

Fellowship in Malang III, August 01, 2012 (Wednesday Evening)

The theme is "Behold, the Bridegroom is Coming! Go out to Meet Him!" (Matthew 25:6)

Matthew 25:6

25:6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: *Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!*"

The Bride Tiding is the only one tiding or teaching we need facing the last days in the darkness, namely the peak of sin (sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage) that causes the destruction in moral, marriage, and children.

The condition on the last days is as follows.

- a. The darkness of sin.
- b. The difficulties or crises in all aspects of life.
- c. Facing the second coming of Jesus.

Matthew 28:19-20

28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

28:20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

There are two kinds of Jesus' great commandment as follows.

1. Gospel of salvation to bring sinful people to repent, be renewed, and saved.

Matthew 28:19

28:19. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

The gospel of salvation is good tiding to save the sinful whose lives are thirsty in the midst of the desert.

2. Teaching Word or Bride Tiding that brings the saved people to be sanctified and perfected as Jesus is, so they can become God's Bride who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on glorious clouds.

Matthew 28:20

28:20. "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

We have learnt in the first service that the Bride Tiding lightens our dark heart, so we can become shining lamp, stars, up to the bright morning star or the perfect Heavenly Bride.

Afterwards, we have learnt in the second service that the Bride Tiding is as the rain water to cleanse or wash us until we become perfect as Jesus is.

We must heed that the Bride Tiding is enough to sanctify and perfect our life, so we should not mix it with other water.

We are learning the Bride Tiding as the **Ark of the Covenant of God in Tabernacle teaching** now, in the third service.

The Ark of the Covenant consists of two parts as follows.

1. The mercy seat that is made of pure gold with two cherubim on the left and right side.
The pure gold refers to godly matter.

The first cherub refers to Father God.

The mercy seat with the seven sprinklings of blood refers to Jesus, the Son of God.

The second cherub refers to Holy Spirit God or Christ.

Thus, the mercy seat refers to the trinity of God in Jesus with His glory, the King and Heavenly Bridegroom (His last name).

2. The ark that is made of shittim wood overlaid with gold inside and out, referring to the Church of God that is perfect as Jesus is until we cannot see the wood, referring to the flesh, anymore.

The ark or the perfect Church is called Heavenly Bride.

The Ark of the Covenant refers to the Bride Tiding.

I Kings 8:6, 10-11

8:6 Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the cherubim.

8:10 And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,

8:11 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

There is God's presence in His glory where the Bride Tiding is preached.

It is written in the Old Testament that the priests cannot continue ministering because of the cloud of glory of God's presence. Meaning the flesh is torn or limited until there is no freedom to fulfill the lust or emotion.

The flesh can be made quiet while our soul and spirit are rejoicing before God. The heavenly joy is in the midst of us.

Such joy is different from the one the world gives because the flesh is happy but the soul and spirit are dry. In such condition, often there are quarrel and sins up to the peak.

The attitude toward the Ark of the Covenant or Bride Tiding must be as follows.

Joshua 3:3,6

3:3. and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.

3:6 Then Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over before the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

1. **Seeing the Ark of the Covenant**= our sight is only toward Jesus, Heavenly Bridegroom. We focus our sight solemnly to Him and do not turn to others as we heed to a lamp in the middle of darkness. Moreover, we do not want to know other teachings because of any reason.

2. **Following or going after it.**

If our sight is only to one true teaching Word and we believe in its truth, it will never be difficult to follow it. We only need to follow it.

Following the Ark of the Covenant means all aspects of our life such as marriage, study, job, saying, et cetera must be in line with the true teaching Word or Bride Tiding.

3. **Taking up the Ark of the Covenant.**

We take it up on our shoulders, meaning as follows.

- We are responsible to practice the Bride Tiding.
- Afterwards, we are responsible to preach or bear witness about the Bride Tiding to all people who have not been saved yet or those who have already been saved.

If we practice the Word to become our life experience, there will be the stamp of Jesus' blood none, even Satan, may charge against in our life.

Afterwards, it is not difficult because we only need to wait to get the result.

The function of the Ark of the Covenant or Bride Tiding is as follows.

1. **To give us peace** in the midst of dry wilderness where there are many sons of God who are weary, heavy laden, and going to perish.

Numbers 10:33-36

10:33 So they departed from the mountain of the LORD on a journey of three days; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them for the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them.

10:34 And the cloud of the LORD was above them by day when they went out from the camp.

10:35 So it was, whenever the ark set out, that Moses said: "Rise up, O LORD! Let Your enemies be scattered, And let those who hate You flee before You."

10:36 And when it rested, he said: "Return, O LORD, To the many thousands of Israel."

The process of getting the peace of the Bride Tiding is as follows.

Matthew 11:28

11:28. "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

The Bride Tiding sanctifies our heart from all evil and unclean lusts causing the hardness of heart, so we can be humble and meek.

- Humbleness means ability to confess sin to God and other people (the cross) and not to repeat it.
- Meekness means ability to forgive the sin of other people and forget it.

Sin is the heaviest burden of human. One will keep on laboring and being heavy laden if he keeps the sin.

Do not minister to God with laboring and being heavy laden because it will not become blessing to other people.

The meek and humble heart means peaceful heart.

Such a heart is the strong foundation to get the blessings of God, not depending on the diploma, capital, et cetera.

Psalms 132:8

132:8. Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength.

