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"Can You Hear Children Laughing Happily?"



Do you want to hear the laughter of Manmin's children who are expected to be key elements for the national evangelism and the world mission? You can hear them laughing happily in Children's Sunday School (Principal Pastor Hyunjin Kim).

Since the beginning of 2015, children of Manmin have listened to and summarized Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermon series "Heaven" every Sunday Morning Service. On February 23 and 24, they also participated in the special program entitled 'Action for a Change! Lecture for Your Dream!' The program consisted of Reading the Gospels of

Matthew and John; Cooking Time; Creation and Science Class. By joining them, children discovered their talents and came to dream of a better future.

Besides, many Bible study books for children are available for many children such as Goodness, Keys to Studying Well, Powerful Prayer to Open the Heavenly Gate, The Message of the Cross, and Bear the Fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Moreover they can learn many exciting dance routines on GCN program 'Cute Pretty Dance'. Another program named 'Theatre de Manmin' offers them truthful knowledge through plays based on various stories like The Ant & The Grasshopper and Cinderella (www.gcntv.org). They also make their hearts beautiful and pure by singing Manmin Praise which God gave to them like 'Heaven' and 'Smile'.

Particularly, children in Manmin Kindergarten study the Bible and learn English, Chinese, taekwondo, and to play the piano and the violin. They are being raised as competent people in the global world through the gifted education program run by the kindergarten with Performing Arts Committee.



### Mark Renior Pino,

Cebu Manmin Church, the Philippines
"I don't have a father, and my

mother died of gastric cancer when I was one year old. My sister and I were raised by my grandmother. I began attending church under the guidance of my aunt. When I listened to sermon and praised, I felt joy and happiness. I liked going to church, and I came to like going to school and study harder. Then I got fifth place in my school. My sister and I used to be weak and catch a cold often, but since we went to church we have not caught a cold. We are very healthy. Senior Pastor, thank you for praying for the sick all the time."

### Bur Uruzin, Mongolia Manmin Church

"When I was in Korea, I learned the Word of God and how to pray in Manmin Kindergarten and Children's Sunday School. Thanks to it, I was blessed to win prizes in dancing contests, writing contests, and in a marathon race. I was also chosen as an outstanding student by Mongolian

Students' Committee and earned the prize. In the future I would like to give glory to God as a member of a performing team."

### **Felix Metobo**, Nairobi Manmin Holiness Church, Kenya

"When I was eleven months old, I started to attend Nairobi Manmin Holiness Church. I heard that I had been often moved to hospital from the sixth month of my birth because of malaria, pneumonia, and the aftereffects. But since Bishop Dr. Myeongho Cheong prayed for me with the handkerchief on which Dr. Jaerock Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12), I have been very healthy and now need not take any medicine. On Saturdays, I spread the gospel on the street and deliver the love of the Lord. I love to sing Manmin Praise, so I taught my school teachers and friends the songs. Singing together, all of them felt happy."

### Subin Ahn,

Calgary Manmin Church, Canada

"When I catch a cold or have a stomachache, I receive Senior Pastor's prayer for the sick and drink Muan Sweet Water. Then I get better quickly. My mother was also healed of appendicitis through Dr. Lee's prayer recorded on the Automated Response System. I want to be an interpreter, so I am studying and praying diligently. In the first month of this semester, I was selected as an Exemplary Student of This Month in school. I was very happy!"

### **Daiki Matsushima**, lida Manmin Church, Japan

"When I was in my mother's womb, I was under a danger of miscarriage. But my mother received Dr. Lee's prayer on ARS, and I was born healthy. I also suffered from severe atopic dermatitis but through Muan Sweet Water and Dr. Lee's prayer I was completely healed. I like to read Dr. Lee's books and enjoy worshipping God, praising, and praying."



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

"If the LORD is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us a land which flows with milk and honey" (Numbers 14:8).

The Israelites reached the entrance of the Promised Land of Canaan one year after the Exodus from Egypt. Normally, from Egypt to Canaan, it would have taken only several days if they had taken the shortcut. But God guided them to a safer way, into the wilderness, though they had to go around. It was to avoid conflict with another people called the Philistines.

Also, the faith of the whole congregation of Israel was necessary for them to go into Canaan. God gave them the opportunities to gain faith by showing them His power through Moses whenever they faced difficult situations. Now let's look into the tests of faith given to the Israelites.

