

General Service in Malang, May 27, 2018 (Sunday Morning)

The child submission

Ruth 1:19-21

1:19. Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem. And it happened, when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was excited because of them; and the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

1:20. But she said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

1:21. "I went out full, and the LORD has brought me home again empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has testified against me, and the Almighty has afflicted me?"

Previously, Naomi and her family lived in Bethlehem, but they went to dwell in the country of Moab because of a famine in Bethlehem.

Her husband died, so did her sons, and she was in shortage or poorness. But she took good attitude, namely returning to Bethlehem.

Naomi means sweet, pleasant, and full hands. But it became Mara. It means bitter and empty because of leaving Bethlehem. Bethlehem means house of bread. It refers to the teaching word in the shepherding or the shepherding word.

If one leaves Bethlehem, Mara will happen, namely bitterness, spiritual death, and the death in the inward and outward man up to perdition.

But thanks to God, Naomi took firm attitude. She returned to Bethlehem or the shepherding in the true teaching word when she was in destroyed condition.

The fact found in it is that one just hears the voice of Shepherd or the true teaching word. He always dwells in the sheepfold, meaning perseverance in committing three kinds of main service. As a result, our body, soul, and spirit attach to God the Trinity like the branch that abides in the true vine. We live in the hand of Chief Shepherd.

The results are as follows:

1. From being empty to being full, from nothing to something. The Great Shepherd takes care of our life up to the abundance, so we always give thanks to Him. He provides in due time when we need something.
2. The impossible thing becomes possible.
3. We will bear sweet fruits sooner or later. We please God. God makes our life beautiful, successful, and happy up to being spotless or perfect like Him. We are changed to become the perfect body of Christ when Jesus comes a second time. We enter the throne of heaven, the last shepherding forever.

God blesses us.

General Service

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

Revelation 7:9

7:9. After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

A great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne refers to perfect church of God or heavenly bride who is ready to greet Jesus when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds. We enter the throne and stand before it.

We must be clothed with white robes or spiritual cloth, so we can stand before the throne.

The requirements of standing before the throne are as follows:

1. Being clothed with white robes.
2. The palm branches in hands.

John 12:12-15

12:12. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,
 12:13. took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"
 12:14. Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:
 12:15. "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt."

The palm branches in hands are linked with the last journey of Jesus to Jerusalem by sitting on a young donkey. It means that we have to minister the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain or the one of the building of the perfect body of Christ, namely the heavenly bride to enter the New Jerusalem or eternal kingdom of heaven and stand before the throne.

The revival of the building of the body of Christ starts from marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding until the Israelites and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ who is ready to greet Jesus when He comes a second time as the King of kings and the Heavenly Bridegroom.

The target of the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain is a donkey, meaning the Gentiles (John 12:14).

In the bible, God sends His messenger twice to the Gentiles or the donkey as follows:

1. God sends two men to Rahab, a harlot who belongs to the Gentile.

Joshua 2:1

2:1. Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there.

The Gentiles are never satisfied but always thirsty to follow their lust or desire and fall in sin of uncleanness. If it continues, they will be destroyed forever.

The two men mean to the word and Holy Spirit. It refers to the gospel of salvation or the good news.

Proverbs 25:25

25:25. As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country.

The gospel word is the one that declares Jesus' first coming to the world as the only innocent man who has to die on the cross to redeem and save the sinners.

God sends two men to Rahab means the revival of Holy Spirit in the first rain or the one in the gospel of salvation or the Good News to save sinful Gentiles, so they are not destroyed.

The proofs of receiving salvation from God are as follows:

- Believing and receiving Jesus as the only Savior.
 - Repenting.
 - Water baptism.
 - Holy Spirit baptism.
- Water and Holy Spirit baptism result in new life or heavenly one, namely life in righteousness. It is the same as being saved and blessed by God.

At last, Rahab is in the genealogy of Jesus, meaning that she receives Jesus' first coming. It means that the Gentiles can receive salvation from God.

Matthew 1:1,5

1:1. The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

1:5. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse,

2. God sends two disciples to loose a tied donkey.

Matthew 21:1-2

21:1. Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

21:2. saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me.

Genesis 49:11

49:11. Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes.

A donkey must be bound to the true vine. It means that the Gentiles who have been saved and blessed must be shepherded to the true teaching word or Jesus' life.

The most important thing in the shepherding is food, namely the one that is able to make us healthy and grow our spirituality up to perfection.

