

Bible Study Service in Malang, June 02, 2016 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 4:2

4:2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

John the apostle was in the Spirit, so he could see the throne of heavenly kingdom and One who sat on it through a vision. We can see the throne of heavenly kingdom and God through the revelation of God's Word and the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Psalms 11:4

11:4 The LORD is in His holy temple, The LORD'S throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

Why does God show Himself and His throne to us? To make us get His attention and visitation.

Ruth 1:6

1:6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had visited His people by giving them bread.

One of the forms of God's attention and visitation is giving the spiritual food or Shepherding Word, namely the true teaching Word which He entrusts to a pastor that he may preach to the congregation faithfully, regularly, and repetitively to be the spiritual food for them. God gives the spiritual food related to two things as follows.

1. Helping His people, namely Israel, because there is a famine in Bethlehem. Bethlehem means the house of bread, but there is a famine there. Why?
 - Because the pastor does not return the tithes and offerings that belong to God, so there is no spiritual food. It is also caused by a pastor who misuses the tithes and offerings or does not live in righteousness and holiness, but keeps the sins up to the peak.
 - Because the congregation does not return the tithes and offerings, so they cannot eat the Word. It can also be caused by the congregation who keeps the sins up to the peak.

Thus, God gives the spiritual food that we do not enter the spiritual famine when the antichrist persecutes men for three years and six months.

2. His mercy for the Gentiles.

Ruth 2:8-10

2:8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "You will listen, my daughter, will you not? Do not go to glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay close by my young women.

2:9 "Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn."

2:10 So she fell on her face, bowed down to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

The mercy of God comes to the Gentiles. Actually, they are only like dog, but then able to lick the crumbs or eat the Word. They are lifted up to be the sheep of God.

Ruth 2:7

2:7 "And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' So she came and has continued from morning until now, though she rested a little in the house."

The Gentiles need a special permission to eat the Shepherding Word. The special permission refers to the mercy of God that costs the sacrifice of Christ.

The true attitude is using the opportunity to eat the Shepherding Word as well as we can.

Ruth 1:4

1:4 Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years.

Deuteronomy 23:3

23:3 " An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter the assembly of the LORD; even to the tenth generation none of his descendants shall enter the assembly of the LORD forever,

The Gentile should not have become the people of God, but perished forever. Nevertheless, they can be the people of God and the perfect body of Christ if they can eat the Shepherding Word.

The requirements of the Gentiles getting the attention and visitation of God are as follows.

1. Receiving the calling of God.

Ruth 1:8-14, 16

1:8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's house. The LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

1:9 "The LORD grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

1:10 And they said to her, "Surely we will return with you to your people."

1:11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Are there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?"

1:12 "Turn back, my daughters, go -- for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, if I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons,

1:13 "would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me!"

1:14 Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

1:16 But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God.

The signs are as follows.

- Willingly leaving the old father, namely Satan. We leave the sins, the separator between us and God. The sins make us not experience the visitation of God.
- Leaving the native country. It means leaving the world with all of its influences, activities, sorrows, and so on.
- Leaving the flesh with all of its lusts and wills.

Thus, receiving the calling of God is the same as being set free from Satan, sins, flesh, and the world, so we can live in righteousness and hold fast to the true teaching Word or choose the true God. As a result, we are saved and blessed by God.

2. We must receive the election of God to minister to Him in His field.

Ruth 2:1-3, 7, 10

2:1 There was a relative of Naomi's husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech. His name was Boaz.

2:2 So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

2:3 Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

2:7 "And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' So she came and has continued from morning until now, though she rested a little in the house."

2:10 So she fell on her face, bowed down to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

We minister to God in the field of the bridegroom, namely the service and ministry which are brought up by the Bride Tidings.

Many Christians are satisfied only by the salvation and blessings, so they do not want to minister to God in the building of Christ's body. They are egoistic. They can be lost forever.