### 1. The ten spies and the Israelites did not pass the test of faith

Finally, the Israelites arrived at Kadesh-Barnea, just below the Land of Canaan. God had Moses select one leader from each of the twelve tribes to scout the land for forty days. This was the beginning of the test of faith to go into Canaan.

They scouted the Land of Canaan for forty days, and surely as God said, it was a land flowing with milk and honey. The soil was good and the fruits and crops were abundant. But there were several different peoples in the Canaan Land. They were very big and very strong. They were the sons of Anak, the part of the Nephilim. They were so big that these spies thought they were like locusts compared to those people. As they were big, their cities and the fortifications were also big. Ten of the twelve spies were

### "If the LORD Is Pleased with Us..."

disheartened when they saw the reality of the situation. Hearing their negative reports, the Israelites began to complain against Moses and Aaron.

Numbers 14:2-3 reads, "All the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, 'Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder; would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" As they said, they died in the wilderness.

We should understand how important confessions from our lips are, and nothing should be spoken recklessly.

### 2. Joshua and Caleb passed the test of faith with spiritual confession

God set the sons of Israel free from Egypt through the Ten Plagues. He let them cross the Red Sea like it was dry land. He gave them manna and quail; and guided them with a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night.

However, the Israelites just saw the reality and grumbled against God and Moses if things didn't agree with their benefits. They even came up with a plan to appoint another leader and return to Egypt. However there were Joshua and Caleb who began to plead with them and professed faith while rending their clothes.

They said, as written in Numbers 14:7-9, "The land which we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. If the LORD is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us a land which flows with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the LORD; and do not fear the people of the land, for they will be our prey. Their protection has been removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them." But the people were even going to stone the two men.

God sent the twelve spies to Canaan and tested their faith. As a result, only Joshua and Caleb passed the test. Men of faith do not look at the reality of things. They just understand what God's will is and know that they can do anything if God is with them.

Then they act on their confessions to produce deeds of faith.

In fact, the Israelites experienced so many works of God, but except for Joshua and Caleb, they failed in the test of faith. They not only failed in the test but also stood against God with evil words and acts; in return they could not enter the Land of Canaan.

In the end, the promise of God for Canaan was moved to their descendants below twenty. And the ten spies who brought out the very bad reports of the land and made all the congregation grumble died by a plague before God.

### 3. The Israelites who didn't repent faced afflictions

As said in the following passages after Numbers 14:39, the Israelites regretted and they said they would attack the Canaan Land now.

Moses knew very well that God was not with them because it was already after they sinned, and he tried to stop them. He told them that God was not with them because they had turned back from following God. Despite Moses' advice, some people still went and attacked the hill country. The result was a terrible defeat.

Rather than going into Canaan Land like that, they had to repent of their evilness thoroughly and make up their minds to have spiritual faith. But this action of theirs was not done with an attitude of repentance. They just wanted to avoid punishment and tried to cover their fault. And, once again it resulted in disobedience. Because of this, they had to face the pain of complete defeat, and finally, they began the forty-year life of wandering in the wilderness.

The first generation of the Exodus did not repent and turn back even after receiving the punishment of wandering around in the wilderness. Then one of the Levites named Korah tempted 250 influential leaders to join him and stood against Moses with them. Especially, Dathan and Abiram spoke in complete nonsense blaming Moses for their not being able to enter Canaan. Now God Himself resolved the problem. As Moses finished speaking about the death of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, the ground that was under them and their families split open. By now the people should have realized what God's will was. But instead they complained against Moses and Aaron.

The patient God planned something to let the people understand once again. God told Moses to get a rod from the leaders of each tribe, a total of twelve rods. God had him write the name of the leaders of each tribe on the rods, and then He had the rods be put in the tent of testimony. God wanted to show them evidence. He made the rod of Aaron bud overnight.

But even this sign was useless for them. Even after they had seen this, when they had no drinking water or became tired of eating manna every day, they complained in the same way as before. Time passed and young children during the Exodus grew up to play key roles. The forty years of time was almost up. The people were about to end their hardships in the wilderness and march into the Promised Land.

