

Bible Study Service in Surabaya, August 03, 2015 (Monday Evening)

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

The theme of Fellowship Service in Medan is **Revelation 19: 9**

19:9. Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

The marriage supper of the Lamb means as follows.

1. The meeting between Jesus who will come a second time in the glory, not as a baby, but the King of all kings and heavenly bridegroom, with the perfect congregation or heavenly bride on the glorious clouds.
Jesus is the Head or heavenly bridegroom and His body is the bride.

Afterwards, we enter the one thousand years kingdom of peace or the Future Paradise (Revelation 20) and New Jerusalem or the eternal heavenly kingdom (Revelation 21-22). We sit with Jesus on the throne of heavenly kingdom forever.

2. The spiritual or perfect marriage between Jesus, the heavenly bridegroom, with the congregation as the heavenly bride.

The marriage of Christians will not last only in the world or the grave, but up to the spiritual perfect marriage on the glorious clouds. Let us **keep the righteousness, holiness, and unity** of our physical marriage from the beginning, namely the relationship, engagement, and during the marriage until the end.

The marriage relationship is between the head or husband with the body or the wife. It is **the relationship in the love** that is eternal. It cannot be separated by anything forever.

Therefore, we **must** have the love of God to be the bride of heaven and enter the marriage supper of the Lamb or the spiritual marriage until we enter the Future Paradise and the eternal heavenly kingdom.

Such relationship is described as the **two tablets of stone** as follows.

1. The second tablet that contains six commandments as the love to other people like we love ourselves. It means that we also love our enemies. We are in one body because there is no enemy anymore like all parts of our body that do not make any hostility towards one another.

If we can love other people like we love ourselves, we will be able to love God.

2. The first tablet that contains four commandments as the love to God more than anything. The body is united with the head and they cannot be separated anymore.

Moses received the two tablets of stone twice related to the two kinds of spiritual revival as follows.

1. The first two tablets of stone. The stone and writing came from God. It means the first love through the sacrifice of Christ or the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain or the first breaking of bread. Nevertheless, they were broken after Moses went down the mountain.

Exodus 31: 18

31:18. And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

2. The new two tablets of stone.

Exodus 34: 1

34:1. And the LORD said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I will write on these tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke.

Moses got them after he went up again to the mountain. They refer to the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the second breaking of bread.

THE FIRST TWO TABLETS OF STONE

Matthew 14: 17-21

14:17. And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

14:18 He said, "Bring them here to Me."

14:19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

14:20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.

14:21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

They are the same as the first breaking of bread, namely **five loaves and two fish for five thousand men**.

The loaves refer to the Word and the fish refers to Holy Spirit.

The number of five ('five loaves') refers to the five main wounds of Jesus on the cross to save the sinful.

Thus, the five loaves refer to the Word or gospel that preaches Jesus' first coming in the world to die on the cross with five main wounds to **SAVE** the sinners. We hear the Word and can enjoy it if there is Holy Spirit like we eat a loaf with fish.

This is the gospel of salvation or Good News.

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,

The first two tablets of stone were broken because Moses saw the dancing of Israelites with the golden calf after he went down from the mountain.

The gospel of salvation actually is only for the house of Israel in Jerusalem. Nevertheless, they rejected it, so it was brought to Judea, Samaria, up to the end of the earth and we can know Jesus as our Saviour.

The process of salvation is the same as entering the Court of Tabernacle.

- 'having believed' = believing or having faith in Jesus as the Only Saviour through hearing the Word or the gospel of salvation that is anointed by Holy Spirit.

We cannot believe in Jesus if there is no Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit helps us to believe in Jesus. It refers to entering the Gate of Tabernacle.

- Repenting or stopping sinning to return to God. It refers to the Altar of Burnt Offering.
- Being baptized of water and Holy Spirit or the Door of Tabernacle. We are born from water and Spirit to get the new life or the heavenly one, namely we live in righteousness and become the instruments of righteousness or serve and minister to God faithfully and correctly. We are saved and blessed by God.

