

Snowboarding Towards Heaven

Winner, Second O₂ Resort National Snowboard Technical Championship

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I entered Manmin Kindergarten, an affiliation of Manmin Central Church, when I was four years of age, and grew up in Christ. Without huge ups and downs in life as a believer, there were many things I wanted to do and my curiosities only grew during middle-, high-school, and college years. Carefree most of my life, I had to plan my life but there also seemed many obstacles. Also, after having had a taste of the world, my life in Christ was not in earnest and I did not take my life as a whole that seriously, either. I had always liked sports and longed to enter the world of entertainment so naturally, my focus was placed on those two fields. As I prepared to go to college, I had to decide whether I was going to pursue a degree in sports or in performing arts.

A life of continued compromises

I entered Duksung Women's University as a Life Sports major. Graduation requirements included obtaining five sports-related certificates. Currently, I have six certificates including one in emergency treatment; one in sports massage; two in windsurfing; and associate and formal instructor certifications in snowboarding. Still, in the corner of my heart was a hope to enter the entertainment industry.

Then one day in 2009, a magazine contacted me, asking if I would be interested in a photo shoot. As I had always dreamed of making it to the entertainment industry, I agreed without thinking twice. On Sundays, I attended only the Morning Service and went to the shoots in the afternoons. I began rationalizing my actions convincing myself, "There's no other way." When I stayed in different parts of

the country in order to train and to earn the snowboard instructor certificate, I only attended the Morning Services at branch churches even when I could have easily attended the Evening Services as well. I either practiced or spent time with friends on Sunday afternoons.

Realizing that there is a wall of sin between God and me

In February 2009, I entered "The First O₂ Resort National Snowboard Technical Championship" and expected to do well. The Technical Championship is a competition among snowboard instructors in theory, form, and technicality. A formal snowboard instructor certification verification also took place at the Technical Championship and a participant with an average score of 90 or higher could pass and earn the certificate. However, my score was 0.06 points shy of the passing mark and I was disqualified.

At the time at the Church, countless members were receiving blessings amidst positive confessions of faith and deeds under the motto, "The impossible will be possible, the possible even better." By a whisker, however, I fell short. I was stunned, to say the least, and began asking myself if this was indeed the future for me. At that moment, I realized there was a wall standing between God and me. "I fell short not by a lot but only by 0.06 points. That's right! I fell short because I did not keep the Lord's Day holy." I looked back at my life and began making a greater effort towards my life in Christ.

Then came a turning point in my life as a believer. In April 2009, I was offered the position of reporter on the "Manmin



Magazine" program produced by Manmin TV and airing during the Friday All-night Service every week. I wasn't sure if I could do well but as I gave my all to it, thinking of the opportunity to increase my rewards in heaven, God began to transform me. Moreover, whenever I faced crises, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee strengthened and encouraged me and I was thoroughly touched by his love. I thought that the only way to recompense for such love and interest in me was to not to waver but to live only by God's Word.

A believer acknowledging God

One wintry day in 2009, a professor who had taught me

how to snowboard contacted me. He asked me to participate in "The National Snowboard Technical Championship." I could not bring myself to it, however, so I told him, "Professor, I am trying to fulfill my vision in television." But he said, "Think of this as an experience and try again. Who knows in what directions your dreams will unfold?" and kept insisting that I enter the competition.

At his earnest urging, I decided to enter the Championship and devoted myself to training. The competition, Korea's largest, is an event hosted by the Korea Ski Instructors Association and participated by ski and snowboard instructors from throughout the country. Most

participants stay in a camp for training for three months.

As I would be unable to keep the Lord's Day holy if I stayed in a camp for training, I decided to train on my own, a contrast from the previous year. Naturally, the amount of my training was significantly less than that of other athletes who were camped together to train. So even on rainy days, I took to the slopes and practiced. During the week, I attended the Tuesday Praise Services and Friday All-night Services after practices, and wholly kept the Lord's Day holy, all the while training for the competition.

In the previous year, because I had not been confident before God, I could not ask for the Senior Pastor's prayer. However, as I recognized and put God first all else and gave my all toward the preparation, I could ask for his prayer in confidence. Then something remarkable took place.

