

Bible Study Service in Malang, August 18, 2016 (Thursday Evening)

To Coincide with the Upgrading Service for the Priests and Priests to be III

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

Revelation 4:4

4:4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

The twenty four elders are around the throne of heavenly kingdom. They can be divided into two parts as follows.

1. 12 elders = 12 apostles of the early rain church who are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain in the gospel Word for saving the sinful people.
2. 12 elders = 12 apostles of the latter rain church who are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain in the teaching Word for choosing the saved people, sanctify and perfect them to be the same as Jesus.

The revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain with the one at the latter rain is the same as the revival for building the perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride.

The twenty four elders are the same as the priests and kings who actively minister to God in the building of the perfect body of Christ until they can be on the throne of heaven.

We must be the priests and kings now. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, and inter-shepherding fellowship service, up to the one perfect body of Christ from Israel and Gentiles or the bride of heaven who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming. We actively do the ministry means that we are always stirred and take part in it.

John 2:19-20

2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

2:20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

The physical temple was built for forty six years. The figure four refers to the four commandments on the first tablet of the two tablets of stone. The figure six refers to the six commandments on the second tablet of the two tablets of stone. Thus, the base of the building of the physical temple is the Law. It means that the Gentiles cannot take part in it.

The spiritual temple or the body of Christ is built in three days that refer to the sacrifice of Christ or the great grace of God, so the Gentiles may take part in the ministry for building the body of Christ.

Thus, **only the great mercy and goodness of God enable the Gentiles to be the priests and kings who are used in the ministry for building the body of Christ.** It costs the blood of Jesus that cannot be bought or traded by anything in the world.

Luke 13:31-34

13:31 On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, "Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You."

*13:32 And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures **today and tomorrow, and the third day** I shall be perfected.'*

13:33 "Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.

13:34 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!

The purpose or direction of the ministry for building the body of Christ is toward New Jerusalem or the heavenly bride in the eternal heavenly kingdom.

Nevertheless, there are **the hindrances** as follows.

1. Herod or the fox.

It means the fleshly man who rejects the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword. Consequently, there is hatred without a cause.

2. Jerusalem.

It means the servants or sons of God who have hard heart. They keep their evil sin or the love of money and uncleanness one or the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage, as well as the bitterness in heart although they have received the true teaching Word. They divide the body of Christ and cause problems in the ministry for building

the body of Christ.

Luke 13:32

13:32 And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.'

Jesus works in the ministry for building the body of Christ with the system as follows.

1. Today or the first day.

John 19:28-30

19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"

19:29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.

19:30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "**It is finished!**" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

"It is finished!" means that the ministry of reconciliation has been finished. All sins of evil, uncleanness, and bitterness have been finished by Jesus on the cross, except the sin of unbelieving and the one which is not confessed or the hidden one. The sin is often hidden by blaming others.

Jesus said "I thirst!" on the cross. It means that there is still the one opportunity for the sinful people, whoever they are, to minister to God through giving Jesus the sour wine mingled with gall. It means confessing the sins and the bitterness of life to God.

Jesus drank the sour wine means that He bears and forgives all of our sins. He also gives us the sweet wine.

The proof of having the forgiveness of sin is not sinning again, but living in the anointing of Holy Spirit, namely in righteousness. As a result, we have peace in our life and all things become easy and light. We can serve to others who are in weariness and bitterness of life.

The hyssop is used by God in the ministry of reconciliation on the cross.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

1:26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.

1:27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

1:28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,

1:29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.

Hyssop is the weakest plant. It refers to the servants of God who are chosen from the least and weakest, so they will not be proud of anything in the world.

Not having anything, we have the great opportunity to rely fully on God's great mercy and goodness which are more than anything in the world. Having something, we must struggle to suppose that all those things are only rubbish, so we can rely fully on God's great mercy and goodness.

The hyssop takes part in the ministry of reconciliation two times as follows.

- It was dipped in blood and put on the lintel and two doorposts of the house of Israel.

Exodus 12:22

12:22 "And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning.

It means as follows.

