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“Powerful Ministry Performed in God’s Providence!”

Pastors and Church Workers’ Devotional Service



During the Sunday Evening Service on January 29, 2017, the Pastors’ and Church Workers’

Devotional Service 2017 was held with Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee as the speaker.

The number of devotees was 9,350 which included pastors, Levite workers (the church’s full time workers), elders, senior deaconesses, deacons, deaconesses, junior deaconesses, Esther’s Association (pastors’ wives’ group), and Prayer Devotees’ Association. The devotees from 43 branch churches including Masan, Daejeon, Gumi, Yeosu, Daegu, and Chuncheon joined the service.

After the devotees offered up special praises, Senior Pastor Dr.



Lee delivered the message entitled “The Shepherd’s Power” taken from John 14:12. He urged the devotees to extend the kingdom of God by performing with power in their own fields. And he explained how to perform

with the power in three aspects. First, they should only seek benefits of God’s kingdom. Second, they should live for the glory of God. And third, they should love souls.

The Eighth Anniversary of Manmin Praise, God’s Gift

In celebration Manmin Praise’s eighth anniversary, during the first half of Friday All-night Service on February 3, 2017, Pastor Heejin Lee, Chairperson of the Performing Arts Committee, preached the message “The Praise of Manmin (all creation)” based on Isaiah 43:21.

Manmin Praise refers to songs whose lyrics and melody are given by God Himself. It is just as when God gave the Israelites a song through Moses. Dr. Lee prayed in awareness of the acute need of songs that are a delight to God because in this end time the world is so sin-filled. Manmin Praise is the answer to his prayer.

With the song “Lord’s Profession” given on February 3 in 2009 as the first one, 314 songs have been given so far. They are easy to learn and sing for everybody. A great number of members in and out of Korea feel God’s love and their hearts are purified when they sing Manmin Praise. Moreover, hope for Heaven is given, darkness is driven away, and problems are solved through the praise.

The songs have been translated and distributed in eleven languages including English and Hebrew but many of overseas members like to sing in Korean and have experienced great grace.



“I Feel Happy to Sing Manmin Praise in Russian”

Pastor Dmitry Petrovski, Israel



In 1991, my wife and I accepted the Lord and studied music in Belarusian State Academy of Music. God gave us the vision to perform our ministry through praise to God. We produced many praise albums, and performed in many Christian events and festivals. We also led seminars.

In 2009, God guided us to Israel and met Dr. Jaerock Lee from Manmin Central Church there. Before long I visited Manmin Central Church in Seoul, and there I listened to Manmin Praise and experienced Manmin’s wonderful performance culture.

I thought Manmin Praise would move many Russian-speaking people and they would feel God’s love, could realize His good will, and have hope for Heaven. I wanted to translate the songs into Russian. As many as 1.5 million Russian-speaking people are living in Israel.

My wife and I embarked on the translation work. Korean and Russian are

very different languages, and the songs contain Korean specific culture, so we needed to understand it. We tried really hard to translate the literal meanings, and had to find rhythm and harmony for Russian translation. We occasionally prayed for several hours to find the most appropriate expression. When it was done, the joy given to us cannot be expressed with words.

Now more than 200 songs of Manmin Praise have been translated in Russian. While translating, I came to learn more about God’s Word and understand the meaning better. When I sing Manmin Praise with people, I am so happy to see them receive much grace through the songs.

I hope all peoples of all nations will sing together the pure and beautiful Manmin Praise given by God. I give thanks to Dr. Jaerock Lee who demonstrates his love for souls through his acts of self-sacrifice.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

Remember the Sabbath Day, to Keep It Holy (1)

the Sabbath day, to keep it holy... For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

By keeping the Sabbath we show our belief in God as the Creator. Furthermore, it means we acknowledge that God is the Owner and Master of the vast spiritual realm as well as the physical world. Namely, to keep the Sabbath holy is the act of acknowledging the spiritual authority of God.

2. The Reason We Keep the Sabbath

In Exodus 31:13, God said to Moses, "But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'You shall surely observe My sabbaths; for this is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.'" The people of Israel were set apart as holy people of God by keeping the Sabbath. God protected them from tests and trials and various kinds of disasters.

