

**Wednesday Word Meditation Material (April 29, 2020)**

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

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

❖ **Praise** – If possible, Hymns 367 & 487 are to be sung. If not, please sing any good Christian song

❖ **Scripture Reading** – Psalm 10:1~18

❖ **Meditation on Scripture**

1. In this psalm. The writer uses a extraordinary expression to describe God in order to show how big the size of difficulties and the pain are that the writer goes through.
2. He expresses that God is hidden(v. 1). The time when God is hidden is coincidentally trouble time(v.1). For the children of God, it is more plausible that God helps His children win the battle against any kind of “difficulties” than that God is hidden from the difficulties.
3. Verses 2~11 describe “the wicked,” the reason for his present difficulties, and their behavior and words as well as their results. Upon them, the writer tells us the reason why the situation mentioned here is the difficulty. Among them, the writer tells us that the wicked finally disregard God in verse 11(*God has forgotten, he has hidden his face, he will never see it*).
4. Then, verses 12~18 describe God as the Resolver of all the difficulties. The writer adds his faith in that, the reason why he confesses that, and the area of life where God can affect in detail.
5. First of all, the writer tries to denote his or Israel’s image as “the poor”(vv. 2, 8, 9), “the innocent”(v.8), “the helpless” and “the fatherless”(v. 14), and “the afflicted”(v. 17) and “the oppressed”(v. 18) in order to describe the situation is very difficult.
6. Then, he provides the evidence of his confession: God is Savior because He defeated “all the nations” which were against Him and His people. By defeating them, God could save His people out of their afflicting hands. The wicked mocked God, who seems to hide Himself from the difficult time of His people, by saying “there is no God”(v.4) and “he has hidden his face”(v.11). But, as this psalm describes, God did not hide Himself from them. Rather, He defeated the wicked (all the nations) and saved His people (Israel).
7. At last, the writer recorded that God made His people, denoted as Isarel in various expression (e.g., the afflicted), overcome their life issues and difficulties. Based on that, he argues that God is handling the real life issues and matters at the same time, dealing with the spirit of Israel.

❖ **Meditation on Grace**

1. In our current life situation (COVID-19 and personal and family matters), God does not seem like a Resolver right away. For that reason, God seems to hide Himself from our affliction. But, in the human history, God was clearly responsible for His people and their salvation from the visible life issues as well as invisible spirit issues (redemptive issues). Likewise, this psalm testifies the historical evidence so that we can rely on God with prayer for all the matters that we have in our life nowadays, including COVID-19 and all life issues of individuals’ and families’.

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