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“By Means of the Word of God and Prayer”

Special Daniel Prayer Meeting and Bible Reading Campaign

Motivated by 1 Timothy 4:5 that says, “For it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer,” Manmin Central Church has the Bible Reading Campaign for two months that started on October 1, 2018 and also a Two-session Consecutive Special Daniel Prayer Meeting that began on October 8.

The church members have endeavored to finish reading the Bible during the campaign. On the basis of the number of those who finish, group prizes are planned to be given to parishes and mission groups and individual prizes awarded through a lottery. The members are supposed to read approximately 20 chapters every day to finish it within the two months. So, many members are now managing their time wisely and really devote themselves to it.



Deaconess Jungsook Lee, 54, Parish 28 said, “I used to have pain in the back of my neck and my jaw felt numb when I lowered my head. Nevertheless, I decided to join the reading. While reading, the pain was gone without my knowing when it actually happened.”



Deacon Sunsik Heo, 47, Parish 3 stated, “When I have free time in my workplace, I restrain myself from doing anything other than reading the Bible. I even sleep less and read the Bible for three to four hours a day. In doing so, I have felt the love of God and I have set deep roots in the Word of God.”



Sister Eunbi Kim, 16, said, “I have already finished reading the Bible once! I read the Bible at home whenever time permitted. In school, I read it during breaks and lunch time. Since I started to read it for the second time, the Word has reached my heart more deeply. I am so glad!”

In addition, Special Daniel Prayer Meeting began under the lead of



Manmin Prayer Center President Boknim Lee. It will continue for six weeks until November 18.

On the first night, they received Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee’s recorded prayer. His prayer put an emphasis on the importance of receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit’s fire. Then, the opening anthem was offered up by Immanuel Choir and Nissi Orchestra, and the members made the first step of the 42-day prayer sessions to win in the spiritual battle through fervent prayer like that

of Elijah.

In particular, leaders of the church’s organizations including Pastors’ Association, Elders’ Association, Men’s and Women’s Missions, District, Sub-district, and Cell Leaders’ Associations have prayed in turn at the special seating right in front of the altar. They have fasted and prayed on their knees for the kingdom of God and to renew themselves by the baptism of the Holy Spirit’s fire.

On October 29, they are going to have Special Praise time, where they

will offer up the fragrance of their love to God, under the lead of Rev. Soojin Lee, President of Pastors’ Association.

Daniel Prayer Meeting starts at 9 p.m., and it ends at 11:40 p.m. during weekdays except Friday due to the Friday All-night Service and ends at 11 p.m. during weekends. The Special Daniel Prayer Meeting is held twice a year, one in the first half and once in the second half. People can join in the meeting all around the world via GCN and the internet (www.gcntv.org).

God Is Light (1)

God Is Light

“This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5).

“If you meet God who is Light, come out of darkness, and abide in Light, everything will prosper with you and you will be able to resolve all kinds of problems in your life.”

Dr. Jaerock Lee, Senior Pastor of Manmin Central Church

No matter how pitch dark it is at night, the darkness is gone when the sun rises. In the same manner, if you dwell in Light, just as the sunlight drives away darkness, your problems will be resolved, and God’s answers and blessing will come upon you. Moreover, you can lead other people to Light.

Let’s now delve into what ‘Light’ and ‘darkness’ spiritually refer to and how we can cast off darkness and dwell in Light.

1. God, the Origin of Light

God created the heavens, the earth, and all things in them. Nothing is impossible for Him. He can heal any kind of disease and solve any kind of problem in your businesses or family. Thus, meeting God is the most definite way to solving all your problems. On top of that, it is the way to gain eternal life. If you believe this, all among you must be eager to meet Him.

Since He is Light, any of you can meet Him as long as you follow the Light. Here, the ‘Light’ spiritually refers to God who is eternal and perfect with no darkness at all. James 1:17 says there is no variation or even shifting shadow with Him.

Once again, ‘Light’ spiritually refers to God Himself and it is also the word that represents the very best perfectness. In fact, it is impossible to describe God with a mere word, but for mankind to understand Him better, a word is necessary, and the word is the ‘Light.’

