

Bible Study Service in Malang, March 31, 2016 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 3:21-22

3:21 *"To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.*

3:22 *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.""*

The promise of God to the church of the Laodiceans or the congregation on the last days is to sit with Jesus on the heavenly throne. The bride sits with the Bridegroom on the heavenly throne forever. The bride experiences the top of Jesus' covering as the heavenly Bridegroom and no one may charge against.

Luke 13:34

13:34 *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often! wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!*

'How often' refers to the seriousness and longing of Jesus.

'to gather your children together' is the same as the fellowship of the body of Christ.

'under her wings' refers to the covering of the Lord.

It is the deep seriousness and longing of Jesus, the heavenly Bridegroom, to make us enter the true fellowship of the body of Christ which is based on the true teaching Word. As a result, Jesus as the heavenly Bridegroom will be able to cover us from now on in the world which is like the wilderness up to the top of covering, namely we can sit with Him on the heavenly throne forever.

The true fellowship of the body of Christ starts from the true marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding fellowship, up to the one perfect body of Christ between Israelites and Gentiles.

Psalms 68:4-6

68:4 *Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name YAH, And rejoice before Him.*

68:5 *A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in His holy habitation.*

68:6 *God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.*

Who is worthy to get the covering of the Lord?

1. Widows or the people who have no relationship anymore with the husbands. It refers to the deliverance from the flesh.
2. Strangers or the people who are alone. They have no connection with the world. It means the deliverance from the world.
3. The fatherless or the people who have no relationship with the former father or Satan. It refers to the deliverance from sin.

We are learning the strangers or the people who have no connection with the world and all of its influences. For example, Abraham.

Hebrews 11:8-10

11:8 *By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.*

11:9 *By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;*

11:10 *for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

The strangers live in tent. There are two meanings of the tent as follows.

1. Something which is not permanent because we can easily set and disassemble it. It means that **we are not bound to the world** which has returned to the days of Sodom and Gomorrah. The last bond is the evil will or the love of money and unclean one or the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

Genesis 14:17-20

14:17 *And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him.*

14:18 *Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.*

14:19 *And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;*

14:20 *And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.*

Abraham, a person who had been victorious and blessed by God, still faced two choices, namely the King of Salem and the one of Sodom. He chose the king of Salem and got the sanctification, so he could return the tithes or the possession of God.

Genesis 14:21-23

14:21 Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself."

14:22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,

14:23 "that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich' --

Abram was set free from Sodom and Gomorrah, so he lived by God. He was blessed by God up to his descendants and the eternal life.

Judas Iscariot chose the king of Sodom by stealing the tithes or possession of God. He felt that he lives by the world, so he perished forever.

2. **Shepherding system or pen.**

Hebrews 11:9

11:9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

Genesis 18:1,9

18:1 Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day.

18:9 Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" So he said, "Here, in the tent."

Abram or a husband, Sarah or a wife, Isaac or the son and his wife, as well as Jacob or the grandson and the wife dwelt in the tent. We get the great grace of God when our whole family is in the one shepherding in the true teaching Word. It means that they are in the one ark of Noah to get the covering of God.

The activities in the shepherding pen are as follows.

- Kneading three measures of fine meal to make cakes and preparing a good calf.

Genesis 18:6-7

18:6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and make cakes."

18:7 And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave it to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it.

The flour refers to the Word. The three measures refer to the trinity of God or Jesus Himself in the glory as the heavenly Bridegroom. Thus, the three measures of fine meal refer to the true teaching Word or Bride Tidings.

Kneading three measures of fine meal means that we listen to and obey the Bride Tidings.

Preparing a calf means the fellowship with the sacrifice of Christ.

Thus, kneading three measures of fine meal and preparing a good calf refers to **the Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service to have fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.** It is the same as a tree planted by the living water of God's Word which will never be dry.

- Praying.

