

Bible Study Service in Malang, April 21, 2020 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 11:5

11:5. *And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.*

This is about the fire coming out of the mouth of the two witnesses, namely Moses and Elijah.

The fire coming out of the mouth of a prophet or servant of God has been prophesied in the book of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 5:14

5:14. *Therefore thus says the LORD God of hosts: "Because you speak this word, Behold, I will make My words in your mouth fire, And this people wood, And it shall devour them.*

'My words'= God's words.

Thus, the fire coming out of the mouth of the two witnesses is the same as the one coming out of the mouth of Jeremiah the prophet. Now, it refers to the fire coming out of the mouth of God's servant whom He uses or the Word spoken by God Himself. It means the revelation of the Word through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible or the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword. Such Word is the same as the flame of fire.

Jeremiah 23:29

23:29. *"Is not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, "And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"*

This is a warning for a servant of God to be serious in preaching the Word, namely in the anointing of Holy Spirit, not by the fire of emotion but by the fire of God's love to help the congregation.

1 Timothy 5:17

5:17. *Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.*

The congregation must honor the double Word, namely the Gospel Word (the cold water) and the teaching Word (the fire).

'in the word'= the Gospel Word.

'doctrine'= the teaching Word.

There are two attitudes which determine the work of the fire of the true teaching Word as follows:

1. The **negative** attitude, namely rejecting, disobeying, and making hostility towards the true teaching Word. It is like a branch that does not abide in the true Vine anymore, so it becomes dry for being burnt. Making hostility towards the servant of God is the same as making hostility towards the true teaching Word. Consequently, the fire of the true teaching Word becomes the one of judgment.
2. The **positive** attitude, namely truly receiving the fire of the true teaching Word with joy. As a result, the fire of the teaching Word becomes the one of sanctification until perfecting us.

We still learn the positive attitude.

For example, Moses received the fire of sanctification in the shepherding, so he could be a servant of God who was used by Him to bring the Israelites out of Egypt to enter Canaan.

Before being sanctified, he had been a killer.

Unfortunately, Moses could only reach the border of Canaan. He had to die and be buried. He had been sanctified to be the servant of God, but he still had the weakness.

Therefore, after being the servant of God or the priest and kings, we must continue in the sanctification by the fire of the teaching Word.

Malachi 3:1-4

3:1. *"Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts.*

3:2 *"But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderer's soap.*

3:3 *He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may*

offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.

3:4 "Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD, As in the days of old, As in former years.

'purify the sons of Levi'= the sanctification to the priest and king. The sanctification by the fire of the teaching Word is suddenly done by Jesus as the High Priest and Great Shepherd for the servant of God.

It means that a priest must always be ready or watchful in the sanctification which is done by the fire of the true teaching Word. Therefore, a servant of God must be ready to preach the Word anytime.

There are two kinds of the sanctification to the servant of God as follows:

1. 'a refiner's fire'= there is relation with the rust.
2. 'launderer's soap'= there is relation with the moth.

ad. 1. **The sanctification by the refiner's fire.**

It refers to the repeated teaching Word or the shepherding Word. Only a shepherd gets the gift to repeat the Word.

What is the Word repeated for?

1. It is repeated to make our ordination true and well-pleasing to God, so we can please His heart.

Malachi 3:3-4

3:3. *He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.*

3:4 "Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD, As in the days of old, As in former years.

If we please His heart, He will also please our heart.

2. The Word is repeated so that we can endure until the end line, namely we pass away or Jesus comes a second time.

Malachi 3:2

3:2. *"But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderer's soap.*

Not being sanctified, a priest will retire someday.

Being sanctified continually, we will never retire.

3. The Word is repeated to make us as the pure gold and silver that belong to God forever and nothing may charge against us.

Malachi 3:3

3:3. *He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.*

The term 'sit' means a careful manner.

Haggai 2:8

2:8. *'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts.*

Now, being the spiritual gold and silver means that we become the perfect bride of God who cannot be charged against by anything.

The sanctification by the refiner's fire has the relation with the rust.

It means that the sanctification fire of the true teaching Word which is repeated sanctifies us from the rust of sins in the heart until the gold and silver become pure.

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.*

The process of the purification of the gold and silver by the refiner's fire or the shepherding Word is as follows:

1. [2 Timothy 2:22] the sanctification from **the youthful lusts**.

The youthful lusts are the same as the young lion in the vineyard. Be careful! The vineyard refers to the Bride Tidings.

The youthful lusts refer to the rust in the heart, namely the unclean spirit or will which causes the following things:

- The sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse or the things which enter the mouth.
Ministering to God while having the rust will not be accepted by Him; even one will be burnt or cannot be the silver and gold. Be careful!
- The things which come out of the mouth, namely the spirit of lying and false teachings.
- The sins concerning marrying-being given in marriage or the fornication between man and woman who are not a legal spouse, the wrong marriage, mix marriage, divorce-remarrying, and marrying-being given in marriage.
The beginning of divorce-remarrying is unfaithfulness.

If we are willingly sanctified, we will be the just, righteous, holy, and faithful person.

2 Timothy 2:22

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. The sanctification from **the spirit of quarrel** or the bitterness of heart, envy, hatred without a cause, and self-truth which also belong to the rust.

2 Timothy 2:23-25

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,

Be careful! Do not envy because of blessings like Esau to Jacob and because of the employment of God like the brothers of Joseph to Joseph!

The self-truth is not in line with the Bible, namely covering sins by blaming at others who are righteous and God or the true teaching Word.

