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**We do not use our own efforts and our own strength.** We must walk according to God's will. We should walk in this will decided by God. God decided His law. We do not choose to walk by our own strength and way. We do not use our own strength and efforts to come to God. In the past, we tried to live by our own strength, exertion and efforts. We tried to seek our own opportunities and earn God's acceptance. This was the way of the past. The moment we received God's grace, we died with



Jesus. We are born again with Jesus and experience Him. We experienced the same things, like death on the cross and resurrection. Now we live a public life with Jesus. We do not live the way we did in the past and we must continue to teach these to each other.

**This time** and generation is the most precious thing we can offer God. Everything else is like rubbish. Therefore, we have fellowship with God in this time and path. We meet with God and live with Him. We do what we need to do. We confess what we need to confess. We do all these on this path chosen by God. This is how God can continually nourish us. We received so many things from God through Berea Academy. Though we are so lacking in the eyes of the world, we desire the Lord to use us all the more. We prepare ourselves for the Lord. We prepare for the future and for the path we must walk. God does not prepare us by our own way, strength, or effort, but by the knowledge of God. We are given the knowledge of God for our spirits' sake. We essentially did not have a

future, but we are given this precious time. We must regard it as precious.

**If we receive it**, we must take responsibility. We must feel the responsibility and take caution. We can see it in this passage found in 1 Corinthians 14. We are all in the same position and we learn the word of Berea. We should be ruled by God. We should live according to His plan. We should stay in His schedule. These are amazing things to behold. You must not think with your heart or mind. Instead, you should be full of God's joy and blessing. Consider what is found in 2 Timothy 1. We always read this passage. It is very important. God does not give us a heart of fear, but gives us a great heart. It is a very broad and wide heart. It is a heart of power, love and discipline. We are so full of joy. God does not give us a heart of fear, but of power, love and self-discipline.

**He gives us all of this.** These are not according to our own plan. Though they were prepared for us since the beginning of time, they



Graduation photos taken on February 2, 2020





are now revealed to us in the revealing of Jesus Christ. He destroyed death and brought us to immortality. He calls us on this day. He calls us to serve and to preach. He calls us to various duties. Though we are so lacking in the eyes of the world, God gives us these duties according to His plan. Now we belong to the Lord. He gives us everything we need. He gives us every furnishing. He gives us His faith according to His timing. We know these things and rely on Him. When the Lord removes His hand, we fall and there is nothing left. This is because we rely on our own righteousness. Do we fully rely on the Lord or not? Do we completely devote ourselves to Him or not? Do we dwell with the Lord until the end or not? Apostle Paul tells us about this. I also tell you these things because if you keep them, you do well.

**These are all for us to decide:** whether we rely on the Lord or not, whether we do as we please or not, whether we take responsibility or not, whether we stay in His schedule or stay out of it. Paul

said that everyone in the province of Asia had deserted him. They were not in line with Paul's direction. They wanted their own ideas, plans, and values. They thought they were taken disadvantage of. They did not agree with Paul's direction.

In a similar way, the ways of the world do not conform with God's way. There was at least one person who was different. He was Onesiphorus. Paul prayed the Lord would show him mercy because he was concerned about Paul's chains. When Paul was in prison, Onesiphorus kept trying to find him. Paul writes, "You know very well in how many ways he helped me in Ephesus." This is what Paul says.

**In truth,** we have no qualifications before God. If even the same words are spoken, one is spoken by God's inspiration and the other by their own ideas. The one who is inspired speaks the secrets of heaven. While we are in the flesh, we must hear the one chosen by God. We met Jesus and are born again. We have great responsibility ahead of us. This is our joy and responsibility. This is

the great responsibly given to us and we are so joyful.

We have diligently studied Berea Academy until now. We not only have the regular graduates, but those who have retaken the course. Whether God used us or not, whether we participated in Berea Academy or not - we should be dutiful to even the smallest duties. No matter how small our duties are, we should get ready for the Church and for the Bereans. This is so God can fulfill what He wills until the end and so we can work together with humility. I exhort this to you in the name of Jesus.

**In the past,** many people tried to promote themselves and make themselves big. Those who are big outwardly are not big in reality. People so far have all tried to make themselves big. We need to suffer, we need to be insulted, we need to be grieved, we need to be sad. We need to bury this pain and suffering and keep them in our hearts. If possible, even our families should do this. Whoever can take the burden - whoever can take the burden of our children, of our mothers and fathers and of our church - they should do it.

