

Wednesday Word Meditation Material #21-06 (February 10, 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 363 & 367 are to be sung. If not, please sing any good Christian song
- ❖ **Scripture Reading** – Psalm 107:1~32
- ❖ **Understanding Scripture (*In The Trouble*)**
 1. “Trouble,” which is met in our way of life, makes our walk stuck, shaken, and put us in despair, disappointment, and even leads us to death. Of course, we can overcome all of these negatives. The cause for this unwelcomed “trouble” is in two kinds. First, if we do misconduct or make mistakes, then we might be the cause. If not, other people or situation (environment) must be the cause.
 2. In this psalm, we can see these two causes for the trouble. Our mistake and misconduct are to be expressed “sin to God.” The other cause are to be shown as environment and situation. At the same time, the solution for the troubles is clearly revealed and comfort and encourage all the believers.
 3. We can find four “troubles” in this text (vv. 6, 13, 19, and 28). The causes for the troubles are shown: Environment itself of Israel (wandered in desert wastes, hungry and thirsty) in verses 4~5, Israel’s sin against God in verses 11 and 17, and stormy wind in verse 25. Among the four troubles, verses 6 and 28 show that God makes troubles in order to show His power and mighty and verses 13 and 19 show that men cause to occur through their iniquities against God. In this psalm, we can see the confession that in whatever reasons, the troubles in human life occur to Israel, God Himself recovers and revives Israel, His people, by realizing His responsibility (or His steadfast love), in verses 8, 15, 21, and 31.
 4. In other words, whenever we have troubles, from our sin or misconduct, or from God’s ruling over His creatures (as Job experienced), God is in charge of all the troubles and guides His people, Israel. Therefore, after resolving the troubles, we are commanded to give thanks to God (in verse 1) and praise Him (in verses 8, 15, 21, and 31).
 5. **Jesus, through His cross and resurrection, completely saved us, the people of God (or spiritual Israel). He wants to recover our troubles in our lives whether or not we do wrong. Why? Because God chose us in Christ and is responsible for our life, and He clearly knows that we are weak and want, and evil.**
- ❖ **Meditation on Grace**
 1. What kind of “trouble” do you have? After deep meditating, please share.
 2. Are they come from our misconduct? Or From other’s misconduct? Or, we cannot find the cause? As we found in this text, we should rely on God for our troubles in whatever causes.
 3. From time to time, it is very hard for us to rely on God as we know. Even though we prayed a long time and ardently, we cannot see any response from God, we might not rely on Him again. Let’s think about this for a while!
 4. In whatever reason, in our trouble, we should confess, acknowledge, and rely on the Resolver, God. The strength to do that comes from our Lord, Jesus Christ. Therefore, once again, by relying on Jesus Christ, why don’t we hand over all our troubles to our God?
- ❖ **Prayer** – Praying with the meditation and finishing with the Lord’s Prayer.