

Bible Study Service in Malang, April 28, 2011 (Thursday Evening)

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The theme is as follows:

Revelation 19:9

19:9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

Passover was meant as the deliverance of Israelites from the slavery in Egypt in Old Testament.

Now, in New Testament, **Passover is the deliverance from sins even from the world that we can meet Jesus on glorious clouds or in the marriage supper of the Lamb.**

In shorts, the marriage supper of the Lamb is the peak of Passover.

The marriage supper of the Lamb is the meeting of Jesus, Heavenly Bridegroom or King of kings in His glory, with the perfect Church of God, His Bride, on the glorious clouds.

The marriage supper of the Lamb is the spiritual marriage between Jesus, Heavenly Bridegroom, and the Church, His Bride, or the relationship between Jesus, the Head, and the Church, His body, which cannot be separated.

Nowadays we have to increase our relationship with the Lord until we are not separated with Him anymore.

Why? Because death always aims us and the distance between us and the death is only one step, referring to one heart-beat.

There are three kinds of death as follows:

1. Bodily death because of disease, accident, et cetera.
2. Spiritual death because of sins, in form of dry spirituality or not being fervent in the Lord anymore.

Ephesians 2:1

2:1. And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

3. Second death in hell forever.

Revelation 20:14-15

20:14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

20:15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

The stages of our relationship with God are as follows:

1. **Relationship between sons and the Father.**

It is good and we will be blessed physically, but there are many lost sons because of leaving the father.

2. **Relationship between sheep and the Shepherd.**

It is also good and we are preserved and covered, but there is still lost sheep.

3. **Relationship between student and the Teacher.**

John 6:60, 66

6:60. Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"

6:66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

Keep being alert!

There will be many people leaving the true teaching Word in these last days because of keeping sins, temptations (as what has happened to Judas), threats, et cetera.

4. **Relationship between heavenly bride and the Heavenly Bridegroom**= spiritual marriage, and we are not separated anymore with the Lord as the relationship between body and the Head.

The spiritual marriage is different with the physical one. The spiritual marriage is a glorious marriage.

Having relationship with God as the relationship between body and the Head, the three kinds of death will not have authority anymore.

In Revelation, the spiritual marriage is written three times as the covering of God the Trinity to the Church so the Church is not swallowed by the death.

(It is described as the Ark of Covenant whose two parts, namely the mercy seat with two cherubim, referring to God the Trinity, and the ark, referring to the Church.)

1. Revelation 8:1-5

8:1. *When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.*

8:2 *And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.*

8:3 *Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.*

8:4 *And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.*

8:5 *Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.*

The relationship in spiritual marriage = **the relationship in worship prayer**= the neck as the closest relationship between body and the Head.

The relationship in worship prayer **results in peace in Holy Spirit, that is to say rest, peace, and silence.**

The death has no power anymore wherever we have peace in our life, meaning we are delivered from the death.

There are two contrast conditions as follows:

- One who worships God will have the peace, rest, and silence much more to the peak when s/he meets Jesus, the Head.
- There are many shakings in the world that become greater until the world perishes.

Let us ask the rest to God in our worship.

We worship Him when we are blessed, so we will not be arrogant.

In addition, we worship Him when we are in lack, so we will not be hopeless.

The process is as follows:

Matthew 11:28-29

11:28 *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

11:29 *"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

In worship prayer, we experience the process of tearing or crucifying our flesh. We learn to Jesus on the cross to become **LOWLY IN HEART and GENTLE.**

- **Being lowly in heart means as follows:**

Jesus was willing to confess and to bear all our sins and faults on the cross even though He did not sin at all.

We have to be lowly in heart, namely we confess our sins to God and men, and we do not repeat them after being forgiven.

- **Being gentle means as follows:**

Jesus prayed on the cross that the Father might forgive the people crucifying Him.

We have to be gentle, namely we forgive the sins of other people and forget them.

If the sins are finished, we will have peace and rest for sure.

As long as we are arrogant, or we do not confess our sins and forgive the sins of other people, we will always labor and be heavy laden. Such condition indicates that the death is reigning in us.

Matthew 11:29-30

11:29 *"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

11:30 *"For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

If the death has no power in us or if the sins have been finished, we will have the rest for sure.

The result will be real as follows:

- **All matters become easy and light** whatever condition we have, whether we are blessed or in problems.
- **We have the power of God to defeat all winds and wave or shakings**, and all things are still, all problems are settled.
- **The spiritual death because of sins has no power anymore**, we are not separated with the Lord.

2. Revelation 19:9

19:9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' "And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

The spiritual marriage = **relationship in joy**.

We have blessings in the relationship between sons and the Father, but in fact there are many people who have been blessed who feel no joy but keep living in sins.

In Revelation there are seven kinds of joy, and the last joy is written in **Revelation 19:9**.

The beginning of joy is in the Word.

Revelation 1:3

1:3. *Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.*

It is in reading, hearing, and obeying the prophetic Word especially.

We have to be corrected in this matter:

We often dislike in reading and hearing the Word much more when we are in the church, and even at home, so when will we hear and read the Word?

