

Bible Study Service in Malang, December 10, 2015 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 3:16-17

3:16 *"So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.*

3:17 *"Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' --and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked--*

The church of the Laodiceans or the one in the last days is lukewarm. It means that physically they are rich or do not need of anything, but spiritually, they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked or do not have anything. They are empty. They only prioritize physical things, but without being filled with the spiritual ones.

Consequently, they are vomited by God.

Revelation 3:18-19

3:18 *"I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.*

3:19 *"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.*

Therefore, God rebukes, advises, and chastens, so that the church of the Laodiceans or the one in the last days buy the heavenly treasure. There are three kinds of the heavenly treasure we must buy as follows.

1. Gold refined in the fire or the pure, permanent, and perfect faith.
2. White garments to cover the nakedness.
3. Eye salve that we may see.

We are still learning the second.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

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,*

5:19 *that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*

The white garments refer to the garments of the trust from God.

The sinful naked people must be reconciled first by the blood of Jesus. They are set free from the captive of the death. Afterwards, they can get the trust to do the ministry of reconciliation or get the white garments. They are worthy to be consecrated as priests and kings.

Ephesians 2:13-16

2:13 *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

2:14 *For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,*

2:15 *having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,*

2:16 *and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.*

The ministry or the word of reconciliation is able to unite the house of Israel and Gentiles in the one perfect body of Christ. We are appointed as priests and kings to be used in the ministry for building the perfect body of Christ. It begins from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding fellowship, up to the one perfect body of Christ between the house of Israel and Gentiles.

The true fellowship of the body of Christ is based on the true teaching Word as the True Vine, namely Jesus Himself. The signs of the true teaching Word are as follows.

- Being written in the Bible.
- Being spoken by Jesus Himself [John 15:3]. It is revealed through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible.
- Daring to reveal the true marriage.

- Being preached not to get physical advantage. Moreover, we sacrifice the physical things for preaching the Word.

2 Corinthians 2:17

2:17 *For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of*

God in Christ.

After being appointed as priests and kings and used in the ministry for building the body of Christ, we must keep ourselves that we will not be the captive of the death or sin anymore.

Haggai 1:1

1:1 In the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying,

For example, Judah has the priest and king, but captured, so there is no good and true ministry.

Haggai 1:4

1:4 "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?"

Consequently, the temple lies in ruins or becomes the dwelling place of the wolves and birds or evil and unclean spirits that aim at the building of the body of Babylon or the bride of Satan who will be destroyed.

Habakkuk 1:9

1:9 "They all come for violence; Their faces are set like the east wind. They gather captives like sand.

The servants of God who are the captives of sins are the same as the sand.

Genesis 22:15-17

22:15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,

22:16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son --

22:17 "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

There are two kinds of the quality of Christians or God's servants as follows.

1. **Like the sand as follows.**

- Being not active because of looking for physical things. There are no faithfulness and fervency in spirit in the true teaching Word and in serving and ministering to God.

Haggai 1:2, 9

1:2 "Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: 'This people says, "The time has not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built.'"

1:9 "You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says the LORD of hosts. "Because of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house.

Consequently, there is spiritual and physical dryness.

Haggai 1:10-11

1:10 "Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit.

1:11 "For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands."

Spiritual dryness means there is no grain or the Word, oil or Holy Spirit, and wine or the love. There is no satisfaction, so one looks for the pseudo satisfaction in the world until he falls in sin up to the peak.

Haggai 1:6

1:6 "You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, Earns wages to put into a bag with holes."

The physical life is also dry.

- Actively serving and ministering to God, one only looks at human, not Jesus or the true teaching Word.

Exodus 2:11-12

2:11 Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.

2:12 So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

Consequently, he hides the dead body in the sand. It means the hypocrisy, pretense, hatred, slander, and gossip.

- Actively serving and ministering to God, one does not obey the true teaching Word.

Matthew 7:26-27

7:26 *"But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:*

7:27 *"and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."*

Consequently, he cannot endure. He falls and the fall is great. It means that he departs from faith and perishes forever.

