

Fellowship of the Body of Christ in Kartika Graha V, July 18, 2013 (Thursday Evening)

The theme is

Matthew 25:6

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

The only one tiding we need at midnight or the last days is Bride Tiding. It is to face the sins up to the peak. It is also to face the congregation who is sleeping spiritually and the second coming of Jesus in His glory. We really need the Bride Tidings.

There are two kinds of the preaching of the Word of God as follows.

1. The gospel of salvation or gospel word. It is called the milk or Good Tidings [Ephesians 1:13, Proverbs 25:25]. It means the gospel that preaches about Jesus' first coming to die on the cross to save the sinners. The sinners must be condemned and cursed, but they can be saved and blessed by God through the Good Tidings.

The revival in the gospel of salvation is called the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain.

Acts 1:8

1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

The direction is from Israel, the chosen people of God. Nevertheless, a part of them rejects the gospel, so it is brought to the Gentiles, from Jerusalem to Judea, Samaria, up to the end of the earth.

We must continue to have the solid food because the milk only is not enough.

2. The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the teaching Word. It is called the solid food or Bride Tidings [2 Corinthians 4:3-4, Matthew 25:6]. It means the gospel that preaches about Jesus' second coming in His glory as the King of all kings and Heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify the people who have been saved, so that they can be perfect and without blemish as Jesus is to become His Bride. As a result, we can welcome Jesus' second coming on glorious clouds to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God, the kingdom of peace a thousand years, and the eternal heavenly kingdom forever.

The revival in the gospel of the glory is called as the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain.

Matthew 24:27

24:27 "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

It happens very fast. The direction is from the Gentiles in the east to the house of Israel in the west. The revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain is to build the perfect body of Christ.

There is an example of the prophecy about the building of the body of Christ that comes from the Gentiles to the Israelites.

Exodus 18:1-4

18:1 And Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people -- that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.

18:2 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,

18:3 with her two sons, of whom the name of one was Gershom (for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land")

18:4 and the name of the other was Eliezer (for he said, "The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh");

It is the visitation of Jethro to Moses. Jethro is a Gentile and Moses is an Israel. The meeting is a prophecy about the building of Christ's body through the work of the cross of Christ.

Ephesians 2:11-16

2:11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh *"who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands"*

2:12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of

promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

2:14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

2:15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,

2:16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

The Gentiles who are far away from the house of Israel can be united with them through the work of Christ's sacrifice.

The requirement for the Gentiles to be used in the ministry for building the body of Christ is as follows.

1. **Jethro comes to Moses.**

Jethro means **winner**. The Gentiles must defeat the sin through believing in the power of Jesus's cross, so that we can live in righteousness. It means all aspects of our life must be righteous, such as thought, sight, ears, mouth, heart, marriage, job, and study.

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.

Keeping something that is not right, there will be lie to hide something and hatred. If one has the lie and hatred, he will not enter the building of the body of Christ. The members of Christ's body will not hate one another. Do not keep the false matters.

2. **To bring Zipporah, namely the wife or the bride of Moses.**

It means the Gentiles must have the Bride Tidings or hold fast and obey it.

We must put the sword on our side. Do not let it go. King Solomon solves the problem of two mothers snatching a baby with the sword of God's Word. It seems to be cruel, but the sharp sword of the Word is full of mercy. Afterwards, King Solomon perishes because of releasing the sword.

Releasing the sword of Bride Tidings means a divorce with the wife. The divorce between a head and its body will make spiritual death. To get married with other after the divorce or to mix the Word with other teachings means to sin after being dead, so there is rottenness.

The Bride Tidings become rotten tidings as the ten spies bring.

3. **To bring the children of Moses.**

It means we must have real fruits of the Bride Tidings as follows.

o Gershom.

