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Message Title : **“David and the power of the Word”**

Good morning, everyone! The world is in a chaotic situation. The very cold winter is behind, and unnoticeably the beautiful spring has sneaked in, now we expect a hot summer ahead of us! As we lift up our eyes outside, the war between Russia and Ukraine is still going on and there seems to be no end to this war. And in Sudan, the political battle between the governmental army and the oppositional force got into a severe civil war, and many citizens have been killed or injured by it. And the corona pandemic has now spread in many countries of the world, and in spite of the good effect of vaccine, in the past four years countless lives of the people in the world have been lost.

In such a seemingly dangerous and hopeless world, we who are alive often raise a question, “Are we living a truly worthy lives when so many sad and negative things are happening in the world around us?”

Today’s Bible Passage is from Psalm 19, which is one of the psalms of king David, who was the king of Israel about three thousand years ago. He sang many psalms and many of them were recorded in the book of Psalm.

My last message at this OIC was also from the book of Psalm i.e. Ps. 1 and 2. At that time, I pointed out that the happy person is described as the one **“who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night” (Ps.1:1,2)**, and who is commanded as follows, **“Serve the Lord, with fear and rejoice with trembling, kiss the Son” ( Ps. 2:11)**.

Here in Ps.19 also, daily life of David, who was a true believer in the Lord, is vividly depicted as the one who had firm faith in God’ two ways of revelation, namely, natural revelation and special revelation.

### **I Great Creator God Reveals Himself indirectly through His creations (Natural Revelation) Ps.19:1~6**

The things which were created by God fill the heavens and the earth, and all of them are functioning accurately according to the order which God had set.

Through all ages and everywhere, such natural phenomena are shown to all men and the people have acknowledged and adopted them into their daily lives (vs.1~4). Among those things, especially, the presence of the sun and its functions

provide the essential things for the lives of the people (vs.5, 6).

David without any doubts perceived from those natural phenomena the greatness of God, and His manner of rule and order. Particularly the accurate movements of the sun in the planet is described with amazement in vs. 5 and 6.

## **II The Creator Lord God spoke to them with the intention of purifying and making complete the human bodies and souls (Special Revelation) Ps. 19:7~13**

David knew well that men cannot purify one's souls by the good observations and understandings of God's natural revelation on the part of human beings.

David knew and experienced that for men in order to purify and renovate one's souls, it is necessary for men to listen to God's call through His word and to have intimate fellowship with Him.

The Lord (in Hebrew the word, Yahweh, is used) by His teaching transforms our deadly inner beings into revived eternal spirit (v.7a), and furnishes them with true wisdom and not with foolishness (v.7b). The Lord's precepts are straightforward and they will give us true joy, and His ordinances are pure and give radiance to our eyes (v.8), and teaches us that we should only fear the Lord and entrust Him in the matters of our future judgement before Him (v.9). And His Word is better than pure gold, and is sweeter than honey from the comb (v.10), and His Word helps us to flee from our manifold sins, and forgives us our iniquities, and helps to provide necessary things to us so that we may become true sons of God (vs. 11~13).

### **CONCLUSION Ps.19:14**

David experienced and knew that the walk which is constantly taught by the Word of the living Lord, is truly a man's duty and destiny.

Therefore, he confessed and prayed:

**“May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord , my Rock and my Redeemer“.** v. 14

A New Testament Gospel writer, John expresses a similar faith when he introduces his Master, when He describes Him as:

**“I am the way and truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”** (The Gospel of John 14:6)

**“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”** (The Gospel of John 3:16)