All of the first generation of the Exodus, except for two, died in the wilderness because of their having complained against God at the Kadesh-Barnea. Moses and Aaron also could not go into the Canaan Land because, as the leaders, they had the responsibility for it. Only Joshua and Caleb received the promise that they would go into the Land of Canaan with the next generation.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Joshua and Caleb were not afraid even at the sight of the big people in Canaan and their strong fortresses. They confessed, "If the LORD is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us a land which flows with milk and honey" (Numbers 14:8). This confession of Joshua and Caleb can also be applied to us today in the same way. If God is pleased with you, you can receive answers to whatever you ask for.

The thing which pleases God is spiritual faith. Joshua and Caleb pleased God with faith. I urge you to be strong and courageous with faith like Joshua and Caleb, and thereby to please God and receive answers to all your prayer titles. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will eventually join the glory of New Jerusalem.

English

### 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
- 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.

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"[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things." (Acts 17:25)

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

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# How to Overcome

## Stress



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These days, most people are busy, competitive, and weary of repetitive daily lives. So, they often say they are stressed out.

Many people are lethargic and have mental or physical diseases because of stress. They try using many ways to beat stress but those ways may not work or may work just temporarily. Let's now look into the ways to overcome stress in faith.

01

## Have a clear understanding of the value of your life and your goal

To overcome stress, you must understand where you came from, what you live for, and where you are going. Adam the first man was sent out from the Garden of Eden, because he sinned, disobeying God. Then all mankind came to live in diseases, pain, and sorrow, and because the wages of sin is death they came to reach death. But the God of love sent Jesus His Son to the earth and let us set free from the curse of the law (Romans 6:23) and gain eternal life by believing Jesus Christ. Moreover, the resurrected Lord Jesus ascended to heaven and has been preparing beautiful dwelling places in Heaven for God's children (John 14:2-3). Therefore, you should be aware that this earthly life is just a preparatory course for eternal heavenly life.

God's saved children have already achieved a true victory with faith. Thus, they cannot just overcome stress but also can live in overflowing happiness and joy.

03

## Have a regular rest in spirit and body by keeping the Lord's Day

God created the heavens and the earth and all things in them for six days and had a rest on the seventh day. And He blessed men to be under His protection if they remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. Thus, if you work diligently for six days and worship in church on Sunday, you can have a true rest. When you worship in spirit and truth, learn the Word of God, and make your spiritual bread of it, then your spirit will prosper and fatigue will be driven away from you.

Therefore, God's children can overcome stress when they keep the Lord's Day and have a spiritual rest. God promised in Exodus 15:26 that He would put none of diseases on them if they give earnest heed to His voice and do what is right in His sight and give ear to His commandments. By obeying God's command telling you to keep the Lord's Day, you can have a true rest, overcome stress, and receive blessing of good health and the prosperity of soul.

02

## Let your quest made known to God by prayer and supplication

After the transgression of Adam, men came to eat from toil of all the days of life and women came to bring forth children in pain and be ruled over by their husbands. Because of sins, all mankind came to live in all kinds of problems.

However, when you commit everything to the Lord, you can have rest. Jesus said in Matthew 11:28, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." But many people still rely on their own knowledge, wisdom, and experience. That is why they have not overcome stress yet, and sometimes they suffer from many diseases or accidents caused by stress.

If you believe that God who is almighty will solve all your problems, you will feel anxious for nothing and let your quest be made known to God by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving in everything (Philippians 4:6-7). Such a person always gives thanks and rejoices, and then won't be affected by stress. Moreover, he or she can receive God's blessings and achieves a victory all the time.

04

## **Develop internal power** in the fullness of the Spirit

Jesus said in John 14:16, "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever." Here, 'another Helper' refers to the Holy Spirit who dwells in the hearts of God's children who accepted Jesus Christ. He teaches the truth to them and helps them live as God's children.

During your life journey, you may face difficulties and sufferings, but you who have received the Holy Spirit can overcome any kind of stress in the Spirit's comfort. He gives you strength to pray as well. When you pray in His power, you will feel better even if you are tired due to hard work. You can also stop thinking you are tired. You can think, 'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.' As said, if you receive the Holy Spirit and stay full of the Holy Spirit by prayer, you can develop internal power and triumph over any kind of stress.

Tip

### Self-Check

- 1. Some people cannot taste a great joy because they are passive and reluctant to take over an important job.
- 2. Others try to avoid a stressful situation itself. They do not want to face the reality, and just live in their own world. Many of them might be mentally unhealthy.
- 3. Still others face and overcome stressful situations. They can experience the joy of triumph in their lives.

