

Wednesday Word Meditation Material (July 1, 2020)

OrderPrayer → Praise → Scripture → Understanding Scripture → Meditation on Grace → Prayer → Lord's Prayer

- ❖ **Prayer** – One of the family members or Individual
- ❖ **Praise** – If possible, Hymns 16 & 348 are to be sung. If not, please sing any good Christian song
- ❖ **Scripture Reading** – Psalm 19:1~14
- ❖ **Understanding Scripture** (*Being Acceptable*)
 1. David, the writer of this psalm by the inspiration of God, with hope that he wants to build up the healthy relationship with God via “the Bible,” the Word of God, confesses his heart that his prayer is to be acceptable to God (enhancing his healthy relationship with God) in that relationship with God.
 2. When he expresses his ardent heart for this relationship, David, first of all, explains who God is in verses 1~6. He clearly declares that God is the Creator of the entire universe. So, the world declares the glory of God and proclaims His handiwork(v.1). In a figurative expression, David describes that time, with difference between when God created the universe and when David confesses His Creatorship, knows and remembers the time when God created the universe as well as continues to deliver that Creatorship to Davidic days (“knowledge”(v.2), “Their voice... their words to the end of the world”(v.4)). By these, the entire universe proclaims God as the Creator.
 3. Then, in verses 7~11, David mentions the declaration of God’s Creatorship of the written Word of God, “the Bible” separately existing from “the proclamation of the entire universe.” The Bible is “perfect, reviving the soul... making wise the simple”(v.7). This means that we are able to stand the place where we can confess God as our Creator via the Bible. In other words, we are able to be saved via the Bible. After that moment, the saved, the children of God, via the Bible, are “rejoicing the heart... enlightening the eyes”(v.8) to see what we need to see, are standing “true, and righteous before God”(v.9), are confessing the Bible “more precious than gold... sweeter also than... the honeycomb,”(v.10), and are “by them... warned”(v.11). At the end, verses 12~14 describe that David is very weak to keep the Bible with the precise vocabularies “hidden faults”(v.12) and “presumptuous sins”(v.13).
 4. In a nutshell, when “the Bible” leads David, he is able to confess God as Creator, live as His people in a right way, find his weakness to keep the right way, check whether or not he stays in the right way, and come out of the wrong way. David also confesses that when he follows the Bible in order to realize the live of God’s people, he also confesses that when he seeks the grace of God for the healthy fellowship with God (being acceptable to God, verse 14).
- ❖ **Meditation on Grace**
 1. We live an era when we feel the suffocation due to COVID-19, crises of society, and our own life matters. We are easy to consider and rely on the news and worldly information and expectations. So, we are very easy to go astray because we don’t refer to the Bible. Because we don’t refer to the Bible, we forget God the Creator(Lord) and are discouraged and dismayed at the center of our life context. Let’s have a moment to think about ourselves whether or not we are in that situation. Please write and share together.
 2. By finding the fact that we are the beloved children of God in Christ in the Bible, we are supposed to check ourselves before the Bible, find our weakness, rely on Jesus Christ who is in us, and enjoy the healthy fellowship with Father God. Why don’t we pray for this kind of Christian life?
- ❖ **Prayer** – Praying with the meditation and finishing with the Lord’s Prayer.