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

Mark 6: 1-6a

6:1 *Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him.*

6:2 *And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!"*

6:3 *"Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" And they were offended at Him.*

6:4 *But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."*

6:5 *Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.*

6:6 *And He marveled because of their unbelief.*

Mark 6-8 refers to [the Table of Showbread](#) in Tabernacle teachings. The table was made of shittim wood overlaid with gold. There are twelve loaves upon it that are arranged in two rows, six in a row.

Leviticus 24: 5-6

24:5 *"And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it. Two-tenths of an ephah shall be in each cake.*

24:6 *"You shall set them in two rows, six in a row, on the pure gold table before the LORD.*

The bread refers to the true teaching Word or Jesus Himself.

The process that the true teaching Word becomes the faith in heart is as follows.

1. **Listening** to it seriously with a need.
2. **Understanding** it or it is written in the forehead.
3. The word **becomes faith** in heart or the heart is filled with twelve loaves or the Word of God.

The title of **Mark 6:1-6a** is Jesus rejected at Nazareth.

Jesus refers to the true teaching Word.

Thus, the true teaching Word is rejected. Consequently, the heart is not filled with twelve loaves or the true teaching Word, but **twelve evil and unclean desires**.

Mark 7: 21-23

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⁾.*

7:23 *"All these evil things come from within and **defile** a man."*

It means that the heart is not sanctified and such person will never be the same as Jesus is.

What is in our heart will come out through the words and deeds. If the heart is evil and unclean, the words, deeds, and whole life will be evil and unclean.

On the contrary, the words, deeds, and thought will be in line with the true teaching Word if our heart is filled with it. As a result, other people see us as the epistle of Christ that can be read or Jesus Himself.

Who rejects Jesus or the true teaching Word?

- a. The person who **keeps on dwelling in his own country**.

Mark 6: 4

6:4 *But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."*

'his own country' = the world.

Such person lives in worldliness.

We are still living in the world, but are also rejecting Jesus by living in the worldliness. In such condition, the heart will never be filled with the true teaching Word, but twelve evil and unclean desires.

James 4: 4

4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

The person who keeps his own country is **unfaithful**.

Thus, unfaithfulness means living in worldliness.

At least, there are two places where the unfaithfulness happens as follows.

- In marriage or household through these things.

1. There is another man or woman.
2. There is sexual affair.
3. There is no faithfulness to each position.

Ephesians 5: 23

5:23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

The right position in the marriage is the husband as the head and the wife as the body.

Living in worldliness, such life is not faithful to the position in the marriage as follows.

- i. The husband leaves his wife or does not love her.
- ii. The wife does not submit to her husband, but resists against him.

Consequently, the Word cannot fill the heart, but the evil and unclean desires. We must choose between the twelve loaves or the twelve unclean and evil desires will fill our heart because they cannot come together.

- In the service and ministry to God.

Hebrews 10: 25-26

10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

10:26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

'forsaking the assembling of ourselves together' = unfaithfulness in the service and ministry to God.

Many people know that stealing and hating are sinful, but not many people know that not serving to God is also sinful; even it becomes a trend in the last days. In the beginning, one regrets when he cannot serve to God faithfully, but then it becomes a habit and one intentionally leaves the service and ministry to God.

The highest level of advice is the one to make us serve to God.

Many people are not faithful also to the true teaching Word in the service and ministry like Eve who was not faithful to God's command.

2 Corinthians 11: 1-3

11:1 Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly--and indeed you do bear with me.

11:2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

11:3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

'engagement time' = the last step before the wedding happens.

Many people are not faithful to the true teaching Word in the last step like Eve who added and took away the Word of God, so they lose the way and fall in sin.

In such condition, the virginity vanishes away. Not holding fast to the one true teaching Word means being overpowered by false teachings.

The consequence is in **Matthew 7: 21**, namely all activities are not in line with the will of God '*Depart from me you who practice lawlessness*'.

Moreover, there is no miracle ('*He could do no mighty work there*').

