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## “We’ll achieve whole spirit that pleases God!”

### 2013 Leadership Conference with about 5,500 attendees



The 2013 Leadership Conference was held to nurture spiritual warriors who will lead countless souls to the way of salvation at this end time and it successfully came to an end with Manmin members' enthusiastic participation. They gained spiritual confidence and made up their minds to achieve the heart of spirit and whole spirit quickly.

Manmin Central Church held its 2013 Leadership Conference from July 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in Vivaldi Park of Daemyung Resort in Hongcheon, Gangwon Province. With Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee as the main speaker, it was successfully conducted under the theme of “Whole Spirit” (Hebrews 10:22).

This 2013 Conference was hosted by Men's and Women's Consolidated Missions. Many pastors, parish leaders, and laymen members as well as small group leaders attended and shared grace.

Mrs. Boknim Lee, President of Manmin Prayer Center was the first speaker of the conference on the first day and the attendees offered up an ‘Arrival Service’ with her. She said without prayer they could not achieve the heart of whole spirit. She went on to say that they should believe that they can make it since God holds them. She urged them to come forth as the fruit of whole spirit, that is, as the beautiful brides of Jesus Christ by praying fervently with such belief.

The conference started in earnest with Dr. Jaerock Lee's seminar held

beginning at 7 P.M. with the members who filled nine small auditoriums as well as the main auditorium. Dr. Lee said, “The ultimate goal of our faith is to achieve the heart of whole spirit. The first evidence of whole spirit is to become one with God the Father and the second is to accomplish His goodness. It is important for us to discern what is good in the sight of God every moment and achieve one heart with God.”

On the second day, Pastor Heejin Lee's seminar began at 9:30 A.M. Before she preached, all participants offered up the Spirit-filled praise to God together and confessed their burning love and thanks to Him. Her message followed and it caused attendees to check things that they had not discovered since they remained too deep in their hearts. They also realized God's profound and beautiful love for them.

From 6:30 P.M. that evening, Dr. Lee's second seminar commenced. Continuing from the earlier lecture, he preached about the third evidence of whole spirit, which is, “Faithfulness”. He stressed that for believers to come into whole spirit they need to



be unchangingly faithful by doing more than what they can do and work faithfully according to the will and heart of God. Then, he used some church members as examples and explained about what they have to fill up or fulfill to enter spirit and whole spirit.

On the third and last day of the conference, the attendees had fun in the water in Ocean World which is the water park in the resort and had a happy time in the love they shared.

Showing their spiritual longing, this conference was attended by approximately 5,500 people including branch church members from Korea and church members from 17 countries such as U.S., Russia, Kenya, Israel, Kazakhstan, Belgium, and Singapore.

When we cast off all evil in our hearts in the grace and strength of God and the help of the Spirit, we can achieve the heart of spirit. In addition, by filling our hearts with goodness, love, and the truth, we can accomplish the heart of whole spirit that looks after the heart of God the Father (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

Many Manmin members have come forth as men of spirit and whole spirit through the 2011 and 2012 Leadership Conferences held under the titles of “The Measure of Faith” and “Spirit” respectively. The 2013 Conference will be continued during the Manmin Summer Retreat in August 2013, so it is expected that more members will achieve the heart of spirit and whole spirit then.

# Our Fervor

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing” (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

The Apostle Paul said in the epistle to Romans, “For if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s” (Romans 14:8). Making such a remark, he devoted his life to the work of the Lord with great fervor.

Like him, to accomplish the kingdom of God the apostles of the Lord did not consider their lives of any account or dear to themselves. They kept their faith until the end and joyfully died as martyrs even becoming the prey of lions or being beheaded. Since they shed noble blood of martyrdom only with faith in Jesus Christ, the Roman Empire could be evangelized, which laid the foundation of the world evangelism.

Then, as God’s saved children, what kind of fervor do we have to show to God in order to lay down everything for the Lord and souls, be faithful until death, and achieve God’s will perfectly?

## 1. Fervor that Comes from Your Love for God

If you love somebody, you will try hard to please that person. In the same manner, if you love God, you will diligently find and do the things that will please God. You will attend the worship services and the prayer meetings, and you will work hard at your God-given duties.

But some people try hard, but not necessarily because they love God. Some people are born with very active characters, while the nature of some others is to be faithful and responsible so they fervently participate in church activities. Still there are others who show their fervor because they want to be recognized by others. In doing things that way, if they do not really see what they are doing, they might deceive themselves into thinking, “I am doing the work of God because I love God.”

When you do your church duties, you should check whether you are doing them because you want to earn the praise of other people or because you really love God. Those who are fervent with their love for God, first of all, will seek the heart and will of God and do what God really wants. They do not follow the way they consider good, and they do not try to achieve the goals they desire personally.