## "I Met the God of Love through the Holiness Gospel"

Deaconess Seongok Kim, age 64, Chinese Parish



I was born and raised in a Catholic family in China. When I was ten, the Cultural Revolution took place. At that time there was persecution on believers in God. I began doubting the existence of God and ended up leaving Him.

Fortunately, in October 1997, I heard about a meeting where divine healing works occured and attended. There, I met the living God and accepted Jesus Christ. I felt grateful for the love of Jesus who

came to the earth to save all mankind. I volunteered in God's works and joined the church's choir. I tried to deliver the love of Jesus to others.

However, I felt the spiritual limit of my strength in helping the sick recover since I was not able to give them solutions. I was spiritually thirsty for it. Knowing this, God guided me to find the solution and quenched my thirst.

In October 2004, an acquaintance gave me the DVD showing Dr. Jaerock Lee's 2002 India United Crusade and I watched it. God poured down great grace upon my heart and I couldn't help crying with gratefulness. "Dr. Lee is a man who is needed for the spreading of the gospel to the remotest part of the earth!" I was eager to listen to more of his messages.

One day I got his sermon tapes; it was from his 12th Two-week Consecutive Special Revival Meeting. It gave a detailed explanation on God the Trinity. I felt God's great love and realized His providence for men. I couldn't suppress my excitement. I talked about it to other people around me and they also came to understand the love of God and lead good Christian lives.

In March, 2005, I registered in Manmin Central Church and started a new Christian life. Although I was away from the church, I joined its worship services via the internet (www.manmin.org). I was overjoyed as if I was soaked in sweet rain during drought. The sermons tasted like a honeycomb.

One night I had a dream where Dr. Lee appeared and said to me, "Come with me to New Jerusalem". Thereafter hope for New Jerusalem added, and I became more filled with the Holy Spirit. I became more enthusiastic to spread the gospel. I was also healed of many diseases. I had had chronic anemia

and a kidney disease, so my body parts used to be swollen frequently. My face was pale, my heart was weak, and I had digestion problem due to stomach disorder. But all of the symptoms were gone. I was completely healed! Hallelujah!

My younger sister once faced a critical moment because of heart disease. I asked Senior Pastor to pray for her. Through his prayer transcending space and time, she was recovered. Afterwards, she was completely healed of the heart disease and high blood pressure. My nephew came to have double eyelids after spraying Muan Sweet Water on her eyes. Moreover, my older sister was healed of aftereffects of a car accident. My niece-in-law was set free from depression. Meantime all my family members have accepted the Lord.

Eventually, in 2014 I visited South Korea that I had longed to. I participated in Manmin Summer Retreat held in August. I listened to Senior Pastor's message, prayed, praised, and there I experienced works of grace and hope for Heaven increased. I also attended Manmin Prayer Center's meetings and through President Boknim Lee's messages, I was blessed to look back upon myself by the help of the Holy Spirit.

I thought I was leading a proper Christian life, but I had my own standard on righteousness, so I easily judged, condemned, and held antipathy towards others. Though having such evil, I thought I had worked faithfully for the kingdom of God. I discovered it and repented. Then the thing that had pressed me was gone. As I found out untruthful things in my heart and cast them away one by one, I became more peaceful and healthier.

I give all thanks and glory to God who allowed me to realize the will of God and lead a blessed life.

## "I Am Happy to Know That Sins Are Removed by the Power of the Holy Spirit!"

Olesya Belikova, age 36, The Wisdom and Power of God Manmin Church, New York

I studied the Bible for eight years in college and graduate school of theology. However, I was always curious about one thing.

"The Lord accomplished all things on the cross and redeemed us from our sins. Why are people still committing sins though they say they believe?"

I wanted to cast off evil in heart as well, but I did not know how. I tried to figure out how to cast away sins and achieve the heart the Lord wants, but I couldn't. In the meantime, I heard about Manmin Central Church in Seoul, South Korea through

Pastor Vitaliy Fishberg my husband. I also read Dr. Jaerock Lee's books *The Measure of Faith* and *The Message of the Cross*. They were amazing books!

The books explicitly articulate how to remove sin and become sanctified. Also I learned that there are levels of faith and how we can increase our faith.

I would like to achieve the heart of the Lord through the holiness gospel and become God's true children who love God. I give thanks to Senior Pastor Dr. Lee who is guiding me with the word of life and love





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