

Wednesday Word Meditation Material #21-01 (January 6, 2021)

OrderPrayer → Praise → Scripture → Understanding Scripture → Meditation on Grace → Prayer → Lord's Prayer

- ❖ **Prayer** – One of the family members or Individual
- ❖ **Praise** – If possible, Hymns 78 & 40 are to be sung. If not, please sing any good Christian song
- ❖ **Scripture Reading** – Psalm 104:1~35
- ❖ **Understanding Scripture** (*Things Filling the Earth*)
 1. What is filled with this earth? Are they trees and plants? Are they sands covering desert? Are they buildings big and small, tall and short, including cutting-edge buildings condensed with cutting-edge technology, as they are in New York building forest? In verse 24 of this text, we can see that it is “God’s abundance.” We will think about the meaning of it in this text. The total verses of this meditation text are 35, which is very long. But, by checking the parts of the text we can see the clear, distinguished meaning.
 2. First of all, the first part, verses 1~23 record the contents of God’s creation chronologically in order as if we read Genesis 1 and 2. They describe that God’s creatures that were created in 6 days and God’s invisible operation principles of this world (day and night set by the Sun, time proceeded, and seasons set by the Moon, etc.) are embedded in God’s great Creation work.
 3. Verse 24 has an independent meaning because it seems to summarize the previous verses 1~23: “O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.” God’s creation work, proclaimed in the Bible, is the definite declaration of the “beginning of the world” which is not found in the world. In the 21st century, what various cutting-edge scientists eager to find out is about the “beginning.” Including today’s text, the Bible, the Word of God, declares that, from which the reason for the greatness of God. As mentioned above, when we look around the world, we can see many different visible things, nature, along with man-made structures seemed to come from human civilization. In that environment, the people of God, who believe in Father God as the Creator, can confess as written in this verse. In other words, the things filling the earth are not the man-made civilization, but “God’s creature” where God’s order of creation is embedded.
 4. Verses 25~32 help us understand the walk of the creatures in order in this world that God created with His hands. The writer of this psalm, who meditates God’s creation work, confesses with faith that God should be praised because of this greatness in verses 33~35.
 5. It is God’s grace that we can praise God based on the seeing and feeling God’s creatures and His invisible operation principles viewed on the earth. Because God saved us through Jesus’ cross and resurrection, we can believe and confess that Father God is the Creator and Savior.
- ❖ **Meditation on Grace**
 1. At the beginning of 2021, why don’t we deeply meditate and pray with this psalm about Creator Father God and His salvation for us?
 2. When we think about Father God, is there anything greater fact and confession about Him than “Creation and Salvation”?
 3. When we meditate and confess God’s creation and salvation, can we rely on Him for our steps forwards in 2021?
 4. In order to walk the way for those who are as “Christians (church) very bold in Hope,” why don’t we have a moment to call and pray to Jesus for believing in and relying on Father God?
- ❖ **Prayer** – Praying with the meditation and finishing with the Lord’s Prayer.