

Wednesday Word Meditation Material (July 22, 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 28 & 403 are to be sung. If not, please sing any good Christian song
- ❖ **Scripture Reading** – Psalm 67:1~7

- ❖ **Understanding Scripture (*The Blessed Fear*)**
 1. This psalm is supposed to be sung and listened during harvest. In the blessed harvest, this psalm encourages people to seek and share the grace of God and encourage people to do the same as himself.
 2. There are two “selah”s. It emphasizes with loud voices. So, this psalm is composed of three parts with selahs. First selah is in verse 1. It describes “May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.” Yes, it is a kind of request or plea to God to His people like the writer of this psalm. Then, the whole world knows the will of God and how God saves His people (v.2). Throughout these steps, the writer asks God that the people in the world would praise God (v.3). This verse 3 is repeated in verse 5 in the exactly same way. In the repetition, the writer’s passion for people around him to praise God is shown.
 3. Verse 4 is the continual passion of the writer, saying “Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.” The way to express this is same as the way he expresses his passion in verse 1. His foundation of the nations’ gladness and praise to God is God’s judgement with equity and His guidance of the nations on earth. Yes, he emphasizes this passion with “selah” again here. When harvest comes, all the people on earth, whether or not they are people of God, can enjoy the plentifulness under His rule. Whether or not they confess God, God, the Lord of the world, provides the grace for everyone on earth as Jesus mentioned in Matthew 5:45(For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust). Therefore, through the harvest, we, the people of God, could know God’s plentifulness and stand where we fear (confess, worship, and praise) God (v.7). At the same time, as he shows throughout this psalm, he wants people around him to stand together with him.
 4. In the plentifulness, so-called, in blessed place, we have moment to think about the foundation of the blessing. We would not celebrate our efforts nor praise others and we would not say that we were lucky. Rather, we remember God who was with us and controlled everything from the beginning of the harvest. This psalm expresses that confession as “fear” and encourage us to do that together. **Not because we fear God, but because God is gracious, we confess God as the Lord of the blessing in that blessing.**

- ❖ **Meditation on Grace**
 1. “Harvest,” the event that all the people in the world know and experience, provides us the fork in a road. One is that we made an effort to do our best for the harvest and we were lucky. Another one is that the harvest is the blessing given from God by grace. The former celebrate harvest and believe that their faithfulness made all things possible. The latter, in the blessing, want to confess (fear) God as the Lord and rely on Him continually. **What is yours?**
 2. Why don’t we rely on Jesus Christ again in order to live like the children of God in “the blessed fear,” which has been given to us in Jesus Christ, where we confess God as the Lord and live in that confession?

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