Youth Service in Surabaya, September 09, 2017 (Saturday Evening)

To coincide with Blessing of Marriage Service

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 bible was opened with physical marriage between Adam and Eve, but they fell into sin. The bible is closed with spiritual marriage between Jesus and the glorified congregation.
Human's marriage does not stop at physical one only, but up to spiritual/perfect one, namely the marriage supper of the Lamb. Afterwards, we enter a thousand years kingdom of peace (the upcoming Paradise) and the New Jerusalem (kingdom of heaven).

Luke 11:44
11:44. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like graveswhich are not seen, and the men who walk over them are not aware of them."

If we do not prioritize the teaching word, we will go to the grave or perdition.

There are three ambiences of the marriage or the servant Godthat islike grave as follows:

1. **A man with an unclean spirit in Gadarenes**.
   Mark 5:1-5, 15
   5:1. Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.
   5:2. And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,
   5:3. who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains,
   5:4. because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him.
   5:5. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.
   5:15. Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

   One just follows his own lust and will.
   The facts found in it are as follows:

   a. A husband does not love his wife, but does bitterly toward her.
      A husband who hits his wife is the same as a man with an unclean spirit who cuts himself with stones or being without the right mind.

   b. A Wife does not submit to her husband. She wants to lead her husband.
   c. The children do not obey their parents. They rebel against their parents.

   Consequently, the marriage does not become one and love one another, but hurts one another, so wrangle, quarrel, and infidelity happen.
   It means that the marriage becomes naked and ashamed.

   If divorcement happens, the marriage will die (a husband as the head is separated from the wife as the body). Getting married with other woman or man after the divorce, the marriage will decay.

   We must avoid the marriage which becomes grave, but we have to become the house of prayer.
   In the house of prayer, all problems are finished by God, and He will give serenity, so we experience peace.

2. **The tomb of Lazarus**.
   John 11:38-39
   11:38. Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.
   11:39. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

If we hide our sin, our marriage will decay.
That is why we must confess and forgive one another, so our marriage does not decay.
We can produce fragranceif we live in righteousness and holiness. We become the house of prayer like the incense which is burnt.

There is fragrance or worship in the house of prayer, and God is there.

Genesis 8:20-22
8:20. Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.
8:21. And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.
8:22. "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."

If we become the house of prayer, God will change curse into blessing up to our descendants and we become blessing to the others.

3. **Dissatisfied marriage**.
   Proverbs 30:15-16
   30:15. The leech has two daughters--Give and Give! There are three things that are never satisfied, Four never say, "Enough!":
   30:16. The grave, The barren womb, The earth that is not satisfied with water--And the fire never says, "Enough!"

   John 2:6-9
   2:6. Now there were set there six waterpotsof stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.
   2:7. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim.
   2:8. And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it.
   2:9. When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

   How great we are, we are just a mortar. **We must be filled with the wine**.
   There are six waterpots. They refer to the body, soul and spirit of husband and wife that must be filled with the wine. It means that we must be filled with the true teaching word.

   We are changed up to perfection. All things become easy and light. There is honesty and wine of hapiness up to eternal life.

God blesses us.