This spiritual principle is applied in the same way today. We can be protected and blessed only when we belong to God as His children by keeping the Sabbath. Being protected and blessed is important, but the most important thing is the salvation of our spirit.

Exodus 31:14-15 states, "Therefore you are to observe the Sabbath, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people...whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death." It was to tell them that even Israelites, God's elect, had to fall into death from the moment they did not keep the Sabbath because it means they had nothing to do with God.

If we understand the true intention of God in commanding us to keep the Sabbath, we won't feel coerced to keep it out of fear. God commanded us to keep the Sabbath to give us true rest with His love for His children. If we feel the heart and love of God,

we may work hard for six days and during these week days we wait for the Sabbath with our hearts, mind, and will. Then on the Sabbath we will worship in spirit and truth, have fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ, and offer up our thanks and joy to God.

3. The Reason We Keep Sunday as the Sabbath

In the Old Testament time, Saturday, which is the seventh day of the Creation, was kept as the Sabbath. But since Jesus, the Son of God, came to the earth in flesh, fulfilled the duty of the Savior, and was resurrected on Sunday, it has been kept as the Sabbath in New Testament times.

Mark 16:9 says, "Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons." Because the seventh day of the week is Saturday which was kept as the Sabbath in the Old Testament time, the first day of the week is Sunday. Jesus was crucified at 3 P.M. on Friday and buried, and He resurrected in the early morning of Sunday, on the third day after the crucifixion.

Genesis 1:3 says, "Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light." This light was spiritual light, which symbolizes the power and authority of God. God proclaimed His sovereignty all over the universe. It was also the proclamation of Jesus Christ's sovereignty because He is the 'true Light' who existed in the form of God and He is the Word who became flesh and came to the earth as said in John 1:9, "There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man."

That is why Matthew 12:8 reads, "For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." It means that our Lord is the true light and He is the lord of the Sabbath. Just as there was light on the first day of Creation, Sunday, the Lord's Day which is the first day of the week, is the day on which the Lord, who is the true Light, shone His light to the whole world.

It was the day on which Jesus overcame death and resurrected to open the way of salvation for all

mankind. He became the true light for those souls who were living in darkness and death. From this time we keep the Sunday as the Sabbath, namely as the Lord's Day. Only after the resurrection of the Lord did we come to keep the true Sabbath.

God has already mentioned in the Old Testament that the Sunday will become the Sabbath. Leviticus 23:10-12 says, "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter the land which I am going to give to you and reap its harvest, then you shall bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD for you to be accepted; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. Now on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb one year old without defect for a burnt offering to the LORD.'"

The male lamb one year old without defect given on the day after the Sabbath refers to the Lamb of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. The first sheaf refers to the first fruit of resurrection, which is Jesus Christ as well (1 Corinthians 15:20).

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, after the transgression of the first man, Adam, all people lost true rest God had given them. The spirits of men, that were the the master of men, died. As a result, their communication with God was severed. They even came to have to toil all the days of their lives to eat, and finally they were to fall into Hell the eternal death.

When the appointed time came, however, in the Lord's love in the crucifixion, He overcame death and resurrected, and thereby the way to salvation was open to all people. Anybody who believes Jesus Christ and receives the Holy Spirit as the gift can enjoy salvation, eternal life, resurrection, and hope for Heaven. However, only when we keep the Lord's Day holy and keep God's commandments can we have eternal and perfect rest.

I pray in the name of the Lord that you will keep the Sabbath holy and understand the will of God who wants all people to be saved.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you.

For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy" (Exodus 20:8-11).

'Sabbath' is a day set aside for rest and worship, and in the New Testament time it is called the 'Lord's Day'.

Keeping the Sabbath is the basic action that shows one is God's child and proves his/her citizenship of Heaven with another basic sign, giving a whole tithe. This is because it is one of the Ten Commandments that God's children should keep.

1. The Origin and Meaning of the Sabbath

Genesis 2:3 reads, "Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."

God created the heavens and the earth for six days and rested on the seventh day. He blessed this seventh day and sanctified it. And God gave this commandment about keeping the Sabbath after He delivered the sons of Israel from Egypt as written in Exodus 20.

