

7-26-2020 Weekly Message

Meditation of the week: Psalms 91:1-16

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:1-4

Word Title: **Wisdom to make the Pandemic crisis a opportunity to be blessing**

It is said to make crisis opportunity.. We have heard of testimony from people saying, crisis became opportunity. Present Pandemic crisis because of Corona Virus could be final chance spiritually. Based on the time table of God for the world, it may be the final chance to be saved.

Everyone that hears this message may receive a wisdom by the grace of God to make the present crisis a blessing. Then how do we make crisis opportunity of a blessing? Nowadays, we are enforced by law to stay at home most of times with limited daily activity to make our life so much bored and depressed. It may be a good opportunity to spend time to know Jesus. Even for Christians, it may be good time to have more knowledge of the truth.

Even for non Christian denying Jesus as God , it may good opportunity to examine Jesus not Messiah trying to read the Bible, and to prove their own religion as truth. It may be good challenge redeeming their time.

Then, to know Jesus, there is no other way but to search the scriptures. The Bible says that most people in the world or even Christians do not understand the glorious gospel of Christ in right way. Apostle Paul testified of the reason :

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." (2 Cor. 4:4)

That's right. In this world, the countless religions, philosophies, sciences, and school educations made in craft way by the Devil have put their thoughts into people's heart, so the light of the eternal life through the Gospel of the true God, Jesus Christ cannot reaches the hearts of people. But most people not understand that they will have disastrous result at the end of their life unto death.

The Jews are an example of this disaster. Even though the Creator God appeared as the King of the Jews in the name of Jesus, they did not believe in Him because they did not recognize Him deceived by religious leaders who were thoroughly brainwashed by the Devil at that time and

could not receive the light of life revealed through Jesus Christ. Eventually, they executed Jesus Christ, the Lord of life, on the cross.

If then, why did this miserable thing happen to them? About this Jesus said to them:

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. 40And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life." (John 5:39-40)

God chose them in particular and gave them the scriptures that is the Bible, the Word of God, but they never looked closely into the Bible, but they only thought what to eat and drink and what to wear not seeking the kingdom of God and his righteousness. They pursued only the things of the flesh, like the people as the time of Noah, and the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. They were blinded not to see Jehovah God standing before them in the name of Jesus.

By not recognizing of Jesus prophesied by Prophet Isaiah seven hundreds years ago before He was born, they were resulted in killing their Messiah miserably:

"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?"

2For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

3He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

" (Isa. 53:1-6)

Several years ago I heard a testimony from a Jewish pastor in Christ. As he read Isaiah 53, he met with Jesus in person in the Word, and repented of not believing in Jesus, the Messiah, in the past days, believing in Him, taking Him as the Lord and Saviour into the heart, and received the

Holy Spirit, and that he received eternal life. Not only he repented only in the word, but he gave up his practice in psychological doctor sacrificing his earning forty to fifty thousands of dollars monthly. He got a new job earning only 10 dollars per hour with joy; he became a Christian minister later on graduating seminary to teach biblical counseling no more psychological practice.

Even now, in Israel, it is heard that rabbis such as many religious people as religious leaders at the time of Jesus, still dominate the Jews and forbid the reading of Isaiah 53. Still, they are preventing the Jews from accepting Jesus as the Messiah.

Then, since the last two thousand years, after the Jews did not recognize Jesus because they did not search the scriptures, and how much miserable things have happened to them in the past two thousand years, and how much they are still suffering as history has proven. In 70 AD, God sent General Titus of Rome to burn the whole city of Jerusalem, including the Jerusalem Temple, and topple it all without leaving a stone on a stone. To remind them of their crucifixion of Jesus the Messiah, more than 500 Jews were crucified outside the city. In addition, since then, they have been persecuted by the world in order to remind them of Jesus persecuted by them. . Eventually, during World War II, six millions of Jews were killed by Hitler. From then on until the country was restored in 1948, the suffering they are still experiencing has been proved by the history of the world.

God is warning through the Jews who did not believe in Jesus to all the nations of people who are still serving idols not believing in Jesus. Therefore, in the last book of the Bible, Revelation 19 gives a warning that the their flesh and blood shall be eaten by the birds when God judges the Jews and the Gentiles in the Great Tribulation at the end.

It may be the real time of chance for the nations of people to believe in Jesus through searching the scriptures during the time of Pandemic. God wants everyone to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4). If there is still someone who can confidently claim his faith not to believe in Jesus Christ, do so in this last time, only once, even to take a close look into the Bible and make it widely known that Jesus is not God. . Also, for the Christians, it may be good time to search the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation to examine what if still believe in other Jesus, other gospel or other spirit received than the Holy Spirit.

I want to introduce a testimony of Jewish lawyer in the United States. He happened to hear his daughter to be converted into Christians believing in Jesus as her Messiah. He was so upset that he closed his law office for six months, and he tried to search the scriptures in English opening several versions of translation. He decided himself to prove Jesus not their Messiah to the faith of his daughter. But unexpectedly, he found our his Messiah that is Jesus after he spent several months. When he told his family, he knew that all his family, including his wife, had already become Christians. I read his testimony through his book, "Betrayed." The amazing thing I found in his testimony was that of all the English translations, only the King James Bible to be found the most accurate truth. That's right. Satan is corrupting the words of the Bible through his servants, hiding the divinity of Jesus Christ, preventing people from being saved, and believing in other Jesus to be saved. That's right. Satan, the god of the world, still uses his servants to keep the radiance of the glorious Gospel of Christ out of the minds of men.

Finally, through the mouth of Solomon, who realized that Jesus was the Creator God. Let us hear the testimony of the Creator Jesus by Solomon through the Holy Spirit:

"The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

24When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

25Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:

26While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

27When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

28When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

29When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

31Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men. 32Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. " (Proverbs 8:22-32)

Amen! Hallelujah!