

Bible Study Service in Malang, April 25, 2024 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 21:13-14

21:13. *three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.*

21:14. *Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.*

The New Jerusalem has twelve gates. It refers to four times three.

The number four refers to the four gospels or the four corners of the world.

The number three refers to the Trinity of God.

The gate is the invitation of the Trinity of God by the preaching of the Word of God to all sinners in the world, so they can be saved up to perfection. As a result, they become the heavenly bride to enter the New Jerusalem or the eternal kingdom of heaven.

The names are written on the twelve gates, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. It means that those who are actually invited by Jesus to enter the New Jerusalem are the Israelites. But, a part of the Israelites has rejected Jesus, so there are opportunity and mercy for the Gentiles to enter the New Jerusalem. So, God's invitation is sent to the Israelites and the Gentiles or all people in the world.

Romans 11:25-26

11:25. *For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.*

11:26. *And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;*

The three steps to enter the New Jerusalem are as follows:

1. Jacob saw the gate of heaven.

Genesis 28:16-22

28:16. *Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."*

28:17. *And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"*

28:18. *Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it.*

28:19. *And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously.*

28:20. *Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on,*

28:21. *"so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God.*

28:22. *"And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."*

The gate of heaven is God's house or His presence.

So, all of us must always feel God's presence, so we have the fear of God. It means as follows:

- Hating sin up to perverse mouth.

Proverbs 8:13

8:13. *The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.*

- Keeping remembering and naming the name of Jesus and departing from iniquity.

2 Timothy 2:19

2:19. *Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."*

- Keeping seeking God. It means ministering and worshiping God.

Psalms 34:5

34:5. *I sought the LORD, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.*

As a result, God hears our prayer and delivers us from all our fears. So, we experience serenity or the soul preservation. God blesses us with the physical blessing.

- We always return the tithe that belongs to God.

Genesis 28:20-22

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The tithe is our confession that we have been blessed by God. We confess that we do not live by the world, but by God up to eternal life. If we live by the world, we will be burned up with the world.

Genesis 14:20-23

14:20. And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

14:21. Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself."

14:22. But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,

14:23. "that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich' --

The tithe is also our confession that we are set free from the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah, namely the one of uncleanness. We are bound with the heavenly kingdom.

2. **Moses saw the gate of heaven in the Tabernacle.**

The three doors in the Tabernacle are as follows:

- **The Gate**--the Court of the Tabernacle.

John 14:6

14:6. Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Jesus is the only door to come to the Father in heaven. It is the same as the only gate of heaven.

The process of entering the gate of kingdom of heaven is as follows:

- a. Having faith or trusting Jesus as the only Savior by hearing the Word which is anointed by Holy Spirit.

Romans 10:17

10:17. So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Holy Spirit helps us to hear the Word earnestly

and with a need until we understand and believe in it. The Word becomes faith in our heart. We trust that Jesus is the only Savior or the only gate of heaven.

- b. For with the heart one believes, and with the mouth one confesses Jesus. It means confessing sin to God and others. Do not sin anymore after being forgiven!

Romans 10:10

For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

We repent. We are dead to sin. It refers to the Altar Of Burnt Offerings.

- c. The new birth by water and Spirit, namely the water baptism and Holy Spirit baptism.

John 3:5

3:5. Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

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 the heavenly one. We experience Holy Spirit baptism, so we live in righteousness. It means finding Jesus as the Savior. We enter the gate of heaven. We are saved and

blessed by God.

- **The Door of the Tabernacle**, namely the fullness of Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:41-42

2:41. *Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.*

2:42. *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

Holy Spirit is in power, so the flesh does not have the power anymore. The fact is that we persevere in doing the three kinds of main service to God. It means persevering in the sheepfold or the Holy Place. We become the sheep that are shepherded well and correctly, so we meet Jesus, the Good Shepherd who gives His life to the sheep.

Psalm 23:1-6

23:1. *<<A Psalm of David.>> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

23:2. *He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.*

23:3. *He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.*

23:4. *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

23:5. *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.*

23:6. *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.*

The shepherd is the basic need of the sheep. Having a shepherd, all of the basic needs of congregation will be provided by him, namely the food.

The Good Shepherd provides the double foods for the congregation as follows:

- a. *'the green pastures and still waters'* means the Gospel Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit, so the sheep can lie down on the green pastures and enjoy the still waters. It means experiencing serenity or peace, so all things become easy and light in the midst of threats of the world. The sheep always get fresh, so they are not dry spiritually. They always minister to God faithfully and fervently as well as give thanks to God. The Gospel Word stabilizes and increases the righteousness and salvation. It is the same as stabilizing and increasing God's blessing.
- b. *'a table'* refers to the solid food, namely the teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit to give the extra power for fighting against the enemy, challenge and, obstacle. The teaching Word also gives the comfort in sadness, bitterness, failure, and grief. We can keep giving thanks to God. We keep following and ministering to God.

[verse 6] We live in God's goodness and mercy until we can say, *'I shall not want'*. We are taken care of physically up to abundance, namely we always give thanks to God. We become the blessing for others up to perfection. We enter the gate of the New Jerusalem.

- **The veil**. It refers to the tearing of the flesh until it does not speak anymore.

The fact is obeying God until the flesh does not speak anymore. We love God more than everything. It is called the ordination of the bride or the one in the love.

Matthew 7:21-23

7:21. *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.*

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?'*

7:23. *"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'*

Ministering without love means becoming disobedient or being not in line with the Word. It may seem great before men, but it is not recognized by God. One just practices lawlessness until he is cast out by God.

Revelation 22:17

22:17. *And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts*

come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Ministering with love means becoming obedient, so we are invited to enter the gate of the New Jerusalem. As a result, the doors in the world are also opened.

3. **John the apostle saw the gates of the New Jerusalem and twelve angels at the gates.**

Revelation 21:12

21:12. Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

The angel refers to the shepherd in the world. So, the shepherd must lead the sheep from the world until they enter the gate of the New Jerusalem. It means as follows:

- Leading into the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain or the building of the body of Christ.

John 10:16

10:16. "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

It starts from marriage, shepherding, inter shepherding until the Israelites and the Gentiles become one flock with one shepherd or one body with one head.

- Leading into the New Jerusalem, the last sheepfold.

Revelation 7:17

7:17. "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

It means that the Good Shepherd is able to change us from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus, starting from being strong and of good courage. We do not get disappointed and desperate as well as leave God regardless of anything that happens. We just trust and hope God as well worship Him. We stretch out our hand to God, so He stretches out His powerful hand to us.

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.

As a result, God is able to forgive or make propitiation for the sins of us. We repent and live in righteousness. We minister in peace, so all things become easy and light. God's hand is able to help and finish all of our impossible problems.

Matthew 20:34

20:34. So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

God's hand heals the disease which is impossible to be cured. The marriage which is in the darkness can be restored to become one.

1 Chronicles 19:13

19:13. "Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the LORD do what is good in His sight."

God's hand is able to do all things well. The thing that has been destroyed can be good.

Ruth 2:10-13

2:10. So she fell on her face, bowed down to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

2:11. And Boaz answered and said to her, "It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before.

2:12. "The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."

2:13. Then she said, "Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me, and have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants."

God protects and takes care of us in the midst of the difficulties of the world. He gives serenity in the midst of shocks. He also gives the beautiful and successful future up to perfection.

God blesses us.