

Bible Study Service in Malang, February 12, 2015 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation chapter 2-3 refers to the seven sprinklings of blood before the Ark of the Covenant or the sanctification done by the Lord to the seven churches in the last days so that they are perfect, without any blemish, and worthy to welcome Jesus's second coming.

We are still discussing the third church, namely the one in Pergamos.

Revelation 2:12-16

2:12 *"And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, 'These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:*

2:13 *"I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.*

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.*

2:16 *'Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth. "*

Jesus appears as the High Priest with the Word sharper than any two-edged sword to relocate the church in Pergamos from the atmosphere of Satan's throne to the one of heaven.

There are two states of the throne of Satan as follows.

1. The throne of darkness, namely evil and uncleanness.
2. The throne of deception. It begins from lie, gossip, and false teachings.

The church in Pergamos has a firm faith. They do not deny the faith in facing difficulty, suffering, and persecution, up to the murder. Nevertheless, God has a few things against them because they depart from faith in facing false doctrines. Why can it happen? Because they do not have the firmness in heart to hold fast the one true teaching Word and reject the other doctrines. Moreover, there is no anointing of Holy Spirit.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

4:1 *Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,*

4:2 *speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,*

One who is anointed by Holy Spirit will have the firmness to hold fast the true teaching Word and reject the other teachings. The false teachings have the stamp or seal that makes the servants of God cannot easily return to the true teachings, even they will despise and resist against the true teachings.

There are two kinds of the false doctrine making the church in Pergamos depart from the faith as follows.

1. The doctrine of Balaam.

Revelation 2:14

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 Peter 2:15-16

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;*

2:16 *but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet.*

It teaches about hunting physical wage, things, and advantage in the service and ministry, but without the sanctification. Consequently, there are idolatry and adultery.

2. The doctrine of the Nicolaitans.

Revelation 2:15

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

It teaches to gather many people by legalizing all ways or worldly ones, but without the sword of the Word or sanctification.

Many people mean there will be a lot of money. Nevertheless, there are idolatry and adultery because there is no sanctification. Consequently, there is building of Babylon or false church that is supported by the antichrist or mammon. On the contrary, the true church is supported by the two wings of a great eagle, namely the true teaching Word and the anointing of Holy Spirit.

The false doctrines of Balaam and the Nicolaitans always work together to resist against the Tabernacle teachings and Bride Tidings.

Tabernacle teachings and Bride Tidings aim at the building of the perfect body of Christ or the Bride of God.

Revelation 2:16

2:16 Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

If the sword of sanctification or Bride Tidings is rejected or one keeps the false doctrines, there will be the sword of condemnation.

Genesis 37:6-7

37:6 So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed:

37:7 "There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf."

The sheaf of Joseph arose and stood upright while the sheaves of his brothers were standing all around and bowing down to his sheaf. It means as follows.

1. Every preaching of the Word must peak on Tabernacle teachings and Bride Tidings to prepare us as the bride of God.
2. Every service and ministry to God or spiritual activity must be bound by the true teaching Word or Bride Tidings so that we can stand upright in facing all things.

Other people may mock, hate, slander, and separate us because we hold fast the true teaching Word, but there will be great shakings and spiritual famine in the world and the grain of Joseph or the true teaching Word will be confessed and needed. We are used in the revival to unite the body of Christ.

The revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain is the one in the true teaching Word or Bride Tidings.

There are two kinds of work in the field of God as follows.

1. Sowing.

It refers to the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain.

It means the revival in the Gospel Word or the Gospel of Salvation preaching Jesus' first coming to die on the cross for calling the sinful to be justified, saved, and blessed. The revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain will add the quantity of the members of Christ's body.

2. Reaping.

It refers to the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain.

It means the revival in the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the teaching Word or Bride Tidings preaching Jesus' second coming in the glory as the King of all kings or heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify the saved people until they are perfect. The revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain will add the quality of the body of Christ.

The target is the Gentiles or the donkey.