Winning the Technical Championship

The competition took place February 24-26, and on the first day of the Championship, it rained so much in the Taebaek region in Gangwon Province to warrant a heavy rain watch. Many athletes began to complain and voice concern. "Could the competition go on as scheduled? The condition of the snow is poor!"

I prayed to God in earnest at that very moment. As He had known in advance the weather for the first day of the Championship, He had led me to take my board to the slopes and practice even on rainy days, thus preparing me for such poor conditions. Remembering how I had practiced even in the rain, I participated with great confidence. Through the Senior Pastor's prayer that is backed by God Himself, I was able to showcase my skills without any errors. I was confident of the first-place finish. Knowing that God was right beside me all the way through the last day of the Competition, I could finish it off in gladness and come in first place. Hallelujah!

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Manmin TV, the center of attention at FICAP Exposition



FICAP General Assembly on March 4 & 5 (left); Julian Tamano (second from left), President of FICAP, at Manmin TV booth accompanied by wife of presidential candidate (second from right); MISAMIS Cable and Manmin TV representatives after signing of new contracts

The significance of evangelical outreach through such broadcast media as television and radio today cannot be stressed enough. Recognizing the importance, Manmin TV attended "The 2010 Federation of International Cable

Philippines (FICAP) Exposition" and promoted the ministries of Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee and Manmin TV. Attended by renowned cable television networks throughout the Philippines, the Manmin TV booth had on display Dr. Lee's published works translated into numerous

languages and English editions of *Manmin News*, all of which served to attract countless visitors and broadcasters. Julian Tamano, President of FICAP, also visited the Manmin TV booth and expressed her gratitude for Manmin TV's continued participation.

Representatives from many local cable TV networks who paid visits to the Manmin TV booth stated that their businesses expanded after they began broadcasting Manmin TV's programming. They also expressed an immense interest in Manmin TV's ministry and a hope

for cooperation. After deliberation, Manmin TV entered into new contracts with five cable networks including MISAMIS Cable; NAIC Cable; Dolores Cable; BHT Cable; and Countrywide networks. In addition, Elder James Lee, Planning Director of Manmin TV, delivered to the General Assembly a greeting in which he further promoted Manmin TV's ministry and, in recognition of Manmin TV's continual participation and support, received a plaque of gratitude from FICAP.

■ FICAP is an agora of visions for cable networks throughout the Philippines regardless of their religious affiliations.

India's social worker, recipient of Tji Haksoon Justice & Peace Foundation Award, attends Sunday Service at Manmin Central Church



Secretary Israel (left) receives Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer following a dialogue

Secretary Gollapalli Israel of Janodayam Social Education in Chennai, India, attended the Sunday Morning Service at Manmin Central Church on Sunday, March 14, 2010. Janodayam (which means "those who rise up for revolution") is a state-run social welfare center, and in recognition of its work for the improvement of human rights

and education support for the Dalit or the "untouchables" (the lowest of social classes in India), received this year's "Tji Hak-soon Justice and Peace Award" from the Tji Haksoon Justice & Peace Foundation on Thursday, March 11, 2010. Visiting Korea to receive the award, Secretary Israel had attended "The 2002 India Miracle Healing Prayer Festival with Dr. Jaerock Lee" and become initially interested in Manmin's ministry. He had been abreast of news from Manmin through his nephew City Bav, who attends Chennai Manmin Church and came to attend a service at Manmin Central Church. Following the service, Secretary Israel spoke with Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee and received Dr. Lee's prayer for symptoms of slight paralysis in his right arm.

Pastors' "Message of the Cross" Seminar & Handkerchief Meeting in Lamjung Region of Nepal



Rev. Grace Lee (left) preaching at Lamjung Handkerchief Meeting and participants listening in glee

"The Lamjung Region Pastors' 'Message of the Cross' Seminar & Handkerchief Meeting" in Nepal, March 1-5, 2010. Rev. Simon Gurung, leader of all Manmin branch churches in Nepal, and Rev. Grace Lee, President at Nepal

Manmin Mission Center, conducted the seminar. The fiery works of the Holy Spirit were made evident on Thursday, March 4, when Rev. Grace Lee led a handkerchief meeting. After Rev. Lee proclaimed messages titled "God the Creator"

and "Jesus Christ," she led a time of prayer for participants to accept the Lord and receive the Holy Spirit. Participants, many of whom had seemed indifferent to the messages early on, soon responded with shouts of "Amen" and applause, and shed tears in repentance. When Rev. Grace Lee prayed with the handkerchief of God's power (Acts 19:11-12), Mekras Bishhwokarma (70, male) was healed of the pain from a burn while Budh Maya Shrestha (44, female) was of the 12-year systemic pruritus. Gopal Sunuwar (40, male) was able to lift up his arm for the first time in a decade while Chandra Bahadur Bishhwokarma (46, male) testified to having been set free from evil spirits and magnified God.

