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A Bible Study Book for Adolescents' Spiritual Growth *Abraham, the Friend of God* Has Been Published

On January 20, 2017, Dr. Jaerock Lee's 8th Bible Study Series for Adolescents, *Abraham, the Friend of God* was published.

It is so exciting to look into Abraham's journey of faith and obedience, who became the forefather of faith, the fountain of blessing, and the friend of God.

This Bible Study Book presents Abraham's faith in clear and understandable ways and provides readers with the opportunity to put themselves in Abraham's shoes. The book tells in detail how we should love God, what it is like to act in faith, and what kinds of blessings are given.

It is composed of three parts: Part 1, Trust and Obedience, Part 2, Sacrifice and Submission, and Part 3, Love and Blessings. As a whole, the three parts have twelve chapters. Each chapter has sub-sections named 'Share Ideas' and 'Bear in Mind' so that the readers can practice applying the messages they learn to their actual lives.

Another sub-section 'Understand the Book of Genesis' helps readers understand the overall

of the Book of Genesis. This book covers spiritually deep messages such as Abraham's duty after death, which helps students understand God's heart and will better, and helps growth in faith.

There are also other Bible Study Books for Adolescents available including *Keys to Studying Well*, *The Lord's Footsteps*, *Deeds of the Body Men Should Control*, *The Message of the Cross*, and *Manna Time*.



“Kick-Off Meeting 2017” Added Passion for Dedication to the Lord



At 10 A.M. on January 2, 2017, Kick-Off Meeting 2017 was held with expectation for the power of recreation to cover Korean churches and the world. The meeting was attended by 707 pastors and Levite workers (the church's full-time workers). Rev. Soojin Lee, President of Pastors' Association, preached the message based on Matthew 11:28-30 on behalf of Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee who was praying in his mountain prayer house.

Rev. Lee cited the Lord's words that says, "My yoke is easy and My burden is light" while taking the way of passion, since He loves God and souls. She stated that we can change quickly and bear fruit of our dedication to the Lord faster if we love Him. She urged attendees to follow the way of the Lord happily with hope for Heaven.

The attendees thought over the importance of their duties as workers of the church that will extend the kingdom of God greatly.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

The Blessed (3)

“The wicked are not so, but they are like chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish” (Psalm 1:4-6).

The righteous delight in the Law of God and meditate on it day and night (Psalm 1:1-2). They act only in the truth. So, in all respects they prosper and stay in good health, just as their souls prosper (3 John 1:2). After life on the earth ends, they will enter Heaven with only joy and happiness and enjoy eternal life there.

In this edition, let's delve into the end of the wicked who left God and let's understand why we should become blessed people.

1. Unlike the Wicked, the Blessed Can Overcome Trials and Hardship

Psalm 1:4 reads, “The wicked are not so, but they are like chaff which the wind drives away.” Chaff flies about when it is windy. The chaff is burnt with fire because it is of no use. Wind here symbolizes trials and hardship in a spiritual sense.

The righteous who stand firmly on the rock of faith can overcome any kind of hardship in God's protection even when the 'wind of trials and hardship' blows. But the wicked are blown about by all kinds of troubles or adversities. They cannot but go the way of destruction because they have no

guard to protect them and cannot find the way-out from their many difficulties.

The 'wicked' doesn't refer to only unbelievers. Church-goers who disobey God's Word and do not cultivate their hearts into truth are also like chaff which the wind drives away although they say they believe God. For the righteous, it is easy and they are happy to lead a believing life with faith in God. For the wicked, however, it is too hard because they do not change their hearts into the truth.

If you believe in God the Creator and that Jesus Christ is our only Savior, it is never difficult to live according to God's Word. You will be able to enjoy your Christian life if you obey God's Word without committing sins and circumcise your heart in continual prayer. You will become filled with the Holy Spirit, experience God's grace, and feel the Lord's presence all the time. The happiness you will feel is not comparable to anything.

Moreover, you will diligently lead a Christian life to pile up more rewards in Heaven for you have hope for Heaven. Even if you meet with difficulties, if you pray in the Lord with faith and act in the truth, God will give you the way-out and change the hardship into blessing.

