

General Service in Malang, April 17, 2016 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 3:21-22

3:21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

3:22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.""

In Revelation 2-3, there are seven churches of the Gentiles. Now, they refer to the church in the last days or all of us. Every church receives the promise of God, until the highest one is sitting together with Him on the throne of Heaven forever.

To receive the promise of God, we must pay attention to Revelation 3:22, that is hearing until obeying the true teaching Word.

The sentence *"He who has an ear, let him hear"* is mentioned seven times. Figure seven is perfect figure. It means that Jesus wants the perfect obedience as Him as the Heavenly Bridegroom. The perfect obedience of Jesus as the Heavenly Bridegroom is being obedient until He dies on the cross. Our perfect obedience as the Heavenly bride is being obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore. It is called as the obedience or submission of the bride.

The examples and practices of the obedience of woman or the bride from ages to ages are as follows.

1. The days of Father God/ the beginning age, from Adam to Abraham.
The example is Sarah, the wife of Abraham.

Genesis 18:11,13-15

18:11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing.

18:13 And the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?'"

18:14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

18:15 But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. And He said, "No, but you did laugh!"

Sarah laughs fearfully in sadness because she is barren and has passed the age of childbearing. It equals to facing impossible problems.

1 Peter 3:1,5-6

3:1 Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,

3:5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,

3:6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

The attitude of Sarah in facing impossibilities is being submissive to Abraham whatever the risks are. The proof is Sarah keeps being obedient although Abraham has given her twice to the other men. The obedience of the bride in the marriage is as follows.

- Wife must be submissive to her husband.
- Husband must love his wife as loving himself.
- Children must be obedient to the parents.

The results are as follows.

- Sarah experiences God's protection so she is not touched by the other men, even Abraham is won. It means that there is unity and holiness of marriage. A united or broken marriage depends on the submission of wife to the husband. As long as the wife is submissive, marriage will be in unity and holiness no matter how great wind and waves come. It is because Jesus as the Head protects the marriage.
- Sarah experiences the opening of the door of her womb miraculously. It equals to experiencing the opening of the doors in this world miraculously and all impossible problems are solved. All shames are erased so we can laugh

joyfully.

Genesis 21:5-6

21:5 Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

21:6 And Sarah said, "God has made me laugh, and all who hear will laugh with me."

2. The days of the Son of God/ the middle age, from Abraham to Jesus' first coming.

The example is Mary.

Luke 1:37-38

1:37 For with God nothing will be impossible."

1:38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Mary obeys the tidings of the angel whatever the risks are. The angel refers to a pastor. Thus, the tidings of the angel refers to the shepherding Word, that is the true teaching Word entrusted by God to a pastor, to be preached to the congregation faithfully, continuously, orderly, and repetitively, to become food and command in the congregation. Mary obeys the tidings of the angel although she must bear Jesus without a husband. It equals to the obedience of the bride in the true shepherding.

The shepherding pen in Tabernacle refers to the Holy Place. There are three types of equipment inside that refer to perseverance in three main services as follows.

- Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His gifts.
- Table of Showbread refers to perseverance in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We have fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
- Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit cling to God the Trinity, so Satan cannot touch us. We live in peace.

Matthew 1:21

1:21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

The result is Mary gives birth to Jesus as the Savior, meaning as follows.

- Experiencing the opening of the salvation door, the spiritual door, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.

Psalms 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.

God blesses the righteous up to his descendants, and he also becomes blessing to the others.

- Being used by God to become His witness, to preach the Good News or the gospel Word to bring sinful men to believe Jesus and be saved, and to preach the Bride Tidings or the true teaching Word to the saved ones to be shepherded and perfected by God.

3. The days of Holy Spirit God/ the last age, from Jesus' first coming to the second one.

The example is the church in the last days, or the bride of God.

Revelation 12:1-3

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.

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.

No matter how great we are physically and spiritually in the last days, our condition is just as a pregnant woman in pain to give birth who faces a dragon.

What must we do?

- The obedience of the bride in all things. It is started from obedience within marriage, shepherding, to the government, and everything, according to the true teaching Word.
- Crying and groaning, worshiping God until the flesh does not sound anymore. It equals to stretching out both our hands to God, and He will stretch out His hands to us to give the two wings of a great eagle.

Revelation 12:6,14

12:6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

The usefulness of the two wings of a great eagle is as follows.

- To bring us closer to God, within the embrace of His hands, so we are in silence and calm.

Exodus 19:4

19:4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.

Psalms 62:1

62:1 Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation.

The two wings of a great eagle will bring us passing the storm in this world, until it is calm and finished. Everything becomes easy and light.

- To evacuate us to the wilderness far from the eye of antichrist.

Revelation 12:14

12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

We are protected and cared directly by God for three years and a half, through the true teaching Word and Holy Communion.

- To give us new strength to face everything in the last days, so we are not weary. We are not stumbled and fall in sins. We do not leave the ministry. We keep living in righteousness and holiness, being faithful and fervent in spirit in ministering God.

Isaiah 40:29-31

40:29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.

40:30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,

40:31 But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

It is until the two wings of a great eagle lift us up to the glorious clouds, meaning renewing our life until we are perfect as Him.

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.

There must be no lies in the New Jerusalem. It is the last checking. We must be honest especially in the matter of the true teaching Word. Let us be honest before God and confess everything. When He comes a second time, we will be lifted up to the New Jerusalem. We sit together with Him on the throne of Heaven forever.

God blesses us.