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#### A LETTER FROM ABROAD

# "We are seeking the Lord and praying all the more."



Pastor Vladimir Osipov (St. Petersburg, Russia)

Not long ago, Russia has gone through a pandemic due to the rapid spread of the corona virus. Now it's slightly reduced, and shops began to open carefully and people started going to work. We are praying that the corona problem will be quickly resolved and return to our daily routines.

I'm so thankful to the Lord that my church members did not lose their faith, but that they came to seek the Lord earnestly and pray more than before.

We have made prayer groups and we are praying for each other every day, and we have worship services and prayer meetings online every day except Saturday. As the number of those who attended online services is well over thousands, which is greater than the number of the church members, I found that Internet mission is very important. Many church members and visitors receive grace through the Word of God and prayer.

We thank God for giving us the grace to check our faith and love for the Lord even in the midst of difficulties.

# "We are overcoming with prayers by God's grace."



Pastor Shlomy Abramov (Awaken Israel Church, Israel)

The Israeli government has maintained a strict containment policy since the outbreak of the virus, as in Korea, and the situation is better than before. Everything is slowly back to normal.

Not only we are focusing on prayer and worship online, but also communicating with the church members through social media and Zoom (online video conferencing platform) and praying with local pastors. Our ministry has been managed smoothly.

We visited the senior center, handed out blankets for free, and delivered shoes and bags to school. When we visited an institution, the nurses and caretakers came out to receive our aid. I saw tears flowing in their eyes. An orthodox Jewish school sent a touching thankyou-letter to us and Manmin, and the city contacted us for coopeartion.

We have distributed Dr. Jaerock Lee's books to many people who are going to have hope. Many people live without hope and without knowledge of the Lord, but we pray everyday for them to come by faith in Christ. Manmin, we miss you a lot and love you.

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# "We pray for Senior Pastor and Manmin."



Pastor Mark Basalev
(World Holiness Center, USA)

Greetings in the name of the Lord. Florida, USA, is gradually getting out of the threat of corona virus. However, many shops and social activities are still limited.

A few weeks ago, we had the first service and Holy Communion at our center since the corona isolation. The church members who couldn't attend the church worship service received much grace. Now most of the churches are conducting worship service under the government policy.

In April and May, we prayed for Rev. Jaerock Lee, Manmin Central Church, and corona crisis around the world on Wednesday, Friday and every Sunday. From June, the members will gather together to hold a prayer meeting. I communicate with the members on the phone and text messages every day, and have comfort and fellowship.

I always thank you for your love and prayer. We will always pray for Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee and Manmin.

## "We are all safe in the Lord."



Pastor Grigori Kolessov (Source of Truth Church, Estonia)

In the aftermath of the corona virus, Estonia has stopped all shops, social activities, schools, etc. People stay 2 meters away from each other, and wear a mask. Churches switch to online worship service because they couldn't have any meetings.

What I'm thankful for is that it was not difficult to switch to online worship service because we've attended on-screen Manmin Central Church worship services. We continue the life and worship and prayer.

In addition, based on Dr. Jaerock Lee's books of faith, the Bible program is being conducted through Skype. Moreover, I and church workers are giving spiritual visitation and comfort to the members by phone and text message.

We are all safe and protected in the Lord. Nobody is sick. Our only concern is the countrywide economic difficulties.

We sincerely give thanks to all the Manmin members who pray for us with love. Until the Lord comes, we will preach the gospel of holiness, hand in hand with Manmin. Hallelujah!



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Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

# **God's Providence Found** in **Jesus' Clothing**

"Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be'; this was to fulfill the Scripture: 'They divided My outer garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots'" (John 19:23-24).

Jesus who is the Son of God came into this world, endured severe persecutions, and was crucified. Why was Jesus humiliated to the point of being stripped naked in public, and what is God's providence that is found in Jesus' outer garments and tunic?

#### 1. Jesus Endured the Shame of Being Stripped Naked

Jesus bore the wooden cross on which He was to be crucified on His back all the way to Golgotha. When He reached the place of His execution, the soldiers took away Jesus' outer garments and tunic and He was hung on the cross stark naked. It was to fulfill the Scripture in Psalm 22:18 that reads, "They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." The reason we find such a detailed description of Jesus' clothing in the Bible is because His clothes symbolize the history of Israel.

