

Bible Study Service in Malang, August 04, 2016 (Thursday Evening)

Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 4:4

4:4 *Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.*

The twenty four elders are around the throne of heavenly kingdom. They can be divided into two parts as follows.

1. 12 elders = 12 apostles of the early rain church.
2. 12 elders = 12 apostles of the latter rain church.

It refers to the Table of Showbread on which there are twelve loaves. They are set in two rows, six in a row. They refer to the sixty six books in the Bible or the true teaching Word.

The number twelve also refers to the fellowship.

Thus, the true teaching Word encourages us to join the true fellowship, whose base is the true teaching Word. There are two kinds of the true fellowship as follows.

1. The fellowship among the branches or between us and others in the body of Christ.
It begins from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding fellowship service, up to the one perfect body of Christ between the house of Israel and the Gentiles or the bride of God.
2. Our fellowship with God, the branch with the true Vine, or the body and the Head.
We become one with God when Jesus comes a second time. We enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, One Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace, and the New Jerusalem. We sit with Jesus on the throne of heavenly kingdom.

Thus, we must enter the true ministry for building the body of Christ, so we can be the bride of God and sit with Jesus on the throne of heavenly kingdom like the twenty four elders. It means that we enter the ministry in the vineyard or the one which is brought up by the Bride Tidings.

Matthew 20:1-6

20:1 *"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.*

20:2 *"Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.*

20:3 *"And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,*

20:4 *"and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went.*

20:5 *"Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise.*

20:6 *"And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?'*

The requirements of working in the vineyard are as follows.

1. The Lord opens the opportunity widely that we can work in the vineyard. He does not want us to be idle.

There are three times of opportunity to work in the vineyard as follows.

- The first opportunity which happens early in the morning is for the native Israelites or the chosen people of God.
- The second opportunity which happens at 9 a.m., 12 noon, and 3 p.m.

Mark 15:25, 33

15:25 *Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him.*

15:33 *Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.*

It is the love and opportunity for the lost Israelites who have sinned.

Matthew 15:24

15:24 *But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."*

- The last opportunity which happens at 5 p.m.

John 19:32-34

19:32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

19:33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

It refers to the fifth wound of Jesus, namely in His side. It is the deepest and biggest wound which is the mercy of God to redeem the Gentiles from sin and give them opportunity to work in the vineyard as the priests and kings.

Thus, the requirement of the Gentiles' working in the vineyard is being expert in using the opportunity which has been opened by God through the shepherding Word.

Matthew 15:26

15:26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

The shepherding Word is the true teaching Word which is hard. It is preached faithfully, continually, and repetitively by a pastor to the congregation to give them opportunity to enter the vineyard.

The repetitive shepherding Word stirs our heart to enter the ministry in the vineyard for building the body of Christ.

Philippians 2:13

2:13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

God is reviving our willingness to enter the vineyard or the ministry for building the body of Christ in every preaching of the shepherding Word which is repeated. If we reject it, someday we will not be able to enter the building of the body of Christ. It means entering the building of the body of Babylon up to perdition.

Matthew 20:2

20:2 "Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

Why does God not want us to be idle, but tries hard to make us minister in the vineyard? To give us the wage one denarius.

Revelation 6:5-6

6:5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

The wage of one denarius is useful to pass through the famine which will come and protect us from the condemnation of God to the world, the doomsday, up to the one in the hell.

2. The Lord wants the vinedressers to do the will of Father God or be obedient.**Matthew 21:28-31**

21:28 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.'

21:29 "He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went.

21:30 "Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go.

21:31 "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you.

It is the same as the ministry in love of the bride.

John 14:15

14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

The requirement to be obedient is sacrificing our own will, desire, or interest.

John 21:3, 7

21:3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

21:7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

If we do not obey the will of God, we will never be successful, but be in failure and nakedness. Our life is ashamed, in

anxiety, sufferings, curse, and perdition.

John 21:5-6

21:5 Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No."

21:6 And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

Nevertheless, God still gives us opportunity to lift us up from our fall. He helps us through the repetitive preaching of the hard teaching Word to sanctify us until we can honestly confess our mistakes and sins to God and others. After being forgiven, we must not sin again. The Word sanctifies our mind, so we do not use our logic again, but faith in obeying the Word. Impossible things for men can be made possible by God.

If our heart and mind are sanctified, we will obey God or stretch out our hands to Him. As a result, He will stretch His hands with the power of creation to us to create something that does not exist yet and to make possible impossible things. It continues until the door of heaven is open.

Matthew 7:21

7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

As a result, the doors in the world will be opened also for us.

3. The Lord wants us to bear sweet fruits to produce sweet wine which can be presented in the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Matthew 21:33-42

21:33 "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.

21:34 "Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit.

21:35 "And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.

21:36 "Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them.

21:37 "Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

21:38 "But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'

21:39 "So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

21:40 "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

21:41 They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

21:42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD'S doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

The vinedressers refer to the servant of God who does not bear the fruits because of having bad characteristics as follows.

- Not appreciating the repeated shepherding Word.
- Greediness, namely robbing the possession of God or the tithes and offerings as well as the one of others. Stinginess means that one cannot give for the work of God and others who are in need.
- Egoism or self-interest.

We must be sanctified from the bad characteristics and we will get these results.

- We can persevere in the true teaching Word and doing the service to God. We have the fruit of hope.
- We can give. We have the fruit of faith.
- We can love God. We have the fruit of love.

1 Corinthians 13:12-13

13:12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

13:13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The grape fruits must be pressed to produce the sweet wine. It means the sprinkling of blood or the suffering in the flesh with Jesus.

For example, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-Nego have been successful physically and spiritually, but still need to get the sprinkling of blood.

Daniel must face the false teachings and worship; even the den of lions.

Daniel 6:11

6:11 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

As a result, there is the sweet wine, namely we can be strong and of courage and hold fast as well as obey the true teaching Word regardless of any risk we have to take. We can keep faithful in doing the service and ministry to God. We keep worshipping God.

Then, the lions' mouths are shut by God. Impossible things can be made possible and we have the success as well as the beautiful future life. We are used by God to be His witness.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego also face the false teachings and worship. They must face the burning fiery furnace which has been heated seven times more than the usual. It refers to the temptations up to the antichrist and the impossibilities.

Daniel 3:16-18

3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

3:17 "If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.

3:18 "But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego are strong and of good courage. They keep on believing and entrusting themselves to God although maybe He does not help them.

1 Thessalonians 3:13

3:13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

It continues until we are changed to be perfect and worthy to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds. We enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, the One Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace, and the New Jerusalem. We sit with Jesus on the throne of the heavenly kingdom like the twenty four elders.

God blesses you.