**There must be some-one to bear** the Bereans' burdens and take responsibility for them. We do not seek our own promotion. We sincerely and truthfully seek the glory of heaven. Everyone should trust in the Lord to the point that they collapse if He takes away His hand: this is how we prepare ourselves for heaven's glory.

God does not promise all things to be fulfilled in the middle of the timeline, but at the very end. This is how we must entrust ourselves to the Lord. We should all labor for the Bereans to come into the future. This is so we all become true Bereans. We do what He honorably asks of us so we can become more admirable, noble, and acceptable before the Lord. I exhort you in the name of Jesus that you be greater and usable vessels for God.

We should completely rely on the Lord until the Last Day to achieve new life. This is how we will drink up streams of life again and again, full of hope and full of life. We should do this until the Last Day so we will gain a glory so great it cannot be expressed. **Hallelujah!**





# LET US KNOW JESUS

## CH.5 ALMIGHTY GOD

written by Ki-Dong Kim

*‘He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.’*  
(Colossians 1:15-17)

**Our** God is Almighty. Life of service in church is not meant to improve your religious discipline. The difference between our faith and religion is that we rely on Almighty God and possess His power as believers. We believe in the Lord who was crucified two thousand years ago, but our faith are not restricted to commemorating past truths. We should commemorate the Lord being crucified two thousand years ago. But our life’s purpose is to experience the power of Him who is alive and continues to show He is alive.

Few people today adequately practice their life of faith, even if they believe in Jesus Christ. They reject the will of Christ who reveals His nature and power inside us. God placed the fullness of heaven’s power in Jesus (Colossians 1:19). God has given us Jesus. God pours the Holy Spirit on those who accept Jesus and reveals Jesus’s power in their flesh.

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“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him”  
Colossians 1:19

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When people see someone manifest spiritual power, they treat him as someone very special. I myself manifested spiritual power for many decades. This power does not come from man’s righteousness. Man is merely an instrument God uses. I am a preacher and I always attract the attention of large crowds. Though I am an instrument of clay, I preach to my audience that they may be instruments of gold. Everyone can be used as an instrument. According to their measure of faith, someone can be an instrument of gold and another can be an instrument of clay. 2 Timothy 2:21 says, “Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.” No matter how great an instrument is, there is no power in the instrument. No power comes from man’s righteousness. Power comes only from Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. Man is simply an instrument to contain this power.

I was shocked when I read the Bible the second time. When I read the Bible the first time, I read it through



only to reach the end. I had no prior knowledge of the Bible. On the second time round, however, I noticed all sorts of obscene stories. Before I possessed faith, I thought the Bible simply contained teachings to promote ethics. But when I read it with care, I found it was full of shocking stories, so shameful you could never mention them to others! People brutally murder each other and sleep with their own family! When I read these in the Bible, I was afraid I would be caught reading them!

If you seek instruction for humane living in the Bible, you will find it is not holy at all! Jesus Christ is the One who did not sin, unlike the rest of mankind. After He lived righteously, He ascended to Heaven. He is the Righteous One. Jesus said, “Of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more” (John 16:10). In all history, the One the Father considered righteous and took up to heaven was Jesus Christ. After Jesus ascended to heaven, no one since was regarded as righteous. The spiritual power we experience today does not come from our

righteousness. It comes from the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The person who has Jesus will also have spiritual power. The person who does not have Jesus will not have spiritual power. God chose those who are weak and made them strong, but God put to shame those who say they are powerful (1 Corinthians 1:26-29).

Jesus is the Word who became flesh and came to us. The Word is the Almighty One. He is the Word who ‘gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did’ (Rom 4:17). God created the world through this Word. John 1:3 says, “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” God created the heavens, the earth, and all things in them through the Word. The Word gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did. God now gives this Word to us and gives us the same spiritual power He has.

When Jesus said to Peter, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch,” Peter replied, “We have toiled all night and caught



nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” Peter resolutely obeyed Jesus. As soon as Peter obeyed, he caught so many fish the net started to break. At that moment, Peter fell down at Jesus’ knees and confessed, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” He became aware only the Righteous One could show such miracles. He knew only the Righteous One could see the future as He did. This is why Peter quickly confessed he was a sinner. He confessed he could see no further than his own nose and could never demonstrate such miraculous powers (Luke 5:4-8).