Jesus, the only begotten Son of God the Most High, was forced to endure the humiliation of being stripped bare before the mere lowly creatures. For what reason was Jesus subjected to such humiliation? On our behalf Jesus endured the humiliation and shame we were to suffer. The sinless Jesus was subjected to the ridicule and contempt that were to be, and should have been, subjected to which was inflicted only upon the sinners.

Filthier than any filth and more dishonorable than all dishonors is sin. As many people today are living amongst this sin, they are also increasingly growing numb to it. However, just as the light exposes the things of darkness, when the Word of God, who is Light itself, shines upon our heart, all the shameful sins within us are exposed. People who had been drenched in the filth of this world and living in sin cannot dare to keep a straight face as their despicable hearts and deeds, with which they will stand before God's judgment, are made known in full.

Yet, Jesus redeemed us from our sins and endured for us the humiliation and indignity on our behalf. And, anyone who believes this can be free from the shame. Therefore, each of us must be grateful for the love of the Lord with all our heart and be ready to embrace Him by swiftly accomplishing perfect sanctification.

### 2. God's Providence in Soldiers' Dividing of Jesus' Outer Garments

The outer garments of Jesus spiritually represent the nation of Israel and its people. When His outer garments were split into four pieces, the form of the garments disappeared and the only remnants were pieces of cloth. This signifies how Israel was to be destroyed. Just as pieces of cloth were the only remnants of Jesus' outer garments, this indicates how only "the people of Israel" would remain.

This is why the Roman soldiers' dividing of Jesus' outer garments symbolizes how the nation of Israel was to be destroyed by the Romans, and their splitting the garments into four pieces signifies how the people of Israel would be dispersed into four directions—north, south, east, and west.

Jesus' prophecy concerning the city of Jerusalem is found in Luke 19:43-44: "For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."

Precisely according to the prophecy, in 70 A.D. the Roman general Titus brought about the complete destruction of the city of Jerusalem. Just as Jesus had said "They will not leave in you one stone upon another," Jerusalem was demolished to the ground. During the siege of the city, more than a million Jews were massacred and those who survived the siege and the massacre were dispersed into all directions and subsequently subject to all kinds of persecutions of the Gentiles.

The most atrocious event that has befallen Jews

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was a systematic massacre implemented by the Nazi regime during World War II. Over six million were killed stark naked only because they were Jewish. Such a vast number of people were killed as one of the curses because their forefathers had put Jesus to death, who had come to this world as their King.

The Jews were persistent in asking for Jesus' death and they said, "His blood shall be on us and on our children!" (Matthew 27:25), and thus they received retribution for their demands, and they lived through a brutal history. All this was symbolized in the Roman soldiers' dividing Jesus' outer garments into four parts.

#### 3. God's Providence in the Soldiers' Casting Lots for Jesus' Tunic

Jesus' tunic was "seamless"—which means that the garment was not sewn together-but "woven in one

Here, the "tunic" refers to the heart of man. The tunic of Jesus, the king of Israel, symbolizes the heart of Israel's posterity and represents their faith in God.

The founder of the Israelites, God's Elect, is Jacob. God personally changed Jacob's name to "Israel" and formed the twelve tribes of Israel from the twelve sons of Jacob. For a long time, the Israelites were a homogenous people, not intermarrying with men and women of other nations, and they served the only God.

Then during the reign of Rehoboam the son of Solomon, a civil war in Israel split the country into Israel in the north and Judah in the south. People of Israel in the north soon began marrying the Gentiles and they lost the integrity of a homogenous nation. Only the people of Judah in the south became the true descendants of Israel as they remained racially homogenous. For this reason to this day, Israel's descendants are referred to as "the people of Judah,"

Just as Jesus' tunic was woven in one piece, Jews had long remained a homogenous people, beginning with their forefather Jacob. This is why the Roman soldiers did not tear Jesus' tunic and this spiritually symbolizes how the heart of the Jewish people toward their God can neither be divided nor destroyed by man. Rome failed to wipe out the faith of the people of Israel.