Gumi Manmin Churches Offers to God Thanksgiving Service on Occasion of Move into New Sanctuary

Gumi Manmin Church (Rev. Jesoo Choi, Senior Pastor) offered to God Thanksgiving Service and Senior Deaconess Inauguration Service on the occasion of its 13th anniversary on Sunday, March 14, 2010. During the first part of the Services, Rev. Heesun Lee proclaimed that "In order to accomplish a heart of light, one must first desire spirit, put oneself in the other's shoes, and must not reveal one's ego." There was a screening of a video clip that compiled

the footages of church members who had become one, prayed in earnest, and served the church until they could move into a new sanctuary in the second part of the Services. Featured in the third part of the Services were an inauguration ceremony of Deaconesses Hyeoung Shim, Soonjeom Im, and Myungsoon Shin as senior deaconess, while the fourth and last part of the Service featured special performances by Masan Manmin Holiness Church's Performing Arts

Team; Passion Praise Team from Manmin Central Church; Praise Missionary Summi Jang; and Pastor Andrew Kim.

Abounding in the faces of members at Gumi Manmin Church were gratitude and joy. The new sanctuary was built not by the hands of ordinary construction workers but by the hands of the church members themselves. Church workers as well as new believers stopped by the church whenever they could to offer help and became one in doing so. Their

collaboration resulted in overflowing blessings from Ebenezer God, ranging

from promotion at work to financial blessings.



13th Anniversary Service at Gumi Manmin Church's new sanctuary



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God's Law on Sowing and Reaping

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

A farmer hoping for a great harvest must first cultivate the land, sow seeds, and take care of the land and the crops. Some crops will be harvested in "a good measure - pressed down, shaken together, and running over" - while others will be yielded a hundredfold, sixty, or thirty. Still, the harvests of some farmers will not be as great despite their hard work. This demonstrates flaws in their methods of farming.

Even in spiritual terms, there are many believers who are seemingly diligent with their lives in Christ but you do not hear much about their blessings. Some of them find themselves bound in entanglements while others, even after decades of their lives in Christ, have yet to receive noticeable blessings or God's answers to their prayers. God's promise, however, never fails; whatever one has sown in God is bound to bear fruit. What must we do to receive blessings and reap abundant fruit according to what we have sown?

1. One must first cultivate his heart.

Regardless of the quality of the seeds sown, a farmer cannot be yielded a great harvest if the quality of the soil is poor. For instance, it is difficult for the seeds sown on hardened or asphalt roads or streets to bud. A bird may eat up the seeds or the seeds can easily be dried up by the sunlight. If possible, seeds ought to be sown in rich soil for the farmer to be able to be yielded a harvest yielded a hundredfold, sixty, or thirty.

By the same token, when you sow seeds of blessings, you must do so in the spiritually rich soil. The "soil" signifies one's heart. Even if an exorbitant amount of seeds are sown and cultivated, unless they are done so in the spiritually rich soil, the harvest will not be as plentiful as the magnitude of one's toil. Therefore, an individual's heart must first be cultivated by casting off sin and evil and accomplishing a sanctified and pure heart.

2. One must obey God's Word as he would sow seeds.

As an individual cultivates his heart, he must sow seeds concurrently as well. He is not to sow seeds only after his heart has been cultivated into rich soil; cultivating of his heart and sowing of seeds must take place simultaneously. What, then, does it mean to "sow seeds"? It is to obey the commandments as



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

prescribed by the Bible, such as "Do this" or "Keep that." Evangelizing; visiting the homes of other church members; loving one another; seeking others' benefits; serving others and sacrificing oneself; giving the whole tithes; being faithful; keeping the Sabbath holy; and many more are acts of "sowing seeds."