Jesus Christ is He who calls those things which do not exist as though they did. There was once a crowd of five thousand men starving for lack of food in the desert. Jesus fed them fully with only five loaves and two fish (Matt 14:15-18). He is the One who calls the dead as though they are living. When Lazarus was dead, Jesus said to His disciples, “Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up” (John 11:11). Lazarus was clearly dead by medical standards, yet the Lord said, “he sleeps.” We have no power because we do not have the Word in us. This is the Word who calls the dead as though they are living and calls those things which do not exist as though they did.

“Our friend Lazarus  
has fallen asleep; but I am going  
there to wake him up”  
John 11:11

When Abraham was 100 years old, his wife Sarah was 90 years old. She was well past the age of childbearing. God spoke to Abraham and said, “I will certainly return to you according

to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son”. When Sarah overheard this, she laughed thinking how unlikely that would be. God again said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the Lord?” (Gen. 18:10-14). There is nothing God cannot fulfill by His power.

People have no spiritual power because they are too obsessed with their own circumstances. Our faith is not to believe in ourselves or in our pastors. Some people find weaknesses in their pastors and fall into despair. They can no longer maintain their faith. If you look at the behavior in the Bible, you will fall into despair. God did not give us the Bible to learn from the behavior found in it. We must see Jesus in the Bible.

There is no special power in man. We will be disappointed if we believe in man. God reveals His power through people who are incompetent and flawed. Life of faith is to rely only on Almighty God. Many Christians today do not rely on Him. God gave the Word to us. The Word calls those things which do not exist as though they did, and calls the dead as though they are living. We can rely on the Word in any situation.

When I was leading revival crusades in large tents at Chungjoo in 1966, some people brought to me a woman addicted to a poisonous gas. She became completely paralyzed. This woman’s eyes were open, but she did not react if you touched her eyeballs. It was clear I could not teach her any faith. I felt so much pity due to the state she was in. But I could not do anything for her. I felt so worthless before God. I prayed earnestly to

God. I said, “God, please have pity on this person! All I can do is preach the word of God and supply faith. But this person isn’t even conscious! I don’t know how to supply her with faith. Lord, who ‘calls the dead as though they are living’! Please call out to her!” After I finished praying, I moved on to pray for someone else. Suddenly, I heard people making great noises! The woman lying unconscious a moment ago was joyfully dancing with the people!

I led another revival crusade in 1972. Another woman addicted to poisonous gas came to attend the crusade. Her four children consumed gas with her and were lying unconscious at home. The people only brought me the mother. I tried praying for her, but she could not stand upright. She kept falling down. I prayed the same way as I did before. I prayed, “Lord! You regard the dead as though they are living! Please declare this woman clean!” After I prayed, I swiftly cast the demon out. The moment I drove the demon out of her, her children lying paralyzed at home regained their consciousness and started playing! It was as if nothing happened!

“Lord! You regard the dead as though  
they are living! Please declare this  
woman clean!”

We must believe and rely on God - who is Almighty. When you swim in a pool, you swim to stay afloat in the water. If you exert too much force with your body, you sink further into the water. But if you relax your body, you will gently float up to the surface. There was once a reported accident where a bus fell completely into the river. Though all the passengers died,

the only survivor was a newly-born baby. The baby stayed afloat on the surface of the water until the rescue team came. The baby survived. In the same way, we should trust ourselves completely to God’s grace. People keep failing because they do things by their own strength. Instead of trying to succeed by our own righteousness, we should succeed by the words of Jesus - the Righteous One. If Jesus says, “Have this authority!”, you will have that authority! The disciples drove out demons and healed the sick even before the Lord was crucified. The disciples were not yet born again! The Lord simply commanded them to drive out demons and heal the sick. They obeyed this command. If Jesus says, “Have this authority!”, you will have that authority! If Jesus says, “Have this power!”, you will have that power! And if Jesus says, “Be prosperous!”, you will be prosperous!

Jesus is the Almighty One. God let the fullness of His power dwell in Him. No one can possess God’s full power without Jesus. Unfortunately, countless Christians only repeat the words, “Jesus died for me 2000 years ago” and do not have spiritually powerful lives. They only emphasize Jesus being crucified 2000 years ago. They do not place importance on Jesus rising from the dead and showing He is alive today. Jesus resurrected, ascended to Heaven, and continues to show He is alive by





the Holy Spirit.

