

Bible Study Service in Malang, July 11, 2013 (Thursday Evening)

Peace and grace in the Lord of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:20b

28:20 ... and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

God is with us always, even to the end of the age. It means He is with us from now on until the days of the antichrist reigning over the world, even until Jesus comes a second time on glorious clouds and we can sit with Him on the throne of New Jerusalem forever.

The accompaniment of God refers to the Ark of the Covenant. The mercy seat cannot shift.

God is with us as the wings of two cherubim on the mercy seat which are spread to overshadow us, the ark or the Church.

1 Kings 8:6-7

8:6 Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the cherubim.

8:7 For the cherubim spread their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles.

For example, Ruth, a Gentile, has the coverage of the wings of the two cherubim.

Ruth 3:9-10

3:9 And he said, "Who are you?" So she answered, "I am Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative."

3:10 Then he said, "Blessed are you of the LORD, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich.

Ruth is a Gentile who experiences the redemption and accompaniment of God or the coverage of His wings until she can be the Bride of God who sits with Him forever.

The process of being overshadowed by the wings of God for the Gentiles is as follows.

1. **Receiving the calling of God.** It means we enter the court of heavenly kingdom.

Ruth 1:16

1:16 But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God."

Ruth 2:11-13

2:11 And Boaz answered and said to her, "It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before.

2:12 "The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."

2:13 Then she said, "Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me, and have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants."

Actually, the Gentiles are outside the tabernacle or heavenly kingdom and lost forever. Therefore, we need to receive the calling of God to enter the court of the heavenly kingdom.

The proof of receiving the calling of God is as follows.

- Receiving the true God. It means we believe or have faith in Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:20

5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

- Leaving the father and mother. It means we leave the old father, namely Satan or the father of murderer and liar.

John 8:44

8:44 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

It means we leave the sin, namely lie and hatred. Afterward, we stop doing all other sins to return to God. It is repentance or the Altar of Burnt Offering in Tabernacle teaching.

- Leaving the land of birth to go to Canaan.

It means we are delivered from worldly life to turn to heavenly one through the life renewal done by the water and spirit.

John 3:5

3:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

The water refers to water baptism. It denotes the Brazen Laver in Tabernacle teaching.

The baptism of Holy Spirit refers to the Door of Tabernacle.

As a result, we have new life and heavenly one, namely life in righteousness.

The life in righteousness refers to the Court that is surrounded by white clothes. It means we are surrounded by the blessings and mercy of God as well as salvation up to our descendants.

Psalm 5:12

5:12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

Keeping something which is not righteous will open the white clothes and Satan may enter.

2. Receiving the election of God because many are called but few are chosen.

Ruth 2:1-3

2:1 There was a relative of Naomi's husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech. His name was Boaz.

2:2 So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

2:3 Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

Being chosen means we enter the field belonging to Boaz. Boaz refers to the bridegroom or Jesus.

It refers to entering the Holy Place of Tabernacle or being shepherded by the Bride Tidings and used by God. The shepherding is the place where we can firm the salvation, righteousness and God's use to us, the Gentiles.

Ruth enters the field to glean the heads of grain. It means that **the foundation of the ministry of the bride is hearing and obeying the true teaching Word**. Obeying means we do what God commands us to do and we do not do what He forbids us.

Matthew 7:21-23

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.

7:22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

7:23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

The measurement of the success of the ministry in the field of the bridegroom is obedience to the true teaching Word. As a result, we get success in the world until we enter the eternal heavenly kingdom successfully.

The strange voice makes us disobedient. The disobedience in the ministry means practicing lawlessness. In such condition, the more one ministers to God, the more he becomes evil. Not ministering to God or leaving the ministry also equals to practicing lawlessness. The right thing is throwing away the sin to keep on ministering to God.

Ruth 2:10

2:10 So she fell on her face, bowed down to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

If we are obedient in the field of the bridegroom, we will get full attention and mercy of God, Heavenly Bridegroom. Being

outside the field of the bridegroom, one is not shepherded, but he disobeys God and perishes forever. Ministering to God is not to suffer our life, but God is paying attention to us and beautifying our life.

