Abstract

Eschatology of Dr. Jong Sung Lee

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The purpose of this paper is to introduce the eschatology of the Korean systematic theologian Dr. Choongye Jong Sung Lee (1922–2011) and to define its characteristics, focusing on his works 『(春溪) 李鍾聲 著作全集』〈*The Complete Works of Jong Sung Lee*〉,第13巻『冬말론〈終末論〉(1)』〈*Eschatology (1) Vol.13*〉,and 第14巻『冬말론〈終末論〉(2)』〈*Eschatology (2) Vol.14*〉.

Dr. Jong Sung Lee is a renowned systematic theologian and a key figure in Korea's 20th century Christian theology. He wrote extensively, publishing 40 volumes of theological works during his lifetime. He advocated 'holistic theology', which played a crucial role in determining the theological direction of the Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary in Korea. As president, Dr. Lee transformed the seminary into one of the largest theological seminaries in Asia.

Dr. Jong Sung Lee's eschatology includes holistic and biblical traits. It covers a holistic range of disciplines, including philosophy, religious studies, and natural science. Meanwhile, the Bible is emphasized as the canon and Dr. Lee develops his arguments taking the Bible as the norm for theological judgment and assessment.

This article consists of two parts. Part I gives an overview of Dr. Jong Sung Lee's eschatology, presenting its structure and methodology. Under the theme of traditional eschatology, *Eschatology(1)* examines "I in space and time", "individual eschaton", and "universal eschatology". *Eschatology(2)* discusses "God's Kingdom and history", "Christ and history", "formation of historical views," and "seven historical views", under the theme of "historical philosophy of Christianity". Part II analyzes and assesses the characteristics of Dr. Lee's eschatology, defining them as 1) ambiguous, 2) flexible, and 3) holistic.