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“Through him all things were made;  
without him nothing was made that  
has been made.”

John 1:3

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Some people want to believe in me simply because I healed many sick people. Instead of believing and relying on Pastor Ki Dong Kim, we should rely on Jesus. Jesus is our life and power. John 1:3 says, “and without Him nothing was made that was made.” The Word was with God in the beginning. He humbled Himself and became flesh. He came to the world and suffered death. He did not suffer because He was powerless. Jesus said, “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father” (John 10:17-18).

If you believe Jesus received from the Father the fullness of power, you must also believe He is the Lord who reveals Himself in us today. Spiritual power is to trust in Him. He has shown for 2000 years He is alive. We should lay aside our powerless lives and choose powerful ones instead. Spiritual power is not limited to special people. Power is not being manifested in believers because of their laziness and unbelief. The problem is people do not want to acknowledge this. They want to hold to the idea only special people can have power. This leads to special people being glorified. When this happens, they become corrupt and antichrists and false-Christ's appear.

If everyone believed the Lord gave power to all who believe, who would dare consider himself special?

Some people pray for long hours but are very hesitant to believe and rely on God. Some people pray to God all night but do not really believe or trust in Him. How can any power come from such people? Some people pray to God this way. They say, “Almighty God! O God who is worthy of glory! O God who created everything! Please help me with this! Please help me with that!” They pile up their prayers like a long list. They end their prayers with, “In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.” At this point, the Lord will be eager to help them. But as soon as they finish praying, they do not let go of the worry attached that long list of prayers! They keep holding to that worry, even when they finish praying! If we prayed to the Lord about something, we should leave those prayers with Him. When the Lord looks at people, He sees them carrying around these buckets of worry. The Lord asks, “Why are you always carrying around these buckets of worry?” People will reply, “If you don’t help me, I will suffer the damage alone. It is better I carry these buckets with me, though they are heavy.”

These people claim they have faith, but have anxious minds. This is because they do not rely on God. If you worry, you should pray. The one who prays to God but still worries in his heart is not trusting his long list of prayers to God. I see plenty instances of people going around from one prayer house to another. They constantly pray but have anxious faces. When people pray to God this way, they even bring back those past issues they forgot! They shove these previous problems back into the

bucket already full of worry!

Many people think those who have good character and do admirable deeds are living a respectable faith. Life of faith refers to living by the spiritual power which reveals Jesus is alive. We believe Jesus hung, died on the cross and took away the wages of sins. We believe He gave us life, though we were destined to perish. Whoever has this faith should pursue a life of faith appropriate to it. The person who does not reveal in power that the Lord is living inside him is living a powerless faith.

We must not believe and rely on our own wisdom, but in the Lord’s power. The Word calls the dead as if they are living. He calls those things which do not exist as though they did. We should accept Him so that He can work powerfully inside us. If the Lord works, nothing is impossible. In order for the Lord to work inside us, we must believe in Him. The Lord will reveal Himself without limit to the person who believes in Him.

If we try to drive out demons from a person with an anxious mind, it will be difficult for them to come out. On the other hand, if the person is at

peace, demons will come out easily. When I drive out demons, I often encourage the person to be at peace. Demons will cling to the person with an anxious heart. If he has a peaceful spirit within him, demons will not stand it and flee instantly.

The Lord cannot work inside a person whose spirit is buried deep in worry. This is the same even if he prays. We should pray like this: “Lord, I will leave everything to you. No matter what I do, I know I cannot do anything without your word. Lord, please give me your word! Please command your peace to me! Please give me the command that I will succeed in whatever I do! Please command me through the Word who calls those things which do not exist as though they did!” If we pray like this, and rely on the Lord to the very end, our faith will prove to be genuine. Then spectacular things will happen. The Lord wants to show Himself to us. When we confess with our lips that Jesus helps us, and then praise God, God will receive glory through Jesus Christ.

Almighty Lord! Please show You are alive! Please show Your power!