Only the Gentiles who are elected to minister to God in His field get His attention and mercy. The ministry for building the body of Christ begins from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding fellowship service, and the one perfect body of Christ between the Gentiles and Israel.

How great the Gentiles are, they will lose the mercy of God if they are outside His field. Moreover, they enter the field of swine like the younger son. They are lost and destroyed.

The foundation of the true ministry is gleaning or collecting the barley to be eaten. It is the same as eating or hearing and obeying the Shepherding Word or Bride Tidings until it is ingrained in our life. We will get these two things.

- Extra power. We can keep faithful and fervent in spirit serving and ministering to God until the end line, namely we pass away or Jesus comes a second time.
- Spiritual growth towards the spiritual maturity, namely the holiness up to perfection. The holier we are, the more God uses and blesses us.

Luke 10:39, 42

10:39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

10:42 "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

For example, Mary sat at the feet of Jesus to hear His Word or choose the best part. As a result, God will make all things good, even give the eternal life. Martha served without the true teaching Word, obedience, righteousness, and holiness. It is the same as troubling her own life and entering the curse up to perdition.

3. Being specialized by God.

Ruth 3:8

3:8 Now it happened at midnight that the man was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet.

Only one woman, namely Ruth, who lied at the feet of Boaz from among His many female servants.

Ruth 3:3

3:3 "Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking."

The requirement is the special preparation as follows.

- Washing our self with the rain water of the teaching Word. It refers to the Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We get the perfect sanctification or redemption until we are without blemish. It is the same as the moon under the feet.
- Anointing our self. It refers to the anointing and gifts of Holy Spirit or the Golden Candlestick. We persevere in doing General Service and Fellowship Service. The gifts of Holy Spirit are added until permanent and perfect to become the garland of twelve stars.
- Putting on the best garment. It refers to the Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Prayer Service. We get the renewal from fleshly man to spiritual one or from the old man to the new one. The old garment becomes the new one, namely the fine linen, clean and bright or the garment of sun.

Revelation 12:1

12:1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

Thus, the special preparation is done through preserving in the shepherding pen or in doing the three main services to God until we become the light of the world or the bride of God.

Ruth 3:9

3:9 And he said, "Who are you?" So she answered, "I am Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative."

Revelation 12:14

12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

Jesus or the heavenly bridegroom will cover us with the two wings of a great eagle. It is the same as the embrace of His hands of mercy and goodness. Every step of our life and heart-beat is in the embrace of God's hands. The results are as follows.

- The hands of God's mercy and goodness are able to protect and preserve us in the midst of difficulties in the world up to the time when the antichrist reigns over the world for three years and six months.
- The hands of God's mercy and goodness are able to bear our weariness and heavy burden, so we can feel the relief and peace in the midst of difficulties in the world. All things become easy, light, and joyful.

Psalm 118:1-7

118:1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

118:2 Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures forever."

118:3 Let the house of Aaron now say, "His mercy endures forever."

118:4 Let those who fear the LORD now say, "His mercy endures forever."

118:5 I called on the LORD in distress; The LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.

118:6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

118:7 The LORD is for me among those who help me; Therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me.

- The hands of God's mercy and goodness are able to do great wonders.

Psalm 136:1-4

136:1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

136:2 Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever.

136:3 Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever:

136:4 To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever;

Jesus alone on the cross pays attention to, cares, and struggles for us. He stretches out His hands of mercy and goodness to perform the spiritual miracle or changes us. It begins from honesty. Afterwards, the physical miracle happens. The impossible can be made possible. Nothing can be something.

Psalm 136:5, 13

136:5 To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, For His mercy endures forever;

136:13 To Him who divided the Red Sea in two, For His mercy endures forever;

All problems are solved by God. We have the beautiful and successful future life.

We are changed to be perfect and lifted up to be with Jesus when He comes a second time. We can sit with Him on the throne of heavenly kingdom forever.

God blesses you.