Even after the fall of Jerusalem and despite hardship and suffering in all corners of the earth for almost two millennia, the Jews did not lose or forsake their identity and finally on May 14, 1948, they returned to the land of their forefathers and an independent, sovereign nation was established. Thus the prophecy in Ezekiel 38:8-9 was accomplished. What other race on the earth has held fast to their national identity, has been kept safe by their faith, and has had their statehood as a nation restored around 1,900 years after destruction?

The heart and the faith which the people of Israel inherited from their forefather Jacob was that firm, and it is the preservation of Jesus' tunic that foretold the unfolding of such history.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, everything recorded in the Bible from the fall of Jerusalem and the suffering of the Jews to the destruction and restoration of Israel, has been fulfilled. Things that have yet come to pass are the events that are to take place in the coming days, one of which is the return of our Lord in the near future to take us to Heaven. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will keep watching and praying, quickly complete your adornment as the Lord's brides, and welcome the Lord who will come again to take us.

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#### 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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**ENGRAVING IN HEART** 

### Looking at Everything with One Heart, One Will, and One Faith!

God showed us many things that could not be solved with human strength and wisdom but were solved very easily and quickly through the power of God.

Now we should see everything through faith and unceasingly run a race of faith through the training in faith even though we meet with what seems to be impossible.

We should become one in faith by looking toward the future with faith to fully accomplish the will and providence of God.

All of us must cry in one voice urging one another to look at everything with faith, and run a lively and active race with one heart, with one will, and with one faith.

Sometimes, looking at something by faith may look like the foolish action of hurling oneself down from the edge of cliff.

That action will be proved as reckless to those who do not have faith, but deemed as the action of fully relying on God to those who have spiritual faith.

They can do that action because they believe without a slightest doubt that the almighty God protects them with His powerful hands even though they hurl themselves down from the edge of a cliff. He who sees anything with faith never gives up.

The reason that people abandon something is because when they meet with some obstacles they feel it difficult to pass them.

It is also because they meet with problems that seem impossible with human limited thought.

But he who sees anything with faith does not consider any kind of obstacle as an obstacle, nor does he limit anything with his own thought. So to him there is no impossibility or despair.

It is the fundamental attitude of him who has spiritual faith.

We should also hope for our sanctification by faith.

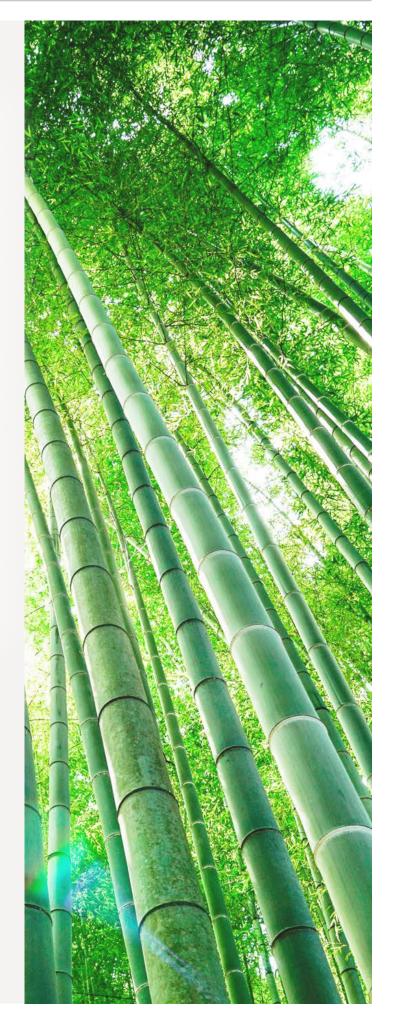
If you are disheartened and abandon your faith for your hidden fleshly things, it testifies you have not possessed spiritual faith.

But if you have truly hoped for your sanctification with spiritual faith, your faith would not be shaken or corrupted at all.

You should believe you will be able to accomplish sanctification and try your best unchangingly just as many things are possible by faith.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible" (Hebrews 11:1-3).

