Bible Study Service in Malang, January 27, 2011 (Thursday Evening)

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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."

Holy Bible begins with the creation of glorious men and glorious marriage of Adam and Eve so there is joy of paradise or joy of heaven. Nevertheless, the glorious marriage was destroyed by Satan through sin, so the men were naked and the marriage was too. Consequently, they lost the joy of heaven, even they lived in curse and perdition.

On the contrary, Holy Bible is closed with the marriage supper of the Lamb of God or the perfect glorious marriage between Jesus, Heavenly Bridegroom and the congregation, Heavenly Bride, so there is joy of heaven again.Â

There is an effort of God between the beginning and the ending of Holy Bible, that is to say **He invites the men and marriage that have been naked or destroyed to become glorious men and marriage to have heavenly joy**.

He tries to make the men and marriage glorious through **RENEWAL**, up to New Jerusalem, to become glorious perfect Heavenly Bride.
Tonight He wants to make effort that we can become glorious perfect life, whatever nakedness or destruction we have in our life or marriage.

The attitudes of those who have been invited are as follows.
Matthew 22:1-3
22:1. And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said:
22:2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,
22:3 "and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come.

The story about the marriage of the king's son refers to the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.
The king invited many people to the wedding but they were not willing to come.

Now, the Lord invites the destroyed life/marriage to the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.
Those who were not willing to come had **hard heart.**

The invitation of God is about renewal.
Rejecting the invitation means rejecting the renewal.
Rejecting the renewal means keeping the naked carnal men or the flesh characteristics.
Consequently, one cannot inherit the kingdom of God but perishing forever.

1 Corinthians 15:50
15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

Let us have positive attitude through **being willing to come or to have the renewal process**in order to be able to welcome Jesus' second coming and to enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb.

What must be renewed?
Matthew 24:32
24:32. "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tenderand puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

Our heart must be renewed to become **meek heart**.

The facts found in the meek heart are as follows:

1. Our heart is sanctified from all wickedness, filthiness, or uncleanness, so we can receive the hard teaching Word, how hard it is.
   James 1:21
   1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which

is able to save your souls.

Acts 2:36-37
2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."
2:37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

The process is as follows:

- Hearing the Word solemnly and with a need.
- Understanding the hard teaching Word (in our mind).
- Knowing assuredly, believing in the Word. It means the Word enters our heart and becomes faith, so we are cut to the heart.
  We are cut to the heart, so we can realize our sin, regret, and confess them. Afterward, the blood of Jesus forgives us and we are not punished but saved.

  How bad, dirty, and unclean we are, we can still be saved by God as long as we can hear the hard Word of God. There is guarantee for salvation from the Word for sure.

- Practicing the hard teaching Word.
  It means we stretch our hands to God and He stretches His hand to us or we live in His hand.
  There is **guarantee for double preservation**coming from the practiced Word for our physical and spiritual life, we may live in righteousness and holiness.
  Peter could not catch any fish in the night, referring to total failure. It is outside the human's logic when Jesus commanded Peter to catch fish at noon, but he obeyed it, and there was preservation coming from God.

2. Being able to receive other people in their weakness and goodness.
   Receiving other people in their goodness is through not envying.
   Receiving other people in their weakness is through confessing and forgiving one another, and praying for one another.

   As a result, we get rest and peace for our soul, and all things become easy and light.

3. Being able to worship God or to surrender totally to Him.
   Psalm 141:1-2
   141:1. <<A Psalm of David.>>LORD, I cry out to You; Make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You.
   141:2 Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

   Worship prayer is our stretched hand to God and our crying to Him.
   The meek in heart will not hope in other people but God only.

   Let us stretch our hand to God when He permits decrease to happen in our life, and He will stretch His hand to us immediately like what has happened to Peter when he was going to sink and then was helped in time of need.

   Mark 5:25-28
   5:25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years,
   5:26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.
   5:27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.
   5:28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

   A woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years refers to one who has impossible problem, scattered marriage (there are broken blood vessels), and rottenness.
   The woman hoped in men formerly, but her condition got worse. God let this condition happen to make us meek and hope only in Him, as it was said by her "*If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."*

   1 Peter 5:5
   5:5. Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

   Youth are often arrogant although they actually have nothing, even they become disobedient to the parents. Therefore, God often lets them fail; it is not to destroy them but to make them meek and stretch their hands to God.

1 Peter 5:6
5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

If the youth stretch their hands to God, He will stretch His hand to make all things beautiful in His time, even the most beautiful thing that we become His Bride and meet the Lord on glorious clouds until we enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb.

God blesses you.