Paul, the Apostle, divides the preaching of God's Word in these two things:

- Gospel or the Word preaching about Jesus' first coming. It is to bring novices who have not known Jesus yet to repent and be saved.
- Prophetic Word or the Word revealing the things that must happen in the future, especially about Jesus' second coming. It is called teaching Word or Bride Tidings, which sanctifies and perfects us until we are lifted up on the glorious clouds.

The time of Jesus' second coming is drawing near, so let us now have delight reading, hearing, and obeying the prophetic Word!

Psalm 119:92

119:92. *Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction.*

Not having delight in the Word, we are sinking in the death (in problems, et cetera.).

The result of having delight hearing, reading, and obeying the prophetic Word is as follows:

- **We feel the joy of heaven.**
- **We are sanctified.**

Hebrews 4:12-13

4:12 *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

4:13 *And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*

The prophetic Word is as two-edged sharp sword which is able to pierce and sanctify our life, beginning with our heart.

The beginning of sanctification is in our heart, that is the storehouse of sins as follows:

- **"The root" of unclean lusts:** sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, being drunk, consuming narcotics, and marrying-giving in marriage, namely sexual sins and false marriage.

Beware of false marriage! The false decision of a priest about it is for the time in the world until in hell.

Satan tries to destroy the physical marriage because he knows that if the physical marriage is destroyed, man will never reach the spiritual one.

- **"The root" of wicked lusts:** being bound by money causing greediness and stinginess.
Stinginess means one cannot give to the others.
Greediness means seizing the possession of others, especially of God.
Tithes and offerings must be returned to God. (It begins with a pastor, he must not become a thief!)

The proof of being delivered from the wicked lust is we can give as we purpose in our heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, but with cheer.

II Corinthians 9:7-8

9:7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

Giving with cheer, not grudgingly or of necessity, God will make all grace abound toward us to do these things:

1. To preserve us until we do not lack anything.
2. We have abundance in righteous good works or **the garment of Bride**.

Revelation 19:8

19:8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

The clean bright fine linen is the garment of bride, namely the righteous acts coming out of pure heart without any physical intention.

Be careful! There are many good people in the world, but the good deeds do not come out of pure heart but with some intention. Such condition is as fine linen which is not bright.

The peak of sanctification is in our mouth, that we use our mouth only to worship God or we have **the voice of Bride**.

Psalm 149:6

149:6. *Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,*

Revelation 19:6, 1, 3-4

19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

19:1. After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!

19:3 Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!"

19:4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"

Having the garment and the voice of Bride, we enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb of God (**Revelation 19:9**).

- o **Bodily death has no power anymore.**

John 8:51

8:51. *"Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."*

I Thessalonians 4:16-17

4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

4:17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Holy people who are let die in the world by God will someday be risen (the death has no power anymore) while people who are alive until Jesus comes a second time will be changed to become perfect in a twinkling of eye. Thus we will be together welcoming Jesus' second coming.

3. Revelation 21:1-3

21:1. Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

21:2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

21:3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with

them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

The spiritual marriage = **relationship in renewal**.

God has been born in the world as human with blood and flesh, namely Jesus, to give flesh and blood human chance to be renewed to become the same as God.

We are renewed by God's love, so the death has no power anymore.

The beginning of renewal is through throwing away eight characteristics of flesh which are in hell, referring to the second death, from our life.

Revelation 21:8

21:8 "But the cowardly(1), unbelieving(2), abominable(3), murderers(4), sexually immoral(5), sorcerers(6), idolaters(7), and all liars (8) shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

The last is liar. As long as we keep lying there must be cowardly or being easy to be threatened, unbelieving, abominable, et cetera.

Having the eight flesh characteristics, we become the same as dog and swine or Satan.

On the contrary, throwing away the eight flesh characteristics, **we get nine characteristics or the images of glorious God the Trinity.**

Galatians 5:22-23

5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

5:23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

- The image of Father God, namely love, joy, and peace.
- The image of the Son of God, that is to say longsuffering, kindness, and goodness.
- The image of Holy Spirit God, namely faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Genesis 1:26

1:26. Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

With the image of God the Trinity, Satan the trinity or the death is defeated.

The fish, birds, and the cattle over all the earth or three kinds of beast in Revelation are the image of Satan the trinity.

The death cannot be defeated by intelligence or riches, not even with foolishness and poverty.

The death only will be defeated if we are near to God in our relationship with Him in worship, joy, and renewal.

The three kinds of death cannot have any power because we have the relationship of spiritual marriage.

How can we, whose faces are marred as Satan, the dog, and the swine, receive the glorious image of God?

Isaiah 52:14

52:14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;

Holy Communion: Jesus' glorious face has been totally marred on the cross to make our marred condition that is as Satan or the dog or the swine able to totally receive His glorious face.

The renewal begins with NOT LYING = honesty= confessing just the way we are.

The result is as follows:

The Lord comes with **the power of creation**, that He is able to create new way or solution from all problems, and He makes all things good. Impossible problems turn to possible until we enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

God blesses you.