

Wednesday Word Meditation Material (August 5, 2020)

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- ❖ **Prayer** – One of the family members or Individual
- ❖ **Praise** – If possible, Hymns 363 & 384 are to be sung. If not, please sing any good Christian song
- ❖ **Scripture Reading** – Psalm 70:1~5

- ❖ **Understanding Scripture (*The Hour*)**
 1. The writer of this psalm, David, wrote this psalm, which was meditated in memorial offerings, in order for the faithful to remember God in a difficult period of time.
 2. We will read this psalm by focusing on “situation” and “the hour” in order to find the eagerness to the hour. We can see that in verse 1: “Make haste, O God, to deliver me!” and “O LORD, make haste to help me!” The same meaning lines are redundantly written. We can smell that in a very hurry situation, David tried to find and asked God’s help. The situation is revealed in verse 2: “them who seek my life” and “them who delight in my hurt.” It is knowable that David felt threat of life. “Seek my life” means “kill my life.” In that sense, there were people who wanted to kill David around him. At the same time, the people around David who expected and delighted David’s difficult and threatened situation. Verse 3 shows us that they laughed at David: “them who say, ‘Aha, Aha!’” They disgraced David by mocking and ridiculing him rather than comforting him and suffering together. The faithful who wanted to encourage David to focus on God with heartfelt help. It is very hard for us to know exact incidents that happened to David. But, we can see that the people around him gave him hard time, threatened him, and pushed him to death. The situation, in that sense, must be very urgent, suffered, and dark.
 3. In that situation, David faced to God. In verse 4, “all who seek you” and “those who love your salvation” refer to the faithful to God who rely on God and wait for God’s salvation. The request(prayer) here is that God would let the faithful rejoice and glad through His help and ultimate salvation. David, at last, changed the person from the 3rd person plural in verse 4, “all who seek you” and “those who love your salvation” to the 1st person singular in verse 5 in order to show that the people mentioned in verse 4 reflected himself. His expression, “I am poor and needy,” shows us that the spirit of David was in very deep suffering.
 4. **In that situation, David clearly believed and relied on God’s help. Therefore, David requested God to hasten to him. The challenging matter was “the hour.” In other words, the challenge was that David needed the help now but God’s hour to fulfill that would be different, because the hour belongs to God.**

- ❖ **Meditation on Grace**
 1. The situation where we walk through the matters and issues related to COVID-19 pushes us to think about the hour. Because this time and now are so important and urgent, we naturally ask God’s help to be here right away. Is there any challenge in our life related to the “urgent hour”? Are you exhausted with waiting for God’s hour? Let’s take a moment to meditate about this and share together.
 2. The urgency, pressure, and challenge on “the hour” are unbearable by our own ability and capacity. By relying on Jesus Christ, we are supposed to experience “the fulfillment of God’s salvation in His hour.” On that experience, we may remember, acknowledge, and confess Father God in our daily life, not to mention encouraging one another to look at Him together. Why don’t we pray for this kind of Christian life?

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