

1-21-2018 Weekly Message

The contemplation of the week: Psalm 16:1-11

Text: Romans 5:1-11

Title of the Word: **Joy in the peace with God**

All men living in the world are pursuing peace. First of all they seek peace in their family, and they are working hard for world peace. The United Nations has been trying to eliminate wars to achieve peace in the world working together with all the countries to achieve world peace, but they have been still living in the fear of war. Finally, they are planning to eliminate the war and bring world peace through the New World Order, where one man is to rule the whole world. Their idea is that if one man rules the whole world, he will be able to achieve world peace through the elimination of the war between nation and nation, and between the people and the people. But their thoughts will eventually return to be in vain.

Jesus spoke two thousand years ago how the world peace that the world pursues will end:

" And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8All these are the beginning of sorrows.

"(Matthew 24: 6-8)

Even though the people of the world join with the New World Order under Antichrist to eliminate the war, they shall not be able to enjoy peace because of endless famines, plagues and earthquakes. Jesus said that when the end of the world comes, famines, plagues, and earthquakes shall be happening in the whole earth. Today, we are hearing what is happening in many parts of the world through the mass media and the Internet every day.

The Bible says that the Lord Jesus Christ is the King of Righteousness and the King of Peace. At first Jesus is the King of righteousness beforehand of the One of peace. This means that we can receive peace from Him through righteousness through trusting him.

When Jesus appeared in the world, he saw the people he had chosen, unable to enjoy peace in the midst

of suffering, worrying about what they would eat or drink under Roman Empire, and said to them:

" Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.
." (Matthew 6: 31-34)

This is because the fundamental cause of the world's failure to enjoy peace in this world is for the concern for the life of the flesh. In other words, it is caused by the problem of what to eat, what to drink and what to wear.. Jesus said that the way to solve all these problems and enjoy peace is to come out of the kingdom of this world and enter the kingdom of the spiritual kingdom of God. He also preached that they should receive the righteousness of God in order to enter into it. Then,, they are to become children of God the Father, and live in peace with all the necessary supplies from the father.

Apostle Paul testified of this truth through the text message. He witnessed the secret of so-called true peace. When the Holy Spirit, who came in name of Jesus, after he had took away the sin of the world through his death and resurrection, is reproving the word of sin saying, it is the sin because they not believe in Jesus therefore all sins are forgiven and cleansed through the blood of Jesus Christ to have peace with God. To believe in the Lord Jesus Christ is the way to seek the righteousness of God, and at this time, even their body is living in the world without peace, but they enter into the kingdom of God spiritually living in peace of God. As to the place of the kingdom of God, Apostle Paul testified that what he enjoys is not a physical thing to eat or drink, but beyond the physical things: "

"For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."
(Romans 14: 17)

He testified that he believed in Jesus Christ and had true peace when he was justified through the righteousness of God, and that he had genuine joy in that peaceful place. Also, these three things he testified that through the Holy Spirit spiritually he already entered into the kingdom of God and live within.

In the texts passage Apostle Paul testifies living in Rome under the persecution of the violent Nero emperor, that although they are not enjoying peace physically, but they have already been able to have peace with God through Jesus Christ because they have been justified by believing in Jesus Christ is. The Bible says that the peace that God gives is Jehovah Shalom. In other word, Jehovah Shalom is the peace without any fear even unto death. As for the power of peace that God gives us, we can more clearly understand through the peace that the saints in the underground church who are now praising God in the midst of suffering in North Korea.

Apostle Paul also witnesses the joy of enjoying in the true peace that God gives. This joy is testimony to the spiritual joys of the born-again Christian who can rejoice in the hope of being able to see God immediately when the body dies, even in the times of great physical suffering and in a situation where they may die.

In addition, as the joy in the midst of the suffering of the Christians in the world in the midst of affliction, suffering produces endurance, and endurance, experience ; and through the love and grace of God through the experience, they are to be more strong spiritually in the hope of seeing God. And that they are not to be ashamed of their desires even in a miserable environment, but are to be able to testify of their hope by preaching the gospel..In the past two thousand years, many Christians have witnessed this unto death by witnessing this hope in Korea and other countries in the world. They were able to witness this blessed hope to those who persecute them through the power of God's love poured into their hearts through the Holy Spirit even in pain and persecution.

Jesus, God, died four thousand years after the history of mankind for all who were ungodly when the whole world was in sin. Before all of us have yet been born into the world, he also died even for our sins knowing us to be conceived in sins and born sinners

and live an ungodly life. For God of righteousness cannot forgive anyone unless someone dies offering sacrifice himself shedding blood. But there is no one who can be a sacrifice for the sins of the world, but God Himself: and God became a man in the name of Jesus to offer himself as the sacrifice for the sin of the world. Therefore, we cannot have peace with God without believing in Jesus, the only sacrifice before God.

But to keep men from believing in Jesus Christ as the true sacrifice, the ruler of the world, the devil, has deceived many people by deceiving them to offer their children as the sacrifice for the devil; and now many antichrists have appeared to deceive people saying Jesus is not the only Christ who can save. . All those who say that Jesus is not the only Christ are all Antichrists. The Bible says that the person who says that there is salvation in other religions is the Antichrist (1 John 2:22)

Soon after Jesus Christ take the Christians up to heaven who enjoy the peace that God , we shall see the Antichrist claiming himself to be the Christ and God. He will use the power of the devil to deceive all nations of the world under his rule and enjoy eternal world peace through himself. He will also kill all those in the guillotine who do not receive the mark of the beast that he makes and do not worship his idol . But about seven years later, the true Christ, the Lord Jesus Christ, will come again and judge the enemy by throwing him into the lake of fire. And he will be the King of kings and Lord of Lords to rule the whole world in righteousness and peace.

Apostle Paul testified about the Christians in this hope:" **Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.** **10For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.** **11And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.** "(Romans 5: 9-11).

Jesus, the true God of peace, spoke to his disciples:
" **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**" (John 14:27) Amen! Hallelujah!