The envy, hatred, and self-truth are the source of quarrel.

A servant of God must not quarrel or become trouble maker.

2 Timothy 2:23

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

One who likes quarreling or making trouble cannot become the servant of God. He may not get married too because the ministry of the edification of the body of Christ begins from the marriage, shepherding, and inter-shepherding, until the Gentiles and Israelites become one perfect body of Christ or the bride of God who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

After being sanctified, we can be the servant of God who is friendly, patient, and gentle, so we can lead others in righteousness. It is the same as ministering to the people who do not want to or cannot be served. It begins from the household, namely being meek and able to teach and rebuke as well as being the example.

The rusts must be sanctified, or else one only becomes the servant of God like the grass and wood.

Matthew 7: 22

7:22. "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

The ministry may be great, but there are uncleanness and lie in it. The sanctified gold and silver will be separated from the wood and grass which do not want to be sanctified although now they look same.

The grass and wood will be burnt when the Antichrist reigns over the world. Enduring in worshiping God, such people will be resurrected in the body of glory. Denying God, they will be destroyed.

3. The sanctification from **the evil will**, namely the bond of money or the physical silver and gold which cause men not to attach to God, but money. The bond of money also makes the servant of God only pursue the physical matters such as money, marriage partner, and so on.

2 Timothy 2:21

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.

Consequently, they become the priests who are lame spiritually.

Acts 3:1-6

3:1. Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

3:2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;

3:3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.

3:4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."

3:5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

3:6 Then Peter said, "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."

Being spiritually lame means as follows:

- Not being able to enter the Gate of the temple. It means unfaithfulness or not being active in the service and ministry to God, especially for a pastor.
The Table of Showbread turns into the table of moneychanger when one becomes a pastor in order to be wealthy. He cannot feed the congregation.
- One never enters the Beautiful gate. It means that his life is never beautiful, but in weariness, heavy burdens, tears, and sufferings.
- Being on the bed or the destruction in marriage and children because of the unclean spirit.
- Begging means the stinginess and greediness.
The stinginess means that one cannot give to the work of God and others who are in need.
The greediness means stealing the possession of others, especially God's, namely the tithes and offerings.
Do not deliberately owe in order to steal it in the business with other people. Being in bankruptcy, there must be the good settlement. Such person must not run away nor get angry when the creditor comes.

The stinginess and greediness are the lust rust on the last days. Be careful.

James 5: 3

5:3. Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days.

The consequence is being lame or in impossibility and perdition.

Not being willing to be sanctified, the servants of God will only become like the grass and wood.

Being sanctified from the rust of gold and silver or the uncleanness, bitterness, and evil by the refiner's fire or the shepherding Word, we will be the servants of God who appear like the pure silver and gold.

1. The choice silver refers to the honesty.

Proverbs 10:20

10:20. The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little.

We must be honest. It begins from the teachings. We must support and obey the true teachings. We must avoid other people who are in the false teachings. Do not make hostility towards them.

2. The pure gold refers to the characteristics of Jesus, namely obedience until the flesh does not speak. Jesus is obedient until He dies on the cross.

If we are honest and obedient, we will get the following results:

1. We are used in the ministry for the edification of the perfect body of Christ or the good or glorious work.

2 Timothy 2:21

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.

The ministry of the edification of Christ's body starts from the marriage, shepherding, and inter-shepherding, until Israelites and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

2. We can call the name of Jesus and experience the miraculous power of His name.

Acts 3:6-8

3:6. Then Peter said, "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."

3:7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

3:8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them--walking, leaping, and praising God.

'In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth'= the spiritual silver and gold.

The sons of Sceva were not honest, but they called the name of Jesus. Consequently, they were overpowered.

If we are honest and obedient, calling the name of Jesus, there will be the following powers of God:

- The power of miraculous healing from all kinds of diseases.
- The power of help to erase all impossibilities. There is nothing impossible for the name of Jesus.
- 'rise up and walk'= the power of lifting up to change the failure into success and beauty as well as heal the destroyed marriage and children to be righteous, one, and joyful.

Call the name of Jesus! Do not quarrel! Do not keep the uncleanness and evil as well as the rust in the heart!

The power of lifting up is the same as the one of the life renewal. This is the spiritual miracle. We are changed from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus. The lame man sat and then jumped, praising God.

It means that the kidney or the deepest feeling jumps or there are faithfulness and fervency in spirit in the service and ministry to God. We can prioritize the heavenly kingdom more than anything. All things will be added to us by God. There is abundant preservation power from God, so we will never be in deficiency, but sufficiency until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world; even until we get the eternal life.

There is the power of Jesus' name in the Word and Holy Communion. If we delight in it, God will also delight in our life although we still have the weakness.

Isaiah 5:7

5:7. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; For righteousness, but behold, a cry for help.

Maybe we have delighted in it, but our fruits are still sour or bitter. Do not go back because it is still the beginning. We must keep faithful and fervent in spirit and someday the fruits will be sweet.

Let us delight in the teaching Word until God does goodness in our life.

Psalms 119:16-17

119:16. I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

119:17 GIMEL. Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word.

Then, let us delight in the worship prayer.

Acts 3:1

3:1. Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

God does not look at our weakness. The important thing is that we delight in serving and ministering to God, the teaching, and prayer. Someday, God will drink all bitter and sour things, saying 'It is finished'!

Call the name of Jesus! We will be changed to be perfect and worthy to welcome His coming.

God blesses you.