

Prayer Service in Surabaya, July 16, 2014 (Wednesday Evening)

Peace and grace in the love of Jesus Christ. Good evening, let us listen to the Word of God. May the peace and grace from God be within us.

We are studying Revelation 2-3

Revelation 2-3 in the structure of the Tabernacle refers to the seven sprinkles of blood in front of the Ark of The Covenant which refers to the last sanctification for God's church to make it perfect, without blemish like Jesus, and ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious cloud. This is what we call the Supper of the Marriage of the Lamb (the spiritual or perfect marriage).

The bible was opened by the book of Genesis, which tells us about the physical marriage of Adam and Eve. However, that marriage was destroyed by Satan (it was stripped by Satan), and men lived in curse, misery, and tears.

Thanks to God, through sanctification by sanctification, until the last sanctification (the seven sprinkles of blood), God helped the marriage until it enters the Supper of the Marriage of the Lamb. This is the spiritual marriage of Christ and the congregation, which is written on the last book (the book of Revelation) and we will be happy forever and ever (the bible is closed with the spiritual marriage).

This is why we have to be earnest in guarding our marriages. The youth has to be earnest to enter a marriage, because **marriage is God's glorious gift, which is bestowed only to human**.

Angels don't have marriage, and neither do animals. Those who have married should guard their marriages to be sanctified continuously to the perfect marriage and not to be stripped by Satan.

In the Old Testament, the High Priest was Aaron.

Once a year, Aaron entered the Most Holy Place, bringing the blood of an animal to be sprinkled, and incense to hold a **ministry of reconciliation**, to let God forgive the sins of **the Israelites**.

In the New Testament, the High Priest is Jesus.

Jesus brought His own blood to be sprinkled and hold an intercession prayer or an incense (He prays for us until this time) to hold a **ministry of reconciliation** to forgive the sins of **every mankind** in the world (both Israelites and the Gentiles).

If there are sprinkles of blood and incense (prayer), there will be a ministry of reconciliation, the High Priests will be among us and we will have the ministry of reconciliation.

If we come with a sprinkle of blood (a suffering in flesh because of Jesus) and worship to Jesus, **we will have a ministry of reconciliation of the High Priest**.

May we experience the ministry of reconciliation of the High Priest this evening.

Having a service is a suffering in flesh, as some of us have just finished from school or work, or any other things.

If we have the ministry of reconciliation of Jesus as the High Priest, **we will get the following things**.

1. Hebrews 2:17-18

2:17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

2:18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

The first result of the ministry of the High Priest is **all of our sins are forgiven, reconciled, and finished by Jesus' blood**.

The process is as follows.

- We confess our sins to God and others. If we are forgiven, don't do the same sins.
- We forgive other's sins and forget it.

God taught us to forgive sins for 70 times 7 times, not only 70 times 7. If we only forgive for 70 times 7, the forgiveness is depleted and we are destroyed, because even in 1 day we have committed a lot of sins.

70 times 7 times means infinity (70 is raised to the power of 7).

We also have to forgive. If we don't, God will limit His forgiveness on us and we will be destroyed because we have made too many sins.

A ministry of reconciliation is important. A sin is finished in a marriage and shepherding, because sins are the separator of us and God and others.

Isaiah 59:1-2

59:1 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.

59:2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

Our iniquities (sins) separate us from God.

If we keep our sins, we will get separated from God and He will not answer our prayer, and our problem is not solved.

If our sins are finished by Jesus' blood, every problem will also be solved by Him.

Human has a lot of burdens in this world, but the heaviest burden of all is sin.

If our burden is disease, it will no longer burden us when we die. If our burden is sin, we will cry in this world, and it will burden us even when we die in the hell.

Believe it! If sin, which is the heaviest burden, can be solved by God's blood through confessing and forgiving, every other problem can also be solved by God.

Sins will also separate us from others.

Husband and wife or children and parents, brother and sister can be separated because of sins, whatever the sins are.

Sins separate us from the closest (family member) so that there is no unity in marriage, no happiness, but miserableness. It is possible that we live together in the same home, even sleep on the same bed, but if we keep sins in our heart, the marriage will be torn.

If the marriage lacks of money but it has a unity, the marriage will still be happy.

If sins are solved, there will be unity in marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the unity of Israelites and Gentiles (we become one perfect body of Christ to welcome Jesus' second coming and we will be happy).

Where there is a unity, there is a happiness.

Where there is a separation, there is a misery.

If there is someone who doesn't do good things in marriage, let's forgive him and one day, Jesus' blood will help and unite our marriage until the perfect one.

2. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

5:18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

5:19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

5:20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Jesus has taken the burden of our sins that we become the righteousness by Jesus' blood.

We are the sinners, but God has fixed everything and make us righteous.

The second result of the ministry of the High Priest is **we become the righteousness and able to live in righteousness, and even more, we become the equipment of righteousness**. We are trusted and used in the ministry of reconciliation ('has given us the ministry of reconciliation'), we are elected to be priests and kings.

If our lives are still wrecked, God can't use us. We need to be sanctified to be used by God and Jesus is the price.

Priests and kings are God's servants who **serve faithfully, righteously and in peace**(no anger, envy, bitterness, hatred, and so on).