# “Why Berea Academy?”

## BEREA ACADEMY ENGLISH ONLINE COURSE

The reason Sungrak Church emphasizes the destruction of the devil and devotion to God is because it understands the Will of God so deeply. The Bible reveals the Will of God. But people read the Bible today and still fail to understand His Will. This is because they do not know how to read God’s word. When you need to see distant objects, you need a pair of binoculars. When you need to examine microscopic objects, you need a microscope. Similarly, you need the proper lenses to view the Bible. Berea Academy, established by Pastor Ki-Dong Kim in 1976, is a Bible teaching Institution which prescribes the precise lenses to view the Bible and the Will of God.

The faith of the Bereans as found in Acts 17:11-12 is the model of Berea Academy. The people of Berea examined the Bible every day in order to see if Jesus, whom Paul had preached, was indeed the Christ prophesied in the Bible. The result was that they gained faith through the Scriptures. The noble attitude and mind displayed by the Bereans is a mirror for all those who criticize people who live according to the Bible and choose to follow it. They criticize them simply because they follow the Bible and do not wish to follow doctrines.

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Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men

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Acts 17:11-12

Berea Academy is made up of 52 lectures taught over four semesters for two years. The first two semesters cover the theme of ‘The Proper Lens to View the Bible’, the third semester covers ‘The Picture of God’s Will’, and the last semester deals with ‘The Mediation of the Gospel.’ There are several common factors discovered by those who come to know God’s Will through Berea Academy for the first time. Firstly, they see the reality of the spiritual realm. Secondly, they willingly dedicate their lives to fulfilling God’s Will. Thirdly, they preach the word of God based upon God’s Will using just the Bible. Fourthly, the signs and wonders promised by Jesus are manifested. Is this not what all pastors desire in their ministry? Featured below is a letter written by a pastor in 2010, after he graduated from Berea Academy.



### BA COURSES:

#### Semester 1 The proper lens to view the Bible (1)

1. The Bible Contains God's Word
2. The Words of the Bible are Holy
3. The Bible is Made of Four Parts/  
The Law and the Gospel
4. The Law and the Gospel
5. The Law through the Angel and  
the Gospel through Jesus
6. The Authority of the Law and of the  
Gospel/The Bible is One Single Picture
7. The Three Spiritual Beings Manifested  
in the Bible/See the Bible in One Glance
8. The Three Spiritual Beings Manifested  
in the Bible (God 1)
9. The Three Spiritual Beings  
Manifested in the Bible (God 2)
10. The Three Spiritual Beings  
Manifested in the Bible (Angels 1)
11. The Three Spiritual Beings  
Manifested in the Bible (Angels 2)
12. The Three Spiritual Beings  
Manifested in the Bible (Angels 3)
13. The Three Spiritual Beings  
Manifested in the Bible (Humans 1)
14. The Three Spiritual Beings  
Manifested in the Bible (Humans 2)

#### Semester 2 The proper lens to view the Bible (2)

15. The Truth
16. The Truth/The Blood and Flesh of the Lord
17. God is Spirit
18. God's Name
19. Authority and Power
20. Election and Salvation
21. The Paraclete
22. Cities of Refuge (The Attachment to Life)
23. The Fruit of the Knowledge of Good and  
Evil/The Living Soul
24. Prayer as Taught in the Bible

#### Semester 3 The Picture of God’s Will

1. The Picture of God's Will and Our Calling
2. The Self-Existing God
3. God of Heaven
4. Angels in Heaven
5. Fall of the Angel
6. Destruction of the Devil
7. The Son of Man and Hades
8. The Firmament
9. Mankind and the Spiritual Being
10. Spiritual Transmission
11. Adam and the Helper Suitable for Him
12. The First Adam's Sin and  
the Last Adam's Death
13. Sacrifices of Blood
14. The Work of Jesus
15. Age of Grace
16. The Lord's Coming and  
Final Judgement

#### Semester 4 The Mediation of the Gospel

1. The Responsibility of Bereans
2. Mediating the Gospel  
Through Worship
3. Mediating the Gospel  
Through Rituals (Baptism)
4. Mediating the Gospel  
Through Rituals (Holy Communion)/  
Mediating the Gospel Through Feasts
5. Saints as Mediators of the Gospel
6. Mediating the Gospel  
Through Inspiration
7. Mediating the Gospel  
Through Healing
8. Mediating the Gospel  
Through Miraculous Signs
9. Mediating the Gospel  
Through Records
10. Mediating the Gospel  
Through the Blood/  
Mediating the Gospel Through Speech
11. The Lord's Prayer
12. Practising Berea



# HELLO, WORLD BEREANS!

Letter from USA



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Today is the big day. Please pray for all the legal rights to the demonic to be removed so the spirits can be cast out for good.