2. Relationships among Faith, Goodness, Righteousness, and Spirit

You may have learned about faith first when you started your believing life. It is because

only when you have faith in Jesus Christ and are forgiven of your sins can you gain eternal life and heaven. It is just as John 3:16 reads, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

But faith is categorized into two types. They are fleshly faith and spiritual faith. The former is faith as knowledge with which you just know the contents of the Bible. But this faith is not accompanied by works of faith, so it is actually considered faith that is dead. In contrast, spiritual faith enables you to believe the creation of things from nothing. It is living faith and true faith that is followed by works.

What, then, is the purpose of possessing this spiritual faith? We need spiritual faith to recover the image of God that mankind lost after the transgression of the first man Adam. With this faith we should resemble God who is goodness Himself. That is, we must cast away every form of evil and achieve ‘goodness’.

Here, the standard to tell how much goodness we have achieved is ‘righteousness.’ ‘Righteousness’ refers to the act of casting off sins, keeping the Word of God, and obeying Him with faith. It is following the truth only with “Amen” even when it does not agree with one’s thoughts, experiences, and knowledge. God’s children must unchangingly practice righteousness. However, what is the reality you can see?

Someone is impressed by the Word telling him to forgive others. He may forgive at first, but he cannot when things do not agree with his own thoughts and benefits. It is because he

has changing mind which belongs to the flesh. That is why he cannot keep accomplishing righteousness. We must continue to forgive others until the end as Jesus said we should forgive up to seventy times seven times. This attribute of ‘unchangingness’ is that of spirit.

But in order to achieve ‘spirit’, we must have love. The act of righteousness that Jesus showed by being crucified to redeem all mankind from sin was possible because He had love (Romans 5:18).

In other words, righteousness comes out through love, and the end result is ‘spirit.’ When you enter spirit, you will be able to unchangingly believe and obey God and do His will. When you achieve spirit in all aspects of your life, you can achieve whole spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:23). At the level of whole spirit, everything you do will come out as ‘light.’ You will be able to reveal God’s glory everywhere you go and be followed by the works that show God is with you. While ‘spirit’ refers to internal traits, ‘light’ involves external traits that come out from the internal traits.

We call the star at the center of our Solar System ‘the sun.’ In fact, we do not see the sun, but we see the sunlight. Similarly, God is spirit (John 4:24) and He is also Light. It means that God is perfect spirit with no changing at all, and the external traits of spirit we can see is Light.

But it does not mean that we can give out light only when we enter the level of whole spirit. Even though you are a novice believer, you can give out light that corresponds with the level of your faith.

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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Ephesians 5:9 reads, “For the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth.” That is, the fruit of the Light is composed of goodness, righteousness that is the standard of goodness, and truth that means unchanging trait of spirit. Therefore, we can bear the fruit of the Light when we show goodness and the acts of righteousness in a spiritual way which is unchanging.

Let’s suppose a person has not reached the level of spirit. Goodness that he has cultivated in his heart may be revealed as an act of righteousness. But it could change according to situations to the extent that he has flesh. Therefore, though people say they all believe God, they have different degrees of goodness, righteousness, spirit, and light. It also results in different amount of God’s love and grace that comes upon each of them. But if you enter spirit, you will have enough goodness to move others’ hearts and can unchangingly show it in acts of righteousness. If you enter whole spirit, you can practice the righteousness of faith, obedience, and action with the heart of the best goodness and without changing.

Abraham, the father of faith, is the example. God told him to offer his only son Isaac as a burnt offering. It was the final test of his faith. He completely obeyed the Word and offered him since he considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead.

He wholeheartedly trusted and obeyed God this way, so he was regarded as righteous by God. And his perfect goodness was also recognized so he was even called the friend of God who is goodness Himself. God finally set him as the father of faith and his acts shine as light on all of us who believe God.

3. Things of Darkness against Light

While there are things of Light, there are also things of darkness that stand against Light. In a nutshell, darkness covers all things that belong to sin. It includes works of flesh, things of flesh, and things that are deemed righteous in your own sight but evil in the sight of God.

For example, there are the things of the flesh such as unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil, envy, murder, and strife and the deeds of the flesh such as immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, and enmities. They sound evidently like darkness when we just hear the words. But there are some attributes that you may look upon as righteous but God regards as evil. In this case, you may not think of them as darkness. But when light shines, darkness must be uncovered.

In the Bible, Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem as the appointed time came and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed. Now Peter said to Him, “God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You.” But He rebuked him, saying to him, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me” (Matthew 16:21-23).