Sowing of seeds is not a one-time event but an ongoing process. Just as a farmer plants a variety of crops such as rice, wheat, or beans according to the season, we must also keep cultivating our hearts, sowing seeds, and harvesting in obedience to God's Word until we enter Heaven.

3. A patience-laden process of cultivation is necessary.

1) Worship

When a believer comes together with his brothers and sisters in Christ to worship, He can hear God's Word and learn His will and, in fellowship with other believers, he will be blessed and his faith will grow (Hebrews 10:25). If one is interested in farming he must first learn to farm from an experienced farmer. By the same token, one must first worship in spirit and truth and continue to learn God's heart and will in order to understand well His law on sowing and reaping.

2) Praise and Prayer

A believer must be filled with the Holy Spirit and strengthened through praise and prayer. If a farmer lacks strength and is frail, he cannot engage himself in farming. Likewise, in one's spiritual life he must first obtain the strength to fight off the enemy devil and Satan through fervent prayer in order to transform his heart into spiritually rich soil and sow in it diligently.

3) Rejoice Always and Give Thanks in Everything

Such is the testimony of one's faith. Diligently cultivating one's heart demonstrates his faith in and to enter New Jerusalem, the best of all heavenly dwelling places. Furthermore, as he believes that whatever he sows will be glory and rewards in heaven and be fruit of blessings in this world, he can toil in gladness and thankfulness. A farmer filled with a hope for an abundant harvest goes about doing his job in joy; he will be, therefore, able to think lightly of even the most difficult of the tasks. If we rejoice and give thanks in everything, the enemy devil and Satan will not be able to penetrate our hearts but be repelled. Moreover, we will not grow weary or look to the world but press on towards Heaven.

When a believer's heart is thus cultivated and seeds are sown and grown, the seeds will bud, blossom, and bear fruit in time. Only when a believer bears such spiritual fruit as the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit; the fruit of the Beatitudes; the fruit of spiritual love as prescribed in 1 Corinthians 13; and the fruit of the Light, can he disclose the evidence of His love for God. Jesus tells us in 14:21, "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him." God will disclose the evidence of His love for a believer when the believer demonstrates the evidence of his love for God by obeying His commandments.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, when you obey and live according to God's commandments in your love for Him, whatever you ask you can receive from Him. Every aspect of your life will prosper and you be in good health just as your soul prospers, and you will even receive the power of the Holy Spirit by which you can bring countless souls back to God. Like a diligent farmer, may each of you diligently cultivate the soil of your heart and reap an abundant harvest, in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ I pray!

For additional information or to read the message's text in its entirety, please visit Manmin Central Church on the web at (www.manmin.org), select the "English" menu, and click on "Words of Life."

News Brief

Handkerchief Meeting in Kenya's Ongata Rongai Region

Bishop Dr. Myongho Cheong, Chairman of the United Holiness Church of Jesus Christ - Africa, and Senior Pastor at Nairobi Manmin Holiness Church, conducted the handkerchief meeting in the Ongata Rongai region of Kenya February 27-28, 2010. More than 7,000 people attended and when Bishop Dr. Cheong proclaimed messages titled "Why is Jesus Our Only Saviour?" and "Let Down Your Nets in the Deep Water," countless people accepted the Lord. When he prayed with the handkerchief of God's power, the blind began to see, the deaf began to hear, and those who had been mute since birth began to speak.

Spirited Publication and Distribution of Dr. Jaerock Lee's Translated Works

Publication and distribution of Dr. Jaerock Lee's published works are in full gear in all corners of the globe. The Ukrainian edition of Dr. Lee's autobiography *My Life, My Faith, Volume 1*, was published by Baruch Publishing on March 10, 2010. On the same day, ECCAD, a Christian bookstore based in the United Arab Emirates, began selling Dr. Lee's published works translated into multiple languages. Malaysia's Manmin Publishing House is scheduled to publish the English edition of *The Law of God* before long.

Guidelines for Disposal of Sacred Items

On March 14, 2010, Manmin Central Church issued a set of guidelines to handle or dispose of a variety of sacred items and other articles that had been in use at the Church and in sanctuaries. As God's sacred items have been used for God's kingdom, they are not to be discarded at will or used for personal reasons but must be handled or disposed of according to the guidelines set forth by the Church.

