

Bible Study Service in Malang, August 28, 2018 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 7:15-17

7:15 *"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them."*

7:16 *"They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat;*

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."*

The activities of God on the throne of heaven are as follows.

1. Dwelling among or covering us with His wings.
2. Shepherding and leading us to living fountains of waters.

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John 10:3-4

10:3 *"To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."*

10:4 *"And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice."*

We must follow the guidance of God's hands through the Shepherd's voice or the shepherding Word. The shepherding Word means the true teaching Word which God entrusts to a pastor to preach to the congregation faithfully, regularly, and continually.

John 10:5

10:5 *"Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."*

We must run away from the strange voice.

The strange voice refers to the one which is not in line with the true teaching Word.

It turns the direction of our following Jesus, not to the heavenly kingdom anymore, but to the hell.

Mathew 8:18-20

8:18 *And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side."*

8:19 *Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."*

8:20 *And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."*

The shepherding Word or the voice of the Shepherd is able to increase our following the Lord as follows.

1. The son's following the Father. Nevertheless, there is the lost son.
2. The sheep' following the Shepherd. Nevertheless, there is the lost sheep.
3. The student's following the Teacher. Nevertheless, there is the lost student.
4. The body's following the Head. We follow Jesus wherever He goes. It is the same as the bride's following. There is no separation at all.

The bride's following refers to the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the one of the edification of the perfect body of Christ.

The fact found in it is entering the fellowship of the body of Christ. It starts from the marriage.

The revival of the edification of the body of Christ is as crossing or going to the other side to reach the harbor of peace.

Mathew 14:22

14:22 *Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away."*

Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side.

Not entering the edification of the body of Christ means rejecting the command of God. In such condition, one must be sinful.

The disciples refer to Christians who have been saved and willingly received the true teaching Word or the Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword.

Thus, the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain refers to the one in the true teaching Word.

If we willingly become a disciple by hearing and obeying the true teaching Word, we will be sanctified and equipped with the ministry, so we are used in the ministry for edifying the body of Christ.

Mathew 14:23

14:23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

Many people went home. It means that many are called, but few are chosen.

Many people have received the gospel word, believed Jesus, and got the salvation and God's blessings. Nevertheless, they do not want to receive the true teaching Word. They do not want to get the sanctification. It means that they do not want to cross to the harbor of the New Jerusalem.

Consequently, they go home. It means as follows.

1. Returning to the old life or characteristics. It is the same as dwelling on the seashore and facing the antichrist.

Revelation 12:13,17

12:13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.

12:17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 13:1

13:1 And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

Ones who are left on the days of the antichrist will have two possibilities. If they keep on worshiping Jesus, they will be beheaded, but resurrected when Jesus comes a second time. On the contrary, if they worship the antichrist, they will be the same as him and enter the edifying of the body of Babylon.

The Pharisees are the example of ones who return to the old life. They keep the traditions which are not in line with the Word.

Mathew 15:1-3

15:1 Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying,

15:2 "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread."

15:3 He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?"

King Herod actually was glad, hearing the teaching Word preached by John the Baptist. Nevertheless, he rejected the Word when his sin was pointed.

King Solomon held the sword of the Word since his youth and his life was successful. Nevertheless, he heard many strange voices from his wives in his old life.

2. Not sacrificing. One does not want to get the cross or the suffering in the flesh for the edifying of the body of Christ. Remember that there is glory behind the cross from now on in the world until we receive the eternal glory forever.

All things indeed must be sacrificed for crossing. Only the true teaching Word must not be sacrificed.

The signs of the true fellowship of the body of Christ are as follows.

1. **There must be the true Vine, the true teaching Word, or Jesus Himself.**

Where there is the true teaching Word, there is Holy Spirit. If the Word is obeyed, there will be love.

The true teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit will sanctify and change our life from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus is. It is the same as making the two wings of a great eagle grow to evacuate us to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the antichrist for three and a half years. Then the wings will lift us up to the glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time.

The Word which is done will become love. We can love God more than anything. We can also love other people like we love ourselves.

The love is eternal, so our ministry, marriage, and fellowship will be eternal too.

2. **The heart.**

Ephesians 4:2

4:2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

The lowliness means that we can confess our sins.

The gentleness means that we can forgive and forget the sins of others as well as receive others in their weakness or

goodness.

The longsuffering or patience means the ability to suffer for helping others.

If we have the lowliness, gentleness, and patience, we will be able to help and unite one another.

3. **Working according to our own the ministry or gifts and cooperating with others.**

1 Corinthians 12:11,7

12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

We must work according to the our own ministry and gifts and cooperate with others.

Mathew 14:24

14:24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

There are two great hindrances in the true fellowship of the body of Christ as follows.

1. **The wind that was contrary.**

Ephesians 4:14

4:14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

Such wind refers to the false worship that resists against the true fellowship of the body of Christ.

Revelation 17:3-5

17:3 So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

17:4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.

17:5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

It is supported by the antichrist through the prosperity and physical entertainment, but without the sanctification.

1 Corinthians 3:3-4

3:3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

3:4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

The signs are as follows.

- Envy and not appreciating the blessings and mercy of God.
- Strife. When it happens because of sin, we must do the reconciliation. When it happens because of the teaching, we must return to the Bible.
- Ministering to God, but it is not in line with the ministry, so there are false consecration and worship.

2 Chronicles 26:16-19

26:16 But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

26:17 So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the LORD--valiant men.

26:18 And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the LORD God."

26:19 Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the incense altar.

2. **The waves** as follows.

- The wave of sins of evil and uncleanness.
The sins of evil refer to the will of money which causes the stinginess and greediness.

The sins of uncleanness refer to the fornication between a man and a woman who are not a legal spouse. It may also happen between a man and another man and between a woman and another woman.

- The wave of impossible problems.
- The doubtful heart.

Mathew 14:29-32

14:29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

14:30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

14:32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

How can God help?

Mathew 14:23

14:23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

Jesus must die on the cross, rise, and ascend to heaven. As a High Priest, He prays the intercession prayer for us and stretches out His two hands which are full of mercy and lovingkindness to help us in His time.

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.

The Lord let Peter start to sink so that he could raise his hands and cry out to Him.

Mathew 14:30

14:30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

Psalms 107:28-30

107:28 Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble, And He brings them out of their distresses.

107:29 He calms the storm, So that its waves are still.

107:30 Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven.

The hands of God will guide us until we are lifted up on the glorious clouds to reach the harbor of peace or the New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.