If you are doing your duties with true love for God, you will pursue peace with everybody according to the will of God. Also, you will do the ‘behind the scenes’ and unseen works that are difficult and dirty and you will do them with a thankful heart. Even if you might suffer inconvenience, you will find ways to give comfort to others and serve them with a humble attitude. Even if you are sometimes wrongfully blamed for something that you did with good intentions, you just quietly look up to God.

As explained, I urge you to work more faithfully not to be seen by others or to serve your own purpose, but with true love for God that stems from your heart.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

## 2. Fervor that is Truthful

The fervor that comes from a truthful heart will never change. Some people look very full of grace and appear fervent in their faith, but soon they are nowhere to be found.

Their passion cools down if things are not in agreement with their thoughts or their personal benefit. In other cases, some people begin to neglect their lives of faith because their hearts are captured by financial gain or worldly fame and recognition. But their fervor cools down very quickly if they do not receive the answer in the way they want. We cannot say their fervor was the kind of fervor that is pleasing to God.

The Apostle Paul’s fervor for the spreading of the gospel never cooled down during his entire life. Even though he manifested such powerful works through which the lame came to walk and jump, he did not gain any glory or substantial fruit right away. Instead there were people who stoned him and threw him outside of the city wall because they thought he was dead.

In one area, he drove out a demon from a woman, but because of it he was beaten and imprisoned. His people, the Jews, followed him everywhere in attempts to hinder him from spreading the gospel and even vowed to kill him. In the church that he established with so much toil, there was news of adultery and other sins and strife among the members, which caused him to grieve very much.

Some workers betrayed and left him, and some others rejected him saying he was not qualified to be an apostle. He gathered offerings to help the believers and churches in need, and people misunderstood him thinking he was doing it for his personal gain. However, he did not care about any kind of hardship. He was neither tired nor disheartened. He did not complain saying, “Why do I have to go through all this? Why wouldn’t the Lord help me?” He never thought like, “How much longer do I have to suffer?” or “I can’t take this anymore”.

Even after he was almost stoned to death, he left for the next destination of his mission trip right after he regained consciousness. Even after he was beaten, covered with blood, and put in jail, he praised God

with a loud voice so his voice was heard by all the inmates. Even when he was in confinement and could not freely go about preaching, he sent letters to each church to reaffirm the faith of the leaders and believers. I hope your fervor for the Lord will be acknowledged by God as being truthful and never-changing like the fervor of the Apostle Paul.

## 3. Fervor with Gratefulness for God’s Grace

The Apostle Paul was so passionate in fulfilling his duty because of the grace that saved such a person as him, for he considered himself to be the foremost of all sinners. Because he worked faithfully with his gratefulness for the grace received, he did not want any praise or reward for his job that he had done so well. Even though he sacrificed and dedicated himself, he thought it was that he did what he had to do, and the grace of God given to him was much greater than anything he could give to God. Also, he said that he could give because God gave him the grace and strength to do it.

As said in 1 Corinthians 15:10, “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me,” he gave all the credit to God’s grace alone.

In the past, I was so sick for seven years that I became a burden to my parents and my siblings. Even my mother, who loved me the most among all her children, weeping so much in front of me said that it would be better for everyone’s sake if I died. My hope for the future was gone, and I was just surviving each day, completely incapable of doing anything. That is when I met God. God healed me of all my diseases and infirmities at once. Especially, He gave me Heaven. He gave me the happiness of family and financial blessings, and He allowed for me to recover my hope in life.

Since I met God, I was so thankful for His grace that I unsparingly gave everything to God. Eventually I became a pastor, and I could give all my time, money, and even my wife and children before God. For more than 40 years, I have been running this race of faith with the same attitude of heart.

What kind of grace is planted in your heart? We all have many kinds of life-stories. Our serious diseases were healed, many kinds of difficulties were resolved by the power of God, and the problems of our dear children, wives, and parents were solved. But the greatest grace of all the grace that we received is the grace of salvation. It is the grace that we have become God’s children by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. I urge you in the name of the Lord that you will engrave such grace one by one and more deeply so that you will become increasingly more fervent day after day.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I also hope you will try your best in this march of faith with love for God, with an unchanging heart, and with your gratefulness for the grace received. In doing so, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will eventually dwell in the glory of New Jerusalem.

## 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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# Who Were the Nephilim and the Mighty Men?

On Fridays, many believers long to listen to Dr. Jaerock Lee's fascinating lectures on Genesis. This is because the lectures satisfy their curiosity on many subjects such as the space of God the Creator, things that have happened in the spiritual realm, the creation of the earth, the Garden of Eden, UFOs, dinosaurs, and the pyramids. Among these things we are now going to take a look at the 'nephilim' and the 'mighty men' as recorded in Genesis chapter 6.

