

Wednesday Word Meditation Material #28 (October 7, 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 182 & 395 are to be sung. If not, please sing any good Christian song
- ❖ **Scripture Reading** – Psalm 93:1~5

- ❖ **Understanding Scripture (*Floods, Bigger Decrees*)**
 1. The anonymous writer begins psalm 93 with the declaration of the very plausible and common truth that God is the Ruler of this world, which is surly acceptable and confessable to all the people of God (v.1). The expression, “he is robed in majesty,” means God wore the robe, which is garment that the ruler of the world should wear (v.1). The “belt” also shows us the adequate outfit, authority, of the ruler of the world (v.1). Then, the result from God’s reign is described. That is the world is established and never be moved (v.1). This stable description of God’s reign and the order of the world were created, from so-called, “the eternity,” by God’s hands. This peaceful state of the world tells us that God is eternal and overcoming the limited understanding and logic of human beings (v.2).
 2. But, so-called, “chaos” appears in terms of “floods” in this stable situation. The “floods” mean “river,” and “roaring sea.” In the ancient times, “floods” had negative meaning in many cases. So, “floods” was used for expressing negative meanings such as chaos, fear, difficulty, suffering, and disaster, etc. Three consecutive times of the “floods” in verse 3, the sudden and very powerful difficulty and suffering, which were permeated into the ordered world like a thief. “have lifted up,” “have lifted up their voice,” and “lift up their roaring”(v.3) reveal **the difficult time when the suffering and difficulty are dominant and pervasive and flooded in the life contexts of the writer.**
 3. However, the confession of the writer reveals the fact that God is bigger than the “floods,” which are not controllable and insuppressible (v.4). He expresses that the power of God is stronger than “the thunders of many waters” and mightier than “the waves of the sea,” in order to show his expectation and confession that God will order the disordered or chaotic world (v.4). “Your decrees” in verse 5 tells the Word of God, Bible. It declares that God is the Ruler over the world in very clear voice. So, the writer, on that profession, confesses God’s holiness and eternity (v.5). That Word of God reveals the covenantal relationship between the God of order (YHWH) and His people. In that relationship, we can expect that God keeps the covenant by helping and protecting His people in the “floods.”
 4. **God sent Jesus Christ in order to set us on the “salvation,” the eternally safe place. So, then God killed Jesus on the cross through which God saved us from ultimate “floods,” the “eternal death.”**
 5. We, are living in the difficult situation in terms of “floods” due to COVID-19. We cannot overcome this difficult situation by ourselves because they are too huge and consecutive, under which we cannot breathe but mourn. We are supposed to remember the fact that God is the Creator and Savior of our life once again in this time and rely on Jesus Christ, our ultimate Savior. This is the prayer request that we together pray.
- ❖ **Meditation on Grace**
 1. What kind of difficulties and sufferings are in your life?
 2. Do you want to rely on God and submit the difficult and suffering matters in your life to Him?
 3. Why don’t we have a moment to handover our life burdens to Jesus who keeps us from the “floods”?
- ❖ **Prayer** – Praying with the meditation and finishing with the Lord’s Prayer.