

Fellowship of the Body of Christ in Kartika Graha II, July 17, 2013 (Wednesday Morning)

The theme is

Matthew 25:6

25: 6 ... *Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!*

The midnight means the situation at the last days when sins peak up to the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. The only one tiding we need is Bride Tidings.

There are two kinds of the preaching of the gospel as follows.

1. The gospel of salvation/ gospel word/ Good Tiding.

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,

It is the gospel that preaches about Jesus' first coming to die on the cross to save the sinners.

2. The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ/ true teaching Word.

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 the gospel that preaches about Jesus' second coming in His glory as the King of all kings or Heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify the people who have been saved, so that they can be perfect and without blemish as Jesus is. They can be the Bride of God who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on glorious clouds and enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God, the kingdom of peace a thousand years, and the eternal heavenly Kingdom.

The meeting between Jesus in His glory as the Heavenly Bridegroom with the Church in the glory as the Bride means **the fellowship in glory**.

It refers to **the Ark of the Covenant in Tabernacle**. **There are two parts of the Ark of the Covenant as follows.**

1. **The mercy seat made of pure gold.**

The pure gold refers to godly characteristics without any wood. There is the first cherub, the sprinkled blood, and the second cherub upon the mercy seat.

- a. The first cherub refers to God the Father in His glory.
- b. The mercy seat with the seven sprinkled blood refer to the Son of God in His suffering, and also in His glory.
- c. The second cherub refers to Holy Spirit God in His glory.

Thus, the mercy seat refers to God the Father, the Son of God, and Holy Spirit God or the Lord Jesus Christ in the glory as Heavenly Bridegroom.

2. **The ark.**

Exodus 25:10-11

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.

25:11 "And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and shall make on it a molding of gold all around."

The ark is made of shittim wood overlaid with gold inside and out. The wood refers to flesh man who is fragile. It has black color that refers to sinful flesh human. It must be overlaid with pure gold until the wood cannot be seen anymore.

There are two meanings of the Ark of the Covenant as follows.

1. The Bride Tidings.
2. The meeting of Jesus in the glory as the Heavenly Bridegroom, referring to the mercy seat, and the congregation in the glory

as the Bride of God, referring to the ark.

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 beginning of the Bible contains the physical marriage between Adam and Eve that has been destroyed by Satan, but the end is in the book of Revelation that contains the perfect marriage between Jesus and the perfect congregation. How can the destroyed marriage be perfect one? The Bride Tidings restore the destroyed marriage to become perfect.

There is no wood that can be seen in the fellowship in glory. It means there must be no flesh with all its will, lust, reluctance, and envy. Thus, the fellowship in the glory is the tearing to the flesh until it does not speak anymore, and we can feel the glory of God.

If our flesh still speaks, we will be far away from the glory of God. There is Ichabod only, namely worldliness and destruction.

Our fellowship with Jesus in the glory is related to the position of the Ark of the Covenant. If the Ark of the Covenant has the right position, there will be glory. On the contrary, there will be disaster and destruction if the position is false.

1 Samuel 5:1-2,6

5:1 Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod.

5:2 When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the temple of Dagon and set it by Dagon.

5:6 But the hand of the LORD was heavy on the people of Ashdod, and He ravaged them and struck them with tumors, both Ashdod and its territory.

When the Ark of the Covenant is placed inside the temple of Dagon in Ashdod, there is no glory but destruction, namely tumors or blemish.

The right position of the Ark of the Covenant is as follows.

1. Inside the Most Holy Place in the tabernacle of meeting Moses has built.

Exodus 26:34

26:34 "You shall put the mercy seat upon the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy.

Exodus 40:34

40:34 Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

As a result, there is God's glory or shekinah glory.

Exodus 25:21-22

25:21 "You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you.

25:22 "And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

The manifestation of God's glory in the marriage, shepherding, and inter-shepherding fellowship is His speaking to us, namely the revelation of the Word of God through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible. It is called the Bride Tidings.