## The Descendants of Adam in the Garden of Eden and the Period Immediately after Adam's Transgression

After creating the earth, God the Creator formed man of dust from the ground. He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living being. God planted an abundant garden in Eden. He placed the man there whom He had formed and He taught him everything. He then blessed him to enjoy authority and blessings as a lord of the creation.

God blessed Adam and Eve in Genesis 1:28, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." As written, Adam, as the living

being, was fruitful and multiplied with Eve his helper. Over an innumerable number of years they had countless descendants in the Garden of Eden. Adam inherited the Garden of Eden and the earth and ruled over all creatures as a lord of all creation. In other words, God allowed Adam not only to conquer and manage the Garden of Eden but also to subdue and rule over everything on the earth.

However, Adam was a living being, and he was not a perfect spiritual being. Countless years later, he ended up disobeying God's Word, that is, he ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God had told him in Genesis

2:16-17, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die." God said this because the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is the symbol of God's authority and sovereignty.

After Adam sinned in this way, the situation reversed. Before he committed sin, he had been a lord of the Garden of Eden and freely traveled between the Garden of Eden and the earth by flying object he made with his descendants. But Adam was driven out of the Garden and his descendants' travel to the earth was also limited.

## The Nephilim—the descendants of the sons of God who settled down on the earth with Adam who had sinned

Some descendants whom Adam had begotten in the Garden of Eden came to have longing hearts as they watched Adam managed his life on earth. When compared, the Garden where they lived was a much better environment than the earth. However, Adam's life on this earth looked good and new to them.

In particular, those whom Adam and Eve themselves gave birth to wanted to live together with their beloved parents. And so, they left the Garden to choose this earth and settle down by themselves. While they were coming down, they could not even imagine that

it would be impossible to live forever just they had in the Garden. Since the average life span of the flesh was about 900 years back then, they thought they could live together forever as in the Garden. That's why they chose the life on the earth. However, the number of those who made this choice was not very many.

They are the 'sons of God', that is, Adam's descendants who settled down on the earth because of their love for Adam. After they settled down on the earth, they took the daughters of men as their wives.

Just like in the Garden of Eden, they married and gave birth to children following the order that God had set. Their children were the 'Nephilim' that appear in Genesis 6:4.

Nephilim were far outstanding in appearance. Since they were born with the energy of the 'sons of God,' they were different from the ordinary people of this earth. Even though Nephilim's fathers chose the life on this earth, they didn't stain themselves by sins. Hence, their good tendencies—the outstanding disposition of a man from the Garden—were inherited to their children.

## Mighty Men—the descendants of the sons of God who traveled between the Garden of Eden and the earth and lived to the lust

After Adam was driven out and down to this earth, there were 'sons of God' who were curious about the situation of the earth. They wanted to see how their forefather Adam lived his life. Some of them settled down on the earth like Adam because they loved Adam and some others kept coming and going and followed their lustful desires. Those who settled on the earth didn't bring about any problems.

On the other hand, those who kept coming and going were corrupted and brought the trouble. That is, they were stained by the sins. Since those in the Garden of Eden are not 'perfect spirits' but 'living spirits,' just as Genesis 6:2 says, they 'saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose,' which infringed the order and incited the wrath of God.

Furthermore, as they traveled between the Garden and this earth, they threatened not only the order of this earth, but also the order of the Garden. As God saw the situation becoming serious, He was sorry and grieved.

Genesis 6:3 explains this. It says, "Then the LORD said, 'My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is [flesh]; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.'" Since God is full of mercy and passion, He did not judge them without notice; He initially gave them a warning.

The 'sons of God' were those who originally lived in the Garden, the domain of light. But they came down to this earth, became stained by evil, and lived in sin and evil; and so they soon came to have nothing to do with God.

The descendants of the 'sons of God' who traveled between the Garden

and the earth and sought lust were the mighty men in Genesis 6:4. They were also physically excellent. So, they could be easily spotted any place and they were considered very special by the ordinary people. Moreover, they were outstanding in physical condition and in wisdom, thus, some of them became the mighty men.

Their descendants, however, couldn't inherit the superior energy generation after generation. Eventually their later generations were rapidly stained by the flesh, and they became the men of flesh. Therefore, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation, they were not so much different from the people of this earth. They all died and remained as 'legendary people' in the memory of people of this earth. It is also of note that none of the offspring survived the Judgment of Flood, and the descendants of the 'sons of God' also became extinct.