Peter thought that it was for Jesus that he dissuaded Him from going to Jerusalem. But in the sight of God, he set his mind on man’s interest and it was darkness. That is why Jesus said in John 12:46, “I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.” Thus, when you come to Jesus and follow the truth that He taught such as Spiritual Love, the Beatitudes, and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, anyone of

you will not remain in darkness and come to the Light.

4. The Reason People Cannot Come to Light

First of all, it is because they like darkness and hate light (John 3:19-20). They like better the worldly pleasure and money and prefer to live for their own benefits, so they hate the Word of Light telling them to follow the truth and goodness. They also misunderstand the truth in their own thoughts. They may say, “I am doing good. Isn’t it enough? Why do you say there is salvation only in churches?” They may acknowledge God but they do not know why they are sinners and why they have to accept the Lord. That is why they do not come to church.

Next, some believers may stumble because of other believers. They may make excuses of not going to church saying that some believers look dishonest and hypocritical. But they should know not all people in the churches believe in the Lord.

Matthew 7:21 reads, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.” Only those who listen to and keep the Word of God have true faith. If one says he believes God but he acts in the same way the worldly people do, he has nothing to do with God and there is no salvation for him.

If people see such churchgoers, close the doors of their hearts, and lose salvation and eternal life, how foolish they are! I hope that you will see people of Light who set a good example of faith and come to God wisely.

5. Blessings for Walking in Light

God clearly gave a promise. Mark 11:24 says, “Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.” Matthew 9:29 reads, “It shall be done to you according to your faith.”

But some believers seem to come to God who is Light and diligently lead their Christian lives, but they still suffer from diseases, or problems in businesses or families. What is the reason? It is because they think they abide in Light but they actually do not.

There is a difference between coming to Light and abiding in Light. Even if people come to Light once, it does not necessarily mean that they abide in Light. They may go back to darkness. If then, they can never say they are in Light.

Let’s say you hated someone but received much grace from God and stopped hating him. But you come to hate him again later. Then, you cannot say you are in Light. Even if you are abiding in Light, you must come closer and closer to Light until you reach the perfect level of Light. When you come to abide perfectly in Light, you can have confidence before God and receive whatever you ask for as read in 1 John 3:21-22.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if you meet God who is Light, come out of darkness, and abide in Light, everything will prosper with you and you will be able to resolve all kinds of problems in your life.

I pray in the name of the Lord that you will walk as children of God who is Light, bear the fruit of the Light, and thereby glorify God.

“I was healed of frozen shoulder so quickly!”

Senior Deaconess Chaedan Kim, 46, Parish 3, Manmin Central Church

On Sunday, July 1, 2018, it rained a lot. In the morning, I walked with a bag in one hand and a big umbrella in the other hand. In the afternoon, I started feeling pain in my right shoulder. I just thought I might have used it a little bit too roughly. But at night, elevated pain struck me that I could not endure it. It made it hard for me to even fall asleep.

Two days later, I could not move my arm at all. My husband helped me wash my hair and my daughter helped me do my hair. And I could go to work. When someone touched my arm, it was so painful that I screamed. I even had headaches due to sleepless nights.

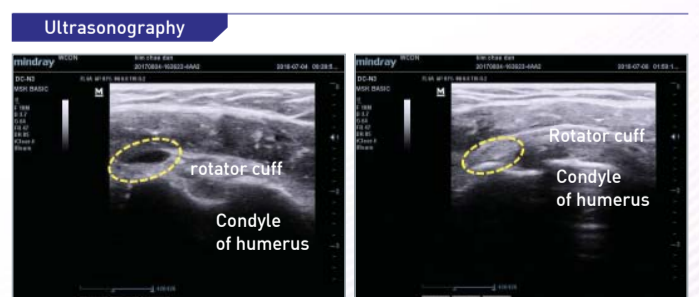
On July 4, I had an ultrasonography and I was diagnosed with frozen shoulder. My right shoulder was inflamed and there was fluid in my joints. The doctor said it would take six months for me to heal.

Back at home, I listened to Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock

Lee’s messages on GCN and received his prayer for the sick wholeheartedly. After the prayer, I could move my arm. Hallelujah! I had had pain even when people just softly touched it a few hours before. I was so surprised!

Next day, I could raise my right arm up and on the following day, it was completely healed. When I swung my right arm around, I had no pain and it became normal. People around me were amazed as well.

