

Youth Service in Surabaya, December 05, 2015 (Saturday Evening)

To coincide with Blessing of Marriage Service

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

Luke 9:28-29

9:28. Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

9:29. As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening.

The prayer is the peak of our ministry.

The results of the prayer are as follows:

1. The glory. It means the renewal of life. It is like Jesus. His face was altered, and His robe became white. (*the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening*).

2. Heavenly bliss.

Luke 9:33

9:33. Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" --not knowing what he said.

The more we are changed, we are more glorious and the more we feel heavenly bliss.

Up to the peak, namely we become as glorious as God and we will enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God. It is the spiritual marriage or perfect one between Jesus as the head and us.

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.*"

After that, we enter A Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace (upcoming Paradise) and New Jerusalem, the eternal kingdom of Heaven.

The bible is started with the book of Genesis that contains the physical marriage (Adam and Eve). But it was destroyed and stripped by snake/Satan. Consequently, they suffered in the world.

But, the bible is closed with the book of Revelation that contains the perfect marriage. We are happy with God forever.

God always tries to recover and fix the broken marriage to the perfect one by sacrifice of Christ or His death on the cross, so we become as glorious as Him.

On the cross, Jesus has drunk sour wine. He bore all of the curses of sin, so the broken marriage can be recovered to enjoy the new wine until we enter heavenly bliss.

There is no suffering more than the one caused by broken marriage. Living in the world is like it is in the hell. But there is no happiness more than the one in the blessed marriage. Living in the world is like it is in the Heaven.

There are a lot of people who are called into physical marriage, but few are chosen into spiritual one, because many are destroyed in the middle of the way.

That is why we must make effort earnestly, so our marriage may come into spiritual one.

There are three things that we must pay attention, so physical marriage can reach the spiritual one. They are as follows:

1. **The unity of marriage.**

Sinsets us apart with others. Husband is separated with his wife, children with their parents, brother with sister *et cetera*.

If we want to become one, we have to finish our sin by making peace, namely confessing and forgiving one another. We confess our sin to God and others. If we are forgiven, do not sin anymore.

We also forgive others' sin and forget it. So, the blood of Jesus finishes our sins at that moment, so we can live in righteousness and sincerity.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

5:7. Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

5:8. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Being sincere means we hold true teaching word, so we experience peace and everything become easy and light.

The marriage is like a boat which crosses the sea towards the haven of peace (upcoming Paradise).

If our marriage is true and sincere, it will be easy, light, and one. We experience the feast atmosphere (the marriage is in the feast atmosphere).

2. The holiness of marriage.

The marriage must enter the Holy Place to become holy. It means entering the sheepfold.

There are three tools in the Holy Place as follows:

- Golden Candlestick: perseverance in committing general service or fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His gifts.
- Table of showbread: perseverance in committing bible study service and Holy Communion or fellowship with Son of God in the word and Christ's sacrifice.
- Golden altar of incense: perseverance in committing prayer service or fellowship with God the Father in His love.

In the sheepfold, our body, soul, and spirit attach to God the Trinity. It is like a branch that abides in the true vine.

If husband and wife are in the sheepfold, they will be tied by a threefold cord, so it is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:12

4:12. *Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*

John 15:1, 3

15:1. *"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.*

15:3. *"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.*

In the shepherding, we experience purification through the word which Jesus tells to us, namely a verse explains other verses in the Bible, true teaching word, the word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

John 13:10-11

13:10. *Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."*

13:11. *For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."*

We are purified from Judas Iscariot's sins as follows:

- The liar. Do not lie in marriage, or else the marriage will become bitter. It must be purified, so one can speak true and good word.
- The thief. We must live correctly in finance. We must return the tithes and special offerings to God. We must also give to others who are in need. Do not steal others' and we must pay our debt to others.
- The betrayer.

Mark 3:19

3:19. *and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. And they went into a house.*

The betrayal means being unfaithful in marriage and ministry.

Violence in marriage, infidelity, and divorce happen too.

It must be purified, so we can be faithful and true in marriage and ministry.

If the marriage is purified, it will yield sweet fruit, namely heavenly bliss.

God takes care of us physically and spiritually.

3. The glory of marriage.

The glory of marriage is not measured from material possessions, but renewal of life from carnal men to spiritual ones like Jesus.

The renewal of life happens through suffering with Jesus.
For example, we suffer because of ministry.

The renewal of life is started from honesty and trust. We are honest and trust to God and others, starting from marriage.
Getting into marriage is the same as entering problem.

○ **Mark 9:23-24**

9:23. Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

9:24. Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

A father faced his epileptic son.

It means he lives blindly and sins up to the peak of sin, namely sin of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage.

He experiences the ruin about marriage and children and faces impossibility and the problems which are never complete.

If we are honest and trust, Jesus is able to recover and take away all impossibilities.

○ **1 Kings 17:11-13, 15-16**

17:11. And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

17:12. So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

17:13. And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son."

17:15. So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days.

17:16. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

A widow of Zarephath faced the crisis.

If we are honest and trust, God is able to take care of us miraculously in the crisis of the world until antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

If we experience the renewal of life, namely **honesty, trust, and obedience**, the physical and spiritual miracles will happen.

Until the last miracle, we are changed to become as glorious as God when He comes a second time. We enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God, A Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace and New Jerusalem.

God blesses us.