However, you cannot receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit unless you live by the Word and circumcise your heart. When you listen to the message telling you to cast off this and that, and not to commit sins, conflicts between the message and your lust for the world will arise and your heart will be troubled. And you will complain or be discouraged at difficulties or hardships if you have no hope for Heaven. In the end, you will fall down and leave God. You will return to the sinful world.

2. The Blessed Will Stand in the Assembly of the Righteous

If a person distances himself from God like the chaff driven away by the wind, he will be judged according to his evil deeds. As Psalm 1:5 says, “Therefore the wicked will not stand in the

judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous,” the wicked fall to all kinds of diseases, disasters, or other hardships. Furthermore, they will become slaves to Satan because they obey their sinful natures. God cannot save them though they cry, ‘Lord, I believe You.’ Even if they do not meet with any disaster, they will surely fall into the unquenchable fire of Hell in the end after death.

Mark 9:48-49 describes Hell as the place “where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire.” People in the world may think when they have certain pain their pain will be gone after death. But in Hell, terrible torture and pains will be repeated again and again endlessly for all eternity. Those in Hell will never die forever and the fire will never be quenched. Thus they will have no hope or expectations once they are thrown into Hell. Thus, you should remember sinners will never be able to stand in the assembly of the righteous, that is, enter Heaven.

In fact, the wicked are separated from the righteous even in this world. In other words, people of a similar kind gather. Drunkards follow other drunkards. Gamblers like other gamblers. Those who like fishing join with others who enjoy fishing, and those who like hiking gather with other hikers.

Even in the church, those who love God's Word, those who enjoy evangelizing new members, and those who like to pray gather in respective groups. In the same manner, those who gossip gather and slander and make judgments and pass condemnations.

In this way, the wicked people are separated from the righteous or good-hearted people. That is why God separates Hell from Heaven and the wicked from the righteous, and throws the wicked into the fire of Hell (Matthew 13:49-50).

But you should remember just the knowledge of God's Word does not lead you to stand in the assembly of the righteous. You should believe the Word from the heart and live by it. Only when you become holy

in the Lord can you become God's true children.

3. The Blessed Take the Way of the Righteous

Psalm 1: 6 says, “For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.” None of your words and deeds, not even your thoughts and heart can be hidden from God's sight. There is an angel assigned to each and every man whether believers or unbelievers. They are in charge of recording whatever you say, do, and think. According to the report of each angel, God will judge you on the Great Day of Judgment.

Revelation 20:12 says, “And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.” The people who took the way of goodness will receive the judgment of reward and those who took the way of evilness cannot escape from eternal punishment concerning even a single one of their least of sins.

Those whose ways are recognized by God can be protected from difficulty on the earth as well as in the last judgment (Psalm 40:2). But those who walk the evil way go the way of destruction in the end. God will recognize the way of those who keep faith and act in righteousness in the sight of God and save them from critical moments and protect them until the end. Thus, I urge you not to compromise with the untruth in any kind of situation and to practice the way of righteousness in God's eyes.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, to become a blessed person you should not walk in the counsel of the wicked, stand in the path of sinners, and sit in the seat of scoffers. And, you should mediate on His law day and night with delight. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will prosper in all respects like a tree planted by streams of water and glorify God.

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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‘Evangelization’, the Fruit of Love

What is your New Year’s wish in 2017?

I want to evangelize other people as well as achieve perfect family evangelism with the Lord’s heart who desires to save all peoples!



With Love to Bear All Things, Knock on the Door of Hearts

While spreading the gospel you may meet people who act unbecomingly or seek their own benefits. They might be arrogant, or they may sometimes become provoked, do evil, or rejoice in unrighteousness. If you want to evangelize those who do all such untruthful deeds against love, you need to bear all things in unchanging love.

While you are serving someone with love, you have thoughts: ‘He is shameless! That’s too much!’; or ‘Shouldn’t he yield a bit, at least once? I forgave him ten times!’ If you have

such thoughts, then your love is not the kind of love that bears all things. Only when you try to understand him in his shoes though he may have done something far beyond common sense, and furthermore, when you try to find something that you can help him with, can you say you have perfect love that bears all things towards him.

