

Bible Study Service in Malang, September 25, 2018 (Tuesday Evening)

From the Service in Medan

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

Song of Solomon 3:9-11

3:9. *Of the wood of Lebanon Solomon the King Made himself a palanquin:*

3:10 *He made its pillars of silver, Its support of gold, Its seat of purple, Its interior paved with love By the daughters of Jerusalem.*

3:11 *Go forth, O daughters of Zion, And see King Solomon with the crown With which his mother crowned him On the day of his wedding, The day of the gladness of his heart.*

The palanquin refers to a litter to bring the bridegroom and the bride to the dais on which they sit.

The spiritual meanings of the palanquin are as follows.

1. The movement is forward. It refers to the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the one of the edification of the perfect body of Christ.
2. One who is used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the edification of the perfect body of Christ until being the heavenly bride who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds and enter the marriage supper of the Lamb (verse 11).

The palanquin was made of the wood of Lebanon. It refers to the sinful Gentiles.

The wood refers to the men in flesh and blood.

Lebanon refers to the Gentiles.

Thus, the sinful Gentiles are used in the revival of the edification of the perfect body of Christ.

The requirements are as follows.

1. Verse 10: *'He made its pillars of silver'.*
The silver refers to the blood of Jesus. The Gentiles must be redeemed first and then they can be used in the revival of the edification of the perfect body of Christ.
2. Verse 10: *'Its support of gold'.*

1 Peter 1:6-7

1:6. *In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,*

1:7 *that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,*

The gold refers to the tested faith up to the perfect one.

In Tabernacle, there are three levels of faith until reaching the perfect one as follows.

1. **The true faith.** It refers to the Court.

The steps of having the true faith are as follows.

- o Entering through **the Gate**. It means **believing and receiving Jesus as the Savior through hearing the Word.**

Romans 10:17

10:17. *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

The true faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ or the one which is anointed by Holy Spirit.

If we hear the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit, the following things will happen.

- a. We can understand the Word. It is written on our forehead.
- b. We can believe the Word, so it becomes faith in our heart. It is written in our heart.

Hebrews 8:10-12

8:10. *"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*

8:11 *"None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.*

8:12 *"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no*

more."

After the Word is written on our forehead and heart, we can know Jesus as the Savior, so we can believe Him.

Romans 10: 10

10:10. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

With the heart we believe and with the mouth confession is made. It means that we can confess our sins to God and other people, so we get the forgiveness. We are justified and saved. We are not condemned, but blessed by God.

- **The Altar of Burnt Offerings.** It refers to **believing in Jesus and repenting.**

After being justified, saved, and forgiven, do not commit the sins anymore. We must stop sinning and return to God. We die to sin or repent. Then, we can be raised to live in righteousness.

This is the true faith that brings us to the righteous life.

Not confessing sin or not repenting is the same as not having faith or the faith is not true.

Psalm 37: 25-26

37:25. I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

37:26 He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.

If the faith is true and we live in righteousness, we will be blessed up to our descendants and we become blessings for others until we have the eternal life.

2. **The holy or firm faith.** It refers to **the Table of Showbread** in the Holy Place.

It is filled with twelve loaves which are set in two rows; six in a row. So, we find the number sixty six that refers to the sixty six books in the Bible or the true teaching Word.

The loaves also refer to the body of Christ.

Moreover, there is the pouring of wine that refers to the blood of Jesus.

Exodus 25:29

25:29. "You shall make its dishes, its pans, its pitchers, and its bowls for pouring. You shall make them of pure gold.

Thus, the loaves and the pouring are the same as the Holy Communion.

Combining them, the Table of Showbread refers to **the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion**.

We get the holy or firm faith through the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion, so the teaching Word is ingrained in our life. Our faith becomes holy or firm.

The true teaching Word is the sanctifying one, so our faith can be holy. It is also the same as the solid food, so our faith can be firm.

The Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion is so important. There will be the difference between one who perseveres in doing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion and the other who does not persevere. The difference will be real when the shakings happen.

1 Peter 5: 8-9

5:8. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

5:9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

The firm faith is useful to face the lion or the devil that attacks through two ways as follows.

- **The roaring.** It refers to the temptations in all aspects of life to make one doubtful until he falls from faith or does not believe in Jesus or the true teaching Word.

The doubt happens when one magnifies the temptations more than the Word like the ten spies who magnified the temptation more than God's power.

The firm faith keeps on believing that the power of God or the Word is greater than the problem. Although we are not helped, we keep on being strong in the Lord, giving thanks, and being peaceful.

Even when God permits our beloved passes away, we do not become sorrowful continually (1 Thessalonians 4: 13).

Being sorrowful continually means magnifying the temptations more than the Word.

- o The biting and swallowing.

Amos 3:12

3:12. Thus says the LORD: "As a shepherd takes from the mouth of a lion Two legs or a piece of an ear, So shall the children of Israel be taken out Who dwell in Samaria--In the corner of a bed and on the edge of a couch!

There are two legs and a piece of an ear in the mouth of lion.

- a. The legs are bit and swallowed, so one does not have the firm standpoint to the true teaching Word. The legs are corrupted, so one doubts the true teaching Word or God Himself, especially in facing the wind and waves or the threat and difficulties.
- b. The ear is bit so that one hears the false teachings. The ear has been bitten when one still hears the false teaching although he knows that it is false.