Proverbs 12: 26

12:26. The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Afterwards, we are shepherded well and correctly in the shepherding pen, namely the Holy Place of Tabernacle in which there are three kinds of equipment that refer to the three main services to God as follows.

- Golden Candlestick: perseverance in doing General Service; fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His gifts such as testifying, singing, playing musical instruments, preaching the Word, and so on.
- Table of Showbread: perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion; fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
- Golden Altar of Incense: perseverance in doing Prayer Service; fellowship with Father God in His Love.

Human consists of the body, soul, and spirit. Our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God in the shepherding, so Satan cannot touch, deceive, and make us fall in sin. Jesus asked Peter three times "Do you love Me? Tend My sheep". It refers to the right shepherding.

Thus, **shepherding pen is the place to make our life firm in the truth and salvation**. It also means that the blessings of God are also firm in us.

We will be lost if we are not shepherded.

Proverbs 12: 26

12:26. The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.

THE NEW TWO TABLETS OF STONE

They are the same as the second breaking of bread, namely seven loaves for four thousand men.

Matthew 15: 36, 38

15:36. *And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude.*

15:38 *Now those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.*

The bread refers to the Word of God.

The figure of seven ('seven loaves') refers to perfection.

Thus, the seven loaves refer to the Word of God or the gospel that preaches Jesus' second coming in glory as the King of all kings and Heavenly Bridegroom to **SANCTIFY AND PERFECT** the saved people that they can be the bride of heaven. It brings us towards perfection.

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.*

It is called as the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword or the Bride Tidings.

Matthew 25: 6

25:6. *"And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'"*

The love of the bridegroom is the peak of love. He will come a second time bringing the peak of love. The first love increases to the peak.

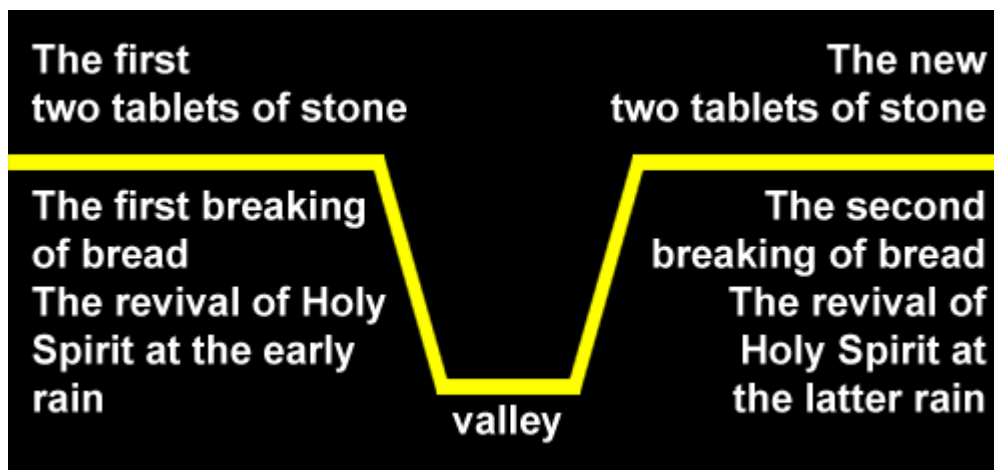
Thus, the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain is the revival in the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the Bride Tidings to **CHOOSE** the saved people that they can be sanctified until as perfect as Jesus is. They become the bride of heaven who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds. We are chosen after being called.

The stone came from Mount Sinai. It was cut. Thus, it refers to our life as the hard and sinful human who is cut by the sword of the Word until we can be as glorious as Jesus is.

The five loaves were for five thousand men in the first breaking of bread, but seven loaves were for four thousand men in the second one. The loaves increased, but the people become less.

After feeding the five thousand and Jesus said a hard saying, many people ran away, only twelve disciples stayed, and then one of them was lost, namely Judas Iscariot.

Many are called, but few are chosen because there are many people who fall into the valley. They do not want to be perfect.



Moses went up to the Mount Sinai and received two tablets of stone, and then he went down seeing the worship to golden calf or

the valley. Consequently, he broke the first two tablets of stone. Afterwards, he went up to the Mount Sinai again to get the new two tablets of stone. There was a valley between the first two tablets of stone and the new ones.

