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“Be a righteous person who has God-pleasing faith”

Benediction for all members in the New Year Service 2024

Manmin Central Church gave God New Year Service 2023 ~ 2024 at 11 PM on December 31, 2023 and welcomed the New Year 2024. It was streamed live on GCN TV and via YouTube and translated into 8 languages including English, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, French, Spanish, Mongolian, and Vietnamese. It was also translated into many local languages including Hindi at each place of worship and into sign languages.

Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee delivered a message titled with “The Righteous Shall Live by Faith” and explained about the first church prayer title for New Year 2024.

She said in her message, “God is pleased with the righteous who don’t look at realities but look to what they long for with faith by relying on God’s words. They have spiritual faith and obey God’s will in action.” She also talked and blessed, “In this new year you may look at everything with the eyes of faith and rely on God’s covenant so that you can not only experience His works that make the impossible possible but reveal His great and amazing works by attaining to the faith of a righteous person He awaits and expects to gain.”

After delivering the message, she laid her hands on the prayer titles all church members around the world had already submitted and prayed for them. Then, praise leader Moda Suh and Male Chorus sang inspiring songs and Worship Dance team showed powerful dance under the auspice of Performing Arts Committee.



The four church prayer titles all members will have to accomplish in this new year are as follows: “The Righteous Shall Live by Faith” (Romans 1:17), “Be of Sober Spirit” (1 Peter 5:8-9), “Moving into a New Sanctuary” (Joshua 14:12) and “Fiery Works of the Holy Spirit” (Mark 16:15-20).

This year Manmin Central Church will continue to spread the living God and Jesus Christ to every corner of the earth through the fivefold gospel of holiness and manifestation of powerful works by the fiery works of the Holy Spirit so that God’s plan for the salvation of all nations will be fulfilled.



Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

“Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ And He said, ‘Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah; and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.’ So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him... And Abraham stretched out his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ And he said, ‘Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.’ Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.”

(Genesis 22:1-3, 10-13)

If you trust someone completely, you may notice her intention even through her eyes or gestures. When she says what cannot be understood or when she acts beyond comprehension you may put yourself in her shoes and try to understand her without misunderstanding. But even close friends may have ill feelings against each other and break up when distrust is formed between them. In the same way, the fellowship between God and His children is different depending on their trust in Him.

1. Beauty of a trust in which we can lay down our life

We should sometimes ask a favor of someone and do her a favor. If it belongs to evil, we should never take part in it. But when it comes to goodness, we should be able to sacrifice everything we have for it, even including our own lives. It is deemed beautiful in God’s sight,

It applies to a biblical figure, Esther. When her people in captivity were on the verge of being destroyed by Haman’s evil scheme, Queen Esther was

asked to save her people by her cousin Mordecai. He told her to go in to the king to implore his favor and to plead with him for her people.

But she had no choice but to hesitate because there was one law that anyone who comes to the inner court to the king who is not summoned must be put to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter.

Mordecai demanded an immediate action once again. She told him to ask all the Jews in Susa to fast 3 days for her and she fasted 3 days as well. She boldly went in to the king against the law. She risked her life for her people. God saw her beautiful heart and gave her wisdom, and then moved the king’s heart. At last, she could save her people.

As she neither sought her benefits nor spared her life in doing good, God caused all things to work for good and her people were saved. This tells us how beautiful and powerful mutual trust and love among people is. Mordecai brought his parentless cousin Esther like her father, and she trusted and followed him like his daughter. That’s why he could ask her such an impending favor as security of her life.

2. The trust between God and Abraham

Abraham had such a faith that pleased God and his action was reckoned as righteousness. Later God wanted to reveal his righteousness and planned to test him to perfect his faith, in which we can find what a great trust God and Abraham had between each other.

In Genesis 12, God told him, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you." God didn't talk about his destination but simply commanded him to go forth to the land He would show him. Abraham trusted God so much completely that he obeyed His command and went out, not knowing where he was going.

He believed God saw him all the time and stayed with him in all aspects, so he committed everything into God's hands. God was always present with him for the rest of his life. When faced with difficulties, many rely on God in prayers at first but they end up giving up in the middle when His answer is slow than they expect. Abraham was patient with everything and acted by faith until the end.

