

General Service in Malang, February 21, 2016 (Sunday Morning)

To Coincide with Priests and Priests to be Upgrading Service I

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

Revelation 3:14-22 is about the church of the Laodiceans that illustrates the church in the last days.

The spiritual condition of the church of the Laodiceans is being lukewarm. Physically they are rich and have need of nothing. However, spiritually they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. The consequence is being vomited by God, being useless and separated from Him, until being destroyed forever.

Therefore, God rebukes, counsels, and chastens the church of the Laodiceans or all of us so we buy the richness of the Heaven. Thus, we will not be vomited by God, but please Him.

Revelation 3:20

3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

When He rebukes, counsels, and chastens, He is knocking the door of our heart. If we open our heart, He will come in and dine with us. It equals to having fellowship with us until the peak is entering the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

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."

There are three levels of dining together with Jesus as follows.

1. Eating together with Jesus on the green grass, by sitting down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties.

Mark 6:39-42

6:39 Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass.

6:40 So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties.

6:41 And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all.

6:42 So they all ate and were filled.

The figure 100 is the length of the Tabernacle.

The figure 50 is the width of the Tabernacle.

The physical Tabernacle has been destroyed. Now, we have the teaching of Tabernacle.

Sitting on the grass in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties, means being well and right shepherded by the Bride Tidings in the light of Tabernacle.

The practice is the Bride Tidings in the light of Tabernacle encourages us to persevere in three main services in the shepherding pen (the Holy Place).

There are three types of equipment in the Holy Place as follows.

- Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His gifts.
- Table of Showbread refers to perseverance in Bible Study Service and Holy Communion. We have fellowship with the Son of God in the teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
- Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love.

There are two things that happen in the shepherding pen as follows.

- Our body, soul, and spirit cling to God the Trinity as a branch abides on the true vine, so our life is in calm and peace. Everything becomes easy and light.
- In the shepherding pen, we can eat the shepherding Word, that is the true teaching Word entrusted by God to a pastor, to be preached to the congregation faithfully, continuously, orderly, and repetitively, to become food for them.

Mark 16:14

16:14 Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of

heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

In the shepherding, we eat together with Jesus. It is the biggest chance for Him to rebuke the blemish in our life.

He rebukes the unbelief and hardness of heart whose practice is being stiff-necked.

Exodus 32:9,6

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

32:6 Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

Hardening the heart equals to worshiping the gold calf. It causes sins concerning eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, consuming drugs) and marrying-being given in marriage (sexuality sin with all its variety, sexual deviation, homosexuality, lesbianism, mix marriage, marrying-divorcing).

Exodus 7:16

7:16 And you shall say to him, 'The Lord God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness"; but indeed, until now you would not hear!

Hardening the heart also means being faithless even leaving the ministry to God, no longer believing and obeying Him.

John 3:36

3:36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

If we are willing to be sanctified, He will entrust us the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit, meaning He appoints us as the priests and kings.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11 And He Himself gave some to beapostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

If we become the priests and kings and receive the beautiful tunic from God, we will start to bear sweet and beautiful fruits.

2 Peter 1:10-11

1:10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

1:11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

For you who have not ministered yet, let us pray to receive the tunic of ministry from God.

For you who have ministered, we must really struggle to increase our ministry to God by being more faithful and fervent in spirit until the end line. It is a full ministry, and thus we will receive a full right to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

For you who have left the ministry, you must come back. Do not let the others take the tunic as it happens to Judas. He bursts open in the middle and all his entrails gush out. He is destroyed forever.

2. Eating together with Jesus while leaning on His bosom.

John 13:23-27

13:23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

13:24 Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.

13:25 Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

13:26 Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

13:27 Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

John 21:20-22

21:20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

21:21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"

21:22 Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

It is written twice to refer to double food, that is the true teaching Word and the Holy Communion. There are two possibilities as follows.

- Negative option. Judas Iscariot keeps hardening his heart and preserves his sins, even blames the others. The consequence is being demon-possessed, being equal to Satan and destroyed forever.
- Positive option. John leans on Jesus' bosom, meaning being willing to be sanctified from sins, especially from the sins of Judas Iscariot, that is stealing the belongings of God (the tithe and special offering), lying, judging, being a hypocrite, and betraying God.

Thus, John is loved by God and he loves God more than everything. He is willing to sacrifice everything for God. John is obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore. It equals to stretching out our hands to God, and He will stretch out His hands to us. We live in the embrace of His merciful hands.

The results are as follows.

- a. We are more than a winner. We are weak but we win over the enemy stronger than us, because God makes a war for us. All impossible problems are solved in His time.

2 Chronicles 14:9-12

14:9 Then Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million men and three hundred chariots, and he came to Mareshah.

14:10 So Asa went out against him, and they set the troops in battle array in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

14:11 And Asa cried out to the Lord his God, and said, "Lord, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O Lord our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O Lord, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!"

14:12 So the Lord struck the Ethiopians before Asa and Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

- b. Our death and life are within the hands of God. He always gives the best things for us.

John 21:22-23

21:22 Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

21:23 Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?"

- 3. Dining together with Jesus on the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

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The requirements are as follows.

- Having the clean and bright fine linen.

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.

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."

The tunic must be washed in the blood, meaning flesh suffering without any sins, so we experience sanctification up to our heart. We become honest and sincere. We must be honest in the true teaching Word, in marriage, as well as in financial matter. It is until we can give our whole life to God.

- The voice of the bride, that is the voice of worship "Alleluia".

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 thunders, 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."

"Alleluia" is the voice of our worship to Jesus as the King of kings and Heavenly Bridegroom, starting from now until we are on the glorious clouds, and in the Heaven forever.

The results are as follows.

- a. The hands of the King are able to open the door of Heaven to pour blessings to us, that is physical or spiritual blessings, and marriage blessings. We become a house of prayer.

Zechariah 14:17

14:17 And it shall be thatwhichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

The hands of the King also close the door of plague, to protect us from the judgment of God.

- b. All problems are solved and tears are wiped.

1 Corinthians 15:25-26

15:25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

15:26 The last enemy thatwill be destroyed isdeath.

- c. Jesus opens the door of the Paradise for us.

Luke 23:42-43

23:42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

23:43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

He is able to sanctify and renew our life. He is able to lift up our life from falling and going down. Everything will be made successful and beautiful. Until we are exalted to the glorious clouds on His second coming. We cry out "Alleluia". We will enter the Paradise and afterward the New Jerusalem, the eternal kingdom of Heaven forever.

God blesses us.