Some people feel inferior to others in a certain field. They might oversell themselves to conceal their shortcomings and lie about themselves. If you judge them by the standard of the truth, they are liars and not trustworthy. If you do, however, you may experience ill feelings around them and stay far away from them.

However, if you have love that bears all things, you can understand their hearts. Then, you can praise their strength from heart although it is just small and thereby encourage them. With such love, you won’t fail to bear their lies in your

righteousness. You won’t hate them. You may be able to praise their good points, no matter how small and ordinary.

In fact, they wanted to be recognized by others all the time, but most of them were not and felt empty. So, when you praise them, their hearts are comforted. When they receive your heartfelt praise about their strength, they can have confidence and courage without qualms of conscience because your praise is for their real strong points. It makes them feel they don’t have to lie or exaggerate. Then, they can open the door of their hearts to you who gave such grace.

This is how you can knock on the door of the hearts with love that bears all things, open their hearts, and lead them to the Light. But you should understand that you can cultivate perfect love that bears all things only when you have faith and hope in your heart first.

Receive Answers More Quickly By Hoping with Faith

If you have spiritual faith, you can have hope in all things. Because you believe that you will go to Heaven where there will no longer be any death, any mourning, or crying, or pain, you don’t have to hope for things that decay on this

earth. Rather you can hope for things that are everlasting and true with faith. And because you have hope for a truly blessed life in Heaven, you can bear all things on the earth.

Even when you meet with a problem to which there is no solution or want something impossible to achieve on the earth, if you rely on the Word of God, hope with faith and put it into practice with faith, you can have it come to be (Hebrews 11:1). Thus, if you have such hope while evangelizing others, you can receive the answer more quickly.

Suppose a wife wants to guide her husband to church. If she hopes to evangelize him with unchanging belief, she will give thanks to God and hope that he will sit with her in worship services. Then, she can give unchanging love to her husband although he hasn’t been evangelized yet.

In this way, if you see all people in the world as those who you should evangelize, though they are now befriending with the world, you can consider them precious and serve them with love because they will soon become God’s children.

Endure All Things Until Perfect Fruit Is Borne

Although you bear all things, believe all things, and hope all things with love for others, the fruit may not be borne for a while. Until you have the perfect fruit and reap it, you might experience sorrow and pains from betrayal of those to whom you gave love. If you do not lose heart and endure

all things with unchanging love, however, you can eventually bear the fruit of love.

Though the flower falls off, its fruit is borne and it becomes ripe. But it has to endure rain, wind, and strong sunshine. Even though its fruit is borne, if the fruit cannot endure wind and other conditions, it will fall off and fail to become a perfect fruit.

In the same manner, to gain perfect fruit of love, we should endure all things that come to us. Only then can we gain things borne with love and hoped for with faith despite the reality of the circumstances.

If you plant the gospel in someone’s heart, you

should water it at times. Because faith comes from hearing (Romans 10:17), you should let him hear the Word of God, and the signs, wonders, and powerful works in season and out of season. You can bear good fruit if you hope with faith that those you are evangelizing will become God’s precious children and give thanks to you for leading them to the gospel. If you endure until the end with true love even when trials come you will bear fruit.

God will be moved by your deeds and heart and open the hearts of those you are trying to evangelize. He will let them accept the gospel you preached and reach salvation.



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“The Holiness Gospel and the Power Have Changed People in Moldova”

Brother Aleksandr Tabanaru, age 32, Moldova

‘Those in Hell will suffer like the salt on the heated pan splatters!’ In October 2009, I happened to listen to Dr. Jaerock Lee’s sermon ‘Hell’ on TBN Russia. I was seriously shocked, and was deeply moved as well.

At that time, I was having a hard time because I committed sins although I was a horn player in the church’s band and a conductor. This message made me feel like I encountered an oasis in the middle of desert. I felt great pleasure.

I read, listened to, and summarized Dr. Lee’s sermons including “The Message of the Cross” and “The Measure of Faith” on the church’s website (www.manmin.org), You Tube, and In Victory’s website (invictory.org). I received much grace and stopped drinking and smoking. I started to spread the ministry of Manmin to my friends and neighbors, and they were also surprised and received much grace.

