

Wednesday Word Meditation Material #36 (December 2, 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 101 & 102 are to be sung. If not, please sing any good Christian song
- ❖ **Scripture Reading** – Psalm 101:1~8
- ❖ **Understanding Scripture** (*Perfect Life*)
 1. The structure and the contents of this psalm is very similar to the treaty between suzerain and the vassal. That is similar to the vassal who vows the loyalty to the suzerain offers the vow. In Europe, this psalm is called “prince’s psalm” for that reason. Christian king, prince, and magistrate should behave according to their role with Christian faith.
 2. **In fact, David, the writer of this psalm, in this psalm, expresses his will to loyalty to God, with clear heart of his.** His expression is composed of twofold structure. One is “doing his best” and another is “not doing at all.” “Doing his best” is with verses 2 and 6. “Not doing at all” is with verses 3~5 and 7~8.
 3. First of all, “doing his best” is pondering the blameless way and walking with integrity of heart within my house (v.2). The word, blameless means “sound” or “whole.” David seems to hope to live “blameless life.” He mentions that he will accept and care those who want to live in that blameless way in verse 6. But, the other meaning of the Hebrew is “perfect” as the title shows. If we use that specific but a little bit awkward word, perfect, then we can understand that David wants to live a perfect life before God. However, the meaning of the perfect way is the way of God, that is to say, the Word of God, all the people of God should follow. In that sense, David expresses his will to obey and follow the Word of God, the perfect way of life.
 4. The followings are all about “not doing at all.” They are “not doing anything that is worthless,” “hating the work of those who fall away”(v.3), “a perverse heart,” “evil”(v.4), “slandering neighbors secretly,” “haughty look” (v.5), “practicing deceit,” “uttering lies”(v.7), “the wicked,” “evildoers”(v.8). Of course, these are totally opposite to “the perfect way” that God wants His people to go. David really wanted to resist those ungodly attitudes, behaviors, and lives. The treaty that David shows here was the treaty between God, the real King, and His people. But, they, who had treaty with God, along with David, failed to keep this treaty (the law). Therefore, God, through Jesus’ cross and resurrection, fulfilled the “perfect way.” **God saved those who are united with Christ with faith and dwell in Christ and let them live their Christian lives, not based on their own perfection but based on Jesus’ perfection. Also founded on Jesus’ perfection, God lead them to follow the Word of God for their “perfect life” by His grace.**
- ❖ **Meditation on Grace**
 1. In the chaotic environment under COVID-19, do you live like Christian in the ordered way?
 2. Do you want to resemble David’s (failed) passion to do his best to follow God’s Word (the perfect way) **rather than relying on Jesus Christ who successfully fulfilled the “perfect way” with thankful heart?**
 3. We need to pray to rely on Jesus Christ, who is in us, in order to realize the life(perfect life) based on the Word of God, which all the people of God should obey and follow.
- ❖ **Prayer** – Praying with the meditation and finishing with the Lord’s Prayer.