I am so happy to move my arm freely and have no problem in my life. I give all thanks and glory to God.



Before the prayer: the discharge from inflammation in the articular capsule of the shoulder joints caused pain

After the prayer: no discharge from inflammation in the shoulder articular capsule



“I was healed of skin cancer and poor eyesight by the Lord’s love!”

Senior Deaconess Eleanor Churakov, 79, International Manmin Church, New York, USA

One evening in 2006, I was channel-surfing on TV and happened to stop at the New York public TV channel No. 17. It was showing the sermon program of Dr. Jaerock Lee, Senior Pastor of Manmin Central Church. His sermon was very fresh and interesting. I had never heard such a spiritually deep message though I had attended church for twenty years.

I received so much grace that it became my joy to listen to his sermon for an hour after work every day. I started to find his church’s branch in my country, and Dr. Vitaly Fishberg introduced me to International Manmin Church in New York. I began to attend the church in October 2008.

Through Dr. Lee’s sermons, I learned about spiritual faith by which I can bring down the answer of God. And when I saw his powerful works, I felt God’s presence with Manmin. I

felt glad to join every kind of worship service of Manmin on GCN and pray every night. Thankfully, I was given an opportunity to translate, edit, and proofread Dr. Lee’s sermons into Russian in 2009. It helped me stay full of grace and grow in spirit.

When I worked on the book *Hell*, I realized the love of God who wants us to know the misery of hell, turn back from the way of death, and reach salvation. I also received grace to repent of my anger, judgment, and condemnation. I came to pray more earnestly and read the Bible more. As I tried harder to live by the Word of God and walk in Light, the Lord even healed my diseases.

I used to get sick frequently and even suffered from skin cancer from the age of 60. I searched for every means for healing of it, but nothing worked. However, I was healed of it after I

attended International Manmin Church in New York and received Senior Pastor’s prayer every worship service. I even gained better eyesight, so that I no longer need glasses that I had to wear for 20 years. I can read letters on my smartphone and the Bible!

Now I am 79, but I am very healthy by the grace of God. In early October 2018, I visited Korea to celebrate the church’s 36th anniversary. During the visit, I had a city tour where I had to walk for quite a long time, but I made it with no problem. It was my third visit to Manmin. As years go by, the church members become more filled with love. It seems that the church never stops growing.

I want to extend my love and thanks to Senior Pastor who has taught me the will of God and the love of the Lord through the message of life and powerful works.

“My ears popped and I was able to hear!”

Deaconess Mikyung Kwon, 51, Parish 24, Manmin Central Church

I could barely hear from both of my ears since birth. When my parents talked really loudly, I could hear a little bit and respond to them. I was made fun of by my classmates and also lagged behind other students after entering middle school, though I wore a hearing aid in my right ear. I was eventually declared to have a second-class physical disorder.

I kept losing my hearing ability though I wore the hearing aid. In 2013, I even had a cochlear implant (the insertion of a device that works as a cochlea) in my right ear and wore the cochlear hearing aid as well. However, I could not hear well because my ears rang, and I had headaches. It often led to failure in communication. I often could not understand what others were saying, so I had to see their lips closely to understand them and needed sign language.

In 2015, I was guided to Manmin by my friend, Deaconess Miok Cheong. While I



listened to Dr. Jaerock Lee’s messages, I felt broken parts of my heart stitched and healed by the love of the Lord. I also became assured of the living God when witnessing His powerful works.

In early July 2018, Pastor Sooyeol Cho, Guidance Pastor for the Deaf Mission advised me to prepare the upcoming Manmin Summer Retreat with longing, prayer, and fasting. I fasted in obedience and repented of

what I had done outside of the will of God. After I repented of my ill feeling against my husband, I made peace with him.

On August 6, I received Rev. Soojin Lee’s prayer when she prayed on the stage, and also Manmin Prayer Center President Boknim Lee prayed for me with the handkerchief of power on me (Acts 19:11-12).

Then, my ears felt hot and my head cleared. Then my ears popped and came to hear! Now I can clearly hear the voice of preachers on the altar during services. I do not need sign language translation.

I even can hear the voice coming from the cell phone of a person next to me. My hearing ability has become better and better though I have not worn the hearing aid. I am so happy and thankful. I give all thanks and glory to God who healed me with the power of re-creation!



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