

Wednesday Word Meditation Material #29 (October 14, 2020)

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- ❖ **Prayer** – One of the family members or Individual
- ❖ **Praise** – If possible, Hymns 487 & 519 are to be sung. If not, please sing any good Christian song
- ❖ **Scripture Reading** – Psalm 94:1~23

- ❖ **Understanding Scripture (*When Cares Are Many*)**
 1. It is helpful for us to understand lengthy psalm 94 that we understand four different parts. The first part, vv. 1~7, writes the writer just accuse the wicked, speaking arrogant words, to God of judgement seat, who avenge and judge them. The second part, vv. 8~11, shows God's rebuke against the wicked. The third part, vv. 12~15, tells God's blessing to the wise (God's people). The last part, vv. 16~23, the writer acknowledges, confesses, relies on God who destroys plots of the wicked and graciously saves His people.
 2. If we look in a more detailed way, people, when they live in the world, can see that the evil or wicked are getting bigger and powerful. They from time to time kill the weak (widows, sojourners, and fatherless) (v.6). So, they cry out, "how long shall the wicked exult?"(v.3) God, the Creator, who made human eyes and ears (v.9), watches over and punishes the wicked. Along with that, God pours the grace upon the weak and hurt people of God who believe and rely on God's Word. So, He, "until a pit is dug for the wicked"(v.13), until the ultimate judgment, God will give peace, will not forsake, and will not abandon His people(v.14) but leads them. By standing up for His people against evildoers(v.16), God YHWH will be their help(v.17), hold their foot up(v.18), become their hiding place (v.22), and judge them forever.
 3. **By the way, this confession presses us as the heavy burden. In verse 19, the expression, "when cares are many," catches our attention. That means we have many worries and cares in our lives for various things happened in the lives. Especially, when the evil seems increased and the good seems decreased, the writer is very agonized for that.** Then, however, the writer realizes that God comforts him(v.19). In other words, when the writer experiences the accumulated burdens and worries in his life, God, even though he or she does not rely on God appropriately, holds fast them with His "steadfast love"(v.18).
 4. Sorrowfully and sadly, from time to time or in many cases, we cannot feel this kind of comfort and protection. So, we are supposed to live with compliant that we are in trouble and difficulties. But, when we consider our life, family, works (jobs) and situation, and Zion Church, we cannot deny the fact that within us God has led us, solved the problems, opened the doors when we felt the doors were shut in our life context.
 5. Ultimately, through Jesus' cross and resurrection, God gave us the solution for the death and sin, the everlasting worries(cares). He also continues to lead us to His comfort, encouragement, restoration, and resolution for the life matters in terms of thoughts(cares) due to COVID-19.

- ❖ **Meditation on Grace**
 1. In COVID-19, what kinds of cares (worries, anxiety, uneasiness) are many?
 2. Do you think are the worry and calculation on them solution for them?
 3. Based on psalm 94, why don't we hand over all the worries to Christ Jesus with the faith that He will preserve us in Christ throughout the dangerous and evil environment?

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