

## Wednesday Word Meditation Material #21-11 (April 7, 2021)

Order : Prayer → Praise → Scripture → Understanding Scripture → Meditation on Grace → Prayer → Lord's Prayer

- ❖ **Prayer** – One of the family members or Individual
- ❖ **Praise** – If possible, Hymns 194 & 446 are to be sung. If not, please sing any good Christian song
- ❖ **Scripture Reading** – Psalm 111:1~10
- ❖ **Understanding Scripture (*One Studying God*)**
  1. Psalm 111 is begun each verse with 22 Hebrew alphabet. That is the special taste of psalm.
  2. First, we can see that the argument that YHWH (yahweh) God is to be praised in the congregation of Israel in verses 1 and 10b, the last verse of this psalm (“Praise the LORD! ... in the congregation” / “His praise endures forever!”).
  3. Why should Israel praise God? The reason is written from verses 2 to 10a.
    - a. First, because “Great are the works of the LORD” (verse 2).
    - b. Second, because the works of God is “full of splendor and majesty, and righteous” (Verse 3).
    - c. Third, because embedded in the works of God are God’s grace and mercy (Verse 4).
    - d. Fourth, because faithful is God’s covenant. By keeping His promise (covenant), God provides all the need of His people (verses 5~6)
    - e. Fifth, because the works of God are faithful and just, and the Word of God is trustworthy and forever (verses 7~8).
    - f. Sixth, because God “sent redemption to his people” (verse 9).
    - g. Seventh, because praise is the way to verify God’s people who have good knowledge and understanding on God rooted in the fact that fear of God is the beginning of wisdom (verse 10a).
  4. In a way that we, as God’s people, should praise God with sincere reasons and thankful heart for our praise, what should be the basis for our life for praising God? **That basis is the Bible, the Word of God.** Thus, verse 2, as the introduction of this psalm, expresses **“God... studied by.”** Because studying God, that is to say that we are deeply knowing God, is only possible by the Word of God.
  5. Father God, who saved us through Jesus’ cross and resurrection, requires us “to know God more” (“Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth” (Hos. 6:3 ESV)). Both to deeply know Father God, who created, saved, keeps and leads us till the heavenly kingdom, and to deeply know God’s grace and love are so critical as life for our life as God’s children.
- ❖ **Meditation on Grace**
  1. We, if possible, spend our time and make an effort to know matters around our life. Then, how many hours and how much effort do we use for studying God? Let us take a moment to think about this!
  2. Don’t you spend more time and make more effort to worry about our life matters in the world, and focus on “know how” for our life, rather than to study (or know) God?
  3. It is very hard for us to change our life pattern from focusing on worldly matters to focusing on God. No, it is impossible. Therefore, once again, by remembering and relying on Jesus Christ, who has been united with us, has stayed together with us forever, and has been guiding us, with our prayer, we are able to deeply study (know) Father God in order to appreciate and praise His saving grace for us.
- ❖ **Prayer** – Praying with the meditation and finishing with the Lord’s Prayer.