

Bible Study Service in Malang, December 19, 2017 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 6:12-13

6:12 *I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.*

6:13 *And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.*

The sixth judgment of Holy Spirit God happens through the great earthquake physically and spiritually in the influence of the world with all of its activities, amenities, uncleanness, evil, and so on that cause the spiritual darkness.

1. '*the sun became black as sackcloth of hair*' means that there is no love of God anymore, but evil, uncleanness, iniquity, hatred up to the one without a cause.
2. '*the moon became like blood*' means that the redemption which is done by the blood of Jesus has been finished or there is no more redemption of sin. Men live in sins up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.
3. '*the stars of heaven fell to the earth*' means that Holy Spirit does not work anymore or one becomes unfaithful; even he does not want to serve to God anymore.

Acts 27:20

27:20 *Now when neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest beat on us, all hope that we would be saved was finally given up.*

The consequence of the spiritual darkness is the storm in the midst of the sea of the world.

In our following and ministering to Jesus, we must face the wind and wave or storm in the midst of the sea of the world which is blown by Satan to drown the boat of our life until it perishes forever.

What is the meaning of the wind and wave?

Physically, the wave refers to impossible temptations in all aspects which make many servants of God disappointed and hopeless until leaving Him. Spiritually, it refers to sins up to the peak which cause the servants of God to live in evil, uncleanness, bitterness of heart, jealousy, hatred, and revenge. Moreover, it enters the marriage. For example, Cain hated Abel and the brothers of Joseph hated him.

The wind refers to the false teachings, deceiving doctrines, and gossips that make the sons of God doubtful to the true teaching Word.

Why is the Church often attacked by the wind and waves?

1. Because of rejecting the true teaching Word and following the saying that is in line with the flesh.

Acts 27:11

27:11 *Nevertheless the centurion was more persuaded by the helmsman and the owner of the ship than by the things spoken by Paul.*

2. Because of rejecting the cross or not willingly experiencing the tearing to the flesh and only looking for the things which are comfortable for the flesh or give profit although they are not in line with the true teaching Word.

Acts 27:12

27:12 *And because the harbor was not suitable to winter in, the majority advised to set sail from there also, if by any means they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete opening toward the southwest and northwest, and winter there.*

There are three kinds of wind as follows.

1. **The south wind that blows softly.** It refers to the doctrines which deceive.

Acts 27:13

27:13 *When the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their desire, putting out to sea, they sailed close by Crete.*

Galatians 1:6-8

1:6 *I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,*

1:7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

1:8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

It refers to **the false teachings that reverse the Word**. The Word is interpreted using the logic and science. Such interpretation is in line with human logic, but it loses the spiritual meaning as well as the power of sanctification and salvation. The Word is added and taken away to touch the emotion of the congregation. Consequently, their heart is never touched and they never experience the renewal of life.

Luke 12:55

12:55 "And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is.

The south wind only brings spiritual dryness or dissatisfaction, so one always murmurs, grumbles, and argues. The congregation does not experience spiritual satisfaction, so they look for the other satisfaction in the world. Moreover, the worldly satisfaction is brought to the church.

2. The head wind.

Acts 27:14-15

27:14 But not long after, a tempestuous head wind arose, called Euroclydon.

27:15 So when the ship was caught, and could not head into the wind, we let her drive.

It comes from the front. It means **the false teachings which resist against the cross or the foundation of the edifying of the perfect body of Christ.**

Philippians 3:18-19

3:18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

3:19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame--who set their mind on earthly things.

Resisting against the cross means that there are no redemption and holiness.

The forms of such teachings are as follows.

- The teachings of Balaam, namely serving and ministering to God only to look for physical profit, without sanctification.

2 Peter 2:15

2:15 They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

- The doctrine of the Nicolaitans, namely making all ways legal to make many people come, but without sanctification, because there will be much money if there are many people.

Revelation 2:14-15

2:14 "But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.

2:15 "Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

Revelation 17:4-5

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.

The direction is only towards Babylon, namely the bride of Satan or the perfection in wickedness and uncleanness. Babylon is a harlot. It means unfaithfulness in serving and ministering to God.

