

Bible Study Service in Malang, October 03, 2013 (Thursday Evening)

Peace and grace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Revelation consists of twenty two chapters with four hundred and five verses. It is the last book of the bible. It refers to the Ark of the Covenant according to Tabernacle teaching.

The Ark of the Covenant consists of two parts as follows.

1. The mercy seat with two cherubim of pure gold.

The pure gold refers to godly characteristics.

The first cherub refers to God the Father or the Lord. The mercy seat refers to the Son of God or Jesus. The second cherub refers to Holy Spirit God or Christ.

The mercy seat is made of pure gold. It refers to the Lord Jesus Christ as Heavenly Bridegroom.

2. The ark is made of acacia wood overlaid with pure gold inside and out, so that the wood cannot be seen anymore.

It refers to the perfect Church of God as the Heavenly Bride.

Exodus 25:10

25:10 " And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits shall be its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height.

The length of the ark is two and a half cubits. The width is same as the height, that is one and a half cubit.

We find the area of the bottom by multiplying the length with the width as follows

The area = $2.5 \times 1.5 = 5/2 \times 3/2 = (5 \times 3)/4$.

The figure 5 refers to the five wounds of Jesus that save the sinners or the sacrifice of Christ.

The figure 3 refers to the trinity of God in the glory as Heavenly Bridegroom.

The figure 4 refers to the four gospels.

The figure 4 bears the figure 5 and 3. **The foundation to become the heavenly Bride is as follows.**

1. The figure 4 bears the figure 5. It refers to the gospel word or the gospel of salvation or good tidings.

Ephesians 1:13

1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Proverbs 25:25

25:25 As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country.

The gospel of salvation is the Word that preaches about Jesus' first coming in the world to die on the cross and save the sinners.

2. The figure 4 bears the figure 3. It means the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the teaching Word or the word that is sharper than any two-edged sword. It is called Bride Tidings.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

The gospel of the glory of Christ is the gospel or the Word of God preaching Jesus' second coming in His glory as the King of all kings or Heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify and renew the people who have been saved to become perfect as Jesus is or Heavenly Bride.

Thus, the foundation to become the Bride of God is we must receive the gospel of salvation as well as the gospel of the glory of Christ or Bride Tidings, so that we can be perfect.

We must have the two times of the preaching of the Word as the foundation to become the Bride of God. For example, the healing of the blind man in Bethsaida is with the two times of Jesus' touching.

Mark 8:22-26

8:22 Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him.

8:23 So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything.

8:24 And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking."

8:25 Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.

8:26 Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town."

The blind man has a dark life. The physical meanings are as follows.

- To live in difficulties, even to face dead-end.
- There is no future life but suffering and bitterness in life.
- To face impossibilities.

The blind man must look for the touching of Jesus's hand.

The spiritual meanings of the blind man are as follows.

- To live in sin up to the peak, namely sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.
- One cannot see the Lord and worship Him. It means there is spiritual death, no satisfaction. One will suffer the most when he cannot worship God.
- One cannot see others who are in need, so he is egoistic. We must pay attention and bear witness to other people around us.
- One cannot see the Lord on the glorious clouds when He comes a second time.

"The condition of the blind man is very terrible, but such a wood life is chosen by God. Actually, all men in the world are blind [Romans 3:23].

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What is needed by the blind men is the touching of Jesus's hand through the preaching of the Word that comes out of the mouth of God or the saliva.

Thus, we must prioritize the preaching of the true teaching Word in the service and ministry, so that we meet God and experience the touching of God's hand.

We must be careful that our service does not become a spiritual mask because it is a pretense God hates.

The two times of Jesus touching to the blind man equal to the two times of the preaching of the Word of God. The two times refer to the seriousness of God in the service to touch the blind. Let us be serious in heeding the preaching of the Word of God.

1. **The first touching refers to the gospel of salvation.**

John 19:31-34

19:31 Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

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.

Jesus has died with four main wounds, two in the feet and two in the hands. They refer to the love of God to save Israel, the chosen people of God.

Praise the Lord, there is a soldier of the Gentiles who pierces the side of Jesus. The biggest wound of Jesus is the fifth one in His side of which the blood and water come out. It is the mercy of God to save the Gentiles who are as the swine and dogs.

The Gentile who is blind but wants to get the salvation must receive the sign of blood and water that come out of Jesus's side.

The sign of blood refers to believing in Jesus and repenting or the Altar of Burnt Offering. To repent means to stop sinning to return to God. The Gentiles are as the dogs and swine that repeat the sins. The repeated sins will become the peak of sin. Consequently, one is condemned by God.