It happens now, that the people who have believed or received Jesus and repented or gotten the salvation are not shepherded, so they are lost. The people who have already been shepherded must also be careful because there will be the second revival in waiting for Jesus' second coming.

There will be two kinds of valley between the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain and the one at the latter rain as follows.

1. **The valley of the hardness of heart** = idolatry or worship to the golden calf.

Exodus 32: 9

32:9. And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people!"

The facts found in the hardness of heart are as follows.

- o **Exodus 32: 17-18**

32:17. And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp."

32:18 But he said: "It is not the noise of the shout of victory, Nor the noise of the cry of defeat, But the sound of singing I hear."

Not being defeated nor victorious means as follows.

- a. Neither being cold nor hot, but lukewarm like the church of the Laodiceans.

Not being cold means there is no peace and serenity, but jealousy, hatred, revenge, bitterness, anxiety, fear, and so on that cause weariness and heavy burden.

Not being hot means that one is not faithful and fervent in spirit in serving and ministering to God, even he leaves the service and ministry to God. If such person is a pastor, he will be in a valley and he is bringing the congregation to the valley.

- b. Neither being dead nor resurrected means there is no life renewal. One keeps on being the hard human of flesh and blood.

Exodus 32: 4

32:4. And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

The fact of the hardness of the Israelites was in their saying that the calf was their god. It means a lie about godly matters that the false is said right.

It means there is no life renewal.

God will be called as the calf. The true teaching will be called the false.

The disciples said that Jesus was a ghost when He came to them on the wave. The ghost will be said as God. This is the human in flesh and blood that is stamped with 666 by the antichrist. Their body, soul, and spirit are fleshly. They only see the physical things such as human, position, and riches until they are not honest.

Aaron refers to a servant of God, but he lied by ignoring and insulting the right teachings and supporting the false one. It means that he was deceiving many people and becoming the antichrist.

- o Worshipping golden calf or mammon or being bound by the will of money.

The golden calf refers to the riches.

It causes these things.

- a. Stinginess. It means that one cannot give, but only asks or begs like the blind Bartimaeus, not knowing the way to Jerusalem. One does not know the way to follow Jesus to New Jerusalem. The right service to God is not asking or begging, but offering all things, even our body to God.

- b. Greediness or robbing the right of others, especially of God, namely tithes and offerings. Such person

becomes a thief like Judas Iscariot.

A thief who preaches the Word of God will make the congregation as thieves. A thief who lays his hand on the head of the congregation will create a danger. There is the spirit of selling and buying or the one of the antichrist.

o **Corrupting themselves.**

Exodus 32: 7

32:7. And the LORD said to Moses, "Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.

a. The service to God is corrupted.

- i. There is no accordance with the true teaching Word and consecration. Such service only looks for physical advantage, but without the Word and sanctification. The house of the Lord is made like a market and the den of thieves.
- ii. Not willingly being shepherded. They go out of the pen and become like the horse following the lust of the flesh.

Exodus 32: 25

32:25. Now when Moses saw that the people were unrestrained (for Aaron had not restrained them, to their shame among their enemies),

b. The marriage is corrupt; from the mixed-marriage to the divorce and remarrying.

c. Corrupting themselves.

i. Committing adultery.

Proverbs 6: 32

6:32. Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He who does so destroys his own soul.

'lacks understanding'= being like an animal.

ii. The tongue is corrupt.

Proverbs 21: 23

21:23. Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles.

It means saying idle words, lie, gossip, and so on.

Corrupting themselves, the marriage and service to God will also be corrupted.

Exodus 32: 19

32:19. So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing. So Moses' anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.

The Israelites were contrary to the two tablets of stone because of their hardness of heart, namely lukewarmness, worshiping idol, and corrupting themselves. The consequence must have been the wrath of God and perdition. Nevertheless, we give thanks to God because it is better for God to sacrifice one person, namely Jesus by the breaking of the two tablets of stone, than to sacrifice a nation. This is the love of God through the sacrifice of Christ with the five main wounds to save the sinners.

