

Prayer Service in Malang, March 30, 2017 (Thursday Evening)

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

Mark 12:38-40

12:38 Then He said to them in His teaching, "Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces,

12:39 "the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts,

12:40 "who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

In the arrangement of Tabernacle, this verse is the part of the Ark of Covenant.

The Ark of Covenant is divided into two parts as follows:

1. *The Mercy Seats* made of gold.
There are two cherubs on the top that is made from gold.
The first cherub refers to the Father God.
The Mercy Seat refers to Jesus as the Son of God.
The second cherub refers to the Holy Spirit God.
Thus, the Mercy Seat refers to the persona of Lord Jesus Christ as the Bridegroom of Heaven.
2. *The Ark* is made of acacia wood overlaid with gold inside and outside.
It refers to the perfect church of God. To become the perfect Bride of God, the fleshly man must be overlaid with the character of God.

We must be watchful because there is a life like the scribes that cannot become the perfect Bride of God. The facts found within it are as follows:

1. There is the true teaching Word but they did not do.
Matthew 23:2-3
*23:2 saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.
23:3 "Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.*

2. The hypocrisy.
3. They exalt their self.

Matthew 23:11-12

23:11 "But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.

23:12 "And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

In the book of Revelation, the Bride of God appears in great things.

Revelation 19:6-7

19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

The Bride of God is a great multitude with one voice "Alleluia" to greet the second coming of Jesus on the glorious clouds. Who are they? They are as follows:

1. **The dead that will rise and the alive that will be changed.**
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
*4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
4:17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.*
2. **Israel and Gentiles who have entered the unity of the perfect body of Christ.**
Ephesians 2:17-18

2:17 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.
2:18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Romans 15:4-6

15:4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

15:5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

15:6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The process to become one voice starts from to be like-minded toward one another [Romans 15:5, NKJV]. **We become one mind through hearing one true teaching Word.** The sign of the true teaching Word is being written in Bible and revealed by God with one verse is explained by another verse in Bible.

2 Corinthians 11:2-3

11:2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

11:3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

The fear of Paul is that our mind is deceived. If we do not have one true teaching Word, we will not have one heart, even one voice.

Through hearing the true teaching Word, we become one mind like Jesus, namely humble, gentle, and obedient.

In order to enter the great multitude, we must enter the small one. It is as follows:

1. Two people refer to the marriage life, namely husband and wife.

Matthew 18:19-20

18:19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

In marriage, husband and wife must listen to one true teaching Word.

Colossians 3:18

3:18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

A wife must submit to the husband as supposed to be.

Colossians 3:19

3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

A husband must love the wife and not be bitter toward her.

If marriage hears one voice, there is hope to become one.

Colossians 3:20

3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

The children must obey and respect the parents in everything.

If husband, wife, and children become one mind, their prayer will be answered by God.

2. Entering the little flock, namely the shepherding.

Luke 12:32

12:32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

The activities in shepherding are as follows:

- Prioritizing the ministry more than anything. It means perseverance in three main services.

Luke 12:31

12:31 "But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

- Looking for the truth of Word or prioritizing the true teaching Word.

How is the right attitude in shepherding? It is as follows:

John 10:11-12

10:11 *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.*

10:12 *"But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them*

The good shepherd is one who keeps the Voice of Shepherd or the true teaching Word whatever the risk may come.

John 10:4-5

10:4 *"And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.*

10:5 *"Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."*

The good sheep is one who listens to one voice namely the true teaching Word whatever the risk that may come.

John 10:16

10:16 *"And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.*

If the shepherd and sheep are good, they will be trusted in fellowship to another sheepfold, namely the fellowship of the body of Christ.

Psalm 23:1-6

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

23:2 *He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.*

23:3 *He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.*

23:4 *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

23:5 *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.*

23:6 *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.*

If we are shepherded correctly and well, we will be cared and protected by God. There is calmness and peace up to "I shall not want" or perfection. We also get the key of David to open the doors in the world up to the door of the kingdom of heaven.

Revelation 3:7

3:7 *"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens":*

3. The great multitude refers to Israel and Gentiles or the perfect body of Christ.

The facts found within it are as follows:

- **There is no enmity.** We must keep peace with God and others. If we make mistake, we must confess. After being forgiven, do not sin anymore.

Ephesians 2:14

2:14 *For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,*

Why is there no peace?

Romans 8:7

8:7 *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.*

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.*

The causes of enmity with God are disobedience and unfaithfulness. It starts from unfaithfulness to one true teaching Word.

The cause of enmity with others is the self-truth. It is the truth which comes from blaming others.

- **The foundation is one true teaching Word or one sacrifice of Christ.**

Ephesians 2:20

2:20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

The apostles mean the New Testament.

The prophets mean the Old Testament.

We will become one in mind, heart, and until voice of worship with saying "*Alleluia*".

The results of worshipping God are as follows:

- God is able to make everything beautiful in time. He is able to open the way through the sea. It is the new way or the way out from all problems even the impossible ones.

Isaiah 43:15-17

43:15 I am the LORD, your Holy One, The Creator of Israel, your King."

43:16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea And a path through the mighty waters,

43:17 Who brings forth the chariot and horse, The army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick):

- There is no plague anymore.

Zechariah 14:17-18

14:17 And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain. 14:18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

We are employed in the revival of the building of the perfect body of Christ.

- Jesus as the Bridegroom of Heaven opens the door of the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 23:40-43

23:40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?"

23:41 "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

23:42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

23:43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

God blesses us.