

Youth Service in Malang, September 24, 2016 (Saturday Evening)

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

Luke 10:13-16

10:13. *"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.*

10:14. *"But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you.*

10:15. *"And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades.*

10:16. *"He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."*

Jesus fulminates the impenitent cities. It is a warning from Lord Jesus in form of rebuke and exhortation to Chorazin, Bethsaida (the cities of the Israelites), Tyre and Sidon (the cities of the Gentiles)

Now, it means God reproves and exhorts His church that consists of the Israelites and Gentiles.

2 Timothy 4:2

4:2. *Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.*

The rebuke and exhortation are the preaching of the true teaching word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

There are two kinds of the preaching of the word as follows:

1. The gospel word (milk) for the sinners, so they can believe Jesus and be saved.
2. The teaching word (solid food) to perfect us.
The teaching word is often out of our mind. That is why it must be received by faith.

Since faith is higher than logic, thus logic will accept the thing which is accepted by faith.

Why does God preach the rebuke/exhortation or the true teaching word? Because God wants to perform miracle among us, especially the one of life renewal from carnal men to spiritual ones like Jesus. He wants to show His glory in all of us.

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Jesus came a first time to the world as God who was born as a man, so we can be reborn to become as glorious as Him and we are worthy to greet when He comes a second time.

The example is the miracle in Cana, namely water turned to wine.

John 2:1-11

2:1. *On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.*

2:2. *Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.*

2:3. *And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."*

2:4. *Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."*

2:5. *His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."*

2:6. *Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.*

2:7. *Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim.*

2:8. *And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it.*

2:9. *When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.*

2:10. *And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"*

2:11. *This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.*

Generally, the marriage in the world is started with running out of wine until having no wine.

It means it is started with the sweetness of flesh (physical happiness: party, honeymoon, *et cetera*), after that the marriage loses its flavor, and becomes bitter. It is like to drink the sour wine, namely quarrel, violence in marriage, infidelity, divorce (= being in death), marrying after divorce (= becoming in decay) up to marrying-giving in marriage.

Consequently, one will be destroyed in the hell forever.

The marriage in the Lord is signified with sweet wine (heavenly bliss) that cannot be influenced by anything in this world. The

happiness is increased more up to the peak, namely we enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, or the spiritual/perfect marriage, and then we enter New Jerusalem/the kingdom of Heaven.

There is no suffering more than the one caused by broken and bitter marriage up to the hell.

But, there is no happiness more than the marriage which is happy and sweet up to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

We can get the sweet wine /heavenly bliss from Jesus only. That is why we must invite Him in our marriage.

It means our marriage must be in Jesus and it is affirmed and blessed by Lord Jesus.

The condition is it must be in righteousness according to the word and holiness.

John 19:30

19:30. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Jesus drinks the sour wine on the cross. It is the same as He bears our sin bitterness and forgives us, so He can pour out sweet wine to us.

As for us, the ways to receive sweet wine are as follows:

1. We as the branch must always abide in the true vine. It is the same as being shepherded to true teaching word or perseverance in committing three kinds of main service as follows:
 - a. The Golden Candlestick= perseverance in committing general service; fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His gifts.
 - b. Table of showbread= perseverance in committing bible study service and Holy Communion; fellowship with Son of God in teaching word and Christ's sacrifice.
 - c. Golden altar of incense= perseverance in committing prayer service; fellowship with God the Father in His love.

In the sheepfold, husband and wife will experience purification of the body, soul, and spirit. The result is the sweet grape, namely the fruit of love (heavenly bliss).

Wife submits to her husband in all things, husband loves his wife as he loves himself and does not do bitterly toward her. The children obey parents.

2. Husband and wife must worship God.

1 Samuel 1:19-20

1:19. Then they rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD, and returned and came to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her.

1:20. So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked for him from the LORD."

Worshipping God is the same as remembering Him, so He also remembers us and nothing is impossible for Him.

3. Husband and wife must be filled by hard teaching Word.

John 2:5-8

2:5. His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

2:6. Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

2:7. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

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Six waterpots refer to the body, soul, and spirit of husband and wife. It must be filled by the word through hearing the word until we understand, believe, and practice it

Being obedient is the same as stretching out our hand to God. So, He also stretches out His hand to do miracle, namely water turned to wine.

Song of Solomon 7:9

7:9. And the roof of your mouth like the best wine. THE SHULAMITE The wine goes down smoothly for my beloved, Moving gently the lips of sleepers.

Starting from mouth results in sweet word, namely being honest or not lying.

We are honest to confess our sin or confessing and forgiving one another.

We are honest in finance and marriage up to in all things.

The marriage is the same as a boat in the ocean of the world, so we must face the winds and waves that come suddenly for sure.

But, if we are honest and become the house of prayer, we can cry out Jesus' name. He is able to calm all wind and waves. All problems are solved. There is peace and everything becomes easy and light. Everything is beautiful and successful in His time.

Until we are changed to become perfect when Jesus comes a second time. We are lifted up to glorious clouds. We enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, A Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace until New Jerusalem or the kingdom of Heaven.

God blesses us.