

General Service in Malang, May 05, 2024 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation22:20

22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

"Surely I am coming quickly." refers to the readiness of the Lord Jesus to come a second time soon in the glory as the King of all kings or the Heavenly Bridegroom on the glorious clouds.

"Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" refers to the readiness of the church for welcoming Jesus' second coming, so there is meeting between Jesus, the Heavenly Bridegroom, and the perfect church for entering the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Revelation19:9

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."

Afterwards, we will enter Paradise and the New Jerusalem.

The preparation for entering the marriage supper of the Lamb is that we must have the sweet wine. It starts from the physical marriage.

John2:1-3

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."

Actually, the marriage often lacks of wine until being tasteless, sour, and bitter until there are quarrels, sexual affairs, and divorces.

Why can it happen?

1. There is no one true water baptism.

Romans6:2,4

6:2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

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 requirement of the true water baptism is believing Jesus and repenting or being dead to sin.

The true water baptism is done through being buried in water with Jesus and raised with Him. As a result, the heavens are opened and we receive the new life, namely the heavenly one or the life in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

2. The branch does not abide in the true Vine.

It means unfaithfulness in the service and ministry to God and not being shepherded to the true teaching Word.

3. The beginning of the marriage is not holy.

Therefore, the church must try hard to have the sweet wine. It starts from the physical marriage until entering the spiritual marriage or the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Matthew20:1-6

20:1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

20:2 "Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

20:3 "And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

20:4 "and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went.

20:5 "Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise.

20:6 "And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?'

The requirement is that we must work in the vineyard or the ministry which is brought up by the Bride Tidings.

God does not want that the people become idle. He opens the wide opportunity for us to work in the vineyard. There are three opportunities to work in the vineyard as follows:

1. Early in the morning --> the opportunity for the Israelites or the chosen people of God.
2. The third, sixth, and ninth hour --> the love of God to open the opportunity for the lost Israelites.

Mark15:25,33-34

15:25 Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him.

15:33 Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

15:34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

Matthew15:24

15:24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

3. The eleventh hour or 5 p.m.

John19:32-34

19:32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

19:33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

It refers to the fifth wound in the side of Jesus out of which blood and water came as the mercy of God to the Gentiles for working in the vineyard.

The Gentiles must be expert in using the opportunity that is as wide as the eye of a needle for serving and ministering to God faithfully.

Why does God want us to actively work in the vineyard?

1. **Using one hour to watch, namely in prayer and worship to God.**

- So that we do not enter the edification of Babylon.

Revelation6:5-6

6:5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

- So that we get the wage, namely one denarius for passing through the time of difficulty and famine on the last days until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.
- So that we get the increasing sweet wine until we reach the marriage supper of the Lamb.

2. **God wants the ministry in the vineyard through obeying the will of the father or the ministry in love.**

Matthew21:28-31

21:28 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.'

21:29 "He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went.

21:30 "Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go.

21:31 "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you.

The requirements is willingness to sacrifice the self-will.

John21:3-7

21:3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

21:4 But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

21:5 Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No."

21:6 And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

21:7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

Peter and his friends served with the self-will or not in line with the will of God. Consequently, they caught nothing that means being in total failure. They became naked or ashamed. It means not being glorified, but being left behind when Jesus comes a second time and perishing forever.

The way of God to help is through Jesus' preaching the Word for sanctifying the heart until being honest.

As a result, we get the power of creation from no fish to many fish for preserving our life in the midst of the difficulties in the world. There is power to give us heavenly joy and open the door of heaven.

Matthew7:21

7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

3. God wants that the church can produce the sweet grapes which can result in the sweet wine for entering the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Matthew21:33-35

21:33 "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.

21:34 "Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit.

21:35 "And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.

The workers did not want to give the sweet grapes because of keeping the fleshly characteristics as follows:

- Not appreciating the preaching of the Word, but being suspicious, sleepy, and bored.
- The will of money or greediness.
- Egoism or self-will.

Job1:1-3

1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.

1:2 And seven sons and three daughters were born to him.

1:3 Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

Job got the sweet wine physically, spiritually, and in his marriage and children. Nevertheless, he got the sprinkling of blood or total test that is useful for the following things:

- Pressing the fleshly characteristic in Job, namely the self-truth.

Job32:1-2

32:1 So these three men ceased answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

32:2 Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was aroused against Job; his wrath was aroused because he justified himself rather than God.

It refers to covering sins by blaming at others and God.

Job42:5-6

42:5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You.

42:6 Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes."

- Pressing the sweet grapes to be the sweet wine.

It starts from the tongue that becomes honest and sincere or able to speak the right words and the words of faith. We only worship God and become the house of prayer or the dwelling place of Holy Spirit.

The functions of Holy Spirit are as follows:

- Holy Spirit is able to revive the dead or preserve our life in the midst of the difficulties in the world.

Romans 8:11

8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

- Holy Spirit is able to make the mountains become a plain.

Zechariah 4:6-9

4:6 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.

4:7 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'

4:8 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

4:9 "The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.

The mountain refers to the mountainous problems. Holy Spirit is able to solve all impossible problems.

Holy Spirit is also able to sanctify us from the mountainous sins.

Holy Spirit gives us gifts and ministries, so we are used in the ministry for the edification of the perfect Christ's body until we do not stumble in sins. We have the sweetest wine, namely only crying out "Alleluia" for entering the marriage supper of the Lamb.

God blesses you.