The function of the peaceful heart is as follows.

- There is extra power within it to defeat all enemies and solve all problems, even the impossible one.

Numbers 10:35

10:35. So it was, whenever the ark set out, that Moses said: "Rise up, O LORD! Let Your enemies be scattered, And let those who hate You flee before You."

- To make all things easy and light.

Matthew 11:30

11:30. "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

If our marriage and ministry are easy and light, we will never leave them.

Peaceful heart makes all things finished, easy, and light.

Thus, why do we doubt to practice and bear witness about Bride Tiding?

Joshua 3:1-3

3:1 Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over.

3:2 So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp;

3:3 and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it."

Formerly, the Ark of the Covenant helped the house of Israel to cross over River Jordan to enter Canaan.

Now it refers to the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain to build the perfect body of Christ.

The journey of the house of Israel can be divided into three groups as follows.

- Stage I that is led by the rod of Moses, referring to the gospel of salvation.
- Stage II that is led by the trumpet, referring to the Shepherding Word.
- Stage III that is led by The Ark of the Covenant, referring to the revival in the true teaching Word.

The revival of building the body of Christ is led by the Bride Tiding through a new way.

Meaning we do not use the way of the world but the revelation of the true teaching Word.

There is solution, even the opened door of heaven, in the revelation of the true Word.

We can believe that we are entering the building of the body of Christ through joining a fellowship that prioritizes the revelation of the true teaching Word.

We have to see and follow the true teaching Word in every step of our life, such as when we want to study, get married, work, et cetera.

Joshua 3:1-4

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3:2 So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp;
 3:3 and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.
 3:4 "Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before."

There must be a space about two thousand cubits between the house of Israel and the Ark of the Covenant.

Formerly, the Tabernacle was precisely built according to the commandment of God to Moses.

The figure two thousand can be learnt in the Holy Place, whose length is twenty cubits, width is ten cubits, and height is ten cubits. Thus, the volume is two thousand cubits cube.

There are three kinds of object in the Holy Place that refer to perseverance in doing three main services to the Lord as follows.

- Golden Candlestick, referring to perseverance in doing General Service.
- Table of Showbread, referring to perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion.
- Golden Altar of Incense, referring to perseverance in doing Prayer Service.

The perseverance in doing three main services to God refers to perseverance in shepherding.

Who must be shepherded? Beginning from a pastor or the preacher of the Bride Tiding first that must be shepherded. The success of the preaching of the Bride Tiding is that the pastor as well as the congregation can persevere in doing three main services to the Lord.

Being shepherded is as a branch that dwells in the true Vine, referring to the true teaching Word or Jesus Himself.
 There is no human who can become the Vine but Jesus.

If the branch dwells in the True Vine, we will get intensive sanctification.
 What must be sanctified?

Joshua 3:1-4, 14-16

3:1 Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over.
 3:2 So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp;
 3:3 and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.
 3:4 "Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before."
 3:14 So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people,
 3:15 and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest),
 3:16 that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

âââThe waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut offâââ meaning our past sins are sanctified and we do not repeat them.

âââThat the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretanâââmeans the sanctification from the sins that want to entice in the future.

- The enticement of evil. We must be sanctified from the lust of money causing stinginess that causes one cannot give and greediness that causes one seizes the possession of God or other people.

I Timothy 6:9

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.

- The enticement of uncleanness.

Proverbs 7:10,25

7:10 And there a woman met him, With the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart.

7:25 Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, Do not stray into her paths;

- The enticement of sin or false teaching. Be alert! Do not ask about other teachings but hold fast one true teaching Word.

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.'

Being enticed, one cannot go to Canaan.

2. All things are preserved and blessed by God until they become sweet and beautiful in due time.

II Samuel 6:11

6:11 The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months. And the LORD blessed Obed-Edom and all his household.

Obed-Edom is blessed and becomes testimony, so King David becomes fervent in spirit again towards the Ark of the Covenant.

3. The Ark of the Covenant makes the Church of God become the light of the world that is as perfect and glorious as Jesus is, so we can welcome His second coming to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

Revelation 11:19; 12:1

11:19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

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.

The process is as follows.

- We have to undergo the lightnings and earthquake, referring to shakings in many life aspects.

Revelation 11:19

11:19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

God lets this process happen to us until we feel as if we are left alone to make us endurable as pure gold up to the time of Jesus' second coming.

- God lets us become as a woman who is going to give birth facing a dragon.

Revelation 12:2-3

12:2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

12:3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

Why does God let it happen? To make us groan only to Him.

Tonight, we get the opportunity to cry the name of Jesus and groan to Him.

Here are the examples.

- Peter, the representative of fathers.

Matthew 14:29

14:29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

He has experienced miracle that he can walk on the sea. It means he has experienced the miracle done by the revival of Bride Tiding.

Nevertheless, the dragon makes our heart doubt although we have already experienced the miracle.

In such condition, Peter cries the name of Jesus and there is help for him. He would have sunk if he had cried the name of his friends.

- The woman of Canaan, the representative of mothers.

Matthew 15:25

15:25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

The dragon makes marriage and children become destroyed and scattered facing impossible matters.
She cries the name of Jesus and He helps her.

- The transgressor crucified beside Jesus, the representative of the youth.
He physically and spiritually has no hope but Jesus is able to heal and bring him into the ambience of paradise as long as he can cry His name.

God blesses you.