

Bible Study Service in Malang, February 02, 2021 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 12: 3-18 is about the clear and complete appearance of Satan or dragon with his activities on the last days as follows:

1. [Revelation 12:4a] His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven.
2. [Revelation 12:4b] Devouring.
3. [Revelation 12:7] Fighting.
4. [Revelation 12:13] Persecuting or catching up fast.
5. [Revelation 12:15] Causing the woman or the church of God to be carried away by the flood.
6. [Revelation 12:17] Making war or persecuting.

ad. 3. Fighting.

Revelation 12:7-12

12:7. And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

12:8. but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

12:9. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

12:10. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

12:11. "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

12:12. "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

Satan or the dragon makes war in heaven to destroy eternal life and happiness, so all men become the same as him, namely being in sorrow, and full of tears up to perdition in the lake of fire and brimstone.

Outside the true shepherding, the war or rebellion will surely happen.

One who is not earnest in the true shepherding will surely rebel like Judas Iscariot who rebels because of the physical thing.

1 Corinthians 11:19

11:19. For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you.

If the war happens in heaven, there will be factions in the world. It is caused by rebellion, rejecting the true teaching word, or not willingly being shepherded in the true teaching word.

Rejecting the true thing is the same as rebelling, but rejecting the false one is firmness.

The development is different with factions.

The development means being separated to develop, but still in the unity of the body which is shepherded by the true teaching word or Jesus as the Great Shepherd. It is the same as the unity in the true teaching word.

That is why a shepherd must be shepherded by the true teaching word, so he grows.

God allows the factions to reveal the people who endure and the others who do not endure; the people who are not shaken and the others who are shaken, or leave the true teaching word, and get into factions.

1 John 2:18-19

2:18. Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

2:19. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

The last hour means that there is no chance to fix oneself and return to God.

Consequently, the great shocks will happen, so the servants of God who are not earnest will become the Antichrist.

Not being earnest means as follows:

1. Not being faithful, but becoming a traitor as well as rebelling. He goes out of the true shepherding and marriage which are based on the true teaching word until he leaves the true ministry, marriage, and shepherding.

He is in the false ministry and shepherding which are based on the false teaching that just touts the physical things.

2. Not experiencing the purification and renewal of life. He does not change from fleshly man to spiritual one like Jesus, but keeps the flesh and blood men in marriage, shepherding, and ministry. Consequently, he will become the same as the beast or Antichrist. His body, soul, and spirit are flesh. He is of all men the most pitiable more than one who does not know Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:19

15:19. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

Revelation 12:8-9

12:8. but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

12:9. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Satan or the dragon does not have any place in heaven, and so are ones who are not earnest and faithful, but becoming a traitor as well as not experiencing the renewal of life. Such life also has no place in marriage, shepherding, and heaven. It is the same as being destroyed in the hell forever.

Hebrews 12:26-29

12:26. whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven."

12:27. Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

12:28. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

12:29. For our God is a consuming fire.

That is why we must make effort to become the earnest servant of God, so we are not shaken by anything.

We become the parts which cannot be shaken in the body of Christ, so we are worthy to receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken. We are free from the consuming fire or God's punishment in the hell.

The earnest servant of God who ministers to Him in the midst of shocks and factions provides the acceptable ministry before Him. It means that we minister with respect, fear, faithfulness, and responsibility according to the true teaching word.

Romans 12:1-3

12:1. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

12:2. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

12:3. For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

The facts found in the acceptable ministry before God or the one of the system of God's mercy are as follows:

1. [Romans 12:1] **We present our bodies to God, not looking for something.**

It starts from returning the smallest possession of God, namely the tithes and offerings in gratitude and willingness until we present our bodies to Him.

The terms are as follows:

- The holy body. It is controlled or purified by the true teaching word and Holy Communion which are ingrained in our life.
In the Tabernacle, it refers to the Table of Showbread. It means the perseverance in committing the Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We have fellowship with the Son of God in the teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
As a result, we can live in righteousness and holiness.
- Living body. It is purified by Holy Spirit.
In the Tabernacle, it refers to the Golden Candlestick. It means the perseverance in committing the General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His anointing and gifts.

We keep being faithful, fervent, and responsible in the ministry.