When God gave the Ten Commandments, He said, "Remember

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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Enjoying True Happiness through Fruit of the Lips

To the extent that you achieve a holy and pure heart, you can naturally bear the 'fruit of the lips'. God had angels record every single word of His beloved children and let them reap what they sow and enjoy blessing, glory and wisdom in accordance with their professions. Let's set a guard over our mouth and receive great blessings.

Say Pleasant Words All the Time



"Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones" (Proverbs 16:24).

Pleasant words encourage those who feel tired and lose heart and give life to dying souls. On the contrary, evil words hurt others' feelings, invoke trouble, and may cause them to stumble and eventually fall into death. Are you speaking words that are less than pleasant, thinking you have good faith and are giving good advice to others?

People of goodness may try to conceal others' mistake or shortcomings and gently give advice with desire to lead them into spirit. They may lead them to change by giving grace through words of the truth that can move their heart.

But some people will point out the smallest mistake a person might make without missing the opportunity by indirect criticism or sarcastically speaking to him. There are those who gossip about others' shortcomings and pass judgment and condemnation on them.

As explained, even in the same situation words from lips can be so different depending on the goodness or evilness in people's hearts.

We should look back upon our words. Did you hurt others' feelings with words and then say that you were 'just kidding'? Did you reveal your bad feeling or anger in words you've spoken? Do you flaunt your strengths, such as a good physical appearance? In your 'conversation' did you speak maliciously about others' shortcomings?

You should look face-to-face straight at yourself and check to see if you blamed others with your words.

When you speak words that are not proper in the truth, it shows that you have forms of evil remaining in your heart. Search yourself and discover them, pray fervently to cast them away, and obey only the Word.

Speak Words That Make Peace



"Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).

Small is the rudder that changes a boat's direction while sailing. If the rudder is broken or it is turned the wrong way, a ship could be capsized by strong winds or wrecked by hitting a rock.

The tongue is a small part of the body, but it has great power. When Rehoboam, who is Solomon's son, came to the throne, all Israel came and asked Rehoboam to 'lighten the hard service and his heavy yoke' to which he replied, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions." His words eventually caused the nation to be divided in two (2 Chronicles 10).

Even today when a person uses his tongue, a

small part of the body, in a wrong way, it can cause trouble in the church that is the body of Christ. Words can bring misunderstanding, make divisions between people, break peace, and thereby disgrace God. Therefore, if your words cause others to complain or stop others from being united, you should first pray and look back on your words.

Apostle Paul always sacrificed himself and served others to make peace with them as well as work faithfully for the kingdom of God with his life (1 Corinthians 9:19-23). He could serve others like a servant although he performed with power because he eagerly wanted to save more souls.

Give Thanks and Praise in Faith in Any Kind of Situation



"Say to them, 'As I live,' says the LORD, 'just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will surely do to you'" (Numbers 14:28).

Virgin Mary didn't sleep with her fiancé Joseph when Jesus was conceived. She knew that she would be stoned to death according to the Law.

But when she heard from the angel, "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus", she said in faith, "Behold, the bond slave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." Moreover, she praised God's providence given to her and His power, holiness, and mercy (Luke 1).

Esther heard from her uncle Mordecai that Haman was planning to entrap her people, the Jews, who were captivated in Persia and destroy them. She offered up three-day fasting to God and

came to the king with determination saying, "If I perish, I perish." It was because a person who came to the king without the king's command to come might be put to death. But she relied only on God and made the decision even preparing for death (Esther 4).

Then, God made her look lovely to the king, and her people were saved. And, it was Haman who fell into destruction.

As seen, God measures one's faith in the words from his or her lips and He searches their hearts. Therefore, you should believe God who is good in any kind of situation and offer up thanks and praise in faith.

“My Marriage Was on the Rocks, But We’ve Found Happiness!”



Deacon Sangki Baek,
age 62, Parish 1, Manmin Central Church

I got married to a Vietnamese woman in 2004, but we often argued because of communication problems and cultural differences. My wife was young and she ran away from home when she could not stand it anymore. In 2006, I started to look for a church that offers Vietnamese translation service for her and we registered in Manmin Central Church. I witnessed countless powerful works performed by Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee. At that same time I myself experienced something amazing.

