

General Service in Malang, July 31, 2016 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 4:4

4:4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

The twenty-four elders around the throne are divided into two groups as follows.

1. Twelve elders = twelve apostles of the revival of the first rain.
2. Twelve elders = twelve apostles of the revival of the last rain.

In the Tabernacle, it refers to the twelve cakes on the Table of Showbread, that is fellowship with Jesus in the true teaching Word or fellowship with Him as the Bread of Life.

Leviticus 24:5-6

24:5 "And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it. Two-tenths of an ephah shall be in each cake.

24:6 You shall set them in two rows, six in a row, on the pure gold table before the Lord.

The twelve cakes are set in two rows, six in a row (66) that refers to 66 books in the Holy Bible.

The cakes are put on the table that refers to the heart and mind of man that must be filled with the true teaching Word.

The twenty four elders are the servants of God whose whole lives are filled with the true teaching Word. Thus, they can be around the throne of Heaven and receive eternal life.

Our whole life must be filled with the true teaching Word, so we can be lifted up to the throne of Heaven on Jesus' second coming. All things in this world (richness, smartness, *et cetera*) cannot bring us to the throne of Heaven. Only the true teaching Word will bring us there.

If one rejects to be filled with the true teaching Word, his whole life will be filled with vomit or filth. It refers to sin up to its peak, that is sin concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

Our attitude to the true teaching Word determines the destiny of our life and marriage.

Matthew 14:1-8

14:1 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the report about Jesus

14:2 and said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him."

14:3 For Herod had laid hold of John and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife.

14:4 Because John had said to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her."

14:5 And although he wanted to put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

14:6 But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod.

14:7 Therefore he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.

14:8 So she, having been prompted by her mother, said, "Give me John the Baptist's head here on a platter."

The family of Herod have negative attitudes to the true teaching Word as follows.

1. The attitude of Herod as a husband.

Mark 6:17-20

6:17 For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her.

6:18 Because John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

6:19 Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not;

6:20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

Herod likes to hear the true teaching Word, but his heart is always wavered by strange voice. Strange voice from outside is the the voice of close relatives who are in the wrong side. Strange voice from inside is the flesh voice that rejects sanctification by the true teaching Word. The consequence is Herod cannot practice the true teaching Word, but rejects it. He preserves his sins up to the peak of sins. He preserves his wrong marriage. At the end, He hates John. Herod does not want to and cannot repent. He does not want to experience new birth. He keeps being as the flesh man who will be destroyed forever.

If a husband is doubtful to the true teaching Word so he is not sanctified, it will affect his wife and children.

2. The attitude of Herodias.

Matthew 14:8

14:8 So she, having been prompted by her mother, said, "Give me John the Baptist's head here on a platter."

Acts 5:31-33

5:31 Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

5:32 And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

5:33 When they heard this, they were furious and plotted to kill them.

Herodias is furious when hearing the true teaching Word because she preserves the wrong or illegitimate marriage. She provokes the others, makes gossips, *et cetera*, to evoke hatred without any reasons and kill John the Baptist. Herodias does not want to and cannot repent. She also does not want to experience new birth. She keeps being as the flesh man who cannot inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.

3. The attitude of the daughter of Herodias.

Matthew 14:6-8

14:6 But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod.

14:7 Therefore he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.

14:8 So she, having been prompted by her mother, said, "Give me John the Baptist's head here on a platter."

The attitude of young people is not appreciating the true teaching Word and ministry. The practices are as follows.

- a. Appreciating parties in the world more than the true teaching Word.
- b. Ministering but not prioritizing the true teaching Word.
- c. Doing the fleshly deeds that contradict with the true teaching Word.

Galatians 5:19-21

5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

5:20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

5:21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

The daughter of Herodias does not want to and cannot repent. She does not want to experience new birth.

The family of Herod reject the true teaching Word. The table, that actually must be filled with cakes, is filled with the head of John. Thus, if the heart and mind do not want to be filled with Heavenly matters, they will be filled with evil, uncleanness, and hatred. It is the food of the death that satisfies the flesh.

Matthew 15:19-20

15:19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

15:20 These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

If the heart is filled with seven evil and unclean desires, it is as quenching the candlestick with its seven lamps. The heart and the eyes become dark, so one will act blindly.

Matthew 14:9

14:9 And the king was sorry; nevertheless, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he commanded it to be given to her.

Herod is in the party, but he is sad. Without the true teaching Word, there is only the ambience of labor, being weary and heavy laden, suffering, dying spiritually, up to entering the second death in the hell forever.

The true attitudes to the true teaching Word are as follows.

1. Holding fast the true teaching Word, so we are courageous and firm to preach or testify the true teaching Word whatever the risks are.

Matthew 11:4-6

11:4 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see:

11:5 The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have

the gospel preached to them.

11:6 And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

2. Being cut to the heart when the Word pierces the heart.

Acts 2:36-37

2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

2:37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Being cut to the heart means Holy Spirit helps us to hear the Word solemnly so we understand and believe it. The Word becomes faith in our heart. By the anointing of Holy Spirit, we realize and regret the sins. We confess the sins pointed by the sword of the Word to God (vertically) and the others (horizontally). We can hold fast and obey the true teaching Word, as well as practice it whatever the risks are. Thus, God will stretch out His hands with the resurrection power.

The result is the resurrection power is able to raise one who dies spiritually. We are passed from death into life.

John 5:24-25

5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

5:25 Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

John 5:8

5:8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

Physically, a paralyzed man (impossibility, illness, being non-active and unfaithful, broken marriage) can be recovered.

Romans 4:17

4:17 (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed--God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

The impossible things will be made possible. The things that have not existed before will be created.

John 5:28-29

5:28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice

5:29 and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

The resurrection power will raise the ones who die in God on His second coming. We, who are still alive, will be renewed as glorious as Him in the twinkling of an eye. Both will be united as one perfect body to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds. We will sit on the throne of Heaven forever.

God blesses us.