Genesis 24:67

24:67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent; and he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Genesis 25:21

25:21 Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

It refers to **the Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing the Prayer Service to have fellowship with Father God in the love.** It is the same as a tree planted by the living water of God's love which will never be dry.

- Wearing the choice clothes.

Genesis 27:15

27:15 Then Rebekah took the choice clothes of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son.

It refers to **the Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service to have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts.** It is the same as a tree planted by the living water of Holy Spirit which will never be dry.

The gifts of Holy Spirit are the miraculous ability from Holy Spirit to enable us to serve and minister to God according to the ministry we receive from Him.

The ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit are the same as the choice clothes we receive from the sacrifice of Christ on the cross through the laying on of the hands of a pastor. The service and ministry will not torment us, but beautify our life. Our life has not been beautiful yet, even we are naked, before we serve and minister to God. Ministering to God unfaithfully will make us lose the choice clothes. Moreover, we will get naked.

If we are shepherded by persevering in doing the three main services to God or dwelling in the Holy Place, we will experience two things as follows.

- Being separated from the world, so we get the covering of the Lord.
- Being separated from the world, so we long for entering the New Jerusalem.

Hebrews 11:9-10

11:9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

11:10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Colossians 2:7

2:7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

The facts found in it is we have the strong foundation or root to be built up and we abound with thanksgiving.

- **We are rooted.**

Jeremiah 17:7-8

17:7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD.

17:8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

The people who only hope in the Lord are the same as the ones who are shepherded like a tree planted by the living water. The root absorbs the water. It means that we can eat and enjoy consuming the shepherding Word although it is sharp or hard. We can hear and obey the true shepherding Word, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.

Proverbs 12:3

12:3 A man is not established by wickedness, But the root of the righteous cannot be moved.

We have the strong root or foundation which will not be shaken by the temptations or false teachings.

- **Being built up.**

Acts 20:28, 31-33, 35

20:28 "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

20:31 "Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

20:32 "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

20:33 "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

20:35 "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

It means that the shepherding Word is able to sanctify us. It begins from our heart as the center of our life. There are two kinds of desire in the heart as follows.

- a. Unclean desire, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.
- b. Evil desire, namely the will of money.

The proof of being built up and sanctified from the evil and unclean desire is we can feel more joyful to give than to receive. We can return the tithes and offerings and give to other people who are in need. Moreover, we can give our whole life to God.

It is the same as a growing tree with the green leaves and fruits.

The green leaves mean that we are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain for building the perfect body of Christ. We are not disappointed or hopeless. We do not leave our ministry regardless of anything we must face. We keep faithful and fervent in spirit as well as faithful and true in the ministry for building the body of Christ. It begins from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the one perfect body of Christ.

Hebrews 13:15-17

13:15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

13:16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

The fruits start from our lips, namely the honesty and thanksgiving. It continues in the good deeds until we can repay good for evil as well as obedience fruit until our flesh does not speak anymore. It is the same as the fruit of love or the one of the bride.

Psalm 1:3

1:3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

As a result, God accompanies or covers us. He makes all things we do prosper. For example, Joseph.

Genesis 37:2, 12-13,

37:2 This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.

37:12 Then his brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.

37:13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." So he said to him, "Here I am."

He was honest, good, and obedient although he had to be thrown in a pit, sold, and put in prison. He had no hope and future.

Genesis 39:21, 23

39:21 But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

39:23 The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

Nevertheless, the merciful hand of God is able to make all things successful and beautiful in time of need.

Psalm 103:4

103:4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

We are sanctified and changed to be perfect when Jesus comes a second time. We get the crown of bride. We are worthy to sit with Jesus on the throne of the New Jerusalem forever.

Genesis 49:22-24

49:22 "Joseph is a fruitful bough, A fruitful bough by a well; His branches run over the wall.

49:23 The archers have bitterly grieved him, Shot at him and hated him.

49:24 But his bow remained in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong By the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob (From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel),

God blesses you.