3. **We must be made special by God.**

Ruth 3:8

3:8 Now it happened at midnight that the man was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet.

Being specialized means we are at the feet of Jesus, Heavenly Bridegroom. It is a special place as the ark under the mercy seat inside the Most Holy Place of Tabernacle.

There are many virgins gleaning the heads of grain in the field, but only Ruth can lie at the feet of Boaz. It means there are many who minister to God, but few are specialized.

Ruth 3:1-3

3:1 Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?"

3:2 "Now Boaz, whose young women you were with, is he not our relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

3:3 "Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

We must make special preparation in order to be specialized.

- To wash. It means the sanctification done by the true teaching Word sharper than any two-edged sword. It refers to the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. It denotes the Table of Showbread. If we persevere, we will get continual sanctification until we are perfect and without blemish as Jesus is. It means we are fully redeemed. It denotes the moon under the feet of the Bride.

The proof is we can say â[?]yesâ[?] if â[?]yesâ[?] and â[?]noâ[?] if â[?]no.â[?] In such condition, we will never stumble.

- To anoint ourselves. It means we live in the anointing of Holy Spirit. We get it through the perseverance in doing General Service and fellowship. It refers to the Golden Candlestick. As a result, we get the gifts of Holy Spirit more and more up to the perfection, namely the garland of twelve stars on the head of the Bride.
- To put the best garment. It means we have life renewal from carnal man to spiritual one as Jesus is. We experience it through the perseverance in doing Prayer Service. It refers to the Golden Altar of Incense. To worship God means we change the old garments or characteristics with the new ones. It begins from obedience whatever risk we have to face.

The special preparation happens inside the shepherding or the Holy Place. We are prepared to become the Bride of God as the ark under the coverage of the wings of the cherubim.

The result is as follows.

- We undergo sanctification from the teaching and sins of Babylon, namely sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

Ruth 3:10

3:10 Then he said, "Blessed are you of the LORD, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich.

The teaching of Babylon prioritizes prosperity and physical entertainment without sanctification.

The sins and teaching of Babylon destroy the marriage, so one cannot reach the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

Revelation 2:20

2:20 "Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

The teaching of Babylon works together with the teaching of Jezebel that allows woman to teach and have authority over man. It means the consecration is false and so is the place in the body of Christ. Actually, Ruth is at the feet of Boaz, but the teaching of Jezebel wants to reverse it. It has happened that Samson is in the lap of Delilah,

consequently he enter the temple of Dagon not of God. The temple of Dagon refers to performance or other physical things.

- To become living testimony or light. It begins from the household, the light before men, in the city, until we can light the shine of sun, moon, and stars.

Ruth 3:11

3:11 "And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a virtuous woman.

Revelation 12:1,14

12:1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

We get the coverage of the two wings of a great eagle, namely the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit, in the shepherding. It means a great gain which is invaluable.

The growth of the two wings of a great eagle happens in the shepherding through two things as follows.

- Consuming the shepherding Word with Holy Communion.
- Test.

Deuteronomy 32:10-12

32:10 "He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.

32:11 As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings,

32:12 So the LORD alone led him, And there was no foreign god with him.

The test makes us not rely on anything in the world, but the coverage of the wings of God.

The function of the two wings of a great eagle is as follows.

- To bring us to pass through the storm of the wilderness of the world.

Revelation 12:14

12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

It means the embrace of God's hand is able to preserve and protect our life in the midst of many difficulties in the world. The embrace of God's hand is also able to solve all problems, even the impossible one, until someday it flies us to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the serpent for three years and six months.

- To give us extra power.

Isaiah 40:29-31

40:29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.

40:30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,

40:31 But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

The function of the extra power is as follows.

- a. To make us endure to wait for Jesus's second coming. We are not disappointed, hopeless, or weak because of anything, but we keep faithful and fervent in spirit until the end. We are not weary or heavy laden, but we have rest and peace from God and all things become easy and light.
- b. To exalt us on glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time. We are exalted from all failures and falls, so we get success. We are used by God in the revival of the building of the body of Christ. We are sanctified and renewed to reach perfection and we are exalted on the glorious clouds to sit with Him on His throne forever.

God blesses you.