

Passover Service in Malang, April 09, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

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

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 marriage supper of the Lamb refers to the meeting between Jesus who comes again in the glory as the King of all kings, the Heavenly Bridegroom, or the Head with the congregation, the perfect Church, the heavenly bride, or the perfect body of Christ on the glorious clouds. Afterwards, we enter the Paradise and the New Jerusalem where we sit with Jesus on the throne of heaven forever.

Revelation 3:21

3:21 *"To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne."*

Passover in the Old Testament means the victory of Israel over Pharaoh until going out of Egypt to go to Canaan or the promise land.

Passover in the New Testament refers to the victory of the Church over the enemies, namely the flesh, the world, and the death, until being delivered from the world to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb on the glorious clouds and sitting together with Jesus on the throne of heaven or the peak of victory.

Thus, celebrating Passover means the power of the resurrection of Jesus for being victorious with Him until entering the marriage supper of the Lamb and sitting with Him on the throne of heaven.

Where is the place of victory?

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 that will be destroyed is death.*

It is under the feet of Jesus.

We must always be under the feet of Jesus in order to get the victory with Him.

The meanings of being under the feet of Jesus are as follows:

1. Following the steps of Jesus with the sign of blood.

1 Peter 2:21

2:21 *For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:*

It means the steps of the cross or the death and resurrection. The facts found in it are as follows:

- Being dead to sin or repenting.

1 Peter 2:22-24

2:22 *"Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";*

2:23 *who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;*

2:24 *who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.*

It means not committing any sin, not lying, and not repaying evil for evil, but repaying good for evil.

- [verse 24b] The step of resurrection.

It means living for righteousness or defeating sins.

The steps of Jesus' death and resurrection refer to the victory over sin. We get it in the true water baptism.

Romans 6:1-2,4

6:1 *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?*

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 water baptism is repenting or being dead to sin.

The true water baptism is done through being buried in water together with Jesus.

As a result, the heavens are opened. Holy Spirit is poured out and we can live in righteousness. We are saved and blessed by God. We live in the mercy of God.

It is only by the mercy of God when our whole family can enter the one true water baptism.

- The righteous must be shepherded well and correctly.

1 Peter 2:25

2:25 *For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

Proverbs 12:26

12:26 *The people will curse him who withholds grain, But blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.*

We hear and obey the voice of the shepherd and always dwell in the sheepfold.

Acts 2:41-42

2:41 *Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.*

2:42 *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

After getting the true water baptism, we must persevere in committing the three main services to God in the sheepfold like a branch that abides in the true Vine so that we do not continue in sin [Romans 6:1].

James 4:4

4:4 *Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

We can defeat the world with all of its influences.

Why do we have to persevere in the shepherding?

- a. In the sheepfold, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God. God pleads our life. We do not fall in sin. We are not deceived by gossip or false teachings.
- b. The sheepfold is the place for making the righteousness, salvation, and blessings of God firm and increased.

Psalm 23:1

23:1 <<A Psalm of David.>> *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

As a result, we are full and quiet. We are preserved physically and spiritually. Our heart is peaceful. Sooner or later, we will yield sweet fruits for sure. We have the heavenly joy up to the perfection.

2. Judging our own life.**Revelation 1:15**

1:15 *His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;*

Deuteronomy 28:23

28:23 *"And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron.*

The brass refers to the punishment or judgment.

The feet of Jesus were like fine grass. It means that Jesus appears as the just Judge who will judge the whole world. When does the judgment happen?

- After the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace, namely the judgment on the white throne.

Revelation 20:11-14

20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

20:13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

20:14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

God judges the sins which have not been reconciled in life. There is no more forgiveness, but the judgment in the fire of the hell forever.

- Now, it begins from the house of God or our own life.

1 Peter 4:17

4:17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Being under the feet of God that are like fine brass means that from now on we must judge ourselves, so we do not enter the judgment on the white throne. Do not be busy in judging other people and God or the true teaching Word or else there is no time anymore for judging our own life!

By what can we judge ourselves?

- [Revelation 1:15] By the voice of God that is like the sound of many waters. It is able to sanctify us up to our heart, mind, and joints.

Hebrews 4:12-13

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.

4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

- By the Holy Communion.

1 Corinthians 11:28

11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

The true teaching Word and the Holy Communion cannot be separated from one another. It means that we must examine or judge ourselves by the sharpness of the sword of the Word, so we are worthy to consume the Holy Communion.

What is judged?

- The sword of the Word judges the sinful deeds up to the peak, the sinful words such as the meaningless ones, lies, gossip, slander, and blasphemy, the sinful thought, and the sins in heart. We can realize, regret, and confess sin to God and other people. After being forgiven, we do not repeat the sin. We are worthy to consume the Holy Communion, so we get the new power to defeat the sins and the flesh which is controlled by the sins. We can keep faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God until the end line.

- All things we do not do while God has encouraged in heart through the Word.

Matthew 25:39-43,45-46

25:39 'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

25:40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

25:42 'for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;

25:43 'I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

25:45 "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the

least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

25:46 "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Not being willing to give and visit happens because of the egoistic flesh like the goat.

Matthew 19:27-28

19:27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?"

19:28 So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Being sanctified, we can willingly sacrifice all things for God and we are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain until judging the world together with God.

3. We fall down at Jesus' feet much more to experience the power of Jesus' resurrection for defeating the death.

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

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John 11:31-32

11:31 Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there."

11:32 Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

Mary is the example of life that falls down at Jesus' feet and defeats the death.

Many people in the world, including the sons of God, face the impossible problems in the world up to the problem of death with lamentation and blaming at God and other people. In such condition, there is no help, but perdition.

The right attitude is falling down at Jesus' feet much more or worshiping God with a broken heart and confessing that we are only the clay that is not worthy and able, but only relying on His mercy and power.

John 11:5-6

11:5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

11:6 So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was.

Jesus loved the family of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Nevertheless, it seemed that the Lord deliberately let Lazarus to be sick until to die for four days. Why? It is to make us able to fall down at Jesus' feet or worship Him with a broken heart.

John 11:39-40

11:39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

11:40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

Martha loved the Lord. She was also shepherded and active in the ministry, but only as a habit. She was hard-hearted and kept the rottenness in the heart.

Celebrating Passover while facing rottenness and impossibilities, we must fall down at Jesus' feet much more. We only hope the mercy of God and we will get the power of resurrection. The results are as follows:

- [verse 39-40] The power of the life renewal. We can be honest to confess just the way we are. We can believe and obey God. We become the house of prayer.
- The power to revive the dead.

John 11:43-44

11:43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"

11:44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

We also get the power of the protection and preservation of God in the midst of the difficulties in the world.

It also refers to the power to erase all impossibilities. All impossible problems can be solved. The rotten can be fragrant. The destroyed can be made good. The failure is changed into success and beauty.

- The power of deliverance.

The power of Passover is able to set us free from all bonds. As a result, our face becomes cheerful. We get the heavenly joy until we are perfect. The power of Passover is able to set us free from the world to be lifted up on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.