

Bible Study Service in Malang, August 11, 2020 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 11: 15-19 is about the sound of the seventh trumpet or the last one.

The seventh trumpet shows the following three things:

1. Verse 15-17 = Jesus, who will come a second time on the glorious clouds in the glory as the King of all kings and the Heavenly Bridegroom for establishing the heavenly kingdom on earth, namely the One-Thousand-year Kingdom of Peace or the future Paradise and the everlasting New Jerusalem (it has been explained from General Service in Malang, July 5, 2020 to General Service in Malang, August 2, 2020).
2. Verse 18 = the wrath of God upon the world (it has been explained from Bible Study Service in Malang, August 4, 2020).
3. Verse 19 = the Ark of Covenant, the perfect church, or the heavenly bride.

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Revelation 11:18

11:18. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

The seventh trumpet shows the wrath of God upon the world, namely the three times seven judgments, the doomsday, up to the everlasting judgment in the hell.

Nevertheless, it also shows the reward for the servants of God, the prophets, the holy people, and those who fear the Lord, small and great.

It refers to the justice of God for condemning the people who deserve to and must receive it as well as giving reward to the people who deserve to and must receive it.

Who deserves to receive the reward from God? '*Your servants*'= the servants of God.

The meanings of the servants of God are as follows:

1. **The servants of righteousness.**

Romans 6:12-13,18,22

6:12. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

6:13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

6:18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

6:22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

They refer to those who have been delivered, set free, or redeemed from sins up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage, so they live in righteousness and become the instruments of righteousness for receiving the wage of eternal life.

The process of being the servants of God or righteousness, especially for the Gentiles, is through being redeemed from sins by the precious blood of Jesus coming from His side, out of which blood and water came out.

Thus, the Gentiles must receive the sign of blood and water from the side of Jesus for being the servants of righteousness.

- The sign of blood in the Tabernacle refers to the Altar of Burnt Offerings. Formerly, the animal for the offering was burnt and the blood was poured and taken for the remission of sins of the natives of Israel. Now, the animal for the offering has been fulfilled by the blood of Jesus.

It means that we must believe Jesus and repent.

There must be the faith first and then the repentance. If there is no faith, one will commit sins like dog and swine.

Repenting means stopping sinning and returning to God or being dead to sin.

The Gentiles, who cost the dog and swine, must believe Jesus, who has died on the cross, so we are encouraged to confess our sins to God and other people seriously and we get the remission of sin by the blood of Jesus. After that, do not repeat the sin! We die to sin, especially from the meaningless words, lies, gossips, slanders, and sinful deeds

up to the peak.

Repenting is the same as being set free from the old life which costs the dog and swine for being precious before God.

Thus, the matter of the Gentiles' being appreciated or not does not depend on the riches or poverty, but the matter of repenting or not. Repenting, we have been precious before God.

- The sign of water in the Tabernacle refers to the Brazen Laver.

It means the water baptism.

Only repenting is dangerous because one still can repeat the sins. Therefore, we must be baptized of water.

Romans 6:4

6:4. Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

The true water baptism means that one who has believed Jesus and repented or died to sin must be buried in water with Him and raised from water with Him to get the new or heavenly life, namely in the anointing of Holy Spirit. It means living in the righteousness and becoming the instruments or servants of righteousness. This thing is very precious before God.

Matthew 3:16

3:16. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

Be careful! Satan tries to make men fall and return to become the dog and swine which are not precious; even they perish forever.

How is the way to face it? The servants of righteousness must be shepherded well and correctly.

Proverbs 12:26

12:26. The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Being shepherded well and correctly means as follows:

- Being shepherded to the true Vine, the true teaching Word, or Jesus Himself.
- Dwelling in the sheepfold or having the perseverance in doing the three main services to God as follows:
 - a. The Golden Candlestick or the perseverance in doing the General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts.
 - b. The Table of Showbread or the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
 - c. The Golden Altar of Incense or the perseverance in doing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love until we reach the eternal life.

In the sheepfold or the Holy Place, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God. The results are as follows:

- We cannot be made fall in sins up to the peak. We cannot be deceived by the false teachings. We will not return to being the servants of Satan. Our life becomes precious in the sheepfold. We deserve to get the eternal life.
- Not being the servants of men.

1 Corinthians 7:23

7:23. You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.

Galatians 1:9-10

1:9. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

1:10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

Being the servants of men means only pleasing men or congregation although it is not in line with the true teaching Word.

Outside the true teaching Word, a thing seems successful, joyful, and so on, but someday it will vanish away and there will be the judgment. Be careful about the relationship, job, and study! The measurement must be the true teaching Word.

Being the servant of men is the same as making God grieved.

- Not being the servant of money.

Luke 16:13-14

16:13. "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

16:14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him.

Being the servant of money means serving and ministering to God only to look for the physical things or leaving the service and ministry to God to look for the physical things.

We must work and study hard, but we must appreciate the blood of Jesus as well as the service and ministry to God more.

In the sheepfold, we are sanctified like a branch which attaches to the true Vine. We are always cleansed or sanctified until we can produce the fruit of holiness. That is the servant of righteousness.

Romans 6:22

6:22. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

Having the fruit of holiness, we will receive the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit. 'My Father is the vinedresser' means that God is able to preserve and protect us who are small and powerless like a branch in the midst of the difficulties in the world up to the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world and we receive the wage of eternal life.