Furnishings used for services, such as crosses, curtains, sitting cushions, as well as Bibles; handkerchiefs that have been prayed on; published works and photographs of the Senior Pastor; weekly bulletins; church calendars; and banners must be brought to locations designated by the Church and incinerated, sold, buried, or otherwise discarded. When the owner of the handkerchief of God's power passes away, the handkerchief may be buried along with the believer.



A clear rainbow appeared in the sky above Manmin Central Church for about half an hour, beginning at 8:45 a.m., on Monday, March 8, 2010

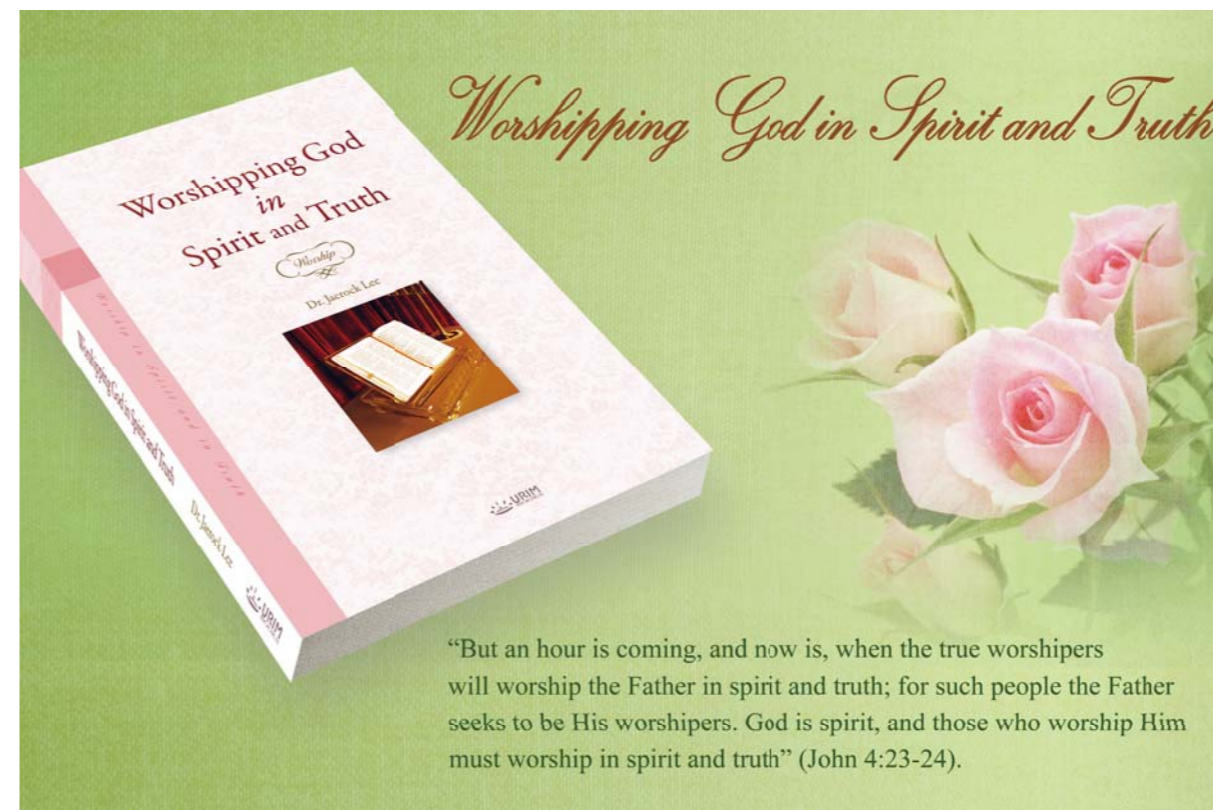
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Guidebook Leading Believers to the Living God through Worship



"But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:23-24).

GROUNDBREAKING CONTENTS THAT CAN BE GRASPED AT A GLANCE

◆ Straightforward explanations on Old Testament's laws on offering sacrifices

Laws on offering sacrifices featured in Leviticus at an initial glance feel difficult and dry and seem to be repeating the same information again and again. Once the reader has grasped the spiritual significance one by one, however, he will realize that the Book carries information crucial to even those of us living in New Testament times. *Worshipping God in Spirit and Truth* offers straightforward explanations on the laws, procedures, and the significance of offering sacrifices and the providence by which God gave His people the laws on offering sacrifices.

