

Fellowship in Ambon V, August 26, 2010 (Thursday Evening)

Mark 7:37

7:37. *And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."*

The theme is "HE HAS DONE ALL THINGS WELL"

In the beginning of creation, God has done all things well, from creating heaven and earth, the whole world, animals and human being as well as the marriage. The marriage of Adam and Eve is a glorious and joyful marriage in Garden Eden.

Satan destroyed the marriage of Adam and Eve until they became naked and driven out of Eden to live in the cursed and sorrowful world.

Luke 17:26-30

17:26 *"And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:*

17:27 *"They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.*

17:28 *"Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;*

17:29 *"but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.*

17:30 *"Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.*

Satan still destroys the marriage of men in the world through sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage so the judgments of God come upon them. It has happened in the days of Noah and will happen again in the last days until the fire of God's judgment comes from heaven.

The victim of destroyed marriage done by Satan cannot be counted, because it happens everywhere from the palace of king to the area of the poor, even the marriages of God's servants will also be destroyed.

There are no children being saved in the days of Noah because they also are destroyed by Satan.

Why does Satan destroy the marriage of men?

It is to make the marriage of the sons of God unable to reach the spiritual marriage or the perfect marriage at Jesus' second coming.

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 of God is the meeting of Jesus, Heavenly Bridegroom, and us, the perfect Church or Heavenly Bride, on the air.

The perfect marriage will return to paradise to enter into eternal New Jerusalem.

The entrance gate to the world is physical marriage of our parents but we will get out of the world through the door of spiritual marriage.

Therefore, **WE HAVE TO OBSERVE OUR MARRIAGE.**

Our marriage must be marked with the blood of Jesus so Satan cannot touch us.

Holy bible **is opened with Book Genesis** containing the words about the physical marriage between Adam and Eve. **It has been destroyed by Satan**, naked, and bad.

Furthermore, holy bible **is closed with Book Revelation** containing the words about **spiritual marriage** or the perfect one between Jesus, the last Adam, and the perfect Church or the last Eve.

The bad one can be good indicates that there is a repair.

Jesus has fought through His death on the cross to make bad marriage good to become spiritual marriage even perfect one to enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb.

There are at least three things causing bad marriage as follows:

1. **NAKEDNESS**, namely sinful deeds up to the sins concerning eating-drinking and marring-giving in marriage.

Consequently, there is fear, being ashamed, and nakedness.
Keeping on being naked, one cannot be glorified and lifted up when Jesus comes a second time.

Romans 3:23

3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

The sinful men have no power to finish the sins and neither do wealth nor intelligence.

Jesus is the only one man who has no sin, and is able to finish the sins of men.

John 19:23-24

19:23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.

19:24 They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

The way Jesus helps is **His garment must be taken on the cross to cover the nakedness of the marriage of men.**

Adam and Eve covered their nakedness with the leaves of fig tree but it was temporary.

a. Jesus' garment was divided into four parts = THE GARMENT OF SALVATION.

The figure 4 refers to the four corners of the earth, meaning all men in the world can be saved, and the nakedness can be covered.

The process of receiving the garment of salvation is as follows:

- Believing in Jesus through hearing the Word.
- Repenting, namely stopping sinning in order to return to God.
- Being baptized of water and Holy Spirit.

It results in righteous life. The righteousness is more valuable than riches because it can save us from the death.

Living in righteousness is the proof of having the garment of salvation.

We have to observe so we have righteous marriage as follows:

- The beginning of marriage must be righteous.
The righteous marriage is permitted or blessed by the parents. Youth must ask the parents before making a relationship.

The righteous marriage must be blessed by God through the holy matrimony held by a pastor.

The requirements of being firm and blessed in holy matrimony are as follows:

1. Living in holiness.
The time of making relationship or engagement is the time of being filled with the Word of God.
2. Having one faith and one baptism.
A man and a woman are different physically. Therefore, they must be same spiritually.

Besides, the righteous marriage must be legalized by the government.

- There must be righteousness during the marriage.
- There must be righteousness until the end of the marriage.

b. The tunic woven from the top in one piece = THE TUNIC OF MINISTRY.

After living in holiness and having righteous marriage, we have to minister in building Christ's body according to our priest's office.

The building of Christ's body begins in marriage:

- The ministry of a husband in the marriage is loving his wife as his own body and not being bitter toward her.
A husband who only gives his wife money is not really a husband.
Besides, being bitter toward his wife means the marriage is naked.
- The service of a wife is obeying her husband in all matters.
A wife who only cooks, and cleanses the house is not really a wife.
Disobeying her husband indicates that the marriage is naked.