- The swine refer to the sins of adultery or sexuality with all its varieties through the deeds, saying, et cetera.
- The dogs refer to the sins in the saying, namely lie and gossip that cannot be accounted for.

The sign of water refers to water baptism or Brazen Laver and Holy Spirit baptism or the Door. They mean the life renewal of water and spirit.

John 3:3-5

3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

3:4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

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.

If the Gentiles are not renewed by the water and spirit, they will become blind and unable to see heavenly kingdom. Moreover, they cannot enter it but perish forever.

On the contrary, the Gentiles who get the life renewal of water and spirit will live in righteousness and become the instruments of righteousness.

Psalm 5:12

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

Ones who receive the gospel of salvation are justified and saved. Therefore, they get the protection, blessings, and help of God.

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The gospel of salvation is important to bring the sinners to get the salvation, blessing, and help of God. It must increase because in such condition our sight is not clear enough, namely to see men like trees, walking. It is the physical sight as follows.

- Sight to the physical things until one ignores the spiritual ones, even sacrificing them. Esau ignores the spiritual thing. Consequently, he weeps forever. Lot also only looks at Sodom and Gomorrah as the garden of heaven. Consequently, he loses all things.
- Not being able to discern the spiritual things from the physical ones or the false flesh things. Consequently, one chooses falsely. For example, Jesus Barabbas is chosen, not Jesus Christ, and one denies the true teaching and chooses the false one.
- One always judges others, so he cannot correct himself.

The condition of one who has flesh sight is as the woman who has been bent over for eighteen years in the synagogues.

Luke 13:10-13

13:10 Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

13:11 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

13:12 But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."

13:13 And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

Such life is inside the temple to minister to God actively, but being bent over because there is no true teaching Word.

Proverbs 12:25

12:25 Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.

Being bent over means one lives in anxiety because of physical things. Consequently, he cannot live in righteousness but stinginess and greediness. He cannot give to others even seizes the possession of others.

Matthew 25:41-42,45-46

25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

25:42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;

25:45 "Then He will answer them, saying, Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.

25:46 "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Jesus appears as the Judge separating the sheep from the goats or ones who are bent over. We have to give account to God, not only about the things we have done, but also the things we do not do while God is stirring up our heart through the Word of God to do them.

Being bent over for eighteen years means one is stamped with 666. It means that he keeps on being flesh men as the antichrist is to perish forever.

Therefore, we have to increase to the second touching.

2. The second touching that refers to the gospel of the glory of Christ.

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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.

Our seriousness in doing the service and ministry is in appreciating the true teaching Word.

The gospel of the glory of Christ preaches Jesus's second coming as the King of all kings and Heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify and perfect us.

The Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword pierces to the deepest part of our heart and mind to sanctify it.

Matthew 15:19

15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

The hard heart is full of seven evil and unclean lusts. In such condition, the lamp is quenched.

Matthew 5:8

5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

If our heart is sanctified from the seven evil and unclean lusts, we will be able to see God clearly. The steps are as follows.

- To look at our self with our sins, weakness, and failure, so we can have broken heart and not look at the faults of others.
- To look at others who are in need. We can bear witness and help them physically and spiritually. We must be willing to bear the risks when we help others.
- To look at God, namely the true teaching Word and shepherding. It begins from looking at the true sheepfold, namely the Holy Place inside which there are three kinds of equipment. They refer to the perseverance in doing three main services to God as follows.
 - a. Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service or fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His gifts.
 - b. Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion or fellowship with

the Son of God in His Word and the sacrifice of Christ.

- c. Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Prayer Service or fellowship with God the Father in His love.

We are walking closely with the Trinity of God through the shepherding system.

Mark 8:26

8:26 Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town."

Do not make any friendship with the false service, referring to the town. The true shepherding pen where we can walk closely with the Trinity of God is enough for us.

John 9:35-36

9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

9:36 He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

God lets us get the sprinkling of blood or the sufferings in the flesh together with Jesus to make us meet Him privately. We see Jesus clearly and speak to Him privately. We worship Him with broken heart.

We will experience the light of glory from the face of Jesus. The results are as follows.

- The light of glory from the face of Jesus makes all things easy and light.

Numbers 6:26

6:26 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."

- The light of glory from the face of Jesus gives us mercy to help us from all problems, even the impossible ones.

Numbers 6:25

6:25 The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;

- The light of glory from the face of Jesus renews us from flesh men to spiritual ones as Jesus is.
The spiritual man does not look for advantage from others or have any partiality, but he is willing to sacrifice and honest. As a result, all things will become beautiful in His time up to the most beautiful one when we meet Jesus on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.