It means that there is no physical and spiritual miracle or life renewal.

Thus, one keeps on being worldly human that will perish together with the world because he is the same as it.

Genesis 12: 1-4

12:1 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.

12:2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

12:3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

12:4 So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

We must **get out of our country** means that we must be faithful in our marriage, household, service, and ministry to God as well as hold fast to one true teaching Word.

If we are faithful, **there will be miracle**.

The physical miracle happens like the Abraham was blessed physically, namely we are blessed by God and become blessings for others.

Rejecting Jesus or not going out of our own country, there will be no miracle although we long for it. On the contrary, if we leave our own country or worldliness and become faithful to God, there will be a hope that someday we will experience the miracles from God.

The spiritual miracle brought Abram to enter Canaan or eternal heavenly kingdom.

It is written in **Hebrews 11: 8-16** that Abram was commanded to go and he got the blessings as well as entered the eternal heavenly kingdom.

b. The relatives.

Mark 6: 4

6:4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."

The relatives refer to the brothers according to our flesh. It means the people who live according to the lust of the flesh as follows.

- Hatred.

Luke 21: 16

21:16 "You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

It especially happens in marriage and household, namely between parents and children, husband and wife, daughter in law with mother in law, and so on. It means that one lives in the lusts of flesh and rejects Jesus.

Consequently there is no miracle in the marriage and all things in it are heavy.

Psalms 133: 1-3

133:1 <<A Song of Ascents. Of David.>> Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!

133:2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.

133:3 It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing--Life forevermore.

'dwell together in unity' = without any hatred.

If there is no hatred in the marriage, God will command the blessings to come.

It means there is physical miracle. We do not pursue the blessing, but God Himself commands it to come. Not only physical blessings that can be imitated by Satan, but also the blessing of eternal life that cannot be imitated by him,

will come to us.

The hatred begins from dislike feelings that are kept in heart. If such feelings are not finished, there will be hatred without any cause and disadvantage to oneself.

- Repaying good for good.

Luke 14: 12-14

14:12 Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid.

14:13 "But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.

14:14 "And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

We **must** repay good for good, but not only that. If we only stop at that thing, we are the same as the people who live in the lusts of the flesh. The tax collector also does that. **We must repay good for evil.** It is the proof that we do not follow the lust of the flesh.

For example, Jesus was said mad by His relatives, but He kept on repaying them with goodness.

Mark 3: 21

3:21 But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, "He is out of His mind."

If we are free from the relatives of the flesh, we will **be obedient**. The proofs are we love one another and repay good for evil.

As long as we have not loved one another until there are quarrels, especially in the family, our heart will never be filled with the Word and there will be no miracle from God.

There is quarrel indeed in the marriage, but it must be discussed until the end. Do not keep it.

- c. Being in **the house of the old father** (it is related to Abraham leaving the house of his father).

Mark 6: 4

6:4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."

'the old father' = devil.

John 8: 44

8:44 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."

The devil is a liar and the father of all liars.

Keeping on dwelling in the house of the old father, one will be **a liar**, even enjoying the lying.

Consequently, he will never experience the miracle.

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."

Moreover, he cannot enter the eternal heavenly kingdom, but the sea of burning fire.

Revelation 21: 27

21:27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Revelation 22: 15

22:15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

Outside New Jerusalem refers to the sea of burning fire or the hell.

The meanings of the lie are as follows.

- Saying something that is not true.

It means saying falsely in order to cheat, look for advantage, and so on, although one has know that it is false.

We must say righteously 'yes' if yes and 'no' if no, as well as 'righteous' if righteous and 'wrong' if wrong, regardless of any risk we have to take.

It starts from honesty about teachings. **Do not lie about teachings!** If we dare to lie about spiritual matters or teachings, we cannot enter New Jerusalem for sure.

Therefore, **let us be firm** nowadays.

If we do not lie, someday we will not stumble in word, but be perfect.