- The service of children is obeying the parents.
The ministry continues in shepherding and inter-shepherding.

THE TUNIC INDEED HAS TO BE DIPPED IN BLOOD in our ministering to the Lord.

Revelation 7:13-14

7:13. *Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"*

7:14 *And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

We must sacrifice and suffer in flesh without any sins in our ministering to God.

Jesus as a husband has loved His wife until He must sacrifice His soul. We must serve Him with sacrificing all things right now, even offering our soul if it is the will of God. Only one thing we cannot sacrifice, namely the true teaching Word.

Revelation 19:8

19:8 *And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.*

The tunic must be dipped in blood **to become fine linen garment which is clean and bright to make us ready to welcome Jesus' second coming and enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb.**

2. DIVORCE.

Matthew 19:5-8

19:5 *"and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?"*

19:6 *"So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."*

19:7 *They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?"*

19:8 *He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.*

There are many problems in marriage but the greatest one happens when there is no oneness in the marriage.

A divorce happens because of **keeping the hardness of heart, namely using self-truth** that is to say covering sins through blaming other people.

Being divorced = being dead and sorrowful because a husband is the head and a wife is the body.

Getting married after being divorced = being rotten until there are worms in it, and living in adultery.

Mark 10:10-12

10:10 *In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter.*

10:11 *So He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her.*

10:12 *"And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."*

Righteous marriage is IN ONE FLESH[Matthew 19:5].

To become one in marriage (**1 husband + 1 wife = 1 flesh**), **there must be only the CROSS OF JESUS between the husband and the wife** not parents or parents in law or children, or other people because Jesus is the creator of the marriage.

The proof of having the cross is **confessing sins and forgiving one another.**

A husband having a mistake must confess to his wife uprightly and the wife must forgive sincerely and forget it. As a result, the sin is nailed on the cross and it has no power anymore.

Youth, do not get married if you cannot confess sin and forgive one another.

Ephesians 5:30-32

5:30 *For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.*

5:31 *"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."*

5:32 *This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.*

3. HAVING NO WINE.

John 2:1-3

2:1. On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

2:2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

2:3 And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

Marriage in the world is threatened by a condition of no wine, meaning there is no heavenly joy in the marriage so it becomes bitter.

The formula of Christian marriage is the good wine, better and sweeter wine up to the sweetest one in the marriage supper of the lamb of God.

The way to get the wine is as follows:

- a. Inviting Jesus to get entry into the marriage through the service and ministry we do faithfully as a branch attaining to the True Vine.

The husband, the wife, or the children must be shepherded.

A branch will yield sweet fruits soon or later if it attains to the True Vine.

- b. Being filled with the water of God's Word.

John 2:6-10

2:6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

2:7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

2:8 And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it.

2:9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

2:10 And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

The six waterpots can be divided into two groups, i.e. three waterpots which refer to the body, soul, and spirit of a husband, and another three waterpots which refer to the body, soul, and spirit of a wife.

All of them must be filled with the water of a same well, meaning **being filled with ONE true teaching Word**.

The process of being filled with the water of the Word is as follows:

- Hearing the true teaching Word solemnly.
- Understanding the Word.
- Believing and having faith to the Word.
- Obeying the Word whatever risks may come.

We will have good mouth if our ears are good. As a result we can taste **the sweet wine**.

Song of Solomon 7:9

7:9 And the roof of your mouth like the best wine. **THE SHULAMITE** The wine goes down smoothly for my beloved, Moving gently the lips of sleepers.

The sweet saying is as follows:

- Not lying but saying something true, bearing witness, and glorifying the Lord.
- Only crying the name of the Lord.
- Worshiping God with saying "ALLELUIA."

The sweet saying becomes blessing for other people and moves gently to the sleepers, meaning Jesus who was asleep in the rear of boat.

Matthew 8:23-25

8:23. Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.

8:24 And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

8:25 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

Our lives in the last days counter temptations in all aspects of life, and sins up to the peak which want to make our faith fall and to make us perished.

Nevertheless, Jesus was asleep in the midst of waves, meaning He does not desire to help us.

He only waits for sweet saying.

Peter did not call his friends' names but Jesus' name with faith and heart which believed when he was going to sink. As a result, He stretches His hand and helps our life. All things become good and settled, until we become perfect as He is.

Not stumbling in words means perfection.

Revelation 19:6-7

19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

There will be only one sweet voice on the glorious clouds, namely "ALLELUIA."

God blesses you.