

Wednesday Word Meditation Material #21-02 (January 13, 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 382 & 221 are to be sung. If not, please sing any good Christian song
- ❖ **Scripture Reading** – Psalm 105:1~15
- ❖ **Understanding Scripture (*Poor Canaan*)**
 1. The expression, “A husband must not discard his wife in poverty,” embeds the universal thought of humanity that the relationship that we had in the past should not be betrayed for our selfish purpose. Today’s text, which we will meditate, Psalm 105:1~15, has a room for us to think about this kind of universal thought unless you miss the deeper meaning of certain part of text.
 2. From verses 1~6 we can see the psalmist’s confession and wish that he wants people to praise God and propagate His name to the people in the world (v.1). The ways to do that are to tell of “all His wondrous works” (v.2) and “Glory” in His holy name (v.3). He encourages those who show the greatness of God in their lives to continue to ask God the great works in their lives (v.4). In verses 5 and 6, the psalmist commands Israel, “children of Jacob” and “offspring of Abraham,” to remember “the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.” I think that the writer (psalmist) considers that it is not enough for them to remember God’s works by wish, rather it should be “by commandment.”
 3. Then, what are the “all wondrous works”? They are in verses 7~44. They are “the covenant (promise) between God and Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob” and “its fulfillment.” **Then, what is the covenant(promise)? “To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance” (v.11/ Genesis 15:18, etc.).** Canaan is the covenantal (promised) land. But, in fact, until Jacob, Israel did not have strength to possess that land. Rather they, because they were too small in number, should be protected by God from Abraham according to verses 12~15.
 4. This Canaan was the land flowing with milk and honey and Israel could not dream to possess it. But, they entered into the land by God’s grace. But, Israel, after getting into it, did not consider Canaan as their thanksgiving reason. They thought that Canaan was one of the many plentiful lands around them. Many other nations enjoyed the plentifulness in their own lands. Canaan looked small and valueless. The thought of Israel was changed. Their thanksgiving was replaced with complaint and dissatisfaction. So, to the Israelites, Canaan was “poor Canaan” and derailed for their must-go steps as God’s people.
 5. We were saved by Jesus’ cross and resurrection. Canaan symbolizes our salvation in Christ. The salvation that we have looked thankful and amazing could be considered as less valuable with the lapse of time. Salvation is begun to be shown valueless. It is very easy to happen to our lives.
- ❖ **Meditation on Grace**
 1. As we begin 2021, let us think whether or not we consider the salvation in Christ that we possess small and valueless without any thankful heart and share!
 2. Thankful and delightful response to our salvation in Christ must be always alive in us because we know that we were not able to consider and fulfill the salvation by ourselves. Isn’t it true?
 3. Not “poor Canaan” but “plentiful Canaan,” the “plentifulness of salvation (heaven, eternal life)” is to be experienced and shared with others. This is to be our prayer request.
- ❖ **Prayer** – Praying with the meditation and finishing with the Lord’s Prayer.