Balaam or false teachings rode a donkey to go to the curse and perdition because of prioritizing physical things, without the sanctification.

Jesus or the true teaching Word also rode a donkey to go to New Jerusalem.

Mark 11:1-2, 7

11:1 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples;

11:2 and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it.

11:7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it.

The Gentiles are used in the revival for building the body of Christ to be the perfect bride of God and enter the eternal heavenly kingdom.

The colt or young donkey has the main priority to be used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain. The young donkey refers to young people, ones who are new members in the Bride Tidings, and ones who are always renewed.

Mark 11:3

11:3 "And if anyone says to you, *Why are you doing this?* say, *The Lord has need of it,* and immediately he will send it here."

If we are used by God, what we sacrifice for Him will never be useless. He will return to us and add with the eternal life. He never fools us.

Genesis 49:11

49:11 *Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes.*

The requirement to be used by God is being bound or shepherded to the true teaching Word.

Proverbs 7:2-3

7:2 *Keep my commands and live, And my law as the apple of your eye.*

7:3 *Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart.*

The true teaching Word is bound in our heart that we can believe in it.

The true teaching Word is bound in our fingers that we can obey it until it is ingrained in our life.

The true teaching Word is the apple of eye that gives us direction in our service and ministry to God. Without the true teaching Word, the service and ministry to God are blind. One does not know the direction, even falls in a deep pit or the hell. The condition is the same as Bartimaeus who was blind. He begged means that one only looks for and prioritizes physical things in the service and ministry to God. The life is in darkness and hidden sins up to the peak.

John 15:1-4

15:1 *"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.*

15:2 *"Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.*

15:3 *"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.*

15:4 *"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.*

Being bound to the true teaching Word, we experience an intensive sanctification. It begins from our heart.

Jeremiah 4:14

4:14 *O Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, That you may be saved. How long shall your evil thoughts lodge within you?*

Our heart is sanctified from evil lusts, namely the bond of money that causes stinginess (one cannot give) and greediness (one robs the possession of others and God, namely tithes and offerings).

The heart is also sanctified from **unclean lusts** that aim at the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

Zephaniah 3:9

3:9 *"For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language, That they all may call on the name of the LORD, To serve Him with one accord.*

The sanctification to the lips makes us say right and good words, testify, and worship God. We can help one another, starting from in our marriage, service, and ministry to God.

Beware of hypocrisy. The hypocrisy means that the heart and lips are not sanctified.

Zephaniah 3:10

3:10 *From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia My worshipers, The daughter of My dispersed ones, Shall bring My offering.*

If our heart and lips are sanctified, we can enter the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the one in faith. It means that we are without any worry, but shepherded well and correctly. It is also the revival in giving the tithes, offerings, time, energy, money, thought, and so on, up to our whole life to God.

Malachi 3:8-9

3:8 *"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, In what way have we robbed You? In tithes and offerings.*

3:9 You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.

The service and ministry or spiritual revival without the tithes and offerings are the same as being ridden by Balaam to go to curse and perdition.

Psalm 37:5-7

37:5 Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

37:6 He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.

37:7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

The facts found in surrendering our whole life to God and worshiping Him are as follows.

1. Being in silence to correct our life. After we find the sin, we must confess it to God and others. We do not repeat the sin after being forgiven.
2. We believe and entrust our life fully to God. We only hope in Him, not others, although our eyes still see bad thing.

The results are as follows.

1. The Lord gives quietness and peace in the midst of the storms in the sea of the world. All things become easy and light.
2. The Lord will work to do all things for us and solve all problems in time of need.

Ruth 3:18

3:18 Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day."

Luke 23:42-43

23:42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

23:43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

The atmosphere of the throne of Satan is changed into the one of heaven.

3. We shine like the sun in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 13:42-43

13:42 "and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

13:43 "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

It means that we are changed from carnal men to the spiritual ones like Jesus. The dark things are changed into the light even perfect ones.

We are worthy of welcoming Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.