- The acceptable body. It is controlled or purified by God's love, so we do not sin. In the Tabernacle, it refers to the Golden Altar of Incense. It means the perseverance in committing the Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love. The love will cover a multitude of sins. It means forgiving our sin and we do not sin anymore.

So, the ministry that pleases God is the one in the heavenly system. We are not disturbed by the physical thing. We experience the purification continuously, so we can present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God up to perfection.

In the past time, the Israelites ministered to God by presenting a spotless animal offering.

2. [Romans 12:2-3] **The renewal from fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus**. It is like an animal offering that has been slain, skinned, and broken in pieces and must be burnt to produce fragrance before God.

The purification and renewal are like experiencing the consuming fire of God to purify us, not to punish.

It is better experiencing the consuming fire now than in the hell.

What must be renewed or burnt?

- [Romans 12:3] Our mind or soul must be renewed from worldly mind to spiritual one like Jesus, namely the simple mind.

1 Timothy 6:6-8

6:6. Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

6:7. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

6:8. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

We just think how we experience the satisfaction in the true ministry to God.

Colossians 3:1-2

3:1. If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

3:2. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

The simple mind is that we set our mind on things above more than worldly things. It is the same as prioritizing the ministry to God. We minister to Him faithfully, correctly, and in responsibility.

We satisfy God, so we experience the satisfaction of heaven. We do not need to look for satisfactions in the world that make us fall into sins up to the peak.

The flesh does not demand anything anymore. Having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. We can give thanks. We are not self-assertive.

As a result, God will give the great gain, namely big blessings up to the two wings of a great eagle by which we may fly to the wilderness when the Antichrist reigns over the world.

- [Romans 12:2] The heart or feeling must be renewed from fleshly feeling to spiritual one like Jesus. We can distinguish between the will of God or the true things and the one which is not His will or the false things until we can obey Him until the flesh does not speak anymore like Jesus who becomes obedient to the point of death on the cross.

Philippians 2:8-11

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.

2:9. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

2:10. that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

2:11. and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus becomes obedient to the point of death on the cross, so He is given the name which is above every name to defeat the trinity of Satan.

If we become obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore, we will be able to cry out Jesus' name to defeat the trinity of Satan, so our body, soul, and spirit which have been purified and changed are free from the trinity of Satan.

We cannot be occupied by him, but we become the throne of God.

The fact found in it is *'every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord'*. It means that we can confess our sin, so we glorify God.

We can also testify and worship God. Do not gossip and slander!

Worshipping God means that our eyes only see God, our mouth cries out, and our hand is stretched out to Him.

Psalm 11:4

11:4. The LORD is in His holy temple, The LORD'S throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

"His eyes behold" means that He remembers, cares, and stretches out His merciful hands to us.

The results are as follows:

- a. God saw Peter with mercy to forgive him when he denied Him.

Luke 22:60

22:60. But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

Jesus sees us with mercy. It means that He forgives our sin. He sets us free from the consuming fire in the hell. He lifts us up from failure to become successful and beautiful in His time. We can be trusted to be used by God.

- b. *'His eyes behold'* means that His eyes are always on us, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

Deuteronomy 11:11-12

11:11. "but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven,

11:12. "a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

God's merciful hands are stretched out to protect and take care of us miraculously up to the abundance although we are powerless, until the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

Spiritually, we experience the atmosphere of Canaan, namely the heavenly bliss. We keep being happy even in the midst of sorrows.

- c. *'His eyelids test the sons of men'* means suffering in flesh or the sprinkle of blood to purify and change us up to perfection like Jesus.

Job 7:17-18

7:17. "What is man, that You should exalt him, That You should set Your heart on him,

7:18. That You should visit him every morning, And test him every moment?"

Job 32:1-2

32:1. So these three men ceased answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

32:2. Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was aroused against Job; his wrath was aroused because he justified himself rather than God.

Job was blameless and upright but he had self-truth, namely covering sin by blaming others and God or the true teaching word.

The sprinkle of blood is used to change us from the self-truth to being honest and sincere like a baby. Being honest is the same as becoming the house of prayer.

As a result, the physical miracle happens. The impossible thing becomes possible.

It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to become as perfect as He is. We are worthy to greet His second coming on the glorious clouds. We say: *"Alleluia"* until we enter into the throne of heaven forever.

God blesses us.