

Youth Service in Malang, February 25, 2017 (Saturday Evening)

To coincide with Blessing of Marriage Service

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

Luke 11:1-13 is about "The Model Prayer".

We pray to God, so our marriage/household may become the house of prayer.

Matthew 18:19

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.

The requirement is that we must agree or have one heart.

A husband and the wife must be filled with the true teaching word, so they have one heart, one flesh, and one voice of prayer to become the house of prayer. As a result, our prayer will be answered by God. A husband and the wife are different but they can become one through the marriage.

Satan tries to fall our faith and marriage through temptation, sin, *et cetera*.

There are many temptations in the marriage, but **the biggest one is the destruction in marriage.** The marriage is scattered and does not become one.

Satan knows that the marriage will experience similarity through the unity of the marriage until the husband and the wife become as perfect as Jesus is. **Satan wants to destroy this unity.**

God is so different from the men. To create us to become the same as Him, He comes to the world to have fellowship or be joined with the sinner.

We must try to have fellowship or be joined with God through the ministry and perseverance in committing three kinds of service in the shepherding system as follows:

1. The Golden Candlestick= perseverance in committing General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His gifts.
2. Table of Showbread= perseverance in committing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion. We have fellowship with the Son of God in teaching word and Christ's sacrifice.
3. Golden Altar of Incense= perseverance in committing Prayer Service. We have fellowship with God the Father in His love.

Through the perseverance in the three kinds of main service, our body, soul and spirit are attaching to God the Trinity. We are processed by God the Trinity until we become perfect like Jesus. We become the bride of God who is ready to greet when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds and enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

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."

Luke 11: 1-13 can be divided as follows:

1. Luke 11:1 is about we ask God to teach us how to pray.
2. Luke 11:2-4 is about the prayer that is taught by Jesus.
3. Luke 11:5-8 is about the attitude in praying.
4. Luke 11:9-10 is about the way to pray.
5. Luke 11:11-13 is about the result of praying.

Luke 11:11-13

11:11. "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?

11:12. "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?"

11:13. "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

The result of praying is the power of Holy Spirit.

John 16:7

16:7. *"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you."*

Jesus must die on the cross, rise, and ascend to the Heaven so He can pour out Holy Spirit to us.

John 19:32-34

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.*

Jesus has died with four main wounds (two at hands and two at feet) to redeem Israelites, His chosen people.

The fifth wound is the biggest and deepest one, of which blood and water come out to redeem the Gentiles and **give three things as follows:**

1. **The sign of blood**= the redemption by the precious blood of Jesus.

1 Peter 1:18-19

1:18. *knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,*

1:19. *but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

The marriage is the precious thing before God that He gives to human only.

The marriage must be redeemed from the sin we inherit, and the root of wickedness and uncleanness.

The marriage will become a precious thing if it becomes the place to make peace, namely finishing sin by the blood of Jesus through confessing and forgiving one another. **As a result**, we can live in righteousness. We become the precious men before God. We experience peace and serenity. All things become easy and light.

2. **The sign of water**= water baptism.

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.*

Matthew 3:16

3:16. *When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.*

Romans 6:4

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 true water baptism is that we are baptized as Jesus is, namely we who have died to sin or repented must be buried in the water with Jesus and come out or rise from water with Him to receive new life.

The sign of water also refers to the true teaching word.

We experience the purification from self-truth that divides us, self-interest (selfishness), and self-will.

We are purified so we can minister in the marriage. A husband loves his wife as he loves himself and does not do bitterly toward her. A wife submits to her husband in all things.

3. **The sign of Holy Spirit.**

John 19:36

19:36. *For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken."*

'The bones are not broken' refers to the power of resurrection by Holy Spirit.

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,*

The power of Holy Spirit does the biggest miracle, namely renewing us from fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus.

It starts from **honesty and obedience**.

Zechariah 4:6-7

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!"'*

The power of Holy Spirit is able to make the mountain of problem and sins a plain.

There is beautiful and successful future. It continues until we are changed to become perfect. We are worthy to greet when Jesus comes a second time on the glorious clouds and enter the New Jerusalem, the eternal kingdom of heaven.

God blesses us.