

**Wednesday Word Meditation Material (April 22, 2020)**

Order/Prayer → Praise → Scripture → Understanding Scripture → Sharing → Prayer → Lord's Prayer

❖ **Prayer** – One of the family members or Individual

❖ **Praise** – If possible, Hymns 363 & 364 are to be sung. If not, please sing any good Christian song

❖ **Scripture Reading** – Psalm 121:1~8

❖ **Meditation on Scripture**

1. This psalm is about an important question related to the life on earth as well as about the answer. During the travel to Jerusalem for keeping three important feasts of Israel, they sang this kind of psalm in order to encourage the faith in God one another. The writer of this psalm wants to focus on “help” of the challenges or problems in the life of the writer. The question that writer asked is “from where does my help come?” (v.1). The writer confesses the answer “my help comes from the Lord” (v.2) with confidence on God of his.
2. Vv. 3~4 describe the Lord as no-slumbering and no-sleeping God who keeps Israel in terms of “you.” God’s faithfulness to His people is in view. Because of His faithfulness, God could keep His people.
3. In verse 5, God is shown as “keeper.” In the same meaning, we can consider God as Tutelar. **God is the Tutelar of Israel, His people.** God is on the right hand of Israel as the shadow of them so that God could protect them from the sun and the moon. From the heat and stimulus from the sun as well as from the fear of the moon in the night (v.6). In fact, the epileptics was originated from “Moon-Struck.” At that time, people considered the sun and the moon as the irresistible entities. The writer of this psalm believed that God would be able to protect His people out of the threats. God, as the Tutelar, protects His people out of “all evil” and keeps “their life” (v.7). At the end, the writer confirms that God could continue to protect and keep His people forever (v.8).

❖ **Meditation on Grace**

1. From this psalm, we can see that it is right for us to confirm the fact that God is our Tutelar and rely on Him as our Tutelar for everything for help in our life because God could solve all problems in our life. But, in this text, what we should make sure is that the two differences of God’s help. First of all, the help is for “all evil.” The other is for “your(their) life.” Here, the “all evil” would be considered as COVID-19 and other issues occurred in our life. But, “your life” expresses that God is the “Savior” of the soul of Israel (God’s people). God is considered as “Tutelar” who makes His people abundant and keeps His people in the world. But we should not overlook God as “Savior of soul.” In more detail, God is the “Tutelar of soul” of ours. For this reason, Jesus Christ came to earth and went through the cross and resurrection, through which He saved us.
2. God, the Father, the Savior of our soul, would not disregard the current issues due to COVID-19 and many other related problems such as family, work, and church situation. His faithfulness on His people like us will take care of all the current matters around us and will guide us. Why don’t we ask more and more the grace of God for all the issues that we have?

❖ **Prayer** – Praying with the meditation and finishing with the Lord’s Prayer.