1 Chronicles 28:11,19

28:11 Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat;

28:19 "All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans."

The revelation from God heads for the building of the perfect body of Christ. Thus, the Bride Tidings prepare the Church to become Heavenly Bride.

We must receive the revelation with our faith. Our logic will not easily receive it. For example, Nicodemus is a clever man about the religion, but he cannot receive the good tidings about water baptism; Paul is the student of Gamaliel, a teacher of the law. He cannot receive the revelation, so he kills many of the followers of Jesus and there is division in the body of Christ. Being lit by the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, he becomes powerless and blind. He cannot eat and use his logic even he supposes that all physical things are only rubbish. Finally, he can receive the revelation with his faith.

The logic will receive knowledge, but it heads for worldly things. The revelation must be received with the faith and it will

head for the building of the body of Christ. The faith is higher than the logic. If our faith can receive the Bride Tidings, our logic will too.

The revelation of the Word of God cannot be mixed with the knowledge. For example, it is written in the Bible that the Ark of the Covenant is put on a cart but stumbles. Uzzah puts on his hand to the Ark of the Covenant and takes hold of it. It means the revelation is mixed with performance, knowledge, et cetera, consequently there is spiritual death.

Hebrews 4:12

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.

The Bride Tidings are the Word of God which is sharper than any two-edged sword to sanctify us from the hidden things in heart.

Matthew 15:19

15:19 "For out of the heart proceed (1)evil thoughts, (2)murders, (3)adulteries, (4)fornications, (5)thefts, (6>false witness, (7)blasphemies.

The heart of human contains seven lusts of sin up to the blasphemy. One who blasphemes is the antichrist. Do not blaspheme the holy, parents, and moreover the tabernacle.

The lamp is quenched when there are seven lusts of sin inside the heart. Consequently, the heart is dark and the life is without any control. The seven lusts of sin can be divided into two groups as follows.

- Evil lusts that head for the bond of money causing stinginess and greediness.
- Uncleaness lusts that head for the sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse; and marrying-being given in marriage such as sexuality sins with all its varieties, sexuality deviation, mixed-marriage, remarriage, and free sex.

If our heart is sanctified from the evil and uncleaness lusts, our deeds, saying, and our whole life will also be sanctified, so we can be burning lamp.

Nevertheless, there are hindrances for the fellowship in the glory.

Joshua 18:1

18:1 Now the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of meeting there. And the land was subdued before them.

1 Samuel 2:12-14,16-17

2:12 Now the sons of Eli were corrupt; they did not know the LORD.

2:13 And the priests' custom with the people was that when any man offered a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come with a three-pronged fleshhook in his hand while the meat was boiling.

2:14 Then he would thrust it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; and the priest would take for himself all that the fleshhook brought up. So they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there.

2:16 And if the man said to him, "They should really burn the fat first; then you may take as much as your heart desires," he would then answer him, "No, but you must give it now; and if not, I will take it by force."

2:17 Therefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD, for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

The hindrance is Hophni and Pinehas, the priests who reject the revelation of God's Word. They minister to God but never receive the sanctification, so they become rebellious and abhor the offering to the Lord. It means as follows.

- There is selling and buying of ox and sheep or animal offerings in the temple. It means one keeps on sinning, namely the sins of violence, uncleaness, and quarrel, especially about the teaching. We do not need to make any debate when there is difference about the teaching. What we should do is to return to the Bible.
- Abhorring the offering of the Lord.
It happens through stealing the tithes and offerings that is the possession of God. The crueller thing happens when the trust of God to the pastor to receive the tithes and offering is stolen. In such condition, the pastor will not be trusted with the revelation of God's Word and the congregation will die spiritually.

1 Samuel 4:21-22

4:21 Then she named the child Ichabod, saying, "The glory has departed from Israel!" because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband.

4:22 And she said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."

