they followed the good, not the evil according to their conscience, it was considered as the work of the Law. If they did what was evil against their conscience, or if they did not do what was good according to their conscience, it was the same as violating the Law.

Thus, the deeds of following their conscience became a standard of salvation to the Gentiles, and according to the work of the Law written in their hearts their salvation was decided. This is the Judgment of Conscience.

◆ The Upper Grave and the Lower Grave as the waiting place

Those who were worthy to be saved through the Judgment of Conscience could not go to Heaven right away after their lives were over on this earth. They first went to the Upper Grave which was the waiting place of Heaven. On the other hand, however, there is the Lower Grave, the waiting place of Hell. Such 'graves' belonging to the spiritual realm exist and appear in the Bible several times.

Luke chapter 16 tells us about the parable of a rich man and a poor man named Lazarus. There we can find the description of the Upper Grave and the Lower Grave, the waiting places for those who finished their lives on the earth. While on the earth the poor man, Lazarus, was fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man's table. But,

the poor man revered God from his heart. So after he died, his spirit was carried to the bosom of Abraham in the Upper Grave. However, the rich man who joyously lived in splendor every day on the earth was put in agony in the flame of the Lower Grave.

Isaiah 14:9 depicts the Lower Grave where evil people lost their earthly glory and suffered. While the Lower Grave was for evil people and they suffered there, the Upper Grave, where Lazarus was with Abraham, was for those who deserved to be saved. Those who were worthy to be saved through the Judgment of Conscience because of their deeds of following their good conscience stayed there in comfort.

◆ They heard the gospel of Jesus Christ in the Upper Grave

Jesus said in John 5:28, "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice." He said that He would preach the gospel to them after His death on the cross.

Here, 'all who are in the tombs' refer to people who were dead before Jesus started to preach the gospel on the earth. He said they would hear 'His voice'. The people heard the gospel from Him in the Upper Grave and they were carried to Heaven by being saved in the name of Jesus Christ.

After the crucifixion, Jesus went to the Upper Grave and preached the gospel for three days. He delivered the gospel to the spirits who deserved to be saved. By doing so, He opened the way of salvation to those who had not heard the gospel.

Matthew 12:40 says, "For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Ephesians 4:9 reads, "Now this expression, 'He ascended,' what

does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?"

1 Peter 3:19 states, "In which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison." Here, the Upper Grave is described as 'prison'. It does not mean the place is like a prison. It just shows that the place has a little limitation in space when compared to Heaven.

Even after Jesus' ascension, those who went to the Upper Grave through the Judgment of Conscience came to hear the gospel from God's people. Thus, if one has good conscience enough to be saved, they are carried to the Upper Grave, hear that Jesus is the Christ, and with faith in it they can go to Heaven. Therefore, no one fails to be saved just because they have not heard the gospel.

God of love differentiates each one's glory of Heaven according to the extent of goodness and righteousness of their conscience. He judges precisely and impeccably with love and justice so that no one is disadvantaged.

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The God of love sent His only begotten Son and made Him the atoning sacrifice to redeem all mankind from sins and lead them to the way of salvation. Jesus died shedding His precious blood on the cross and was resurrected as the Savior, so whoever accepts Him as the Savior can be forgiven of all sins and reach salvation.

Then, how about people living in the Old Testament time or those who had no opportunity to hear the gospel? Can they not be saved just because they have not heard the Good News? The God of justice even prepared the way of salvation for such people. It was through the Judgment of Conscience.



“My Lord Protected Me in a Big Car Accident”

Deacon Sanghwa Park, age 54, Parish 1, South Korea

On January 15, 2016, it was around 3:30 P.M. I was driving a one-ton truck on Geyeongbu expressway at about 100km/hr speed. Suddenly, a big cargo truck right in front of my car stepped on the brake! I felt instinctively it would lead to a serious accident that might claim my life. Praying, “Father God, protect me!” I closed my eyes.

