

Bible Study Service in Malang, October 10, 2013 (Thursday Evening)

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Peace and grace in the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. Good evening, let us hear the Word of God and the peace and joy of God be in the midst of us abundantly.

The theme is in **Revelation 21: 5**.

21:5. Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

In the book of Genesis, God has created the world with its content well. He also creates the human who has the same glorious image as He is to dwell in garden Eden where human experiences the preservation and joy of God.

Unfortunately, the humans are deceived by the serpent, so they fall in sin until they are driven out of Eden to enter the world which is full of curse and tears.

Genesis 6: 11-12

6:11. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

6:12 So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

Inside the world, they corrupts their way by living in violence and uncleanness or living in the flesh desires, so they become the target of the wild beast or the antichrist with the mark 666.

The sons and servants of God also do that. They live in the flesh desire, so they are stamped with 666 and become as a woman who was bent over for eighteen years in the synagogue.

'in the synagogue' refers to the sons of God.

'18' = 666.

It must be a reminder for us. There are many people in the world who live in violence and uncleanness. Nevertheless, they happen also in the house of God.

'the first six' means the body is flesh.

'the second six' means the soul or mind is flesh.

'the third six' means the soul or feelings is flesh.

With the flesh body, soul, and spirit, one appears as the wild beast or the antichrist that will perish forever.

The Lord is not willing that the human He has created, including the sons and servants of God, must perish. Therefore, He creates the new men who are as glorious as He is and the new heaven and earth to become the dwelling place of the new men forever.

The process is called **RENEWAL**.

In **Revelation 21: 1-27**, there are four kinds of renewal as follows.

1. The renewal of new heaven and earth (verse 1) -->it has already been explained,
2. The renewal of new men (verse 2-3),
3. The renewal of new ambience until there is no lie (verse 4-8),
4. The renewal of New Jerusalem (verse 9-27).

Tonight we still discuss the second renewal, namely **THE RENEWAL OF NEW MEN**

Revelation 21: 2-3

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 new men are the bride of God **ADORNED FOR HER HUSBAND** ('*prepared as a bride adorned for her husband*').

It is an important lesson for a wife that she must adorn herself for her husband.

There are three kinds of the adornment or ornament of the bride as follows.

1. **Jeremiah 2: 32**

2:32. Can a virgin forget her ornaments, Or a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten Me days without number.

The first ornament is **the belt**.

Isaiah 11: 5

11:5. Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

'the belt' means **FAITHFULNESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

They cannot be separated one another.

Luke 17: 7-8

17:7. "And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, â€œCome at once and sit down to eatâ€œ?

17:8 "But will he not rather say to him, â€œPrepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drinkâ€œ?

To gird ourselves means to be ready to serve God.

When we are faithful and righteous in the service and ministry, we are lifting up our hands to give food and drink to Jesus to satisfy Him, the Heavenly Bridegroom.

The result is Jesus also stretches His hand for us. It means as follows.

- o Jesus gives satisfaction and joy of heaven to us ('and afterward you will eat and drink'),
- o The Lord provides the food and drink for us (He preserves our life in abundance until we can give thanks to God),
- o The Lord stretches His hands to us to give the great gain.

1 Timothy 6: 6

6:6. Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

'great gain' refers to the two wings of a great eagle.

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.

The two wings of a great eagle are useful to evacuate us to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the antichrist reigning over the world for three years and six months. We are preserved directly by God through the teaching Word and the Holy Communion.

Bible Study Service is training for us to be evacuated to the wilderness.

To minister to God faithfully and righteously means that we are not bound by worldly things. We stay away from the worldly things little by little until someday we are set free and evacuated to the wilderness.

Thus, our concerning as the bride is only to adorn our self for our husband, namely we are faithful and righteous. As a result, the matter of food, drink, joy, and future becomes the concerning of God.

2. James 1: 12

1:12. Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

The second ornament is **the crown of life**.

It is used by the bride who can **ENDURE or BE APPROVED** facing temptations as the wind and waves of the sea of the world.

'wind' refers to false teachings that want to drown us.

'waves' refers to the wave of sins up to the peak and temptations hitting the boat of our life in all aspects that are impossible to solve.

Thus, to adorn our self for our husband means to endure, so that we do not fall or sink.

We must be careful because **the wind and waves come suddenly**.

