

Wednesday Word Meditation Material #30 (October 21, 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 478 & 484 are to be sung. If not, please sing any good Christian song
- ❖ **Scripture Reading** – Psalm 95:1~11
- ❖ **Understanding Scripture (*His Voice*)**
 1. This psalm tells us that the children of God should listen to and obey God's voice.
 2. First of all, the writer of this psalm, in verse 1, begins with encouragement for us to sing to and make a joyful noise to God who is the rock of our salvation. Continually, in verse 2, the writer encourages us to "come into God's presence with thanksgiving and to make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise." So, in verses 2 and 3, the writer expresses that he or she has something so thankful and joyful that he or she wants to praise God with strength, enthusiasm, and specificity (songs of praise). From verse 3, the reason for this praise is addressed after "For." The reason is that God is the greater King over the other gods (which are called gods not because they are real gods less powerful than God but because they are nothing but the people consider the idols real). The following verses 4 and 5 tell us that we can see this truth when we look around the world created by God. Specifically, "the depths of the earth," and "the heights of the mountains" as well as "the sea" and "the dry land" are created by God's hands. More than that, God the Creator made us as written in verse 6. When we understand God's creation "ex nihilo (out of nothing)," and agree that among the creatures are we, we, as the writer encourages, cannot but praise God and bow down before Him. On top of these, the writer explains the reason why we are supposed to praise God in another way that God cares us because we are "the people of His pasture" and "the sheep of His hand." In other words, after made us, God the Creator cares and guides our lives so we should praise Him and exalts Him. One request that the writer put at the end is that we should hear God's voice (v.7). What is hearing God's voice then?
 3. The following verses, beginning with verse 8, tells us that the reason why we should listen to and how to listen to God's voice. From verse 8, we can read that the Israelites disobeyed to God's Word and spent 40 years in the wilderness and could not get into God's promised land. So the meaning of listening to God's Word is understood. **So to speak, it is right way for us to read, to listen to, and to meditate the Word of God(The Bible), and then to know and to walk the way for God's people that God wants us to walk.**
 4. God sent Jesus Christ to this earth and killed him on the cross, by which He saved us who could not, cannot, and will not be able to obey the Word of God in spite of hearing the Word of God. This God continues to give us comfort, encouragement, and hope for us to live Word-obeying life.
- ❖ **Meditation on Grace**
 1. In COVID-19, what kind of voice are we listening to? Is it the voice for living our daily life? Or is it the voice of God (The Bible), which gives us eternal life?
 2. What kind of matters are in the matters that we need to consider based on "God's voice"? Let us share them one another!
 3. Again, God saved us who live differently from this psalmist's message by rejecting to follow "His voice." Jesus Christ as well continues to encourage us to stand "again" on the place where the children of God should do. Why don't we rely on Jesus Christ with prayer in order to listen to "His voice"(The Bible)? Let us rely on Him with prayer!
- ❖ **Prayer** – Praying with the meditation and finishing with the Lord's Prayer.