

Wednesday Word Meditation Material #33 (November 11, 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 489 & 492 are to be sung. If not, please sing any good Christian song
- ❖ **Scripture Reading** – Psalm 98:1~9
- ❖ **Understanding Scripture** (*Hot Cry*)
 1. In this psalm, we cannot find the exact word, “hot cry” but feel that passion in meaning. That cry is expressed by new song (vv. 1 and 4), joyful noise(vv. 4, 6, and 8), praise(vv. 4 and 5), roar (v.7), and clap their hands (v.8). Because this psalm is filled with cry and loud praise to Father God in numerous ways, this psalm seems for urging and encouraging the “hot cry.” In verse 8, “claps their hands” shows us the image that the rivers have hands and use them for praising God the Creator. One of God’s creatures, rivers express their heat to praise Father God, the Creator and the Ruler, with their invisible hands. The hot cry is composed of human voices (v.4) and musical instruments (vv.5 and 6), and their own voices of all creatures in the sea and on earth. The unique expression, “joyful noise” is used triple.
 2. **That noise is the natural sound, outcry, noise, and cry filled with extreme joy and delight without any formal styles.** According to the writer of this psalm, this kind of so-called “hot cry” has two reasons. First, “(God’s) salvation,” which is written in verses 1, 2, and 3. This salvation is “marvelous thing” and is done by God’s “right hand and holy arm” in verse 1. God has made know this salvation (v.2) and it was for Israel (v.3). God who is revealed in the salvation remembered His “steadfast love” and “faithfulness” to the house of Israel. This steadfast love and faithfulness are the reasons for God’s salvation. Secondly, God’s “judgment,” which is the God’s ruling and “judging” on the last day of the world, is another reason for Israel’s hot cry. So, the reasons for the hot cry (three-dimensional praise) of Israel, the people of God, are that God is the Owner of “salvation” and “judgment.”
 3. **Father God, who should receive the “hot cry,” saved us and made us the spiritual Israel through Jesus’ cross and resurrection.** Therefore, we, the people of God, should meditate, acknowledge, and appreciate the beauty and greatness of God’s “salvation” and “judgment” along with thankful and joyful and heartfelt “hot cry” to Father God at everyday life.
- ❖ **Meditation on Grace**
 1. When we think about the moment when we do “hot cry,” it is easy for us to imagine that we are in “sport games.” In the games, the hot cry is composed of various noises. But, we know the meaning of the unrecognized hot cry. If we support same team and enjoy the victory of the same team on the same side of seats in the stadium, then we can embrace them all.
 2. They are very similar to what we do hot cry to Father God. Possibly different ways of expression, but if we have same content, then it is okay. **If we want to do “hot cry” to Father God, the Owner of the salvation, with all our heart in our own way, then what kind of reasons do we have in us?**
 3. In “my own way,” we can do “hot cry” to Father God as well as we can rely on Jesus Christ who has been united with us in solemn prayer even now under the current pressures of COVID-19 pandemic. Let us pray together!
- ❖ **Prayer** – Praying with the meditation and finishing with the Lord’s Prayer.