

Youth Service in Malang, October 14, 2017 (Saturday Evening)

To coincide with Blessing of Marriage Service

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'=> it is about marriage.

The marriage of the Christian is not only physical one in the world, but up to spiritual/perfect one between Christ and the congregation.

The bible is started with the book of Genesis that writes about physical marriage between Adam and Eve. But it has been broken and destroyed by Satan till today.

But we thank to God, the Bible is ended with the book of Revelation that writes about spiritual marriage between Christ and the congregation.

It means that God is fixing the destroyed marriage with 'the true sayings of God' (the true teaching word) as long as we live in this world, so we reach the spiritual/perfect marriage on the glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time.

After the marriage supper of the Lamb, we enter a Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace (the upcoming Paradise) and eternal kingdom of Heaven. In the past, Adam and Eve were put in the Paradise, not in this world. But they sinned so they were cast out to the world and miserable.

Every person or the marriage of Christian **must prioritize the true teaching word** in the ministry and marriage, so we experience purification and renewal up to perfection like Jesus.

Luke 11:37-54 is about 'Woe to the Pharisees and Lawyers'

Luke 11:37-39

11:37. *And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat.*

11:38. *When the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that He had not first washed before dinner.*

11:39. *Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness."*

'And as He spoke'= there must be the true teaching Word in the ministry.

We have heard previously, that we must bring our life and physical marriage to the ministry that prioritizes the true teaching word.

It is contradictory to the Pharisees and Lawyers. They only prioritize the physical thing in their ministry and do not prioritize the word of God. **Consequently**, they are fulminated by God with six times of 'woe'. They are not happy but live in curse up to perdition.

THE FIFTH 'WOE'

Luke 11: 47-51

11:47. *"Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.*

11:48. *"In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs.*

11:49. *"Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,'*

11:50. *"that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation,*

11:51. *"from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.*

The fifth 'woe' is **becoming the descendants of the killer**.

If our ministry does not prioritize the true teaching word or we do not experience the purification and renewal of life, we will become the descendants of the killer.

The descendants of the killer= one who has hatred or bitterness, not having love or the love grows cold.

The hatred attacks the marriage in the last days so there are many broken and unhappy marriages. They live in curse up to perdition.

Mark 13: 12-13

13:12. *"Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.*

13:13. *"And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.*

We have learned about the hatred that attacks the world and shepherding. Tonight we learn that **the hatred also attacks the marriage**. Be careful! A husband may hate his wife and vice versa. Consequently there are quarrels and violence in marriage, infidelity, divorce, marrying after divorce up to marring-giving in marriage.

A husband is the head and a wife is the body. Divorce means being in death (the head is separated from the body). Marrying after divorce means becoming in decay and one will be destroyed.

Pay attention husband and wife, son and parents! Children may hate the parents and vice versa, brother may hate the sister and vice versa.

The hatred should be in the world, but now the hatred without reason has entered the shepherding, inter-shepherding and household.

All people hate without any reason so they harm until kill one another (becoming the same as antichrist).

Satan wants to destroy the physical marriage with hatred without a cause, so it does not reach the spiritual one, Paradise and the New Jerusalem.

'But he who endures to the end shall be saved' = we have to endure in love.

Matthew 24: 12-13

24:12. *"And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.*

24:13. *"But he who endures to the end shall be saved.*

The way out to fight against the hatred without a cause or anything that attacks the marriage is that **we have to endure in love**. Flesh and blood man does not have love but emotion, ambition and lust. Love just comes from God.

The process to receive the love and endure in the love of God is as follows:

1. The love of God is poured to us through **Christ's sacrifice on the cross**(the propitiation for sins).

1 John 4: 9-10

4:9. *In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.*

4:10. *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

Enduring in the love of God means that **we must reconcile one another**, starting from husband and wife, shepherding and inter-shepherding. There should be no hatred without a cause.

Making peace means that we can confess and forgive one another by the encouragement of the true teaching word.

Hear the word in the ministry! When we are guilty, we must confess our sin to God and others earnestly. Do not sin anymore after being forgiven!

When we are true, we must forgive others' sin and forget it.

As a result, the blood of Jesus washes all of our sins and the love of God is poured to us.

The results are as follows:

- We always experience the love of God. There is no hatred at all.

Proverbs 28: 13

28:13. *He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.*

- Experiencing the marriage formula, namely 1 + 1 = 1.

Ephesians 5: 31

5:31. *"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."*

Husband and wife are equal to one. There is only plus sign (the cross/making peace) between husband and wife.

The marriage becomes one flesh, one heart, and one body. It is the same as placing Jesus as the head so He is responsible for that marriage from now up to eternal life in heaven.

The marriage will not fail. He died at Place of Skull to prove that He was the head who was responsible until He became the skull to be responsible for our life and marriage.

2. Obeying God.

John 14: 15

14:15. "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

It is the characteristic of sheep.

It means that we have to become the sheep that is shepherded well and truly if we want to obey God.

We must be shepherded if we want to enjoy the love of God.

Being shepherded is the same as perseverance in committing three kinds of main service as follows:

- Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service to have the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts. We are given drink.
- Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the Word and the sacrifice of Christ. We are given food.
- Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Worship Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in the love. We breathe in the love of God.

In the sheepfold, our body, soul, and spirit attach to God the Trinity, so Satan the trinity cannot touch us. We will never deny God, but love Him forever.

Loving God is proved by loving others. If we have already been **holy and obedient**, we will easily love others.

1 Peter 1: 22

1:22. Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

If all of us are shepherded well and truly, we will live in holiness, so we can love one another. The more we are holy, the more we love others.

If we obey God, live in holiness, and love one another, we will be equipped with the ministry, so our marriage is not naked. The ministry is the same as tunic of many colors.

Ephesians 4: 11-12

4:11. And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

4:12. for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

All of us are used in the ministry of the building of the body of Christ. It starts from marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the Israelites and Gentiles become one perfect body.

God is so good. He wants to pour out His love to us.

3. We often climb up the mountain of worship.

Matthew 17: 1-2

17:1. Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;

17:2. and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

The marriage will be warm all the time. We experience God's love that is like the sun no matter the thing that is happening to us.

Look at Jesus' face, not the mistake of husband or wife!

If we look at the world, we will be afraid. Go to the mountain of worship!

This is the most beautiful place. We climb up to the mountain of worship until God reveals His defense.

Psalm 84: 11

84:11. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

There are shield, grace, good thing, and glory in the love which is as the sun.

The results are as follows:

- The love which is as the sun is the shield to protectus from the fiery dart of the evil (disaster and sin up to the peak), so we experience peace. All things become easy and light.

This is the key of marriage.

If we are able to see Jesus' face until we experience peace, we have already had the shield. Satan cannot touch us. Moreover, men cannot touch us.

- God's mercy and good works helpus. He can finish all of impossible problems. God makes a war for us.
- In the love which is as the sun, we experience the glory of God to renew us from fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus.

The beginning of the renewal of life is being **honest and sincere**.

It starts from being honest about God/the word, so we can be honest in all things. Otherwise, we cannot be honest in all things.

If we have already been honest and sincere, we have the beaming face. If there is lie, our life will be bitter.

If we are honest, we will have the beaming face and we become the house of prayer. Our prayer is always answered by God.

It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to become as perfect as He is. We become the heavenly bride who is worthy to greet Jesus when He comes a second time. We enter the spiritual/perfect marriage up to the New Jerusalem.

God blesses us.