

General Service in Malang, March 19, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 19:6-10 is about the marriage supper of the Lamb.

It refers to the second coming of Jesus in the glory as the King of all kings or the Heavenly Bridegroom for bringing us to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb [Revelation 19], the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace [Revelation 20], up to the New Jerusalem [Revelation 21-22].

Revelation 19:6-7

19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

The preparation of the Church for welcoming Jesus' second coming in the glory as the King of all kings or the Heavenly Bridegroom on the glorious clouds must be as follows:

1. (verse 6) The voice "Alleluia".
2. We must be the kings or God's servants who are obedient, faithful, honest, and loving one another.
3. We must rejoice or shout for joy and glorify God.

By what can we glorify God?

1. By our possessions.

Proverbs 3:9

3:9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase;

It means as follows:

- Returning the firstfruits of all our increase to God.
- Returning the tithes and offerings that belong to God joyfully.
The tithes refer to the confession that we have been blessed and preserved by God. We confess that we and what we have are the possession of God which cannot be charged against by anyone.
The offerings refer to the thanksgiving because we have been blessed and preserved by God. It is according to the willingness of our heart with joy. It can be through giving to the work of God and others who are in need, starting from our own family.
- The rest becomes God's trust to us that we can use for glorifying Him. Do not misuse the blessings of God!

The blessings of God are not for being extravagant with money or committing sins and quarreling, but being enjoyed for our life with our descendants. If it causes the quarrel, it will not become the blessings anymore, but temptation.

Proverbs 3:10

3:10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

As a result, the barn is filled up until overflowing. It means the abundant preservation of God physically and spiritually in the midst of crises in the world, so we do not enter the physical and spiritual famine or the famine of the Word in the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

We are not hungry, fainted, and lukewarm spiritually, but keep faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God until the end line.

We do not fall in sins up to the peak, but keep on living in righteousness and holiness up to the perfection like Jesus is.

2. Glorifying God with the light of the good deeds before all people.

Matthew 5:16

5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

It is the duty of the servant of God.

Isaiah 49:3

49:3 "And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.'

2 Timothy 2:20-26

2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.

2:21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2:23 But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

2:24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,

2:25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,

2:26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

There are two kinds of the servants of God as follows:

- The servants of God who are **like the wood and clay**, namely not being sanctified and renewed, but keeping the sinful men of flesh and blood. Consequently, they cannot glorify God, but make His heart grieved like in the days of Noah. It is especially about the marriage. It starts from the mistake in the beginning of the marriage. Such life will totally be burnt.
- The servants of God who are **like the silver and gold**, namely experiencing the sanctification and renewal until being able to glorify the name of God and enduring all things until being glorified together with God.

a. The light of sanctification.

[verse 21-23] The sanctification is from the youthful lusts or fleshly desires which cannot be controlled as follows:

- i. The unclean lusts through the bad friendship in real life or via internet and the pornography. It causes unfaithfulness and irresponsibility.
- ii. The sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, drugs abuse, and getting drunk. Do not try it, or else you will be bound forever until entering the hell!
The sins concerning marrying-being given in marriage refer to mix marriage, divorce-remarrying, and marrying-being given in marriage.

Being sanctified, we can be the servant of God who is holy up to the heart or pure. We can love God and other people.

[verse 24-26] The sanctification also happens from quarrel about foolish and ignorant things because of disobedience, jealousy, and hatred without a cause. A servant of God must not quarrel because one who likes quarreling cannot become the servant of God.

b. The light of renewal.

Colossians 3:12-14

3:12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies⁽¹⁾, kindness⁽²⁾, humility⁽³⁾, meekness⁽⁴⁾, longsuffering⁽⁵⁾;

3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving⁽⁶⁾ one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

3:14 But above all these things put on love⁽⁷⁾, which is the bond of perfection.

- i. Tender mercies or not judging.
- ii. Humility or ability to confess sin and receive the reality.
- iii. Longsuffering or patience in suffering and waiting for the time of God.
- iv. Love.
- v. Forgiving one another,

- vi. Meekness or ability to receive the hard teaching Word and forgive the sins of others.
- vii. Kindness or enjoying giving.

As a result, we become the servant of God who is like the candlestick with the seven burning lamps. It means being the light. It starts from the household for overcoming the darkness of the basket that refers to the economy and the sins concerning eating-drinking and the darkness of the bed or the sins concerning marrying-being given in marriage. We also become the light before all men. We only do good deeds until repaying good for evil. The lamp keeps on burning until Jesus comes a second time or we become as perfect as Jesus is.

3. Glorifying God through the fruits of our lips or saying.

Hebrews 13:15

13:15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

We can say the righteous and good words that become blessings for others. We are honest. It begins from the matter of God or the true teaching Word. We become the house of prayer. We are able to worship Jesus, the King of all kings, or the Heavenly Bridegroom with saying "Alleluia".

Jesus will be the Head who is responsible for our life until we are glorified together with the Lord.

The results are as follows:

- Jesus appears as the Savior.

Ephesians 5:22-23

5:22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

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.

He saves us and sets us free from sin, so we can live in righteousness. Living in righteousness is the same as being saved. Not living in righteousness is the same as not being saved.

We are saved from disaster, natural disaster, and so on, so we are saved and peaceful. All things become easy and light.

- Jesus appears as the Head.

Ephesians 5:28-30

5:28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

5:29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

5:30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

Jesus as the Head is responsible for protecting and preserving us 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. We are preserved through the teaching Word and Holy Communion. The Bible Study Service with Holy Communion becomes the training for us to be evacuated to the wilderness.

We are protected from the false teachings, gossips, and so on. We keep on holding fast the true teaching Word, so we can live in holiness and be equipped with the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit to be used in the ministry for the edification of Christ's body. We can minister to God. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, and so on.

We are protected from the influences of the world such as the activities, amenities, sorrows, and so on that cause unfaithfulness, so we can keep faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God.

Being holy, faithful, and fervent in spirit is the same as being the apple of God's eyes that none can touch.

Jesus as the Head is responsible for sanctifying and changing us through the water and Word.

Ephesians 5:25-27

5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

The double sanctification from leprosy means the sanctification from the self-truth and unwillingness to confess sin,

but blaming at others. It is changed into the truth from God. We can confess and forgive one another. The leprosy also refers to the uncleanness.

The physical worry will shorten the age. It is changed into believing and entrusting our life fully to God. We can submit all of our weaknesses and sins to God. As a result, the mercy of God is able to fulfill all our needs until we are perfect.

God blesses you.