3. The tempestuous wind.

Acts 27:14

27:14 But not long after, a tempestuous head wind arose, called Euroclydon.

It means the wind of the doctrines of demons as follows.

- The teachings of Jezebel, namely false teachings which allow woman to teach and have authority over men, so Jesus cannot be the Head. The serpent becomes the head, so the destruction comes.

Revelation 2:20

2:20 "Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

1 Timothy 2:11-14

2:11 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.

2:12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

2:13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

A woman who keeps silent is placing man over her and Jesus will be the Head of the marriage.

The teachings of Jezebel resist against Bride Tidings.

- The doctrine of the depth of Satan. It resists against Tabernacle teachings.

Revelation 2:24

2:24 "Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden.

If there is the attack of the three kinds of wind, the boat will not endure, but strikes a place where two seas meet.

Acts 27:41

27:41 But striking a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the prow stuck fast and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the violence of the waves.

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."

Striking a place where two seas meet means disobedience to the true teaching Word, so the boat is damaged. What is damaged?

1. The stern was broken up. The stern refers to the place where Jesus slept. It means that there is no more first love.
2. The prow stuck fast and remained immovable. It means that there is no hope or holiness.

Consequently, the boat never reaches the harbor of the New Jerusalem.

Ephesians 2:11-12

2:11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh--who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands--

2:12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

The damaged boat refers to the Gentiles without these five things.

1. Without circumcision. It means without holiness or the sword of the true teaching Word.
2. Without Christ. It means without the anointing of Holy Spirit, so the life is according to the flesh.
3. Without the promise to get eternal life. It means perdition.
4. Without hope. It means easily getting proud, disappointed, and hopeless.
5. Without God. It means being without love.

If it continues, the damaged boat will sink and be destroyed forever.

Acts 27:21-22

27:21 But after long abstinence from food, then Paul stood in the midst of them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me, and not have sailed from Crete and incurred this disaster and loss.

27:22 "And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.

The solution is as follows.

1. **Exhortation, namely the preaching of the true teaching Word.**

2 Timothy 4:2

4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

The true teaching Word will show us our hidden sins, so we can realize, regret, and confess the sins to God. After being forgiven, do not sin anymore. Moreover, the Word exhorts us so that we can keep on living in righteousness, holiness, and faithfulness.

2. Eating the Passover food. It refers to the sacrifice of Christ or the Holy Communion.

Acts 27:33-36

27:33 And as day was about to dawn, Paul implored them all to take food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day you have waited and continued without food, and eaten nothing.

27:34 "Therefore I urge you to take nourishment, for this is for your survival, since not a hair will fall from the head of any of you."

27:35 And when he had said these things, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all; and when he had broken it he began to eat.

27:36 Then they were all encouraged, and also took food themselves.

Exodus 12:6

12:6 'Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.

The teaching Word and the Holy Communion will make us strong and of good courage.

Acts 27:30-31

27:30 And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, when they had let down the skiff into the sea, under pretense of putting out anchors from the prow,

27:31 Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved."

Being strong and of good courage means not escaping from the presence of the Lord or not leaving the service and ministry to God. Keeping on being before God means persevering in doing the three main services to Him as follows.

- Perseverance in doing General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God.
- Perseverance in doing Bible Study Service to get the fellowship with the Son of God.
- Perseverance in doing Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God.

In the sheepfold, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the trinity of God, so the trinity of Satan cannot drown us.

In the sheepfold, we are sanctified, so we can confess that we are only a small piece of hair which is powerless and not precious.

Being strong and of good courage also means not being disappointed or hopeless and not leaving God, but keeping faithful and fervent in spirit in serving and ministering to Him as well as keeping on believing and hoping in Him. We raise our hands and fully surrender to God.

As a result, the great merciful hands of God are able to give peace, protection, and solution of all problems. Moreover, '*not a hair will fall from the head of any of you*' means that our whole family is united and perfected.

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 merciful hands of God lead us to the harbor of peace, namely the New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.