I had no time even to step on the brake and my car crashed into the truck. Bang! When I opened my eyes, I saw the windshield broken and the front frame of my car that was totally bent.

I felt severe pain in my knees but when I received Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer recorded on the Automated Response System the pain was gone. I could not get out of my car so I was trapped in the car for around 20 minutes, but I felt peaceful because I was sure that God had protected me.

The 119 rescue team members got me out of the car. They were surprised to see that I was not hurt at all and said, “Are you really ok after this big accident?” I had a medical examination in a nearby hospital and it showed that I had no problem at all throughout my body. I heard later that the cars running before the big cargo truck



had crashed first and the truck suddenly stopped. That is why the accident even happened to me.

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It was Friday, so I went to church as usual to help traffic control near the church as a leader of Manmin Volunteers’ Group. Feeling the gratefulness for the grace of God, I volunteered more happily than ever before. When I looked back on the accident, I felt more thankful for the love of God.

If my car had got dented just 1cm more towards my body, it would have hurt my knees and abdomen. It would have been a very dangerous situation. However, God of love protected me so that I was not injured. Moreover, even broken pieces of windshield did not hurt my face and I did not suffer any financial loss because the repair cost was covered by insurance.

Two months have passed since the accident, but I have been healthy with no bodily injury or pain. I am feeling joy of gaining a new life and living my precious days to enter the best heavenly dwelling place, New Jerusalem. I give all thanks and glory to God who always protects me in the Lord.

“I Was Healed of High Blood Pressure and My Husband Recovered Hearing Ability”

Sister Sunisa Jaengjareon,
age 62, Chiang Rai
Manmin Church in Thailand



When I worked for a travel agency as a guide in Bangkok, I met my husband and we got married. When he played the piano in a hotel, he made a lot of money. However, we moved to Chiang Rai in 2014 and from that time he tried several businesses including a bakery, coffee shop, and clothing store, but all failed. We had nothing in our hands.

Our neighbors and relatives pointed their fingers at us rather than comforting us. They did so because my husband was a blind. In the meantime Deaconess Tittikan, who was living near us, guided me to Chiang Rai Manmin Church on November 29, 2015.

The first worship service I was attending amazed me and it was very new to me. People were joining the worship service of Manmin Central Church in South Korea via GCN (www.gcntv.org). The sanctuary, the members, the anthem of the choir, and the Nissi Orchestra... All of them were new and beautiful. In particular, Dr. Jaerock Lee’s sermon was very easy to understand, I felt his sincerity, and my heart was moved.

My husband and I began attending not only all worship services, but also Daniel Prayer Meeting and we tried to live by the Word of God. We read Dr. Lee’s autobiography *My Life My Faith* and listened to his sermon “The Message of the Cross”. We started to learn about God’s heart and will.

On December 13, it was Sunday when two weeks had passed since I officially registered in the church. On that day I received Dr. Lee’s prayer for the sick after the sermon via GCN. To our surprise, my husband recovered hearing ability of his left ear that had lost the ability due to otitis media. He came to hear clearly and the symptom of otitis media was gone. I was also healed of high blood pressure that had troubled me for 31 years and a bladder infection. Hallelujah!

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My husband was born blind, so he always complained about his situation. But now, while listening to Dr. Lee’s sermons, he realized that God is love and He wants to give His children only good things. He is now living a joyful life with a thankful heart. He said that he feels grateful because he cannot commit sins because he cannot see things belonging to the world.

Above all, he said that when he had some questions, Senior Pastor answered them through his sermons of the day as if he knew my husband’s heart. After we met this precious church of life, our lives have been renewed. We used to live day by day worrying about tomorrow, but we now commit everything to God and do not worry about what to eat and drink. We feel peaceful.

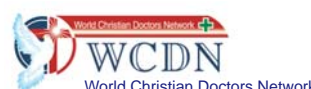
I give all thanks and glory to God of love who healed us of our infirmities and gave us true happiness and hope.



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