Excerpt from Dr. Jaerock Lee's message, "Look with Faith"



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### "Thanks to the word of life, I'm free from diseases."

Luz Dary Bejarano (Age 52, Colombia Manmin Church, Second from the right of the front row)

In 2010, I began to listen to Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons on Enlace. They were different from the messages of other pastors. They were concise and powerful. It seemed that God was talking directly to me.

After that, I continued to listen to the messages of Dr. Jaerock Lee. Through the Word, I discovered the evil in my heart, I gained the strength to obey God's Word, and I could escape from spiritual ignorance.

Since I was a child, as I attended church, I have prayed with my family for many years to meet the Lord's servant and church who is after the heart of the Lord. I sent a prayer-request letter to Manmin Central Church in Seoul where Dr. Jaerock Lee is serving. In 2012, Pastor David Jang contacted me and I came to attend Colombia Manmin Church.

The Sunday service I attended for the first time was so amazing. I was confident that it was the answer, and I became full of gratitude and joy. My mother who prays a lot was had her spiritual eyes opened, and saw the beautiful Heaven, along with many angels in the church and colorful lights and large flowers.

I also received "Manmin News" (in Spanish) by parcel, and the contents were so fresh and gracious. It was very useful for family evangelisation, and it became a tool to share the gospel with our neighbors. Since then, more than 14 members of our family have enrolled and are currently attending church.

When I first came to Colombia Manmin Church, I had many diseases. Due to stomach pain, bleeding and frequent vomiting caused by 15-year-old chronic gastritis, I coudln't eat properly. And due to 25-year-old chronic sinusitis I suffered from nasal inflammation, headache, and high fever.

Through Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons, however, I learned that

most diseases come from sin. I repented of the evils and sins in my heart. With the powerful handkerchief (Acts 19:11-12) on which Dr. Jaerock Lee prayed, Pastor David Jang prayed for me and I was healed of these diseases. In addition, I was healed of hyperthyroidism and palpitations.

Also, I was healed of severe shoulder pain through the Divine Healing meeting held in Manmin Central Church in Seoul in January this year, and in February Divine Healing meeting, I was healed of excessive menstruation and menstrual pain.

I believed in the Lord, but I suffered from many diseases, and I didn't even know why. But thanks to Dr. Jaerock Lee's messages, I learned God's will. And I was healed of diseases by the power of God.

I give thanks and glory to the Lord who does great and wonderful things, and I believe that "Manmin" will overcome because it is in God's providence. Hallelujah! 8 Manmin News NO. 672 JUNE 21, 2020

### "I was healed of osteoarthritis and my son was healed of eardrum."

Deaconess Mihee Kim (Age 56, 24th Parish)



My left
knee was
swelled in
July 2019
and the pain
was very
severe. I was
diagnosed with
osteoarthritis. I
limped in extreme
pain. It was very
difficult to walk
because the other leg was
always under load.

Once, I walked dragging the left leg and fell in the middle of the street. I was so embarrassed.

When I knew Divine Healing Meeting would be held, I resolved that I would surely get healed. I attended Morning services at Manmin Prayer Center during the last week of January, heard the word of God and repented of hurting peoples' heart, getting angry and keeping ill feelings.

When Mrs. Boknim Lee prayed with the handkerchief on which Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee prayed (Acts. 19:11-12), I felt much better with the left knee.

After that, I attended Divine Healing Meeting at Friday All-night Service on Jan. 31, I was touched and thrilled by praises of repentance. When Pastor Soojin Lee prayed, it felt something fresh on my left knee as if there was a pain relief patch on it.

The left leg used to be as stiffen as a log, but it moves softly now. I walk up the stairs without difficulties.

My son (Jinhyun Park, 21) couldn't eat properly, and

he was nothing but skin and bones. When he was 6 years old, however, he received a prayer from Dr. Jaerock Lee. Since then, he has eaten well and he is a healthy young man.

When he was an elementary school student, he suffered from otitis media and his eardrum was melted. He got a physical examination at Military Manpower Administration last year and amazingly found the eardrum regenerated. All thanks and glory be to God the Father.