Finally, he entered the land of Canaan by God's guidance, but found many tribes had already settled down there. Though it seemed impossible for him to dwell in the land, he completely believed God's promise, which says, "To your descendants I will give this land." But there was a famine in the land although God had promised him, saying, "And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing." He had to go down to Egypt to sojourn there.

He had no doubt of God's promise at all, and awaited the proper time patiently. A reality didn't seem to agree with a dream God had given. But he neither wavered at God's promise nor complained against God, but looked at everything with the eyes of faith. By the way, another incident occurred.

While he was staying in Egypt, his wife was taken into the Pharaoh's house. But he put perfect trust in God, so God struck the Pharaoh and his house with great plagues and he immediately returned her to Abraham. And he abounded in more livestock and greater wealth because God caused all things to work for Abraham's good through his faith.

His nephew Lot stayed with him and received material blessing as well when God blessed Abraham. Their possessions were so great that they couldn't dwell together. Abraham's herdsmen and Lot's quarreled against each other because of water and pasture. Abraham said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, nor between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers. Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me: if to the left, then I will go to the right; or if to the right,

then I will go to the left" (Genesis 13:8-9). He gave the first choice to his nephew Lot as he had a good and beautiful heart.

He did all things in wisdom without grumbling or disputing, and treated everyone with love and virtuous generosity. It shows what a great trust he put in God. When God was present with him, it didn't matter to him in the least what kind of land he chose. God was so pleased with his faith and action that He blessed him exceedingly (Genesis 13:14-17).

When Lot and his possessions were taken away later, Abraham risked his life to save Lot. When God destroyed the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah filled with sins and evils, He considered Abraham and saved Lot (Genesis 19:29).

By the way, Abraham was childless and he wanted to make Eliezer of Damascus who was born in his house his heir. God said to him, "one who shall come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir," and reminded him of His covenant, saying, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them. So shall your descendants be." Abraham simply believed it.

In reality he and his wife were infertile due to their old age but he believed in the almighty God without looking at such a reality. God was well pleased with his faith and reckoned it to him as righteousness.

He still had no son 10 years later. His wife was no longer patient with God's promise but got involved in a human method. She told him to go in to her maid Hagar and to bear children through her. Hagar conceived and bore Ishmael to Abraham.

When 13 years passed and he was 99, God promised him that his wife would bear a son to him next year. At 100, Abraham obtained Isaac through her according to that promise. One day she saw Ishmael the son of Hagar scoffing Isaac and asked Abraham to drive out the maid and her son Ishmael. Abraham was greatly distressed because of his son Ishmael. God told him to do whatever his wife Sarah said to him for his seed would be named in Isaac. He obeyed.

Such a righteous person as has true faith never wavers at passions and desires of the flesh. They only obey the will of God. God was pleased with Abraham's obedience and made a nation of Ishmael the son of the maid.

3. God-pleasing faith

God planned to make Abraham a blessing to all peoples on earth and continually tested him. At last, God commanded him to offer his only son Isaac as a burnt offering. It might seem unintelligible and unacceptable in a human point of view, but Abraham obeyed it without hesitation because he believed God would be able to raise men from the dead (Hebrews 11:9).

He completely believed and relied on God so he could offer his only begotten son Isaac by faith. His faith was perfected by his action. This is how a righteous person practices God's words by complete faith and his words are confirmed with God's signs and wonders.

Romans 1:17 says, "The righteous man shall live by faith." What then is faith?

Faith is largely divided into fleshly faith and spiritual faith. People store knowledge in the brain as much as they learn in growth. Many believe only what agrees with their knowledge, which is referred to as fleshly faith. They don't believe what is not in agreement with their knowledge and common sense: for instance, the sun and the moon stopped moving or the dead were brought back to life. Fleshly faith is also called 'dead faith' because it is impossible to gain salvation or receive God's answers with fleshly faith.

Spiritual faith can be called 'living faith' as we can be saved by spiritual faith, and with spiritual faith we believe God's words from the heart though they are not in agreement with knowledge or common sense. As Romans 10:17 says, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ," we have to listen to His words diligently and practice them to possess spiritual faith. God helps us have spiritual faith through the knowledge of His words.

Each one has different faith in its measure. Romans 12:3 says, "For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith."

