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Peace and grace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 19:9

19:9 *Then he said to me, "Write: â€œBlessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!â€œ"* And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

The marriage supper of the Lamb of God is the meeting of the Lord Jesus Christ, Heavenly Bridegroom, with the perfect Church, His Bride.

Revelation 3:21

3:21 *"To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne."*

It is the end of our following to Jesus.

We will sit with Him on the throne of heavenly kingdom.

Beginning from now, our life in the world must be in the ambience of heavenly kingdom.

We can find these things in the throne of heavenly kingdom.

- Fountain of living water.
- Fire.
- The tip of Jesus' garment.
- Jesus' eyes, meaning His care upon our life.

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.*

God always pays attention to us. How is our attitude?

We must heed to spiritual things much more. Looking upon Jesus means we focus our attention only to God.

Colossians 4:17

4:17 *And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."*

We must make effort to serve and minister to God until the end line.

1 Corinthians 9:25

9:25 *And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.*

The service and ministry are as a competition we must do to get an imperishable crown.

The requirements of joining competition to serve and minister to God until the end line are as follows.

1. Laying aside every burden of sin and the sin which so easily ensnares us.

Hebrews 12:1

12:1 *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,*

How can we lay aside the burden of sin?

We realize our sin through the correcting of the Word of God, and then we confess them. After being forgiven, we should not repeat them.

The sin is the burden causing human to sink.

Revelation 21:8

21:8 *"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall*

have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

There are eight sins that we must lay aside as follows.

- The cowardly, especially the fear about giving offering or about something in the world until there is no fear of the Lord.
- The unbelieving, meaning doubting.
- The abominable.
- The murderers.
- The sexually immoral.
- The sorcerers.
- The idolaters.
- The liars.

The eight sins are not only become burdens but they also drown human up to the sea of fire and brimstone.

In addition, there is sin which so easily ensnares us on the way we often pass. It is to make us stumble, be bound and dragged to the sea of fire and brimstone.

The sin which so easily ensnares us begins from these three things.

- Throne or position.
Do not fight because of spiritual position. The spiritual position is truly the mandate of God.
- Woman, referring to uncleanness sin.
- Riches.
The three things above will make one lie.

1 Timothy 6:9-10

6:9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

The facts found in being ensnared by sin are as follows.

- a. Hunting money, meaning one ministers to God only to seek money or leaves the ministry because of seeking money.
- b. Being stingy and greedy.
Being stingy means one cannot give. Being greedy means seizing the possession of other people, including God's, namely tithes and offerings.

Deuteronomy 12:29-30

12:29 " When the LORD your God cuts off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you displace them and dwell in their land,

12:30 "take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.'

The sin which so easily ensnares us can be in the form of false teaching or studying to other religion.

Solomon is a great person but he falls because of hearing false teaching his wife brings. Therefore, we must be alert.

Laying aside every burden of sin and the sin which so easily ensnares us, we will be delivered from sin and our ministry becomes easy and light. We will never leave the ministry until the end line.

2. Looking unto Jesus, High Priest, who has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

We must be alert about these two things.

- Do not become as Moses who looks this way and that way in his ministry until he kills other person.

Exodus 2:11-12

2:11 Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.

2:12 So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

Do not look at any human. Let us now only look unto Jesus.

In addition, do not be a hypocrite.

- Do not look behind like Lot's wife has done. It means do not look at the world, or else one becomes the pillar of salt, namely being meaningless as tasteless salt and perishing forever.

The meaning of looking unto Jesus, High Priest, who has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God is as follows.

- Looking unto Jesus, the holy High Priest, to take the example of His holiness.

Hebrews 7:26

7:26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

Leviticus 21:12

21:12 'nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.

We must dwell in the Holy Place in order to live in holiness. There are three kinds of equipment that refer to the perseverance in doing three main services to God as follows.

- a. Golden Candlestick, referring to the perseverance in doing General Service. It is as drinking the water of Holy Spirit.
- b. Table of Showbread, referring to the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. It is as eating food.
- c. Golden Altar of Incense, referring to the perseverance in doing Prayer Service. It is as breathing.

It means we are in the shepherding pen to get the spiritual growth up to the maturity and holiness.

If we can live in holiness, we will always be anointed by Holy Spirit, so our ministry can be well-arranged. There is heavenly joy in the ministry, not the worldly one. The ministry is done according to the priest's office God has given us.

If our ministry is well-arranged, marriage and all things in our life will be neat.

- Taking the example of Jesus who endures all things with being strong and of good courage.

Hebrews 12:3

12:3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

If we only look upon Jesus on the cross, we will never leave Him whatever things we have to face. We keep on being faithful and fervent in spirit ministering to God until the end line.

- Looking upon Jesus, High Priest, who is full of mercy. Meaning we live only by His mercy.

Hebrews 2:17

2:17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Actually, it is only the house of Israel and their descendants that may become the priests and kings.

Exodus 19:6

19:6 'And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

The Gentiles cannot become the priests and kings according the genealogy, but God opens the way through the mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10

2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2:10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Our ministry costs the blood of Jesus. We live only by His grace.

The result is as follows.

- a. The hand of God's mercy is able to preserve our life wonderfully.

Mark 6:34

6:34 And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.

- b. The hand of God's mercy is able to remove all impossible things and make alive the dead.

Luke 7:13-14

7:13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

7:14 Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

- c. The hand of God's mercy is able to give us an imperishable crown, meaning to sanctify and renew us continually until we are perfect as Jesus is and lifted up on glorious clouds to get the crown.

Psalms 103:4

103:4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

God blesses you.