

Passover Service in Malang, March 31, 2024 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 21:12

21:12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

The wall of the New Jerusalem was great and high. It refers to the majesty, glory, and authority of the heavenly bride.

1 Peter 2:9

2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

The heavenly bride consists of the living stones or the holy priests and kings so that they can testify and glorify the name of God.

1 Peter 2:5

2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

We can be used in the edification of the spiritual house or the body of Christ.

Therefore, we must become the holy priests and kings who are active in the ministry for the edification of the body of Christ. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the Israelites and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ and get the deliverance from the world to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds and enter the marriage supper of the lamb, the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace, and the New Jerusalem, appearing as the great high wall of the New Jerusalem.

In the Old Testament, the Israelites got the deliverance from Egypt to enter Canaan, the Promise Land.

In the New Testament, the Church gets the deliverance from the world to enter the spiritual Canaan or the New Jerusalem.

Passover means commemorating the resurrection of Jesus. It also means the deliverance.

Thus, commemorating Passover has the purpose, namely we get the power of Jesus' resurrection to set us free from the influence of the world or Egypt until we can reach the New Jerusalem.

There are three kinds of deliverance from Egypt as follows:

1. The deliverance from the idol of Egypt.

Jeremiah 46:14-15

46:14 "Declare in Egypt, and proclaim in Migdol; Proclaim in Noph and in Tahpanhes; Say, 'Stand fast and prepare yourselves, For the sword devours all around you.'

46:15 Why are your valiant men swept away? They did not stand Because the LORD drove them away.

Exodus 32:4,9

32:4 And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

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

The idol of Egypt was imitated by the Israelites, so they made the golden calf that refers to the hardness of heart. The facts found in it are as follows

- The service and ministry that gathered together to Aaron.

Exodus 32:1

32:1 Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

It means serving and ministering to God only to look at physical things such as human, money, position, marriage partner, and so on as well as ignore the spiritual things, especially the preaching of the true teaching Word.

Luke 5:1,3

5:1 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,

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.

The true service and ministry to God is pressing about Jesus to hear the true teaching Word, regardless of anything we have to sacrifice.

- Spiritual blindness.

Exodus 32:4

32:4 And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

It means not being able to distinguish between the true teaching (God) and the false one (ghost) because they are supposed same.

For example, the people of Niniveh could not distinguish the right hand from the left one. It means not being able to distinguish between the right and the false things.

- Not repenting, but keeping sins up to the peak. It means treasuring up the wrath of God.

Romans 2:4-5

2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

2:5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

It happens until one cannot repent like Satan until suffering and perishing.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

5:7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The power of the blood of Jesus is able to set us free from the hardness of heart to the gentle heart, namely being able to confess sins to God and other people. Being forgiven, we do not repeat the sin. We repent and live in righteousness as well as purity. We hold fast the true teaching Word.

The purpose of commemorating Passover is to be set free from the idol of Egypt or hardness of heart, so we can repent and live in righteousness and purity. The results are as follows:

- We live in the atmosphere of heavenly feast. We are always satisfied. We give thanks and do not look for the worldly satisfaction. The worldly satisfaction does not need to be brought into the church.
- We get the deliverance from the punishment of God.

2. The deliverance from the life system in Egypt.

Deuteronomy 11:10

11:10 "For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden;

The system of Egypt is of the plain, namely in labor.

Deuteronomy 11:11

11:11 "but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven,

The system of Canaan is of the hills and valleys.

The facts found in the system of Egypt or in labor are as follows:

- Relying on the intelligence, power, and experience for fulfilling the needs of the daily life, not on God.

Acts 27:10-12

27:10 saying, "Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives."

27:11 Nevertheless the centurion was more persuaded by the helmsman and the owner of the ship than by the things spoken by Paul.

27:12 And because the harbor was not suitable to winter in, the majority advised to set sail from there also, if by any means they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete opening toward the southwest and northwest, and winter there.

For example, the centurion was more persuaded by the helmsman and the owner of the ship than by the things spoken by Paul or the revelation of the Word of God until being attacked by the storm.