Jesus was sleeping at that time. The disciples could not do anything, so they called Jesus and Jesus said 'peace, be still'.

To endure or be approved means to be silent and quiet. We only need to be silent and quiet facing the wind and waves.

Isaiah 30: 15

30:15. For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not,

'to be silent' means to keep silent to correct our life. Do not run to and fro when the wind and waves come, but we have to check or correct our life with the sharpness of the Word of God.

Thus, we must hear the Word much more when we are facing many temptations. **Finding sins**, we have to confess them to God and other people. Being forgiven, do not repeat them but repent.

When there is no sin, we must keep silent without pleading ourselves or blaming other people. It is also called to repent.

'quiet' means as follows.

1 Peter 4: 7

4:7. But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

- To control our life that we do not wander but we are well shepherded to the true teaching.

Esau wanders but Jacob dwells in the tent. There is difference in the growth.

According to the genealogy, Jacob is not the first son, but he becomes winner in the growth.

- To control our life that we do not hope in others but only pray and hope in God.

TO BE SILENT AND QUIET(to repent and pray) means to lift up our hand to God. This is our ornament. As a result, the heavenly bridegroom will stretch His hand to make the windy storm and waves calm.

It means as follows.

- Our heart is peaceful, so all things become easy and light, and we cannot sink.
The biggest wave that makes us sink is the doubtful heart because of trying to get our own way.

KEEP THE PEACEFUL HEART!

- All problems are solved by God, even the impossible ones.
- The ship can continue going to the desired haven when the sea has been made calm. It means we can keep on following Jesus until the end, namely we get the garland of twelve stars.
'the garland of twelve stars' refers to the gifts that have been permanent.

Our ministry will have progress until the end.

The Lord will work for us if we have already adorned ourselves.

3. **1 Peter 3: 4-5**

3:4. rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

3:5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also **adorned themselves**, being submissive to their own husbands,

The third ornament is as follows.

- Inward ornament, namely **GENTLE and QUIET SPIRIT.**

Gentleness means as follows.

- a. Ability to receive the teaching Word, no matter how hard it is, to sanctify our sins up to the peak.
- b. After being sanctified, we have ability to forgive the sins of other people and forget them.

Quietness means not to comment negatively or gossip or criticize and resist or rebel.

- Outward ornament, namely **SUBMISSION** or obedience.
For example, Sarah is submissive to Abraham.

It is especially for woman that the submission is until she does not teach or have authority over man.
Nevertheless, it is transgressed by Eve.

1 Timothy 2: 11-14

2:11. Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.

2:12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

2:13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

Formerly, all fruits could be eaten freely in garden Eden, except one.

Likewise, now woman may minister to God in all kinds of ministry, but to teach and have authority over man.

It is a test for women.

A woman who teaches and has authority over man does not adorn herself for her husband but makes him naked.

The submission is the last test.

The husband will teach and have authority in the marriage and service to God if there is submission of the wife. As a result, Jesus will be there to become the Head.

Moreover, there will be the quiet and gentle spirit when there is submission.

1 Peter 5: 5-6

5:5. Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

Jesus is obedient to the point of death on the cross. We also must be obedient until our flesh does not sound anymore.

It is all about to adorn our self for God, namely **we only need to be obedient.**

Using our feelings and logic will make disobedience.

Submission is to adorn our life for God. We lift up our hands to God to surrender to Him and He will stretch His hand to exalt us in His time.

We only need to wait for the time of God while we are adorning our life.

Let us endure to be obedient. We must keep obedient although God has not helped us yet.

The Lord exalts our life. It means as follows.

- The Lord is able to lift us up from failures, so all things are successful and beautiful in His time.
- He is able to use us in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain, starting from the marriage, shepherding, and inter-shepherding.
Let us be faithful, righteous, silent, quiet, gentle, and submissive starting from the marriage.
- The Lord is able to sanctify and renew us continually, starting from not lying.
All things will be light when we do not lie.
On the contrary, all things will be heavy when we are lying.

We become the house of prayer with our honesty.

Someday, we are renewed to be as perfect as Jesus is when He comes a second time. We do not stumble in word.

We are exalted on glorious clouds to welcome Jesus' second coming. We are with Him forever to enter New Jerusalem.

We do not stumble in word means that we only say 'alleluia'.

God blesses you.