# “My irreparable optic nerves were regenerated! Now I can read the small letters”

Deacon Chunbeom Lee (3-30 Parish, South Korea)



In 2006, while working in the construction site, I fell in a puddle that was electrified and I received an electric shock. It harmed my right optic nerve. My eyesight had always been genetically bad, but when my optic nerve was damaged in the accident, I could not see well. I had to always be cautious when I crossed the street since I couldn't tell the colors of traffic lights. I often bumped into people on the street and frequently tripped over things.

In August 2009 I was diagnosed with optic atrophy and categorized as a person who is visually impaired with the 5<sup>th</sup> class of visual impairment (Reference: The 6<sup>th</sup> class is the most serious state of visual impairment). My optic nerve, which delivers visual information, atrophied and it might have led to amblyopia and loss of sight. Fear and frustration swept over me. But two months later, the light of hope reached me. I was guided to Manmin Central Church by Deaconess Kyungja Seol. The church was where the powerful works of God overflowed.

When I went to the church, the scripture from Matthew 7:21 saying, “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...” stayed on my mind. It dawned on me that I had been leading an idle Christian life though I had attended church from the

time I was very young.

From then on, I tried hard to practice the Word of God, keeping the whole Sabbath and giving proper tithe. After about six months had passed from the time I had first come to church, through Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer, the God of love healed me of arthritis that had troubled both knees for ten years. I jumped for joy when I was set free from the long-lasting pain. How joyful and grateful I felt!

Afterwards, I prayed diligently in Daniel Prayer Meeting every night and summarized sermons whenever I had set aside the time. In the meantime I endeavored to understand the will of God all the more. On March 31, 2013, it was Easter Sunday, an amazing thing happened to me. I was watching Dr. Lee on the altar during the service. I saw rays of strong light shine and pour upon him. It was so dazzling that I could no longer continue to stare at it. I saw bright and brilliant lights while praying and praising in the sanctuary.

Furthermore, after the experience, I was able to read the small letters in the Bible easily without reading glasses. Now I can also distinguish the colors of traffic lights, so now I can cross the street without any difficulty. My working life also returned to normal. I praise the power of God who revived irreparably dead optic nerves. Hallelujah!

I was born in an isolated country town in Nepal. I accepted the Lord in 2002. But I could not realize the true meaning of faith, so I attended church to build fellowship with others.

In 2005, I got to know Pastor Grace Lee who ministers to the Manmin Mission Center in Nepal through Elder Bhabindra Rai. It brought a great change to my Christian life. I felt pureness when I visited Manmin Mission Center for the first time. And the members seemed very happy while offering up services together with the congregation of Manmin Central Church in Seoul, South Korea via GCN TV.

Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee emphasized that we must keep God's commandments, cast off sin, and lead sanctified lives if we truly believe God. I was amazed by the lucid explanations of his spiritual messages. I read Dr. Lee's representative book *The Message of the Cross* to learn more.

Reading the book, I clearly understood that the Lord redeemed us from our sins and opened the way of salvation through His crucifixion. I realized that God is pleased with children who cast off sins and become sanctified. From that time on, I came to long for his messages all the more.

In 2007, I heard that Dr. Esther

## “Thank You, Lord for healing my family members and leading us to the way of life”

Deacon Gyan Bahadur Rai (Manmin Mission Center, Nepal)



Deacon Gyan Bahadur Rai (left), his wife Santi Rai (left on the front), his son Joshua Rai (behind his wife), and his sister's family and his sister-in-laws

Chung, President of Manmin International Seminary would lead a Pastors' Seminar in Nepal. I participated in it with a longing heart. It was there that I learned the message of the cross and the measure of faith

in great depth.

I constantly listened to Dr. Lee's messages through GCN TV and gained even deeper realization. So, I tried to live by the Word of God and even recovered good health. I used to

have many diseases such as pertussis, gout, gastrointestinal disorder, headache, asthma, and 28-year-lasting chronic allergy. However, I was healed of all of them by Dr. Lee's prayer on GCN TV.

All my family members have led happy Christian lives and experienced the power of God. Santi Rai my wife was healed of asthma and headache and Joshua Rai my son of pertussis.

My mother-in-law had cervical ulcers and planned to get an operation. Before the operation, her health deteriorated so Pastor Grace Lee prayed for her with the handkerchief on which Dr. Lee had prayed (Ref: Acts 19:11-12). Then, her health got better and she no longer needed operation as seen in the reexamination result. Hallelujah!

In this way, my Lord of love healed not only me but also all family members of our diseases and led us to the way of life. Also, I was blessed to be a worker for Manmin Mission Center, Nepal so that I can live for the glory of God. I am in charge of the management of church and general administrative works. I can't say how happy I am.

I give all thanks and glory to God who allowed me to realize the truth and bestowed me hope for Heaven.



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