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!'*

The ministry which is not in line to the true teaching Word will be rejected by God although it seems great.

2. Like the stars.

It means that we are not the captive of the sins anymore after we are set free from the sin. We become the captive of the Spirit.

Acts 20:22, 28

20:22 *"And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there,*

20:28 *"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.*

To become the captive of the Spirit, we must serve to God in the shepherding system or the shepherding pen (Holy Place). It means that we have the perseverance in doing the three main services to God as follows.

- Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Serviceto have the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts. The sheep is drinking.
- Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communionto get the fellowship with the Son of God in the Word and the sacrifice of Christ. The sheep is eating.
- Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Worship Prayer Serviceto get the fellowship with Father God in the love. The sheep is breathing.

Our physical and spiritual lives are preserved directly by God in the shepherding. We do not fall or go astray, but keep on following and ministering to God until the end.

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.*

We are sanctified intensively and continually in the shepherding, so we get the anointing of Holy Spirit. **We become the captive of the Spirit or stars as follows.**

- We do not have our own plan or will, but only do the will of Holy Spirit.

Acts 20:22-23

20:22 *"And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there,*

20:23 *"except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.*

It means the obedience until the flesh does not speak anymore.

As a result, we will always be victorious with God. Nothing, including Satan, can hinder us.

- We finish the work of God which He trusts to us until the end, namely we pass away or Jesus comes a second time faithfully and responsibly.

Acts 20:24

20:24 "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Our service and ministry to God are like a race. We must do it until the end.

Acts 1:16-17, 20

1:16 "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus;

1:17 "for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry."

1:20 "For it is written in the book of Psalms: 'Let his dwelling place be desolate, And let no one live in it'; and, 'Let another take his office.'

If we serve and minister to God faithfully and responsibly until the end, we will be counted by God; even our hair is counted by Him. God cares for, protects, and possesses our life.

On the contrary, all things which have been done by someone will not be counted, but lost and destroyed if he leaves the service and ministry to God.

- We minister with our sacrifice, not to be served by others.

Mark 10:45

10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

We minister to God not with a purpose to get physical advantage. We do not rely on the world, but God.

Acts 20:35

20:35 "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

We willingly sacrifice for God's work until we can feel more joyful to give than to receive.

- We willingly suffer in the flesh and take up the cross to serve and minister to God.

Acts 20:23

20:23 "except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.

It is the same as the sprinklings of blood to make the renewal from fleshly man to spiritual one like Jesus.

Mark 10:41-44

10:41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

10:42 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

10:43 "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

10:44 "And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

The renewal from being great to being small means we feel nothing so that the greatness of God is shown in the ministry.

The renewal from being high to being low means we have the ability to confess our sins and esteem others more than us.

The renewal from being hard to being gentle means that we have the gentle heart and mouth like the baby Moses who cried after being thrown away to the river and being in the hands of Pharaoh's daughter. It means that we worship God in the sign of the cross or the sufferings. We worship God with a broken heart. We do not rely on the world, but the mercy of God only. As a result, the merciful hands of God will be stretched to us as follows.

- a. Moses was drawn out of water[Exodus 2:10]. The merciful hand of God is able to preserve and protect us miraculously in the midst of physical and spiritual difficulties in the world. Spiritually, we are protected from sins and false teachings. The hand of God preserves and protects us up to the time when the antichrist reigns over the world for three years and a half. We are evacuated to the wilderness.

- b. Moses was exalted from the son of slave to the one o king.

The merciful hand of God is able to give us the beautiful future life in time of need. We are appointed as priests and kings who are used in the ministry for building the body of Christ. The hand of God is able to remove impossibility. All problems can be solved by God.

c. Moses was taken up to the heaven.

Deuteronomy 34:5-6

34:5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

34:6 And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day.

Jude 1:9

1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

The death could not snatch Moses away whether he was alive or dead. We are set free from the death. We are changed until we are perfect. It begins from sincere, honest, and obedient heart. We become like a baby in the embrace of God's hand until we are lifted up to the glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time.

God blesses you.