

Bible Study Service in Malang, February 11, 2016 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 3:20

3:20 *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."*

God rebukes, advises, and chastens the church of the Laodiceans or all of us. It is the same as **God is knocking the door of our heart through the true teaching Word**. There are two possibilities as follows.

1. The Lord Jesus enters our life if we open the door of our heart. We become the house of prayer.

Matthew 21:12-13

21:12 *Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.*

21:13 *And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"*

The sign is we like testifying, praying, and worshiping God.

2. The Lord Jesus goes out if one hardens his heart and rejects the true teaching Word or shuts the door of his heart.

Matthew 21:17

21:17 *Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and He lodged there.*

Consequently, he becomes the den of thieves or gets curse and perishes.

The sign is gossiping, lying, and slandering, so the spirituality is dry.

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The Lord drove out the people who sold and bought in the temple, so that we may be the house of prayer. It means the sanctification that causes the suffering to our flesh and feelings or the sprinkling of blood as the last sanctification. **What must be sanctified?**

1. The spirit of selling and buying [verse 12].
2. Indignation spirit.

Matthew 21:15

21:15 *But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant*

We learn about the first. The spirit of selling and buying causes the life to be like a market as follows.

- a. There is no true consecration in the service and ministry to God because all people only look for cheap things in the market.
- b. There is no sanctification, but the amenities of the flesh because a market is so crowded.
- c. The people only look for physical profit such as money, position, and so on.

The facts found in being dominated by the spirit of selling and buying are as follows.

1. **Stinginess and greediness.**

Stinginess means that one cannot give to the work of God and other people who are in need.

Greediness means that one robs or steals the possession of God, namely the tithes and offerings, and the one of other people, namely doing corruption and not paying the debt, including looking for money in illegal ways.

He also serves and ministers to God only to look for physical profit. The service and ministry become an occupation, not consecration. He may also unfaithfully do the service and ministry to God or leave them only to look for physical profit.

2. **Selling and buying the sin offerings.**

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It is the same as despising or trampling the sacrifice of Christ. It means that one does not want to be set free from sin, but keeps his sins by blaming others and God or the true teaching Word. He enjoys living in sin up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse, as well as the ones concerning marrying-being given in marriage or sexuality sin with all of its kinds.

3. **Being stamped with 666 by the antichrist, one does not experience the life renewal, but keeps the eighteen characteristics of the flesh.**

Revelation 13:16-18

13:16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,

13:17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3:1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

3:2 For men will be lovers of themselves⁽¹⁾, lovers of money⁽²⁾, boasters⁽³⁾, proud⁽⁴⁾, blasphemers⁽⁵⁾, disobedient to parents⁽⁶⁾, unthankful⁽⁷⁾, unholy⁽⁸⁾,

3:3 unloving⁽⁹⁾, unforgiving⁽¹⁰⁾, slanderers⁽¹¹⁾, without self-control⁽¹²⁾, brutal⁽¹³⁾, despisers of good⁽¹⁴⁾,

3:4 traitors⁽¹⁵⁾, headstrong⁽¹⁶⁾, haughty⁽¹⁷⁾, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God⁽¹⁸⁾,

3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

One does not have the life renewal although he has served to God because he rejects the power of godliness, namely the cross or suffering with Jesus and the true teaching Word. One will face the sword of the antichrist beheading him or the condemnation if he rejects the sanctification of the sword of God's word.

Being stamped with 666 means that the body, soul, and spirit are flesh, so one appears as the beast which only fulfills the desires or instinct of the flesh.

Beware! **The spirit of selling and buying dominates the three kinds of equipment in the Holy Place as follows.**

1. **Table of Showbread becomes the tables of the money changers.**

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The table refers to the heart. It is dominated by the spirit of selling and buying, so it is not filled with the loaves of God's word, but money. When does the Table of Showbread become the tables of the money changers?

- It happens when a pastor is not faithful; even he does not feed the sheep with spiritual food. It also happens when a pastor is not trusted anymore to oversee the tithes or God's possession.
- It happens when the congregation cannot eat the true teaching Word because of gossip, indignation, and so on.

2. **Golden Candlestick.**

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21:12 Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

It means that the ministries are traded. They do not come from the Lord anymore. One serves to God with his own power, not with the gifts of Holy Spirit. One serves to God with a purpose to get physical advantages. There is no sincerity of heart.

3. **Golden Altar of Incense.**

One becomes the den of thieves through lying, gossiping, and slandering.

The solution is being driven out or the firm sanctification.

1. **The sanctification of the Table of Showbread.**

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the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

The proof is our perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. Our heart is filled with the teaching Word and sacrifice of Christ, so we are not bound by anything.

James 1:19-22

1:19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

1:20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

The process of being filled with the Word is as follows.

- a. Being swift to hear [verse 19]. It means that we are not slow to hear. We hear the teaching Word or solid food also, not only the gospel word or milk. Holy Spirit helps us understand the Word and it is stamped on our forehead. The proof is we keep silent more to correct ourselves and patient as well as slow to wrath. We may get angry only with love and the purpose to help others.
- b. Holy Spirit helps us believe in the Word. It is implanted in our heart [verse 21]. Our heart is being stamped by the Word. It roots in our heart to produce the bud, flower, and fruit of righteousness and salvation. We bear sweet fruits and rejoice.
- c. Holy Spirit helps us become the doers of the Word[verse 22]. We can obey the Word and the miracle happens. We do not deceive ourselves. It means that we can confess our sins and do not repeat them after being forgiven. We can also forgive the sin of others and forget it. We can firmly distinguish between the true and the false. In such condition, the Word has been stamped on our hand.

2. The sanctification of the Golden Altar of Incense.

The proofs of being sanctified are as follows.

- a. Perseverance in doing General Service, so the lamp keeps on burning. It means that we live in the light and do not stumble because of sins up to the peak and ministry. We can keep faithful and fervent is spirit in serving and ministering to God until the end.
- b. We serve to God in sincerity, without any purpose to get physical advantage, envy, hatred, revenge, and so on. We can serve to God in honesty. We do not lie or hide anything.

Luke 17:7-10

17:7 "And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'?"

17:8 "But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'?"

17:9 "Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not.

17:10 "So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'"

We can serve to God faithfully and correctly.

Isaiah 11:5

11:5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

It is the same as ministering to God with the belt around our waist to please Him. As a result, God also satisfies us with the heavenly satisfaction, so we do not look for the pseudo one in the world. We do not fall in sin. The matters of or food, drink, and future life become God's.

3. The sanctification of the Golden Altar of Incense.

The proof is our perseverance in doing Prayer Service. The worship is a process to tear or crucify the flesh with all of its desires and lusts, so we are not dominated by the antichrist, but embraced by God. Worshiping God is the same as we sacrifice our whole life to Him.

After being sanctified from the spirit of selling and buying, we can be the house of prayer and cry out the name of Jesus and "Alleluia".

Matthew 21:13-14

21:13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

21:14 Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

We will experience the miracle. Spiritually, we are healed from the lameness or doubtful heart, so we can believe in Jesus or the true teaching Word and the power of Jesus. We do not hope in others. We can be healed, so we are not blind anymore. We do not live blindly in sins, but in righteousness. We can see and worship the Lord.

The physical miracles will also happen. The impossibilities will be possible.

We will be renewed to be as glorious as Jesus is when He comes a second time. We are lifted up to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds to be with Him forever.

God blesses you.