Peace refers to ministering in composure.

Give all bad things to God until we are in peace.

The Ministry of the Body of Christ starts from the family, shepherding, and inter-shepherding (fellowships).

If we minister in faithfulness and righteousness, there will be peace.

If we are not faithful or righteous, there will be no peace, but only fear (the life is not in peace).

If we minister in faithfulness, righteousness, and peace, everything will be easy and light. Ministry is easy and light, and family, shepherding, and fellowship will be easy and light. Every aspect of our life will be easy and light.

Matthew 11:28-30

11:28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

11:30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

This evening, God offers us, who labor and are heavy laden, to come to Him.

Why does human labor and is heavy laden? Because of sins, not because of diseases or lack of money.

If we accept God's offer (by confessing sins and forgiving one another to put away sins), our lives will be corrected and we will live in righteousness and God will use us, everything will be easy and light.

Don't misunderstand if God entrusts a ministry to us, because He wants to make everything easy and light for us.

On the contrary, if we don't minister or reject to minister God, there is no other option other than ministering sins or Satan. The consequence is laboring and being heavy laden, until we are destroyed forever and ever.

Therefore, if God has made us righteous, we have to continue by ministering Him to glorify Him. If we do not, our lives will be wrecked again.

3. 2 Corinthians 5:17

5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

The third result of the ministry of the High Priest is **we experience the life change** from a carnal human to a spiritual one like Jesus.

We experience the greatest miracle (*the shekinah glory*).

Where there are blood and incense, there is a glorious light (*the shekinah glory*). When the blood is sprinkled, *the shekinah glory* appears.

"My pastor testified, a blessed person in Sumatra, who had a lot of hotels and had no debt said 'If I go to church to get rich, then I won't go, because I have been rich already'. We go to church to get a life change from a bad person to a good one. That is the true service."

This evening, let's ask for God's power to change us.

Ephesians 4:24-25

4:24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

4:25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

The character of a new man is **putting away lying**.

Lying is evil. Even though a pastor has a huge church but if he lies, he is Satan, not Jesus, and not a new man.

Putting away lying means the things as follows.

- Telling truthfully (according to the Bible) and righteously (become a blessing to others, doesn't hurt people).
- Being honest, telling 'yes' for yes, and 'no' for no.

We have to be honest in 3 things, namely being honest about God (the teaching), marriage (bed), and finance.

If a God's servant or a God's priest can be honest in these 3 things, he can be honest in everything and can be trusted in anything.

If we are not honest in teaching, we won't be able to be honest in marriage and finance.

If we are honest, we will be the house of prayer and we are able to shout Jesus' name.

Proverbs 15:8

15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, But the prayer of the upright is His delight.

We have a lot of dreams, but let's dream to be honest and our prayer will be His delight (we can shout Jesus' name). Whatever our condition is, let's shout Jesus' name.

- a. Jesus' name is **a miraculous name**. It can change the impossibilities to be possible, and miracles happen.

Peter said to the lame man who was in front of the temple, '*Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.*'

A lame man from his mother's womb was healed by the name of Jesus.

Maybe this evening we are facing an impossible problem. It is not easy for human, but it is easy for God.

The most important thing is to be the house of prayer. Don't try to do anything bad.

We only need to shout Jesus' name when we face anything, we shout that we can't do anything until we get miracle from God.

b. **Hebrews 1:3-4**

1:3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

1:4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Jesus' name is an **excellent name**. When we shout Jesus' name, everything will be beautiful in His time.

Be patient in waiting for God's time!

If God hasn't answered our prayer yet, it is a **patience test, or a faith test** to us, whether we believe in Jesus and become patient in waiting for His time.

At a certain moment, everything will be beautiful.

When God comes back, our lives will not only be beautiful, but everything will be changed to perfection like Jesus and we will be able to welcome His second coming on the glorious cloud (the last miracle), we will stand side-by-side with Him forever and ever.

The Bible is opened by a naked and destroyed marriage, but it will be ended by a spiritual marriage in the book of Revelation, which is the perfect marriage of Christ and us.

This evening, whatever our condition is, let's beg for the ministry of the High Priest. If there are blood (suffering in flesh) and incense (prayer), there will be a ministry of reconciliation.

Solve our sins, and every other problem will also be solved, we will be united, our marriage will be united, and we will be happy.

The second thing, we are corrected, the bad things become God's burden, we can live in righteousness and be the equipment of righteousness. We can minister God in faithfulness, righteousness, and in peace.

The result is everything will be easy and light.

The third thing, we experience a life change, we are able to be honest and be the house of prayer.

Shout Jesus' name this evening.

His name is a miraculous name which can change the impossibility to be possible.

Jesus' name is an excellent name and He will make everything beautiful in His time, our tears are wiped. When Jesus comes, we will be as glorious as Him (the last miracle), we are perfect and able to welcome His second coming on the glorious cloud.

We don't live on this earth forever. You who are blessed, don't be bound, you who are in lack and difficulty, don't lose hope and be disappointed.

One day we will meet Him on the glorious cloud.

Surrender everything to God. Shout Jesus' name tonight, and God will help us.

God blesses us.