

Wednesday Word Meditation Material #21-04 (January 27, 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 93 & 353 are to be sung. If not, please sing any good Christian song
- ❖ **Scripture Reading** – Psalm 105:26~45
- ❖ **Understanding Scripture** (*The Reason For Eating and Living*)
 1. There are questions like: “Do you eat for living?” “Do you live for eating?” These questions are not for fun but for asking the meaning of human existence so to speak the meaning of human life. The former question is to find the meaning of human life in pursuing bigger and higher values. The latter question is to find the meaning of human life in chasing eating and living, which are smaller and lower values. If we say “yes” to each question. Unlikely numerous people say “yet” to the latter question and speak up that they chase the eating and living issue and they don’t have any problem when they chase them. Even though their pursuance is not a lower level life at all, those who want to find the meaning of their life in pursuing and achieving the bigger and higher values want more than them. Today’s text tells us “the reason for eating and living,” which was given by God to His people. In that sense, we can say that we would find the direction of our life as Christians from this text.
 2. This text records the process of salvation of God, who set “Moses and Aaron” before Israel and liberated them out of Egypt, in His time and method (vv.26~44). 8 kinds of So-called, “10 plagues” except 5th (pestilence) and 6th (boils) are written in different orders in verses 28~36. Following verses tell that the Israelites came out of Egypt (“with silver and gold”(v.37)) and God cared them in the wilderness (cloud, fire(v.39), quail, bread from heaven(v.40), water(v.41)). Continually, verse 44 (“And he gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil”) tells that Israel conquered “Canaan,” the so-called promised land.
 3. All of these verses reveal that Canaan, where the Israelites were living, is the miracle that God did. On that fact, the last verse 45 explains the reason why the Israelites ate and lived in Canaan: “that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the LORD.” The reason for eating and living of Israel is that they should follow the Word of God. In other words, they need to live like God’s saved people. That means that they should reveal, boast, acknowledge, confess, and rely on God who was revealed in the procedure of their Exodus.
 4. We, the children of God, who are saved by Jesus’ cross and resurrection, are the “Israel” in the text. As in verse 45, the fundamental reason for us, who are His children, to eat and live on earth is to live by following the Word of God in order to acknowledge, confess, reveal, boast, and rely on Him. That kind of life is possible, through our words, behavior, heart, and thought, in whatever condition; rich or poor, healthy or weak, successful or declining.
- ❖ **Meditation on Grace**
 1. For what do you eat and live? After meditating, please share.
 2. How deeply related is the purpose and goal of your life to our Creator, Savior, and Shepherd?
 3. Why don’t we pray to rely on Jesus who is untied with us in order to confess, acknowledge, rely on our Creator, Savior, and Shepherd not to pursue our purpose and goal?
- ❖ **Prayer** – Praying with the meditation and finishing with the Lord’s Prayer.