I appreciate your prayers.

Respectfully,

February 27, 2020  
B. Smith

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I want to thank you for sending me this package. I received it today. I ask you please, keep me in your prayers as often as possible for my deliverance. This has been a tough battle.

March 3, 2020  
B. Smith

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These books are incredible and filled with truth. I'd really like to get more of these, please. Is this possible?

Respectfully,

March 3, 2020  
B. Smith

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This man's teachings are truthful, insightful, and a great blessing. I saw that he has a number of other books, but I am unable to order them in the U.S. Are you able to send me other books on a variety of topics by him, please? I'd like to use this time to go deeper in my relationship with the Lord and learn all I can for His purposes and glory. I feel the Lord's call as a missionary, led by His Spirit, and I feel I'm supposed to take this year to learn from the Lord.

How is the corona virus outbreak where you are? What is happening? People here in the U.S. are starting to talk about it more and more.

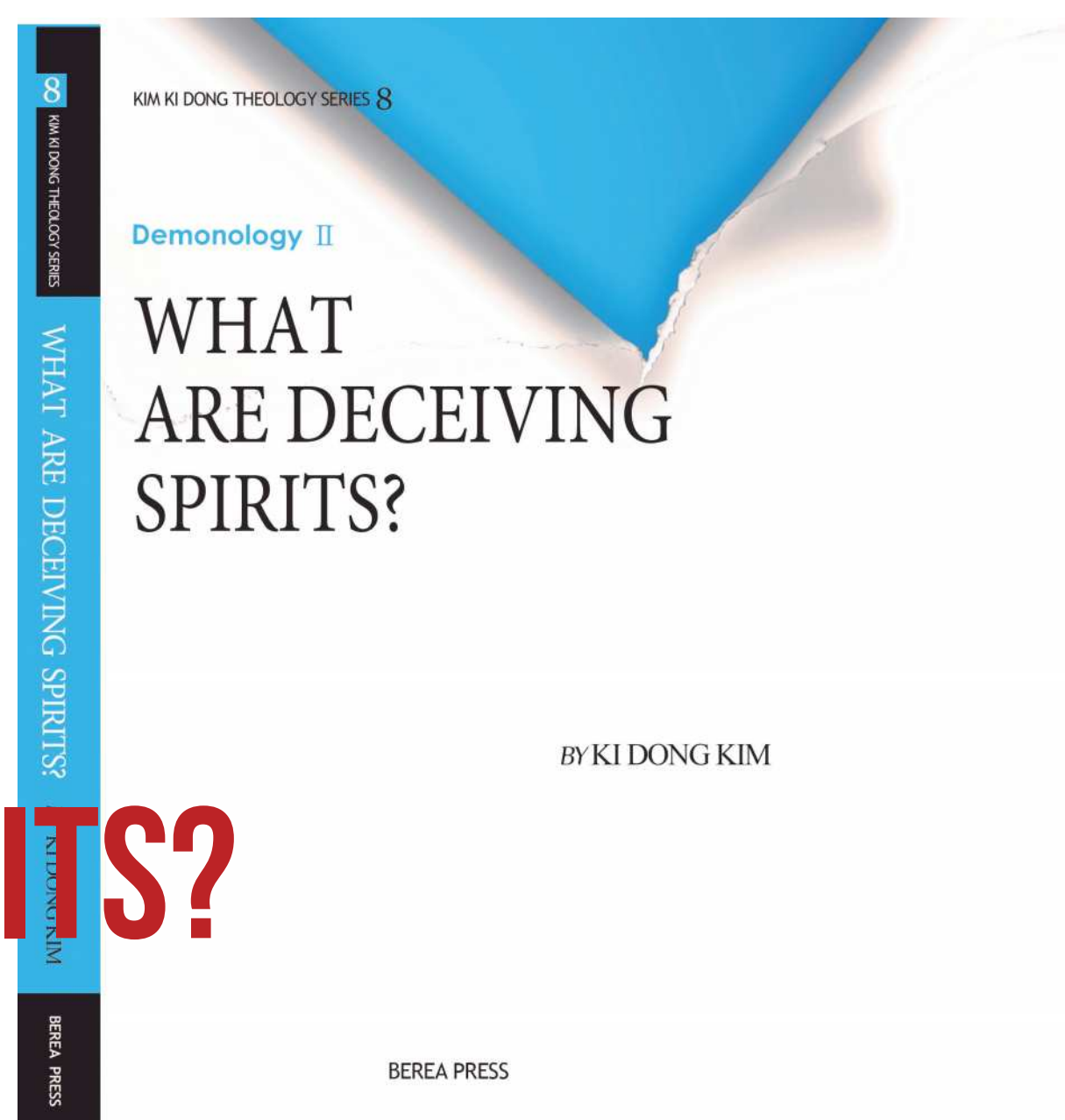
Kind regards and many blessings,

March 17, 2020  
B. Smith

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# WHAT ARE DECEIVING SPIRITS?



Man's actions come from his heart, which is rooted in his spirit. If man's spirit does not receive proper instruction from God, then it wanders aimlessly like an orphan. The source of corruption and sickness is demons. And demons rely on deceiving spirits to carry out their work.

If enough knowledge and principles concerning the deceiving spirits were acquired, then pastors and even laypersons would truly benefit when it comes to dealing with personal and family problems. Too many people are experiencing perils because they are ignorant of deceiving spirits. The cure for chronic diseases and habits would be easily obtained if one could discern the work of deceiving spirits.

Through this book, you will definitely discover the reality of the power of the Gospel. This book is for everyone, especially for those who are in the ministry.

*Among the Preface of  
'What are Deceiving Spirits?'*



# THE MISSION OF EAGLE'S VISION

*The Return to the Word Mission*  
of Sungrak Church

I experienced this when riding a shuttle bus. I got on the bus by following the attendant's instructions. There were already many people on the bus. Not only did I have to stand while on the bus, it was a struggle going from the stairs to the aisle. The driver turned his head inside and shouted, "If you're standing in the aisle, please go further in!" It was already filled with people, so there was no room to move. The driver said to me, "It's dangerous if you fall down the stairs, so push yourself in. It'll be a little better inside." Then he started driving.