If Moses had brought the two tablets of stone at the foot of the mountain, all Israelites must have perished.

God has a characteristic **to redeem, not to destroy.**

2. **The valley of doubt.**

There is the valley of doubt between the first breaking of bread (Matthew 14: 13) or the first two tablets of stone and the second breaking of bread (Matthew 15: 22) or the new two tablets of stone. The representative is Peter who doubted and sank.

The consequence of the doubt is sinking surely and one cannot go forward.

Matthew 14: 28-31

14:28. And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

14:29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

14:30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

'Come!'= a hard teaching because Peter was in the midst of great waves. Nevertheless, such Word is able to remove impossibilities. The power is so great.

If we dare to receive the Word that cannot be accepted by our logic, but by the faith, we will receive the miracle that cannot be received by our logic also.

'Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus'= Peter could walk on the water or experience the power of the true teaching Word.

'he saw that the wind was boisterous'= Peter had experienced the power of the true teaching Word and been sanctified, blessed, cured, and so on, but suddenly he heard the voice from outside.

For example, Eutychus sat on the window. One of his ears heard Paul and another one heard others. Finally, he fell down outside the building. It has happened from the book of Genesis to Revelation that ones (man or woman like Solomon and Eve) **must choose the false thing** after they heard two kinds of voice.

Abraham was also commanded to slaughter his son. This is a hard saying of God. Bride Tidings cannot be received by our logic, but faith.

James 1: 6-8

1:6. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

1:7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

1:8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

The people who are doubtful are as follows.

- 'unstable in all his ways'= there is no peace: the life is not easy and light, but in weariness and heavy burden.
- 'not receiving anything'= there is no satisfaction, but being empty and hungry, even falling and not rising anymore.
- 'sinking' up to the sea of fire and brimstone or the hell forever.

We must also be careful to the wind of temptation.

God let Peter almost sink so that he could stretch out his two hands. A person who is sinking will automatically lift up his two hands. Peter stretched out his hands to Jesus, not to the other eleven disciples, because he cried out the name of Jesus, not the other eleven disciples'.

Stretching out our hands to hold Jesus means that we **HOLD THE TRUE TEACHING WORD, NOT OTHERS**.

We cry and surrender to the Lord to trust and entrust our life to Him.

God does not want to torment us. He has a good purpose. It is better for us to be trained now by sinking in the sea of the world in economy and ministry to God to make us hold the true teaching Word again.

If we cry out and surrender to God or believe and fully entrust our life to Him, He will stretch out His hands as follows.

- To lift up Peter or all of us from our sinking. It means that we are healed by God. He solves all problems, even the impossible ones, in time of need. All things become easy and light and our heart is peaceful in serenity.
- To lift up the spirituality of Peter.

John 21: 15-19

21:15. So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

21:16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

21:17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.

21:18 "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."

21:19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

The three times of Jesus' questioning to Peter refers to the perseverance in doing three main services to God. Peter could experience the love of God until he can love Him more than anything.

Formerly he lifted his hands because of the fear of death. He could lift up his hands because of his love to God that is more than all things and willingness to die for Him after he knew the shepherding through the three times of Jesus' questioning to him.

Jesus stretched out His hands to Peter. He could follow Jesus in the valley of the cross sufferings with Him, not the one of hardness and doubt. He willingly sacrificed all things, even his soul.

Following Jesus in the valley of the cross means as follows.

- a. We keep faithful and fervent in spirit in serving and ministering to Jesus until the end, namely we die or Jesus comes a second time. Peter never denies Jesus again after he finds the right shepherding.
- b. We follow Jesus up to the last shepherding or New Jerusalem. It is proven by the life renewal, namely **obedience** until our flesh does not speak anymore. We only lift up our two hands without any fight.

The journey to New Jerusalem is in obedience until our flesh does not speak anymore. It results in the steps of miracle.

Our life becomes more beautiful in the beautiful steps until the most beautiful one happens when Jesus comes a second time that we are as glorious as He is. We are lifted up to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, the Future Paradise, and New Jerusalem forever.

God blesses you.