During winter in 2013, I was driving my truck with my five-year-old son Hyunwoo in the passenger seat. Suddenly the door opened and he fell and rolled on the road. To make matters worse, a bus following my truck ran above him. However, he was protected between the wheels, and not hurt at all!

After the incident, my wife and I started to change. As she began to pray, she treated me in a gentle manner. She said she learned it from Senior Pastor’s sermons and from many Manmin female members serving their husbands. As I saw her change, I came to think that she must have been troubled by her opinionated and picky husband and I felt so sorry for her. I began to help her with house chores.

In February 2015, Senior Pastor said we must keep the vow that we made before God. Then, my vow to God popped in my mind. I made a vow 13 years ago, while attending another church, that I would give the tithe if my apartment was sold. I did not keep the vow even after it was sold.

I gave the tithe over the period of eleven months. Even though I gave God what I should have given, He blessed my workplace from the following month. I used to earn 4.7 to 4.8 million won from quick delivery service with my small truck but I came to make 5.8 to 6.6 million won.

With a grateful heart for God’s grace and in repentance for my past life, I joined Manmin Volunteer Group. God keeps giving me blessings as I enjoy helping others in need.

My wife Deaconess Riu is a leader of Vietnamese Cell and interprets the worship service into Vietnamese. She recovered good eyesight and was healed of numbness of her arms and fingers. It is by all God’s grace that my family that was ‘on the rocks’ turned into a blessed ‘nest’. I give all thanks and glory to God. And I give thanks to Senior Pastor who has raised us with the word of life and prayed for us.

“My Car Fell from a 3m Cliff, But I Was Protected!”

Deaconess Soyoung Cho,
age 46, Parish 30, Manmin Central Church



On December 29, 2016, while I was moving my car in a parking lot in front of a quiet Korean restaurant located in Euiwang City in Gyeonggi-do, my car fell from a 3m-cliff. Not knowing the gear was in reverse, I stepped on the accelerator. My car ran backwards fast and broke the fence and fell from the cliff, and flipped upside down. It happened in a moment.

After the accident, I received Senior Pastor’s prayer by the help of the people with me and was moved to a university hospital nearby. I had my head and neck checked through CT and X-ray scans, and they revealed I had no problem. Since I was just re-parking the car in another place I did not wear a seat belt, so the part below my right eye brow was torn and I had to wear a neck support. But I recovered quickly and took the support off in three days, and fulfilled my God-given duty as usual.

If a car turns over from a three-meter cliff, the driver usually gets severely injured in the head, neck, and back because the car windows are shattered and the roof is totally crushed. But my body was not hurt because the space for me remained even though my car turned over. I feel amazed whenever I think about it.

I give thanks to God who protected me in the Lord’s love and the shepherd’s space.



“As I Was Renewed through Manmin Praise, I Received Blessings!”

Brother Haniel Waiba,
age 22, Nepal Manmin Church



In December 2009, I was guided to Nepal Manmin Church by my uncle. As I listened to the Word and learned what sins are, I still did not stop drinking and smoking and I still watched obscene movies. I sometimes repented with tears, but the repentance lasted less than a month.

However, I started to change over time when I listened to Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee’s urging us to walk in Light as God’s children and saw his true love and tears. And through Manmin Praise, I received the grace of repentance and strength to practice the truth.

Young adults in my church felt more touched when we sang Manmin Praise in Korean, so we told Pastor Grace Lee, who is ministering to the church, that we want to sing in Korean. I began to learn Korean. I wrote the sounds of Korean lyrics in Nepalese language and showed it to Pastor Lee. She corrected the pronunciation and wrote the meaning of the expressions below the sounds. Other members said they feel more grace and emotion when they sing in Korean, and young adults, students, and children even memorize almost all songs in Korean.

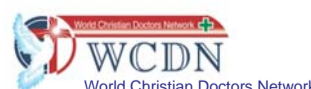
I received many blessings from God through Manmin Praise. I got a job although I had previously had a hard time finding one, and I came to long for spiritual things. My family used to be full of problems and conflicts but now we came to have peace and happiness since we started to lead proper Christian lives.



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