

General Service in Malang, July 16, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

Peace and grace in the love Jesus Christ.

Revelation 19:15-16

19:15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

19:16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Actually, God shepherds with the staff or the Shepherding Word and rod or chastening. If they are rejected, there will be the rod of iron for punishing until being destroyed like the broken pottery that cannot be helped anymore or the everlasting perdition.

Jesus as the High Priest presses the grape fruits in the winepress, namely the fierceness and wrath of God.

John 15:1-4

15:1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

15:2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

15:3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

15:4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

Jesus is the True Vine. We, the church, are the branches. If a branch abides in the True Vine, it must be cleansed continually until producing the sweet grape fruits to be pressed as the sweet wine for the wedding party. It means willingly suffering in the flesh because of Jesus or living in the anointing of Holy Spirit until being able to please God and enter the marriage supper of the Lamb in the glorious clouds.

Not being shepherded, one will be the enemy or destroyer of the shepherding for sure. It means living in the wine of the fleshly desires.

Ephesians 5:18

5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

Getting drunk means that one cannot be controlled by the head.

Judges 14:5

14:5 So Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came to the vineyard of Timnah. Now to his surprise, a young lion came roaring against him.

One of the enemies of the shepherding is the young lion in the vineyard. The vineyard refers to the shepherding which is brought up by the Bride Tidings.

1 Kings 21:1-3

21:1 And it came to pass after these things that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in Jezreel, next to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

21:2 So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near, next to my house; and for it I will give you a vineyard better than it. Or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money."

21:3 But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!"

The young lion refers to Ahab who wanted to change the vineyard into a vegetable garden.

The vineyard refers to the service and ministry in the shepherding system that prepares us to produce the sweet wine or live in the anointing of Holy Spirit, joyful marriage, up to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The vegetable garden refers to the service and ministry in the fleshly lusts which are controlled by Pharaoh or Satan to go to the wine of the wrath of God or everlasting perdition in the hell.

Exodus 8:25-28

8:25 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God in the land."

8:26 And Moses said, "It is not right to do so, for we would be sacrificing the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God. If we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, then will they not stone us?"

8:27 "We will go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as He will command us."

8:28 And Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Intercede for me."

The facts found in it are as follows:

1. [verse 25] The service and ministry in Egypt.

It is in the worldly system, not in the shepherding system. The signs are as follows:

- Not repenting. They keep on dwelling in Egypt and being enslaved by Pharaoh or sins.
- Relying on the fleshly ability with the ambition, lust, and desires. It means ministering to God without praying.
- Serving and ministering only to look for the fleshly interests.
- Making all ways legal.

2. [verse 28] "only you shall not go very far away" means not going deeper in the service and ministry to God.

Luke 5:3-4

5:3 Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

5:4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

It refers to the service and ministry without the true teaching Word or sanctification. One does not want to commit the Bible Study Service.

It only produces the bitter, sour, rotten grape for being pressed in the wrath of God.

Serving and ministering to God according to the true teaching Word, we are sanctified, so we can produce the sweet wine for entering the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Exodus 8:27

8:27 "We will go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as He will command us."

The signs of the true service and ministry to God in the heavenly system are as follows:

1. Sacrificing to God. It starts from sacrificing the time, energy, thought, and money, up to our whole life to God. Not sacrificing, one will sacrifice God or the true teaching Word and other people for sure.

2. In the wilderness. It means being in holiness and faithfulness, namely not being controlled by Egypt or the world and Pharaoh or Satan.

It is the same as the service and ministry to God in the shepherding system. We always dwell in the sheepfold. God, the Great Shepherd, gives us the guarantee of preservation. We only believe and hope fully to God, not to anyone else.

3. Three days' journey. It means that we must have the sign of death and resurrection together with Jesus until there is life renewal. We die to the old life and rise in the new one.

- It starts from the true water baptism. One who has died to sin must be buried in the water together with Jesus and raised from water with Him, so the heavens are opened and Holy Spirit comes down. We live in the anointing of Holy Spirit or righteousness.

Exodus 30:21

30:21 "So they shall wash their hands and their feet, lest they die. And it shall be a statute forever to them -- to him and his descendants throughout their generations."

Romans 6:4

6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

- The renewal through the worship prayer or the process of tearing the flesh with all of its desires until we get the life renewal. It starts from the face, five senses, or heart.

- Through the sprinkling of blood suffering in the flesh because of Jesus for getting the life renewal.

Romans 12:1-3

12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

We get the renewal of the heart and mind through the true service and ministry to God. Our heart can distinguish the true from the false or the will of God from the things which are not His will. The mind is renewed to be simple according to the faith until we can be obedient and joyful. We can enjoy living according to the faith which God has entrusted to us.

John 2:19-21

2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

2:20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

2:21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

The results of the true service and ministry to God are as follows:

1. The strong hands of God are stretched out to punish Egypt for pleading us.

Exodus 3:18-20

3:18 "Then they will heed your voice; and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now, please, let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.'

3:19 "But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not even by a mighty hand.

3:20 "So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that he will let you go.

We are set free from all hindrances and the people who hinder or destroy the shepherding are punished.

2. The hands of God are stretched out to us for doing the following things:

- Redeeming us from the slavery of Egypt. It means the power of deliverance from the sins, flesh, and world.

Deuteronomy 7:7-8

7:7 "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples;

7:8 "but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

The hands of Holy Spirit make us live in righteousness and holiness (we are set free from sins), obedience (we are set free from the flesh), and faithfulness (we are set free from the world).

- Healing.

Mark 1:40-42

1:40 Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

1:41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

1:42 As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.

We get the power of healing from impossible diseases.

The spiritual leprosy refers to the self truth which is not in line with the Bible or covering sins by blaming at others. It is healed to be confessing and forgiving one another. As a result, the blood of Jesus covers the sins, so we are peaceful. All things become easy and light.

The leprosy also refers to the division in the marriage and household. The hands of Holy Spirit are able to unite the marriage until there is the sweet wine.

- The power of lifting up changing us from doubting into fully believing to God.

Matthew 14:30-33

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?"

14:32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

14:33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

We return to God Himself and His power.

We are lifted up from failure to have the success and beauty. We are lifted up from the fall in sins. We are forgiven, so we can live in righteousness and holiness. The decreased economy and study can be lifted up too.

When Jesus comes a second time, we are changed to be perfect and able to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb.

God blesses you.