

General Service in Malang, April 16, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 19:9

19:9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

The marriage supper of the Lamb refers to the meeting between Jesus who comes again in the glory as the King of all kings or the Heavenly Bridegroom with the perfect Church, the heavenly bride, or the perfect body of Christ on the glorious clouds. It refers to the perfect marriage for entering the Paradise and the New Jerusalem.

Therefore, we must keep our physical marriage from the beginning. There must be the righteousness, holiness, and unity during the marriage until reaching the spiritual one.

The relationship between Jesus as the Heavenly Bridegroom and the congregation or the heavenly bride is in love. We must have the love of God or the two tablets of stone for reaching the marriage supper of the Lamb.

There are two kinds of the two tablets of stone that refer to the two kinds of the spiritual revival. **Thus, we must be active in the two kinds of the spiritual revival in order to be able to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb as follows:**

1. **The first two tablets of stone.** It refers to the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain or the first breaking bread [Matthew 14:17-21].

Matthew 14:17-21

14:17 And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

14:18 He said, "Bring them here to Me."

14:19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

14:20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.

14:21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The five loaves and two fish were for five thousand men.

The bread refers to the Word. The number five refers to the five wounds of Jesus on the cross.

The fish refers to the anointing of Holy Spirit.

The five loaves and two fish refer to the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit that preaches Jesus' first coming to die on the cross with the five main wounds for calling the sinners to be saved.

The revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain refers to the revival in the gospel Word. The signs of salvation are as follows:

- Having faith from hearing the Word. The anointing of Holy Spirit makes us able to enjoy the Word. It is the same as entering through the Gate of the heavenly kingdom.
- Repenting (the Altar of Burnt Offerings). The Word becomes a brake that we can stop sinning and return to God. All sins are burnt on the Altar of Burnt Offerings. We die to sin.
- Being renewed of water and Spirit or having the water and Holy Spirit baptism.

Romans 6:4

6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

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,

One who has believed in Jesus and repented or died to sin must be buried in water with Jesus in the name of the Father,

Son, and Holy Spirit, namely the Lord Jesus Christ. As a result, the heavens are opened. We get the new life, Holy Spirit baptism, the anointing of Holy Spirit, the life in righteousness, or the seal of the name of God.

Revelation 9:4-5

9:4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

9:5 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.

We are saved and set free from punishment. We are also blessed by God up to our descendants. We can be blessings for others.

Mark 6:39-42

6:39 Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass. 6:40 So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties.

6:41 And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all.

6:42 So they all ate and were filled.

The five thousand men can be divided into groups of hundreds and fifties that refer to the Tabernacle, whose length is one hundred cubit and width is fifty cubit.

Sitting on the grass means being firm in the shepherding or the salvation and blessings of God. It is the same as living in the system of the heavenly kingdom. The more we belittle ourselves, the more we will feel not worthy and unable. We only rely on the rain of God's mercy that becomes bigger.

The facts found in being firm in the shepherding or being shepherded well and correctly:

- The length is one hundred. It refers to ten times ten, namely hearing and obeying the Word until the flesh does not speak anymore. It begins from man who must sit, namely the husband or pastor must be obedient first.
- The width is fifty. It refers to the Pentecost, namely the fullness or anointing of Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit makes us faithful or able to persevere in committing the three main services to God.
 - a. The Golden Candlestick or the perseverance in committing the General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God. The gifts of Holy Spirit are being added.
 - b. The Table of Showbread or the perseverance in committing the Bible Study Service with Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God. We are given the food, so we get the extra power for following God until the end line.
 - c. The Golden Altar of Incense or the perseverance in committing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God, so we cannot be touched by the trinity of Satan.

1 Peter 2:25

2:25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

As a result, the merciful hands of the Great Shepherd are able to protect and preserve us physically in the midst of the difficulties in the world until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

Revelation 3:8

3:8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

The merciful hands of the Great Shepherd are able to open the doors in the world until the door of heaven is also opened.

The hands of God preserve us spiritually. We cannot be made fall by sins up to the peak, but we keep on living in righteousness and holiness. We cannot be deceived by gossip and false teachings, but we keep on holding fast the true

teaching Word.

The hands of God are able to preserve our body, soul, and spirit until we can say 'I shall not want' or we are firm in the salvation and blessings of God until being as perfect as Jesus is.

2. **The new two tablets of stone**, the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain, or the second breaking bread.

Matthew 15:36-38

15:36 And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude.

15:37 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left.

15:38 Now those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

The bread refers to the Word. The number seven refers to the perfection. It refers to the teaching Word that sanctifies us up to the perfection.

The revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain is in the teaching Word or Bride Tidings that preaches Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds for choosing the saved people to be sanctified until being the perfect bride of heaven.

The five loaves were for five thousand men, but the seven loaves were for four thousand men. The quantity of the loaves was increased, but the quantity of the people who ate was decreased. It means that many are called, but few are chosen. Many people do not want to sit in the shepherding until falling in the valley. **There are two kinds of valley as follows:**

- **The valley of the idolatry to the golden calf.** It means the hardness of heart.
In the Old Testament, there was the valley of the idolatry to the golden calf between the first two tablets of stone and the new ones. In the New Testament, there was a valley also, namely Peter who almost drowned because of the doubt between the first breaking bread and the second one.

Thus, being firm in the shepherding means that we keep our heart so that it is not hard and doubtful.

Exodus 32:18

32:18 But he said: "It is not the noise of the shout of victory, Nor the noise of the cry of defeat, But the sound of singing I hear."

The facts found in the hardness of heart are as follows:

- a. Neither being dead nor alive, neither being defeated nor victorious. It is the same as being lukewarm.
It means as follows:
 - i. Not being hot is the same as unfaithfulness or not being fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God. Not being cold or cool means not being peaceful.
 - ii. Not having life renewal.

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, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3:3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

3:4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

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

- b. Corrupting one self.

Exodus 32:7

32:7 And the LORD said to Moses, "Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.

They should have been destroyed, but the two tablets of stone were broken. It means that Jesus must die on the cross for saving us.

- **The valley of doubt.**

Matthew 14:28-30

14:28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

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.

14:30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

Peter refers to one who has heard and experienced the true teaching Word, but been blown by the wind of gossip and false teachings, so he was doubtful to the true teaching Word.

James 1:6-8

1:6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

1:7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

1:8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Consequently, the life is not in quietness and peace, but weariness, heavy burden, and sorrow. He gets nothing. His life is empty and dissatisfied. There are no helps and blessings of God, but deterioration and drowning from now on in the world until entering the lake of fire and brimstone and perishing forever.

Why did the Lord let Peter begin to sink? It was to make him able to stretch out his hands to God.

Peter stretched out his hands twice as follows:

1. When he began to sink. It refers to the time when we are in need, distress, decrease, fall in sins up to the peak, and total failure. Peter stretched out his hands because he was afraid of the death, not because of loving God. Nevertheless, God kept on stretching out His hands for lifting him up in time of need. The failure can be changed into success. One who has stopped ministering to God can be used by God anymore.
2. After being shepherded, Peter could stretch out his hands because of loving God more than all things; even he willingly died for God, not because of his need.

John 21:15-19

21:15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

21:16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

21:17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

21:18 "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."

21:19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

As a result, God stretched out His hands to Peter until he could follow, serve, and minister to Him seriously with the sacrifice, faithfulness, and responsibility until the end line. It continues until we reach the New Jerusalem. We are renewed to be honest. We are used by God and our life becomes more beautiful until we are perfect. We become the bride who is ready for welcoming Jesus' second coming.

God blesses you.