It also elaborates on the intimate relationship between offering of sacrifices and our salvation and blessings and the ways in which believers are ought to apply them in their every-day lives.

By allowing us an opportunity to review our attitude on worship and our lives, *Worshipping God in Spirit and Truth* shows us the way to receive blessings.

◆ Vivid pictorials of the sanctuary and the most holy place in which sacrifices were offered during Old Testament times

The tabernacle in which sacrifices were offered to God during Old Testament times is a model on which the church is based today.

In *Worshipping God in Spirit and Truth* are vivid pictorials



featuring the sanctuary; the most holy place; the altar; basins; the lampstand; the table for the show bread; the altar of incense; and the ark of Testimony (the ark of the covenant), all of which enable each reader to feel and understand the methods and procedures in offering of sacrifices as if he is witnessing them firsthand.

◆ Testimonies of believers who have received blessings after they worshipped God in spirit

Worshipping God in Spirit and Truth contains a column in which testimonies of believers whose lives have been transformed and who have received God's blessings after they offered to Him spiritual worship.

The column serves to remind each reader of the benefits of worshipping God in spirit and in truth. This book tells the readers that worship, which is not applied to every-day life, is not true worship and that we can receive God's blessings in spirit and in flesh only when every aspect of our lives is offered to Him as worship with which He is pleased.

TREASURES IN WORSHIPPING GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

- Chapter 1 Spiritual Worship Acceptable to God
- Chapter 2 Offering of Sacrifices as Found in Leviticus
- Chapter 3 The Burnt Offering
- Chapter 4 The Grain Offering
- Chapter 5 The Peace Offering
- Chapter 6 The Sin Offering
- Chapter 7 The Guilt Offering
- Chapter 8 Present Your Bodies a Living and Holy Sacrifice

WE RECOMMEND THIS BOOK!

◆ I had no idea that the laws on offering sacrifices in Leviticus, which I had always felt was flat and thus read only habitually, were so intimately connected to my life in Christ. As services has come to touch my heart and fill it with grace, reading this book was definitely a turning point in my life in Christ. - kid07

◆ I wholeheartedly recommend this short yet very powerful book. I think I have been neglecting the fundamentals of worship. It's been two decades since I accepted the Lord and, even if I had gone to church twice a week, I would have attended more than 2,000 services. I'm so thankful to have realized now what I did through this book. - tghm7

How well do we know about worship we offer to God? Author Dr. Jaerock Lee has written in detail in *Worshipping God in Spirit and Truth* everything about "worship," the pathway of blessings and the gist of any believer's life in Christ. The book answers every question a believer may have on spiritual worship, including the purpose of worship, when and in what ways we are to worship God.

"Worship" is a ritual through which reverence is expressed for one's god. In other words, it is a ritual in which, through giving Him honor, praise, and glory, believers lift God on high and give Him thanks. God seeks and blesses all those who worship Him in spirit and truth today as He had done during Old Testament times.

Jesus Christ, who had offered Himself as a righteous sacrifice and a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, is the example after which all believers must take and the only way through which we go before God. Worship in New Testament times, having originated from offering of sacrifices during Old Testament times, is not a religious ritual or institution devised by man; it is a delicate plan of salvation of God who loves us exceedingly.

It is easy to regard the laws on offering of sacrifices from Old Testament times as irrelevant to those of us living in New Testament times. However, *Worshipping God in Spirit and Truth* tells the readers of profound spiritual truths and God's great love for us embedded in the laws on offering sacrifices, and reminds them of the truth that is as precious as pearl. It also elaborates on the kind of worship with which God is pleased and, by providing an indicator to the proper attitude on worshipping God, seeks to place the readers onto the path of receiving God's answers and blessings.

Collection of Dr. Jaerock Lee's Themed Messages That Unravel Various Parts in the Bible



- FAITH *The Assurance of Things Hoped For*
- ANSWERS *The Father Will Give to You in My Name*
- WORSHIP *Worshipping God in Spirit and Truth*
- PRAYER *Keep Watching and Praying*
- HEALING *God the Healer*
- THE TEN COMMANDMENTS *The Law of God*
- THE BEATITUDES *Pursuing True Blessings*
- THE TEN PLAGUES *Life of Disobedience and Life of Obedience*

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

5. 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)