My Mother Was Dying from Cor Pulmonale But Came Back to Life

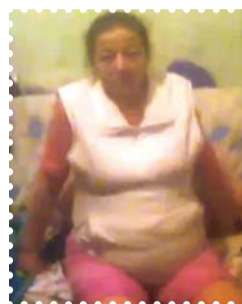
In April 2014, nine people including me gathered under the name of ‘Manmin’ and worshiped together. We eagerly spread the holiness gospel that features clear explanations of the Bible and that guides people to God’s will. More people started to come. In the meantime, I experienced God’s power.

In May 2014, my mother Taziana Tabaranu was suffering from acute cor pulmonale (which is the enlargement and failure of the right ventricle of the heart as a response to increased vascular resistance or high blood pressure in the lungs). Her whole body was swollen and hardened like the bark of a tree. She even had difficulty in breathing. Her doctor said she would have around six weeks before death, and advised me to have her say her last will.

I hurriedly sent my prayer request to Manmin Central Church, and Dr. Lee prayed for her

during his prayer for the sick after the sermon. Amazingly, her swelling subsided in two days and she came to breathe properly. Her health condition recovered quickly afterwards, and she is still healthy now!

In October 2014, I rented a place for the sanctuary and started to equip it with necessary things. Now we have around 70 members including children. They have been renewed by the holiness gospel, and are living their believing lives with hope for New Jerusalem.



Moldovan People Are Longing for Manmin and New Jerusalem

We have prayer meeting for an hour every morning and for two hours every evening. Because of time difference, we offer up Sunday Morning Service with recorded file of the service on GCN and Sunday Evening Service

and Friday All-night Service live on GCN together with Manmin in Korea. We spread Dr. Lee’s books and sermons to those around us and proclaim the holiness gospel and the powerful works in other cities as well.

In December 2016, I visited Manmin Central Church of my dream with my church members. At the moment we met Senior Pastor Dr. Lee with a fluttering heart, we could not stop shedding tears with grateful hearts. He cordially welcomed us with warm love and kindness like father’s and prayed for us.

We attended Christmas Eve Service and other meetings and looked around the church in the church’s love and consideration. My pressure and sense of responsibility as my church’s leader disappeared, and I was just so happy because of the shepherd’s love.

I was given stronger faith that nothing is impossible when God the Creator and Jesus Christ are with me and I have the holiness gospel and the powerful works.

I want to spread the holiness gospel in Romania as well as Moldova and lead many souls to salvation. I give all thanks and glory to the God of love who blessed me to meet the precious shepherd. And I also give thanks to Senior Pastor who leads me to the way of life.



“My Eyesight Improved, and I Was Healed of Otolithiasis”

Senior Deaconess Jongsim Baek, age 53, Parish 12, Manmin Central Church

My eyesight used to be 0.6/0.4, so I had to wear eye glasses. But I couldn’t wear them because I got a rash behind the ears when I wore them. It caused me a lot of problems. In 2016 Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee said he would pray for the church’s members to improve their eyesight before the Manmin Summer Retreat. So, I prepared myself to be healed with a longing heart.

On August 8, the first night of the retreat, I received his prayer. Afterwards, I no longer felt tired, tingling, and dry in my eyes. In early October, I had my eye vision checked

and it was 1.0/1.0 (20/20). I came to see everything more clearly, and I had no difficulty at all even when I read small letters.

In late October, I felt dizzy all of a sudden, and it lasted for two weeks. I even had nausea and lost appetite. I was weakened, which made me have a problem even doing daily chores. The dizziness stuck with me.

On November 10, I went to hospital to learn what caused all those problems. I had ultrasound test in a neurosurgeon clinic, and I heard it was otolithiasis. Next day, I talked about my disease to

Prayer Devotees’ Association which I belong to. They prayed fervently for my healing together, and I felt strength given to me.

Since I wanted to be completely healed, I received Senior Pastor’s prayer during Friday All-night Service. Right after the prayer, the dizziness was gone and I felt no nausea but comfort in my stomach. I was perfectly healed.

On November 14, I went to hospital again and heard that I was normal with no problem. I give all thanks and glory to God who healed me. Thank you for praying for me, Senior Pastor.