There is a difference in the measure of faith: faith in which they can barely be saved; faith in which they try to practice God's words; faith in which they can practice them; faith in which they love God exceedingly; and faith in which they please God. Each one's measure of faith is different depending on how much they act upon God's words, how sanctified they are by throwing away sins, and how faithful they are in all aspects for God's kingdom.

The living God gives His answers to those who ask

for by faith and shows His mighty works to those whose faith can be accounted for righteousness by God. James 2:21 says, "Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?" What kind of blessing was then given to Abraham who lived by faith?

God blessed him in all aspects of his life as recorded in Genesis 22:16-18, "... because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son, indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

God foreknows and predestines in His kingdom. He foreknew Abraham had a reverent fear of God and would pass the test of offering his only son as a burnt offering, and thus predestined the father of faith to him. The reason for the test was to prevent the devil from accusing him and to prove, before the devil, Abraham was worthy of the father of faith.

When your faith is reckoned to you for righteousness like Abraham, you can receive whatever you ask for by faith and there is nothing impossible with your faith. I pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ you may live by such faith that can be reckoned to you for righteousness and your soul prosper so that you will succeed in everything you do, enjoy good health, and fulfill your heart's desires.

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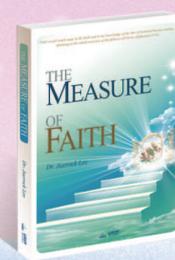
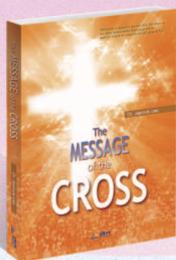
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Success and prosperity in all aspects by making spiritual bread of God's words

**We have
to come near
to God's words
and bear them
in our mind**

Father God unsparingly gave us His only begotten Son Jesus and earnestly wants us to abide in His love. That's why He commands us to read and bear in mind the Scriptures diligently, and to keep and obey His commandments always so that we can be guarded and blessed in all aspects (Deuteronomy 6:6-9).

People, as Adam's offsprings, have a quality of being corruptible in which they easily forget what they heard and fail to keep their heart. It is a totally different story to Gods' children who accept Jesus Christ and receive the Holy Spirit. When we put His words in the brain, we easily tend to

forget them; but by the works of the Spirit our Helper, we can correctly remember what we have stored in the mind. As we eat and sleep regularly every day and breathe always even without trying to bring it into our remembrance, we can keep and practice His words when we keep them in mind and the Spirit helps us.

To treasure Gods' words in mind, we have to come near to them always, meditate on them day and night, and practice them (Joshua 1:8). When we treasure them in mind and practice them steadfastly, we don't forget them but bring them into our remembrance by the Spirit's help when necessary.

**We have to
mediate on God's
words and pray
fervently holding
fast to them**

People always remember and miss someone they love. In the same way, when we love God, we come to meditate on His law recorded in the Bible all day long (Psalm 119:97, 148). By the way, we cannot keep and practice God's words on our own will and strength alone. We can do it when we are empowered with God's grace and strength and we can cast away sins and evils by the Spirit's help (1 Timothy 4:5).

God told the Israelites to eat the flesh of a lamb, both its head and its legs along with its entrails, roasted with fire, and not to eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water (Exodus 12:8-9). The lamb symbolizes Jesus Christ who took away the sin of

the world (John 1:29). The Word became flesh and He was Jesus Christ full of grace and truth. So, 'to eat a lamb' refers to 'to make our spiritual bread of the words of the Bible.' In reading the Bible, we should neither interpret it literally nor mingle it with the philosophy and knowledge of the world. We should be inspired by the Spirit through fervent prayers to make our bread of it and practice it.

It is because Hebrews 4:13 reads. "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

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into spirit by keeping
and practicing
the Word**

It is important to practice God's words after listening to them. When we practice them and bear fruits, our faith can be perfected and we can be justified (Romans 2:13). Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves" (John 6:53). His flesh refers to God's words and His blood cleanses us from all sin when we walk in them (1 John 1:7). So, we have to make our bread of them and keep and practice them.

Then, by realizing the truth and acting upon it we can restore God's image Adam

lost after he sinned. When we meditate on the Scriptures and try our best to practice them, the Spirit our Helper urges us to follow goodness and we can be led by the voice and supervision of the Spirit (John 14:26). We can avoid committing sins when we obey the Spirit's guidance, and we can cultivate our heart into spirit completely by keeping and obeying God's words.