- Saying to love God, but hating the brother.

1 John 4: 20

4:20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

It is impossible to love God whom one cannot see if he hates the neighbor whom he can see. There must be no hatred between children and parents and siblings because the hatred is the same as the lie.

- Being disobedient or not obeying the true Word of God.

1 John 2: 4

2:4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

'I know Him' = one who believes in Jesus or has heard the true teaching Word, but does not obey, even practices something that is different or not in line with it.

In such condition, he is building the house upon the sand that will fall when the rain comes and great is the fall that cannot be repaired.

Therefore, we must obey the Word right after we hear it. We remember about Abraham in **Genesis 12: 1-4**. Verse 1-3 is the commandment of God and verse 4 is the implementation.

It means that there is no time anymore when Jesus will come a second time. Now is the time to obey the Word right after we hear it. As a result, we firmly stand when the test comes.

- Not willingly or not being able to confess the sin.

1 John 1: 9-10

1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Not confessing sin, we make God a liar and us liars also. One who does not confess the sin will blame others and God.

How can we confess the sin? By the work of the Word that shows our mistake, rebukes, and advises us.

Do not harden our heart when God, through His Word, points at our sin and fault.

Not only showing us our sins and mistakes, He also gives us opportunity to confess them so that the blood of Jesus is powerful to forgive and pull out the root of our sin.

- One who dwells in the darkness or does not experience the life renewal although he has had the fellowship with God, persevered in the service and ministry to God, and heard the true teaching Word.

1 John 1: 6

1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

2 Timothy 3: 1-5

3:1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

3:2 For men will be lovers of themselves⁽¹⁾, lovers of money⁽²⁾, boasters⁽³⁾, proud⁽⁴⁾, blasphemers⁽⁵⁾, disobedient to parents⁽⁶⁾, unthankful⁽⁷⁾, unholy⁽⁸⁾,

3:3 unloving⁽⁹⁾, unforgiving⁽¹⁰⁾, slanderers⁽¹¹⁾, without self-control⁽¹²⁾, brutal⁽¹³⁾, despisers of good⁽¹⁴⁾,

3:4 traitors⁽¹⁵⁾, headstrong⁽¹⁶⁾, haughty⁽¹⁷⁾, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God⁽¹⁸⁾,

3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

= 18 characteristics of flesh and blood human.

'having a form of godliness but denying its power' = one who enters the right fellowship, but unfortunately there is no life renewal.

We must hear the Word until we have the life renewal that our flesh does not speak anymore. Do not be satisfied only by going out or in the church. Moreover, do not leave the service to God if you have not already changed.

It is the same as the condition of the house of Israel when they were going out of Egypt to serve to God. They were hindered so that they could not serve to God in many ways such as they were allowed to serve to God only in Egypt, without the women and children, without the flock, and so on.

There are many hindrances in the service to God. Nevertheless, the right service must be signified by three days journey or death and resurrection experience. **It means** that the main purpose of our service is to make our flesh not speak anymore or to experience the life renewal from carnal men to spiritual ones.

If the flesh does not speak anymore, the physical blessing will follow us.

Now, many people reverse it. They only prioritize the physical things until they do not experience life renewal, but keep on being flesh and blood human.

The results of throwing away the lie are as follows.

Ephesians 4: 25

4:25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

1. Abraham was blessed up to the descendants and became blessings for others.

This is a continuous blessing that is never cut by anything. If we are faithful and obedient as well as throw away the lie, we will also be blessed like Abraham.

2. 'we are members of one another' = we enter the building of the perfect body of Christ.

Lying means not being the members of the body of Christ because there will be no lie between the members of the body of Christ. Moreover, lying means one cannot be used for building the body of Christ.

The lie is the last sin (**Revelation 21: 8**). All things are finished after we throw away the lie.

3. We become the perfect body of Christ or heavenly bride.

Revelation 14: 4-5

14:4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

14:5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

'And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault' = heavenly bride.

God blesses you.