

Prayer Sevice in Malang, January 10, 2012 (Tuesday Evening)

Matthew 26:47-56 is about 'Jesus's arrest'.

Matthew 26:47, 50

26:47. And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.

26:50 But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

Judas became the chief in Jesus's arrest whereas he was the friend of the Bridegroom.

Judas heard the Bride Tidings but he did not do it.

John 3:29

3:29 "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.

John the Baptist was the friend of the Bridegroom who heard Bride Tidings and did it. Nevertheless, facing Gethsemane, he doubted about Jesus.

Being the friend of the Bridegroom is not enough because we may be separated from Jesus. Therefore, he must have the increase of our spirituality from the friend of the Bridegroom to the Bride who will never be separated from Him forever.

The process of having the increase of spirituality from being the friend of the Bridegroom to being the Bride is as follows:

1. Being the fiancée of the Bridegroom.

II 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 fiancée of the Bridegroom is those who have been sanctified more deeply until being chaste virgin.

Revelation 14:4

14:4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

The chaste virgin refers to those who are not defiled with women.

There are at least two women defiling the spirituality of the sons of God as follows:

- The woman Babylon.

Revelation 17:4-5

17:4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.

17:5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

She is great harlot, referring to these things:

- Uncleanliness sin, namely sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.
- Wickedness sin, namely the love of money until being stingy and greedy.
- Unfaithfulness sin; unfaithfulness to One Man, namely Christ or unfaithfulness to the one true teaching Word. One mixes other teachings or religions until being unfaithful doing service and ministry to the Lord.

The term 'virgin' means we are not allowed to hear other teaching although it is only once.

Being unfaithful to Jesus, one will be unfaithful doing service and ministry for sure.

- The woman Jezebel, meaning as follows:

- False teaching that allows woman to teach and have authority over man in the service and ministry to the Lord; not placing the man as head, so Jesus does not become the Head on the congregation.

Revelation 2:18-20

2:18. *"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:*

2:19 *"I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.*

2:20 *"Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols."*

Consequently, there is idolatry.

Exodus 32:2, 24

32:2 *And Aaron said to them, "Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me."*

32:24 *"And I said to them, 'Whoever has any gold, let them break it off.' So they gave it to me, and I cast it into the fire, and this calf came out."*

Deuteronomy 22:5

22:5. *" A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the LORD your God.*

The symptom of a woman's being the head of household and service to the Lord is seizing the possession of man, that is to say she wears the garment of man especially in the service and ministry to the Lord.

I Timothy 2:9-14

2:9. *in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,*

2:10 *but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.*

2:11 *Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.*

2:12 *And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.*

2:13 *For Adam was formed first, then Eve.*

2:14 *And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.*

The woman who wears woman's garment and adornment is still corrected in order not to be too much. The woman may not insist the physical adornment but the spiritual one, namely being in silence in the service and ministry to the Lord. It means she places her husband as her head and it will place Jesus as the Head.

Exodus 35:22

35:22 *They came, both men and women, as many as had a willing heart, and brought earrings and nose rings, rings and necklaces, all jewelry of gold, that is, every man who made an offering of gold to the LORD.*

If it is man who leads, all things will be directed toward the building of Christ's body.

Hebrews 11:32

11:32. *And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets:*

Arguing about Deborah in the Old Testament, the answer is in the New Testament, in which Barak that is written, not Deborah.

Romans 16:1-2

16:1. *I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea,*

16:2 *that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.*

In addition, Phoebe was employed by God as a helper, not as a pastor.

Satan wants to destroy the virginity in the time of betrothal because it is the time when there is only one step to get married.

God will have something against a congregation if there is woman teaches and has authority over man in it. Meaning the congregation will never become perfect as the Bride of God but fall on the way.

- Teaching about the depths of Satan.

Revelation 2:24

2:24 "Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden.

We have to be alert because every teaching has its spirit.

II Corinthians 11:2-4

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.

11:4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you may well put up with it!

Being the fiancée of God, we still need to be alert because the serpent can deceive to make us fall.

That thing can happen because of being "well put up with it", meaning not being firm and hearing flesh sound many more as well as hearing other teachings.

I Timothy 4:1

4:1. Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

4:2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

In the time of betrothal, we must have firmness in the anointing of Holy Spirit, so we only hold fast one true teaching Word and we do not give any chance to hear other teaching.

2. Being the Bride of God.

Ephesians 5:25-27

5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

The bride of God is those who are sanctified and renewed by water baptism and the water of the rain of the true teaching Word.

Leviticus 14:8-9

14:8 "He who is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean. After that he shall come into the camp, and shall stay outside his tent seven days.

14:9 "But on the seventh day he shall shave all the hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows -- all his hair he shall shave off.

The double sanctification is useful to sanctify leprosy. It is white but leprous, referring to self-truth as follows:

- The truth outside the Word or not in line with the Bible.
- Covering sin by blaming other people.
- Covering sin by pretending to do good things.
- Covering sin by lying.

Covering sin by lying, one cannot be helped anymore because God and other people cannot touch him but Satan.

The truth of the Lord is when we confess our sins and we are justified by Him.

Mark 13:28

13:28. "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you

know that summer is near.

The renewal begins from being gentle as follows:

- We dare to confess our sin and to forgive the sin of other people.
- We dare to profess all our failures and deterioration.
- We only profess that we are only clay, which is not worthy and powerless, but we only rely on the mercy and kindness of God.

For example, Job.

Job 42:5-6

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."

Job was healed doubly as follows:

- Physical one.
- Spiritual one, there is creation power of God to create us as new creation. We are renewed little by little until we are perfect as His Bride, who is ready to welcome Jesusâ€™ second coming.

God blesses you.