Therefore, we can defeat the forces of evil spirit including Satan and the devil and succeed in all things we do to the extent that we make our spiritual bread of the Word.

“Healed of concussion, cervical sprain, and contusion on the ankle”

It happened on November 23, 2023. I went up to the rooftop to move plant pots indoors because the weather suddenly became cold below zero degree. While coming down the stairs, I fell on my back and slid down. I tumbled down on the floor and lost consciousness.

With a thump my two sons rushed out to me and found my limbs trembling. I had a lump the size of a fist on the head, and my back and hips were seriously bruised and the flesh was torn and skinned off here and there.

The second son helped me, who was unconscious, receive Senior Pastor Jaerock Lee’s prayer for the sick recorded on ARS (Automation Response System). And they called 119 ambulance and I was sent to the hospital and examined there.

Scarcely had I woken before I was in a wheelchair. I wore cast for the ankle and bound up the wounds of the back of a hand. I was surprised to see many examinations on my medical notes.

The doctor told me to stay in hospital for complete recovery, but I really wanted to receive healing from God by faith. So I taxied home by my son’s help.

I was a little dizzy after coming back home, but attended a Vowed Daniel Prayer Meeting. God poured down grace upon me so much while I was praying at the meeting.

I tearfully repented of hatred and other sins that flashed across my mind and then my heart was refreshed with joy. I became assured God would heal me. A few minutes later I got the cast off and began to move the ankle and the neck. I could move the ankle and the neck well.

On November 24, next day I joined the Divine Healing Meeting held during Friday All-night Service by faith, and attentively listened to Speaker Pastor Soojin Lee’s message. I looked back on my past days through her message and repented completely once again. I received her prayer with faith and my heart was filled with joy and peace. I was assured of my healing.

I got up and tried to walk. I could walk freely without a cane. The lump on the head subsided and there was no more discharge from the wounds. On November 28, the checkup showed there was no problem at all. Hallelujah!

I give all thanks and glory to the Lord who awakened me in prayers and healed me of the aftereffects of the fall.



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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)

“Healed of a torn cartilage on the right knee!”

In May of 2023, I began feeling heavy on the right knee as if a sandbag the weight of 10kg were hung on it. I could hardly stand up for seconds because of severe pain on the right knee. I went to the hospital and the checkup showed the cartilage of the right knee was torn.

I had travelled to Hoengseong County in Gangwon Province for farm work for 3 years, and in the middle, I developed degenerative arthritis. It got worse day by day.

On November 17, I slipped down and fell on my back while cooking in the kitchen. I couldn't move my body due to severe pain. I had to rely on a wheelchair at first, and with the passing of time I got up from the wheelchair and walked with crutches. But I couldn't step on the right foot.

I went to orthopedics 5 days later and did MRI scan. The doctor said to me, “The cartilage was almost worn out and torn, and ligament was stretched. Go to a bigger hospital and receive surgery as quickly as possible. Otherwise, you will not be able to move the right leg at all.”

I eagerly wanted to receive healing at the upcoming Diving Healing Meeting. First of all, I looked back on myself in prayers. In those days, I attended Sunday worship services in Seoul or in Hoengseong along with my parents and husband. But I could not worship God in spirit and truth during the worship services due to frequent visitations from my siblings or relatives. I repented of it and that I ceased praying regularly, disobeyed God's words, and failed in sending out the fragrance of Christ.

On November 23, I was sent to a rehabilitation center for physical therapy, and I looked forward to attending the Diving Healing Meeting and prepared for my healing in prayer. Next day I watched the meeting via YouTube on my smartphone.

When Speaker Pastor Soojin Lee prayed for the sick, my body was set ablaze and I abruptly stood up without knowing. A few people testified to their healings and I got a desire to walk without crutches. I could step on the right foot and walk freely without crutches. Hallelujah!

I have not been able to stand up for a few seconds due to severe pain for months. Now I am so happy that I can walk well, do chores at home, and move around freely.

Through this, I came to feel Our Lord's redemptive love revealed on the cross and my heart was filled with faith, hope, and love in Jesus Christ. I give all thanks and glory to Father God!



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