

Bible Study Service in Malang, April 23, 2019 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 9:7-12 is about the locusts and scorpions.

The locusts refer to the evil and unclean spirits that come out of the bottomless pit.

There are two things about the locusts as follows:

1. The shape is like horses prepared for battle.

Revelation 9:7

9:7 The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.

2. The tails are like scorpions and there are stings in their tails.

Revelation 9:10

9:10 They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months.

1 Corinthians 15:55-56

15:55. "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

15:56. The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

The sting of scorpion is the same as the one of death, namely sins.

So, the locusts refer to evil and unclean spirits as the trigger of sin to make human, especially the servant of God, sin up to the peak.

Consequently, men will be hurt for five months up to perdition in the hell forever.

The states of the locusts or sins are as follows:

1. On their heads are crowns of something like gold.

Revelation 9:7

9:7 The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.

It means that sins reign or control the servant of God.

2. Their faces are like the faces of men.

The face refers to human's heart.

It means that sin controls the heart of the servant of God.

If sin controls heart and mind, it will control the deed, words and all of human life.

3. They have hair like women's hair.

Revelation 9:8

9:8 They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.

It means that sins grow rapidly up to the peak, and they cannot be finished easily; even they are unable to be finished.

4. Their teeth are like lions' teeth.

It means shredding, causing divisions, or dividing the body of Christ, starting from marriage, shepherding, and inter-shepherding.

Sin separates us from others and God.

For example, Job was separated from God and others because of the self-truth, but finally he could see God.

The disciples were also separated from Jesus.

John 20:19-20

20:19. Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were

*assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."
20:20. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.*

At evening, the disciples shut the doors.

Now, in the last days, the church or the servant of God shuts his heart spiritually, so he is separated from God and others.

It means as follows:

1. Having fear, worry, or stress because of hiding sins tightly in the heart or temptations from outside.
The shepherd is in the fear, worry, or stress if he is left by the sheep.

Being afraid, anxious, and stressed is the main killer, both physically and spiritually in the last days.

2. Facing deadlock or impossible thing that makes one disappointed and desperate until he leaves God. He lives in suffering, toil, and tears up to perdition forever.

In this world, shutting the door at evening is a normal habit. That is why in the last days many churches experience the shut door spiritually because of hardening the heart.

Consequently, one experiences fear, stress, *et cetera*.

The way out when we face the shut door is **seeing Jesus** who has risen and brought peace.

Psalm 17:15

17:15. As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

Now, we can see Jesus who has risen through the Word which is revealed through a verse that explains another verse in the bible. It is the same as the true teaching word that is sharper than any two-edged sword or the trumpet sound with the power of resurrection.

Jesus who has risen is able to enter through the shut door. It means that the revival of the true teaching word cannot be blocked by anyone and anything.

The revival of the true teaching word will be greater up to the one at the last rain or the one of the building of the perfect body of Christ.

The process of seeing Jesus who has risen is as follows:

1. **Seeing Jesus' side that was pierced, of which blood and water came out.**

John 20:20

20:20. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

The true teaching word encourages us to receive the blood and water sign from Jesus' side.

Receiving the blood sign means believing in Jesus and repenting. We die to sin especially five main sins that make the Gentiles become the same as dog and swine.

1 Peter 2:1

2:1. Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,

- Malice. The root of wickedness is the love of money or being bound by money that makes one greedy and stingy. Being stingy means that one cannot give anything for doing the work of God and to others who are in need. Being greedy means that one steals the possession of God, namely the tithe and special offering, and the one of others who are in need.
- Deceit. It means that sin grows, so one surely dries spiritually.
- Hypocrisy. It means that the things inside are not the same as the ones outside. The things which are done in the church are not the same as the ones which are done outside the church.
- Envy or hatred without reason.
- Evil speaking. It means that the true things are blamed and the false things are justified until blaspheming God, namely the true teaching word is blamed and the false teaching is justified.

Receiving the water sign means being baptized of water.

The true water baptism means that one who has died to sin or repented must be buried in the water with Jesus and come out or rise from water with Him to receive new life or heavenly one, namely the life in the anointment of Holy Spirit. We are like a newborn baby.

1 Peter 2:2

2:2. as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

As a newborn baby, we always desire the pure milk of the word, namely the true teaching word in the anointing of Holy Spirit, and obey it, so it is ingrained in our life. We can live in righteousness. We do not sin anymore.

As a result, we will experience peace.

Isaiah 32:17

32:17. The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

Psalms 5:12

5:12. For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

The righteous will be surrounded by God's blessing and mercy.

2. Seeing Jesus' nail-pierced hands. It means that we work like Jesus does.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- Working in the true consecration. It means that we minister to God according to the bible or true teaching word.

John 4:34

4:34. Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

We minister to God obediently and faithfully to the word. It is the same as feeding God and satisfying Him.

As a result, God will satisfy us too, so we experience peace and we always give thanks to Him.

- Working in holiness and the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Exodus 29:1

29:1. "And this is what you shall do to them to hallow them for ministering to Me as priests: Take one young bull and two rams without blemish,

If we are holy, we will be given the ministry. We are lifted up to become the priest. We are equipped with the gift of Holy Spirit.

The gift means the miraculous ability from Holy Spirit that is more than anything.

Ephesians 4:11

4:11. And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Our ministry starts from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding up to the one perfect body of Christ.

Leviticus 21:12

21:12. 'nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.

A priest who is used by God must be in the Holy Place, namely having the perseverance in committing the three kinds of main service to God as follows:

- a. The Golden Candlestick refers to the perseverance in committing the General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His anointing and gifts. Our candlestick will keep shining. We keep ministering to God faithfully. We drink spiritually.
- b. The Table of Showbread refers to the perseverance in committing the Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We have fellowship with the Son of God in the teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ. We eat spiritually, so we keep strong to follow and minister to Jesus.
- c. The Golden Altar of Incense refers to the perseverance in committing the Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love. We breathe with the love of God up to eternal life.

In the perseverance of committing the three kinds of main service to God, we attach to the trinity of God, so the trinity of Satan cannot touch us.

In the shepherding, we are purified continuously. We are devoted to become the apple of God's eye.

- Working with sacrifice. It is the same the sign of blood (Jesus' nail-pierced hands). It means that the tunic of many colors still must be dipped in blood, namely suffering in the flesh because of Jesus. As a result, Satan cannot touch and take off our robe of service. We can keep faithful and fervent until the finish line and the tunic becomes the fine linen, clean and bright.

1 Corinthians 15:58

15:58. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Revelation 19:8

19:8. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

3. Seeing Jesus' face.

John 20:20

20:20. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Matthew 17:2

17:2. and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

Seeing Jesus' face that shines like the sun is the same as **worshipping Him**, so the hard heart that is like the shut door will become like Jesus'.

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."

The heart of Jesus means as follows:

- Being lowly in heart, namely the ability to confess sin to God (vertical) and others (horizontal). Do not sin anymore after being forgiven!
- Being gentle, namely the ability to forgive others' sin and forget it.

As a result, all sins will be wiped by Jesus, so we experience rest and peace.

Experiencing peace means that we do not feel anything that flesh feels, but only God's mercy. As a baby, we just cry to God no matter anything that happens, so He remembers us.

Psalm 8:2-5

8:2. Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

8:3. When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

8:4. What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

8:5. For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

The results are as follows:

- The power of winning over enemy or Satan. We keep living in righteousness and holiness.
- The power of resurrection that is able to create something that does not exist yet.
- The power of resurrection that is able to purify and change us up to perfection like Jesus when He comes a second time.

God blesses us.