The two disciples are the word and Holy Spirit. The disciple refers to the teaching. The true teaching word in the anointing of Holy Spirit is the true teaching one that is sharper than any two-edged sword or the Bride Tidings.

The saved people must be purified up to perfection like Jesus.

The Bride Tidings or solid food is the word that preaches Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds in the glory as the King of kings and the Heavenly Bridegroom to purify saved people up to being perfect. We are ready to greet Him when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds. We enter the New Jerusalem or the eternal kingdom of heaven and stand before the throne.

The steps of a donkey to enter the New Jerusalem are of purification.

What must be purified?

○ **The characteristics of the Gentiles which are like the dog and swine.**

A sow, having washed, returns to her wallowing in the mire. It means sinful deeds up to the peak, namely sin of eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, drugs abuse) and marrying-giving in marriage (fornications, sexual deviation, sexuality to oneself, and wrong marriage).

A dog licks vomit, meaning idle words. It starts from lie, gossip, evil speaking, and blasphemy; even to God.

The dog also refers to the false prophets with the false teachings.

Revelation 2:18-20,24

2:18. "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

2:19. "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

2:20. "Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

2:24. "Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden.

One of false teachings is of Jezebel that allows woman to teach or to have authority over a man in marriage or ministry.

A woman becomes the head, so Jesus cannot become the head in marriage and ministry.

Consequently, snake or Satan will be the head, so one falls into sin and curse up to perdition.

1 Timothy 2:11-14

2:11. Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.

2:12. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

2:13. For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

2:14. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

The teaching of Jezebel reminds us about the incident in garden Eden.

The true teaching of God is that all fruits in garden Eden may be eaten except one. Now, women may minister to God in all things except one, namely not teaching or having authority over a man, so the incident in garden Eden does not happen again.

If there is the teaching of Jezebel, there will be the one of Satan that learns about the depths of Satan.

○ **The purification of self-will or egoism.**

Matthew 21:3

21:3. "And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."

James 3:14-16

3:14. *But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.*

3:15. *This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.*

3:16. *For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.*

Where self-seeking exists, envy is there.

The consequence is confusion. It means evil and causing divisions of the body of Christ. It is the same as entering the building of the body of Babylon.

Philippians 2:20-21,4

2:20. *For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.*

2:21. *For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.*

2:4. *Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*

We have to look out for the interests of God and others in ministry more than our own interests, so we can be like-minded, and our prayer will be answered by God. We can help, serve, and love one another until we enter the one body of Christ.

- **The purification of anxiety.**

Matthew 21:7-8

21:7. *They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them.*

21:8. *And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road.*

Matthew 6:31

6:31. *"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"*

Anxiety makes the Gentiles unable to live in righteousness. They do not want to be ridden by Jesus. They cannot give and sacrifice for God. They do not want to be used in the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain or the building of the perfect body of Christ.

If anxiety is purified, we will be able to give time, power, money, mind up to our whole life to be ridden by God. It means that we can totally trust and commit ourselves to God, and He commits Himself to us. The Head and body become one.

John 7:5-6

7:5. *For even His brothers did not believe in Him.*

7:6. *Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.*

Why do we often feel that we are like to be left and God does not help and take care of us? It is useful so that our time is always ready, so we can correct ourselves through the sharpness of the sword of the word until we totally trust and commit ourselves to God. We only trust and cry to God, no one else. As a result, God will stretch out His hands to us.

The facts of totally trusting to God are as follows:

- a. Abraham does not waver at the promise of God, the true teaching word, or the power of God although he faces the impossibility.

Romans 4:19-21

4:19. *And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.*

4:20. *He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,*

4:21. *and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.*

- b. Job is not angry in total test but having patience and perseverance. Do not grumble and look for the way which is not according to the word of God.

It means that Job stretches out his hands to God and He stretches out His hand to him. God restores Job doubly, namely physically and spiritually.

James 5:10-11

5:10. My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.

5:11. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord--that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

- c. A widow of Zarephath faces the crisis in marriage and children but she can be honest to confess her weakness and obedient. As a result, God is able to take care of her in the middle of crisis and restore her marriage and children.

1 Kings 17:11-14,23

17:11. And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

17:12. So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

17:13. And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son.

17:14. "For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.'"

17:23. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!"

- d. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego face the false worship but they keep being strong and of good courage. They keep worshipping God and He is with them.

Daniel 3:18-19,25

3:18. "But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

3:19. Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.

3:25. "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

If God is with us, all things will become beautiful in due time.

It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to become as perfect as He is and enter the New Jerusalem. We stand before the throne of heaven.

God blesses us.