

Wednesday Word Meditation Material #34 (November 18, 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 & 186 are to be sung. If not, please sing any good Christian song
- ❖ **Scripture Reading** – Psalm 99:1~9
- ❖ **Understanding Scripture** (*Justice & Love of God*)
 1. In this psalm, we can taste the justice and love of God. If God, the judge, cool-headedly judging the world like a sword, reigns the world, then it is natural for “the people” to tremble (v.1). Moreover, putting that “God upon the cherubim,”(v.1) the angels, the solemnity is given as the reason for the trembling and quake. That God is great among His people(“Zion”) and exalted among all the people. In other words, whether or not they are the people of God, God is exalted among all human beings. The reason for praising God, the great and exalted, is that God is awesome (vv. 1, 3). This God, sitting on the judgment throne, shows His might as His “love on justice (equity, fairness and justification).” Yes, He sits on there in order to judge with the power of justice (v.4). For that reason, all the people should worship Him at His footstep (v.5). God of “justice” must be consecrated, holy, from all other creatures. So, God who is using justice as His power and might is “holy” in vv. 3 and 5. Just God on whom we can rely for our all kinds of unfairness. Therefore, the people of God should “worship” (“acknowledging, confession, and relying”) Him.
 2. In continuity, in verse 6, Moses, Aaron, and Samuel, the representatives of the worshipers in the Bible, are mentioned. Then, verse 7 implies that they (Moses, one of them) emphasized the law of God and worshiped God by keeping the law. By keeping the law, Israel was able to show and share their identity as God’s people. But, disobedience to the law(the Ten Commandments and the law), in the middle of keeping the law of God, is in view (v.8). In response, God, by judging and punishing Israel with “answer” and “avenge,” do justice against them (v.8). However, in the second half of verse 8, there is totally opposite. **That is God’s forgiveness** (“forgiving God to them”). **God’s justice was fulfilled but at the same time, God’s loving forgiveness is given to Israel.** Therefore, verse 9 reveals the reason why God, the Judge, is to be praised and worshiped by all the people. Those are both God’s justice and God’s love. With them, God, the Judge, stands on the judgment throne, reigns over this world, and keeps His people.
 3. **The justice and love of God has been fulfilled on the cross of Jesus.** On the cross, God has poured out His most exceeding wrath and fulfilled His justice as well as God has fulfilled His unchanged forgiving “love.” This solemn Judge, Father God, **saved** the people of God, who cannot keep the law of God so should be perished under God’s just judgment, by fulfilling His “justice” and “love” on Jesus’ cross.
- ❖ **Meditation on Grace**
 1. Do you have thankful heart for the fact that we are freed from the judgment of God’s justice?
 2. Is there any comfort and love given to us through this “God’s justice”? If there must be God’s just judgment on our today’s life, filled with unfairness, difficulty, and suffering, then can you feel comfortable and loved?
 3. With remembrance of the fact that God’s “justice” and “love” are our strength with which we can walk our Christian pathway without swing under today’s difficult situation, let us rely on Jesus Christ with prayer in order to live our life for worshipping God with thankful heart!
- ❖ **Prayer** – Praying with the meditation and finishing with the Lord’s Prayer.