Exodus 18:3

18:3 with her two sons, of whom the name of one was Gershom (for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land")

It means that the Gentiles must feel as a stranger in the world or not be influenced by the world with its activities, amenities, sorrows, and sufferings. We must look for the revelation of God's Word when the temptation comes to our life because there is the opening of the way or solution in the revelation of God's Word.

We must feel as a stranger in the world, so we can be faithful and fervent in spirit doing our service and ministry to God and in the household.

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.

o Eliezer.

Exodus 18:4

18:4 and the name of the other was Eliezer (for he said, "The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh");

It means we only hope in the true teaching word or the sword of God's Word and His grace. We reject the false teaching or the sword of Pharaoh.

The servants of God who hope in something in the world will meet the false teaching.

The circumstances of the building of the body of Christ are as follows.

1. Inside the tent. It means fellowship and peace.

Exodus 18:7

18:7 So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, bowed down, and kissed him. And they asked each other about their well-being, and they went into the tent.

We can get them through confessing sin and forgiving one another.

As a result, all things become easy and light.

2. With testimony, not gossip.

Exodus 18:8

18:8 And Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them on the way, and how the LORD had delivered them.

The testimony is about what God or the true teaching Word has done in our life, especially about the deliverance from sins. We must bear witness about the deliverance from sin, so that we do not become arrogant.

3. With heavenly joy.

Exodus 18:9

18:9 Then Jethro rejoiced for all the good which the LORD had done for Israel, whom He had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

There is no greater joy than the joy in the marriage that has been blessed by God. Moreover, there is no greater suffering than the destroyed marriage.

The heavenly joy is the joy because of the grace and kindness of God, so we will always give thanks to Him.

4. With offerings.

Exodus 18:12

18:12 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and other sacrifices to offer to God. And Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

We must give offering to God in physical things, feelings, and the smallest possession of God, namely tithes, and special offering. If we can offer the smallest things to God, we will be able to keep on offering other things up to our whole life to Him.

Romans 12:1-2

12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

- Living body.

The flesh is dead and useless, but the spirit gives us life. The living body means we are conquered by Holy Spirit. We can get it through the perseverance in doing General Service, referring to Golden Altar of Incense.

- Holy body.

We get it through the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion with which we can be sanctified.

- Acceptable body.

We are being lit by the light of God's love through the perseverance in doing Prayer Service, so we become acceptable before God.

Thus, we can offer the living, holy, and acceptable body before God through the perseverance in shepherding.

To be offered means being slain and cut. It refers to a deeper sanctification. We get the deeper sanctification up to our heart in the shepherding until we are perfect.

After we are shepherded, the flesh must be burnt. The flesh that has been slain and cut will be rotten and produces worms if

we do not do anything to it. Therefore, it must be burnt.

Romans 12:2

12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

To be burnt means the sprinkling of blood, namely the suffering in the flesh without any sin or the suffering together with Jesus.

1 Peter 4:12-14

4:12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

4:13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

4:14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

The Lord allows the sprinkling of blood to happen in our life to make us receive the spirit of glory. The bigger flame of the fiery trial is, the more glory we get from God.

Do not doubt or grumble when you are suffering. Let us enjoy and rejoice in it until the spirit of glory comes upon us.

To bring the sword of God's word without the spirit of glory means bringing dull sword that hurts us.

We can preach the Bride Tidings which is sharper than any two-edged sword if we have the spirit of glory.

The spirit of glory gives us extra power, so we can endure and rejoice in the midst of sufferings.

The spirit of glory also performs miracle, especially the spiritual one, namely life renewal from flesh men to spiritual ones as Jesus is.

Romans 12:2

12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

The heart must be renewed to become meek, obedient, and sensitive to distinguish the right things from the false ones. If one cannot distinguish between the true teaching and the false one, he will never be able to distinguish between the true consecration and marriage and the false ones.

Besides the spiritual miracle, the physical one will happen. Impossible things are made possible. God is able to finish all things and the last miracle will happen when we are changed to become as glorious as Jesus is when He comes a second time.

God blesses you.