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Wednesday Word Meditation Material (July 15, 2020)

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 178 & 194 are to be sung. If not, please sing any good Christian song
- Scripture Reading – Psalm 65:1~13

- Understanding Scripture (***Fat Blessing***)

1. **This psalm was written by David who was inspired by God. This psalm shows that the people of God is like those who enjoy the fat blessing.** In verse 1, "praise is due to you" means the people of God who are the dweller of Zion praise God. The reason for this praise to God is that He is the Creator of the world (v.2). However, in verse 3, we can see "iniquities prevail against me," which means I sin against God in poetic expression. The whole human beings sinned against God. **In verse 4, we can see the confession of David, saying that the chosen by God, among the sinners, whom He brought near in His court (presence), where they could worship Him, are blessed.** In verse 5, "awesome deeds" represents "salvation" in the same verse. This salvation is the restoration of the transgressions (v.3). **Those, we, who were brought near God and stayed at the worship to God by the grace of God's salvation are blessed.**.
2. **Verses 6~13 show us that God fulfilled the awesome deeds(salvation) in His righteousness and the abundance of His salvation. That is shown here in a harvest process, the gleaning process.** First of all, God established the mountains. He was described as a strong worker girded with might (v.6). Then, He was depicted as the powerful One who "stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples" (v.7). He is in control of time and date, and day and night, as well as seasons (v.8). God visits "the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it" (v.9). All of these are for "agriculture." So, the fruit of all of these processes is the harvest. God waters "its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth" (v.10). In verse 11, the "year" must be the year for agriculture. In that year, because God crowns "the year" with His bounty, the path drop fatness, the abundance is to be enjoyed. The fatness makes "the pastures of the wilderness overflow" and "the hills gird themselves with joy"(v.12). Also, the pastures are clothed with flocks, the valleys also are covered over with grain, and those who can relish all of the fruits of this agricultural endeavor will "shout and sing together for joy" (v.13). **We can see that "God's salvation for God's people" is like joy of abundant harvest and beautiful and vivid event**, "**the new life event".** Yes, we are standing on that joyous place by God's grace and acknowledging that we have truly abundant and satisfied **"fat blessing."**

- Meditation on Grace

1. We have been thinking that money, prestige, and power and relationship, etc. are the necessary elements for the fat blessing of our life. But, we met the deadly COVID-19. Do you think we have other necessary elements for the fat blessing other than the former elements? Let's share together!
2. Looking at the death due to COVID-19, we are supposed to consider our life in Christ is the fat blessing itself because Jesus resolved the problem of everlasting death for us. We are living in Him through the union with Him by faith. On that faith, we can submit all the life matters to Jesus Christ with thankful and heart with prayer. Why don't we have a moment to bring all the worries to our Lord, Jesus Christ?

- Prayer – Praying with the meditation and finishing with the Lord's Prayer.