I went further in while shouting, "Excuse me!" The more I went in, the more space there was. When I got to the middle of the bus, I was confused. The passageway was empty at the middle. A lot more people could have gone in the bus if people filled the spaces from the inside of the aisle. It was unfortunate people had to stand uncomfortably at the front, not knowing the back of the aisle was empty.

We learned 'The Picture of God's Will' through Berea Academy. 'The Picture of God's Will' refers to seeing God's will in a picture. The point of seeing some-

thing in a picture is to see it in one glance. To see a forest at a glance, you need to look down at it like an eagle. Likewise, to see God's will at a glance, you must view it from God's point of view. Knowing the Picture of God's Will does not mean just acquiring a set of knowledge. How can you say you know the Picture of God's Will if you don't think of God's acts from His point of view?

When God's will is fulfilled, it is referred to as 'righteousness', as Semuon stresses in the Original Lectures of Berea. Anyone who knows the Picture of God's Will lives to seek His righteousness. Concerning righteousness: there is an individual's righteousness, an organization's righteousness, a society's righteousness, and a nation's righteousness. Living to seek individual righteousness benefits an individual, but living to seek national righteousness benefits the entire nation. Patriots like Ahn Jung-geun are revered as righteous men of the nation.



To seek the nation's righteousness, a person must have an eye to perceive the entire nation's affairs. He must go beyond ordinary people's limits, who judge things based on what they see and hear. He should be able to anticipate the flow of the nation's history, how the world's affairs are progressing, and how the future will unfold. Yet even with such insight, it is meaningless if the individual does not have the will and ability to sacrifice himself in seeking the nation's righteousness. The person who seeks a higher cause must be able to transcend his and his family's interests.

People are increasingly used to self-centered lives. The Bible says that in the Last Days, people will be busy in loving themselves. We are now at the present state where we cannot find

anyone who seeks righteousness on a bus with even a few dozen people. How can we take up God's righteousness, which is greater than the nation's and mankind's righteousness? Can we really say we live lives of faith which seek God's righteousness?

We learned the Picture of God's Will. We have pride in the fact we know the Picture of God's Will. If this is so, we should go beyond the narrow view of 'me', which we put ahead of everything. We should lay down the 'me' for the greater cause. It is wrong to think of the Lord's work as self-fulfillment. John the Baptist warns us: "He must become greater; I must become less."