Consequently, there is Ichabod or no God's glory and one cannot enter the fellowship in the glory together with the Lord. He is left behind when Jesus comes a second time.

2. **Inside the Most Holy Place in the temple built by King Solomon.**

1 Kings 8:6-7,10-11

8:6 Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the cherubim. 8:7 For the cherubim spread their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles.

8:10 And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,

8:11 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

The priests could not continue ministering because of the glory of God means we serve and minister to God solemnly in regularity.

Not continuing ministering to God means we only bow down to worship God.

The manifestation of God's glory in the temple built by King Solomon is **the heart, eyes, and name of God.**

1 Kings 9:1-3

9:1 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he wanted to do,

9:2 that the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon.

9:3 And the LORD said to him: "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

- The heart of God is His mercy to preserve our body, soul, and spirit wonderfully.
Five loaves and two fish for five thousand men who sit on the grass means we must be shepherded well to the true teaching Word. As a result, God preserves our life until "I shall not want".
- The eyes of God refer to His care and protection from all disasters up to the time when the antichrist reigns over the world.
- In the name of the Lord, there is power of victory over the trinity of Satan, the source of problems, sufferings, tears, sins, and failure.

Philippians 2:8-11

2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

2:9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

2:11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The proof of having victory over the trinity of Satan is we only use our tongue to confess the Lord. It means we confess our sins and do not blame other people. We also bear witness and worship God.

If we use our tongue rightly, we will invite God to be with us, so the trinity of Satan will run away. On the contrary, the three kinds of beast or the trinity of Satan will come to make destruction if the tongue is used falsely.

There is a hindrance for the glory of God, namely idolatry.

1 Kings 11:1-2,4-5

11:1 But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites.

11:2 from the nations of whom the LORD had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love.

11:4 For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David.

11:5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

King Solomon hears strange voice, so he falls in the idolatry and loses the glory of God. His kingdom is divided.

Romans 16:17

16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

We must avoid the false teaching.

3. Inside the temple in heaven.

Revelation 11:19

11:19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

Revelation 12:1

12:1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

The manifestation of God's glory is the Bride of God with the sun, moon under her feet, and the garland of twelve stars. The sun, moon, and stars come from the Holy Place or the pastor and congregation's perseverance in doing the three main services to God.

- Golden candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service or fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His gifts.
If we persevere in doing the General Service, the gifts will be added and increased to become Aaron's budded rod until it becomes the garland of twelve stars.
- Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service or fellowship with the Son of God in the Word and Christ's sacrifice.
If we have it, our faith will become perfect as the golden pot filled with manna until it becomes the moon under the feet.
- Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Prayer Service or fellowship with Father God in His love.
If we have it, the love of God will become two tablets of stone or the permanent love as the sun.

Revelation 12:2-3

12:2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

12:3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

There is a hindrance also, namely a fiery red dragon. It refers to false teaching and sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage as well as impossible things.

The Church of God is as a woman who is pregnant and going to give birth and she must face the dragon. It means powerlessness, but it has the glory. What we can do is to groan and cry out in labor to God in order to get the two wings of a great eagle. It is our need.

Revelation 12:13-14

12:13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.

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 functions of the two wings of a great eagle are as follows.

- To bring us near God.

Exodus 19:4

19:4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.

The embrace of the two hands of God gives us quietness and peace in the midst of stormy seas of the world.

Being silent means we correct our life not to blame others. Finding sins, we must confess our sins to God and others and not repeat them after being forgiven.

Being quiet means we do not hope on others but on God fully.

- To fly us to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the antichrist. We are preserved and protected directly by God through the Word and Holy Communion.

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 embrace of God's merciful hand gives us extra power, so we will not be weary or heavy laden and stumble, but we keep faithful and fervent in spirit until Jesus comes a second time.

Isaiah 40:29-31

40:29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.

40:30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,

40:31 But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

The power of the embrace of God's merciful hand exalts us from all falls and failures until we are on glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time.

God blesses you.