- a. A servant of God must experience the ministry of reconciliation first and be set free from sins.
- b. A servant of God must willingly suffer because of Jesus. The more the hyssop absorb the blood or the more we are sanctified and willingly suffer for the Lord, the more we are used by God and trusted in the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18

5:18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

As a result, we are used to testify the Good News and Bride Tidings. It begins from the marriage. If the mouth is not used to testify, but gossip, the blood is wiped away and the death will come. Consequently, the tear, problems, and sins up to the perdition come down.

- Hyssop was dipped in the sour wine. It means as follows.
 - a. Bearing the burdens of others, especially sin burden.
 - b. The sour wine was put to the mouth of Jesus until He said "*It is finished!*" It means that the mouth of Jesus says the intercession prayer until all of our problems are solved; even the sins are finished and we become perfect.

If hyssop does not want to be dipped in blood or sour wine, it will be dry. It means the dry saying which is not in line with the one of faith. The dry saying weakens the faith of both the speaker and the hearer.

1 Kings 4:33

4:33 Also he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree of Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall; he spoke also of animals, of birds, of creeping things, and of fish.

Hyssop may live on the wall although it is small, weak, and powerless. It means that it may live anywhere, anytime, and in any circumstance because it lives by the great grace and goodness of God up to the eternal life.

2. Tomorrow or the second day.

Revelation 16:17-21

16:17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "***It is done!***"

16:18 And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.

16:19 Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

16:20 Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

16:21 And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

One who keeps the sins up to the peak will get "*It is done!*" or the judgment of God to the people who reject the reconciliation.

There are 3x7 judgments in the book of Revelation as follows.

- 7 judgments of the seal which are done by Holy Spirit God because one rejects Him.
- 7 judgments of the trumpet which are done by the Son of God because one rejects the Word.
- 7 judgments of the bowl which are done by Father God because one rejects the love.

The hail means that the love becomes cold and the fire of rebellion increases.

Exodus 9:18-19,24,26

9:18 "*Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause very heavy hail to rain down, such as has not been in Egypt since its founding until now.*

9:19 "*Therefore send now and gather your livestock and all that you have in the field, for the hail shall come down on every man and every animal which is found in the field and is not brought home; and they shall die.*" ' ' "

9:24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, so very heavy that there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

9:26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, there was no hail.

There are only two safe places as follows.

- The marriage or household as the place for loving one another, not the place for blaming or accusing one another. We fill and help one another in the marriage. The husband loves the wife as his own body and does not do bitterly toward her. The wife submits to the husband in everything. The children obey the parents.

- Goshen or the shepherding pen. It means the perseverance in doing three main services to God as follows.
 - a. Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service to have the fellowship with Holy Spirit God.
 - b. Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God.
 - c. Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Worship Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God.

As a result, we are like a branch that dwells in the Vine, so we can bear the sweet fruits. We have the miraculous preservation and protection of God in our life.

3. **The third day.**

Revelation 21:2-6

21:2 *Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

21:3 *And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.*

21:4 *"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."*

21:5 *Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."*

21:6 *And He said to me, "**It is done!** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.*

"It is done" means that the renewal in New Jerusalem has been finished.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

5:18 *Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,*

One who receives the reconciliation and the trust to get the ministry of reconciliation will get the renewal day by day continually until he is as glorious as Jesus is and becomes the heavenly bride.

Luke 13:34-35

13:34 *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!*

13:35 *"See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'"*

One who starts rejecting the ministry of reconciliation will be left by God and desolate. He is separated from God and destroyed forever in the hell.

The old Jerusalem must be left and we go to the new one. We must have the renewal and learn from the fig tree that becomes gentle. It has not born the fruit for about six thousand years because of being hard, but then it can be gentle.

Let us learn to be gentle to confess our sins, failure, and bitterness in life. We also confess that we are only like the weak, meaningless, and powerless hyssop. We are only like the chick that relies on the great mercy and goodness of God.

Romans 8:32

8:32 *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*

The hand of God's mercy and goodness determines our death and life, preserves and protects us from now on in the world up to the days when the antichrist reigns over the world. The hand of God's mercy and goodness is able to give us beautiful and successful future life; even it is able to perfect us and we become the heavenly bride. We enter the heavenly kingdom and sit on the throne of heaven forever.

Ruth 3:18

3:18 *Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day."*

God blesses you.