- Pursuing physical things until sacrificing the spiritual ones.
For example, Esau sold his firstborn right for a plate of food.

We must sacrifice the physical things to get the spiritual ones.

- Making all ways legal to get profit.
For example, Judas Iscariot looked for profit until selling Jesus.

It is better not to than being unrighteous.

The system of Egypt ended with weeping and perdition, namely the death of the firstborn son.

Deuteronomy 11:11-14

11:11 "but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven,

11:12 "a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

11:13 ' And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,

11:14 'then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.

The system of Canaan is of hills and valleys, namely the death and resurrection or the system of the cross.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- Being set free from sins or living in righteousness.
- Prioritizing the service and ministry to God or being faithful.
- Obeying the true teaching Word.

The purpose of commemorating Passover is to get the power of resurrection of the Lord so that we can be set free from the system of Egypt to turn to the heavenly system, namely righteousness, faithfulness, and obedience.

As a result, we get the rain of God's mercy that cannot be blocked and imitated by anyone for giving blessings to us physically, namely preserving our life in the midst of the difficulties in the world until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years. We also get the spiritual blessings, namely the wheat (the Word), oil (Holy Spirit), and wine (God's love) that make us live in righteousness and holiness, so God keeps on using our life to glorify Him. We also get the blessings in the household and joy. We always give thanks and can testify.

Deuteronomy 11:15

11:15 'And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may eat and be filled.'

There are blessings for the animals. Formerly, they were used for the sacrifice or service to God.

Eating the blessings for the service to God is the same as eating the grass like the animal, namely the mind is corrupted, only committing sin, and the faith is corrupted or not tested.

3. The deliverance from the characteristics of the Egyptians.

Exodus 3:21-22

3:21 "And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed.

3:22 "But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians."

It is the same as not appreciating the spiritual things, namely silver, gold, and clothes.

The power of the resurrection of Jesus sets us free from the characteristics of the worldly people until we can appreciate the spiritual things as follows:

- The **clothes**= the robe of ministry. Appreciating the robe of ministry means as follows:
 - a. Being faithful and fervent in spirit as well as responsible in serving and ministering to God according to the ministry which God has entrusted to us.
 - b. The tunic must be dipped in blood. It means willingly suffering in the flesh because of the service and ministry to God. As a result, the tunic cannot be taken away by Satan. We are not naked. We can serve and minister to God until the end line.

It continues until it becomes the clean and bright fine linen or the clothes of the bride.

- **Silver**= redemption by the blood of Jesus [1 Peter 1:18-19].

Psalm 12:6

12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times.

It also refers to the pure teaching Word.

We are sanctified by the teaching Word and sacrifice of Christ until we can be honest.

Proverbs 10:20

10:20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little.

We never stumble, but keep on standing firmly like the boards standing upright on the silver socket.

- **Gold**= the characteristics of the bride.

1 Peter 3:4-5

3:4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

3:5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissiveto their own husbands,

The gentle spirit means being able to receive the Word, no matter how hard it is and to forgive and forget the sins of others.

The quiet spirit means doing the introspection in our life more by the sharpness of the sword of the Word. Being forgiven, do not repeat the sin!

Being submissive means the obedience.

It is the same as lifting up the hands to God for submitting all weaknesses, fears, worries, and impossibilities.

Romans 8:15

8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

God stretches out the hands of Holy Spirit with the power of resurrection.

The results are as follows:

- a. Holy Spirit changes us to be strong and of good courage.

Titus 3:5

3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through

the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

We keep on living in righteousness, faithfulness, and fervency in spirit in the service and ministry to God. We keep on believing and hoping as well as worshiping Him. We keep on waiting for Jesus' second coming.

- b. Holy Spirit revives the dead.

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.

Spiritually, unfaithfulness and spiritual death are changed into fervency in spirit in doing the spiritual things. Physically, the impossible things are made possible. God protects, preserves, helps, and finishes all impossible problems.

It continues until we become perfect. We do not stumble in words. We only cry out "Alleluia".

The word "Alleluia" causes separation between the people who are lifted up on the glorious clouds and the others who are left in the world in the tears like Egyptian facing the death of the firstborn son.

God blesses you.