2 Timothy 4: 3-4

4:3. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

4:4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

The ear is bitten by Satan, so one willingly and bravely hears the fables, false teachings, and illustrations which cannot be accounted for until he does not want to hear the true teaching Word anymore.

Hearing two kinds of teaching, someday one will not want to hear the voice of God anymore like Eve. She had heard the voice of God and the serpent and then she chose the voice of the serpent.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

4:1. Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

4:2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

'deceiving spirits'= there is spirit in every teaching.

There is the stamp or spirit of Satan in the false teaching. The conscience will be stamped with the stamp of Satan or triple six until one does not want to hear the true teaching Word. He falls from faith and perishes forever.

By the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion, our faith becomes firm or holy, so we have a firmness to hold fast the one true teaching Word and reject the other teachings. We only hear the one true teaching Word. As a result, we get the sanctification. It begins from the heart and mind up to our whole life.

Markus 7:21-22

7:21. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries(1), fornications(2), murders(3),

7:22 thefts(4), covetousness(5), wickedness(6), deceit(7), lewdness(8), an evil eye(9), blasphemy(10), pride(11), foolishness(12).

If the heart and mind are sanctified from the twelve lusts of evil, uncleanness, and bitterness, our heart will be filled with the twelve loaves which are set in two rows; six in a row. It means that we are filled with the true teaching Word and the Holy Communion that become a brake so that we do not commit sins, but live in holiness.

The firm or holy faith is useful to face the Babylon that rules over the Gentiles.

Revelation 17:1,5-6,15

17:1. Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,

17:5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

17:6 I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

17:15 Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

'many waters'= the Gentiles.

Revelation 18: 2

18:2. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

There must be no evil or the bond of money which causes stinginess and greediness, uncleanness or the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage, as well as the bitterness or hatred. If such sins still remain, one is being ruled over by Babylon. Such sins must be faced with a holy faith.

3. **The perfect faith** like **the golden pot that had the manna** in the Most Holy Place.

Hebrews 9:4

9:4. which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant;

The Ark of the Covenant is in the Most Holy Place.

How great a man in the world is, he is only like a clay pot which is easily broken or disappointed, hopeless, and proud. He easily commits sins until being destroyed.

Therefore, we must be the golden pot through being filled with manna.

Psalms 78: 23-25

78:23. Yet He had commanded the clouds above, And opened the doors of heaven,
78:24 Had rained down manna on them to eat, And given them of the bread of heaven.
78:25 Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full.

Manna refers to the angels' food.

The bread refers to the Word of God.

The angel refers to the pastor.

Thus, the angels' food refers to the shepherding Word or the true teaching Word which God entrusts to a pastor that he may deliver it to the congregation faithfully, continually, and repetitively to become the food and they can grow spiritually to the perfection. It also becomes the guidance so that our direction is true, namely to the New Jerusalem or the last sheepfold.

2 Corinthians 4:7-9

4:7. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.
4:8 We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;
4:9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed--

'treasure' = the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ (verse 4).

We must be filled with the true teaching Word which is preached repetitively or the shepherding Word so that we have the abundant power from God to face the sprinkling of blood or the suffering in the flesh because of Jesus or the cross.

Why does God let us undergo the sprinkling of blood?

- **To increase our faith until it becomes perfect like the pure gold.**

1 Peter 1:6-7

1:6. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,
1:7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

We will never be disappointed and hopeless regardless of anything we must face. We keep on giving thanks to God.

- **To make the life of Jesus be manifested in our life.** The clay pot is changed to become the golden one. The men in flesh and blood are renewed to be the glorious ones as Jesus is.

2 Corinthians 4:10

4:10. always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

The renewal begins from not lying.

Revelation 21:8

21: 8 "But the cowardly⁽¹⁾, unbelieving⁽²⁾, abominable⁽³⁾, murderers⁽⁴⁾, sexually immoral⁽⁵⁾, sorcerers⁽⁶⁾, idolaters⁽⁷⁾, and all liars⁽⁸⁾ shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

The lie is the end of the sins. It means that one has the other seven sins when he still lies.

On the contrary, there are not seven other sins anymore when one does not lie until there is no fear. We only have the fear of the Lord. We are sanctified and renewed continually until someday we are as perfect as Jesus is. We become the heavenly bride who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

As the conclusion, we are undergoing the following exercise of faith when we get the sprinkling of blood or the suffering in the flesh because of Jesus.

1. To increase our faith until it becomes perfect and we are worthy to welcome Jesus' second coming.
2. The exercise of walking on the New Jerusalem, whose floor is made of gold. We are walking on the New Jerusalem, whose floor is made of gold, when we face the test or temptation.

Revelation 21: 21

21:21. The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

Do not be afraid when we fall in undergoing such exercise because we are being guided by God. He will never let us fall.

Revelation 7: 17

7:17. "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

'*shepherd*' = the proof of the importance of the shepherding because there is still the shepherding on the throne of heaven. We are being led to the New Jerusalem or the last sheepfold by the merciful hands of the High Priest and the Great Shepherd. He will wipe away our tears. It means that all problems are solved; we have the joy and the beautiful and successful future life; and our fall or failure will be lifted up and restored.

God blesses you.