John 15:1

15:1. "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

2. Ones who take the example of Jesus.

John 5:19

5:19. Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

Jesus takes the example of the Father. We take the example of Jesus.

The shepherding system is in giving the examples, not governing or forcing.

There are at least two examples of Jesus as follows:

- The example of obedience.

Philippians 2:8

2:8. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

He is obedient to the point of death on the cross. He sacrifices all things for obeying the Father.

Why? It happens because the obedience is His characteristic which cannot be changed by anything.

Taking the example of Jesus means that we must be obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore or we willingly sacrifice all things for God. We dare to pay the price for being obedient.

What we sacrifice for being obedient to God will not vanish away, but it will be returned to us in time of need. Moreover, we will be given the glory. We just need to wait for the time of God.

Be careful! Not being willing to pay the price for being obedient, one will lose everything like Saul.

Do not be obedient only for being seen by men. It means that the obedience does not become the characteristic. It will be dangerous because there will be disobedience someday, especially when one is under pressure or tempted

by the blessings like Saul.

Therefore, the obedience must be our characteristic.

Obedying God is the same as loving Him and other people; even we love other people who make hostility towards us. We only do good things to other people; even we can repay good for evil.

Hurting other people, one becomes obedient only for being seen by men. If the people who are hurt are faithful and obedient to Jesus, he will face Jesus Himself.

- The example of faithfulness.

2 Timothy 2:13

2:13. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Jesus keeps faithful until He dies on the cross although we are not faithful.

Why? It happens because faithfulness is His characteristic.

When we are not faithful and obedient, we will be separated from God. Nevertheless, when God still helps us at that time, we must quickly return to the faithfulness and obedience.

We take the example of Jesus. It means that we must sacrifice all things for being faithful to Jesus until the end line. We serve and minister to God faithfully.

We must also become the servants of God who are faithful in the marriage. If the husband, wife, boyfriend, girlfriend, or fiancÃ© is not faithful, we must keep faithful.

Be careful! Do not be faithful only for being seen by other people! It means that the faithfulness does not become the characteristic. For example, one becomes unfaithful when he faces the pressure, temptation, blessing, and so on.

In conclusion, the faithful and obedient servants of God are the same as the faithful and good ones.

Matthew 25:21

25:21. "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

The results are as follows:

- Being entrusted to be ruler over many things, namely the edification of the perfect body of Christ that starts from the marriage.
Being faithful and good, we will live in the light. We are used as the light of testimony from our household.
Being evil and lazy, one will live in the darkness.

Matthew 25:30

25:30. 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

We testify about the Good News and the Bride Tidings.

- All things become good and joyful until we enter the marriage supper of the Lamb when Jesus comes a second time, the paradise, and the New Jerusalem.

3. **Being able to work together.**

Colossians 4:10-11

4:10. Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him),

4:11 and Jesus who is called Justus. These are my only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me.

There are two kinds of working together as follows:

- Working together with other people, especially in the difficulty, suffering, and sorrow.
For example, only three friends from among many friends of Paul willingly worked together with him when he was in prison. It refers to a tested working together because it happened in the sprinkling of blood.
- Working together with God.

1 Corinthians 3:9

3:9. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.

He wants to work together with us only for our interest although we do not deserve to get it.

John 9:1-5

9:1. Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.

9:2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

9:3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

9:4 "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

9:5 "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

'the works of God should be revealed in him'= He wants to work together with us regardless of any condition we have.

For example, Jesus worked together with a blind man from birth. Men often blame at God and parents because of the powerless condition, gloomy future life, impossibilities, and permanent weakness.

Do not blame at other people! We must know that all conditions we have are for working together with God.

John 9:6-7

9:6 When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

9:7 And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

The ways to work together with God are as follows:

a. As for God:

- i. He spat. It means preaching the true teaching Word, which is sharper than any two-edged sword or the sanctification Word which shows us our sins, so we feel despicable and not precious like the saliva only.
- ii. He spoke the order which was outside the logic. He ordered the blind man from birth to go to the pool.
The teaching Word often is not in line to our logic or it is impossible for us; even it seems to make us suffer and harm us, so we murmur and reject it.

b. As for us:

- i. We receive the sanctification by the true teaching Word which shows us our hidden sins, so we can confess all of our sins honestly. We make peace with God and other people. After being forgiven, do not repeat the sin!

Making peace with other people about sins means confessing and forgiving one another.

Making peace about the difference in the teachings means returning to the Bible honestly. If the teachings are same, the ministry and worship will be same too.

Through making peace, there is no division anymore, but the unity of the body of Christ.

- ii. Being obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore.

Having the honesty and obedience is the same as being the house of prayer. We just need to wait for the time of God. He will stretch out His powerful hands for making the blind man from birth able to see.

It means that all impossible problems can be finished. Let us surrender all permanent weaknesses in all things to God. There will be the beautiful and successful future life.

Spiritually, we are sanctified from sins and the bad characteristics are changed until we are perfect when Jesus comes a second time. We do not stumble in words. We only shout for joy, saying "*Alleluia*".

If we can worship with saying "*Alleluia*"; all things will be finished by the glory of God until we are worthy to receive the eternal life and enter the everlasting heavenly kingdom.

God blesses you.