

Bible Study Service in Malang, February 20, 2014 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 1:9-20 is the vision of John in Patmos Island.

Revelation 1:9

1:9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

John experiences the suffering in the flesh not because of evil, but the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. As a result, he is encouraged to enter the true fellowship.

If our life, service, and ministry are signified by the suffering without any sin, we will be encouraged to enter **the true fellowship with God and others**.

The fellowship with others is in the body of Christ. It begins from inside our marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the unity of the perfect body of Christ.

On the contrary, a suffering in flesh because of sin will scatter the true fellowship and enter the false one, namely the body of Babel. The fellowship with God is the fellowship of body with The Head, starting from the marriage supper of the Lamb of God and forever.

There are three important things in the true fellowship as follows.

1. In tribulation or death way.
2. In kingdom or resurrection way.
3. In patience of Jesus Christ or the way of glory.

We are learning the second one, namely **the companion in kingdom or fellowship of priests and kings** who have full right to enter heavenly kingdom.

A priest is a holy person who bears the ministry from God, serves and ministers to Him according to the ministry He has given.

Psalm 20:6, 9

20:6 Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven With the saving strength of His right hand.

20:9 Save, LORD! May the King answer us when we call.

A king is one who is anointed by Holy Spirit, so he is always victorious.

Why is there the term of priests and kings?

1. Because God wants the priests anointed by Holy Spirit works with His power.
2. Because He wants the priests to always defeat hindrance, sin, up to death, so that we can minister to Him until the end, namely we pass away or He comes a second time, or forever.

Revelation 22:3-5

22:3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

22:4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

22:5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

If we minister to God with the anointing of Holy Spirit and victory always, He will answer our prayer. He will solve all problems, even the impossible one.

Mark 1:6

1:6 Now John was clothed with camelâ€™s hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

The appearance of a priest or servant of God is as follows.

1. Wearing clothes of camelâ€™s hair, referring to the anointing of Holy Spirit.
2. With a leather belt around the waist, namely righteousness and faithfulness.
3. The food is locusts and wild honey.

Now, we are learning the third one, namely **the food is locusts and wild honey**.

The locusts are bitter, but the wild honey is sweet.

Revelation 10:8-10

10:8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth."

10:9 So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

10:10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.

The bitter locusts and the sweet wild honey refer to the little book which is open in the hand of the angel or pastor. **The locusts and wild honey mean the revelation of the Word of God through a verse that explains other verses in Bible or the true Teaching Word God trusts to a pastor or the Shepherding Word as the rod of a shepherd.**

Thus, the food of a priest is the Shepherding Word or the true Teaching Word God trusts to a pastor to preach faithfully and repetitively to the congregation as the food of them and the priests.

A priest must be shepherded and able to eat the Shepherding Word or obey the true Teaching Word. As a result, we can grow toward spiritual maturity and get a new strength, so we can be faithful and fervent in spirit ministering to God. We also win others to become priests also.

1 Peter 3:1

3:1 Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,

The meanings of the bitterness and sweetness are as follows.

1. **Showing the acceptance to the True Teaching Word.**

Proverbs 27:7

27:7 A satisfied soul loathes the honeycomb, But to a hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

If we can eat the Shepherding Word with a hunger or need, it will be sweet to our soul and spirit although it is sharp, hard, and bitter to our flesh. As a result, we will never be bored, criticize, or reject it, but accept it.

Consuming the Shepherding Word with the hunger means that we hear and obey it, and then it will be ingrained in our life. Afterwards, we can be the house of prayer and our prayer will be answered by God.

John 15:7

15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

Proverbs 28:9

28:9 One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.

If we do not hear and obey the Shepherding Word, we will become the den of thieves and the prayer will be an abomination. Thus, all spiritual activities, service, ministry, and worship are an abomination before God if they are not based on the True Teaching Word.

2. **The work of the Shepherding Word to sanctify us.**

There are two kinds of sanctification as follows.

- Sanctification to bitter stomach of heart.

Revelation 10:9

10:9 So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

Proverbs 4:23

4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

If the heart is bitter, the life, marriage, service, and ministry will also be bitter.

Mark 7:21-22

7:21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, (1)adulteries, (2)fornications, (3)murders, 7:22 "(4)thefts, (5) covetousness, (6)wickedness,(7) deceit,(8) lewdness,(9) an evil eye,(10) blasphemy, (11)pride,(12) foolishness.

The cause of the bitter heart is the twelve evil unclean things in heart.

If our heart and mind are sanctified continually by the Shepherding Word, there will be the table of life filled with twelve loaves arranged in two rows, six in a row. Therefore, the figure sixty six refers to the sixty six books in bible or the true teaching Word.

Leviticus 24:5-6

24:5 " And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it. Two-tenths of an ephah shall be in each cake.

24:6 "You shall set them in two rows, six in a row, on the pure gold table before the LORD.

As a result, we will experience heavenly satisfaction, sweetness, and joy, so that we will never look for pseudo satisfaction in the world causing us to do sin up to the peak even die in spirituality and perish.

Mark 5:42-43

5:42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.

5:43 But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.

The twelve years old girl could eat the Shepherding Word, so that she could be alive and sweet.

Job 10:1-2, 32:1-2

10:1 "My soul loathes my life; I will give free course to my complaint, I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

10:2 I will say to God, Do not condemn me; Show me why You contend with me.

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.

The cause of the bitter heart is self truth, namely covering sins by blaming other people and God. It means the truth that is not in line to the Word.

The Shepherding Word sanctifies us from the self truth, so we can receive the truth of God. We can realize, regret, and confess our sins to God and others when the Teaching Word shows us our sins. After being forgiven, we must not sin again, so that we get the joy.

Psalm 32:1

32:1 <<A Psalm of David. A Contemplation.>>Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.

If the Shepherding Word is rejected, the chastening and great test will come. Nevertheless, it is still the stretching of God's hands.

Job 42:5-6

42:5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You.

42:6 Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes."

As a result, God will heal our life to become sweet.

- Sanctification to our mouth.

Revelation 10:10

10:10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.

The Shepherding Word sanctifies our mouth to produce sweet saying, namely honest words, testimony to become blessings to others, and worship to God to cry His name.

Song of Solomon 7:9

7:9 And the roof of your mouth like the best wine. THE SHULAMITE The wine goes down smoothly for my beloved, Moving gently the lips of sleepers.

The words of the bride are sweet as the best wine to flow to others with testimony and to Jesus who is sleeping.

Matthew 8:23-26

8:23 Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.

8:24 And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

8:25 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

8:26 But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

The wind and wave refer to sins up to the peak, namely sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage; the wind of false teachings; and temptations in all aspects of life blown by Satan with the power of death. All of them make one hopeless, even he departs from the faith and perishes forever.

Why does Jesus sleep when the wave and wind is raging? Because our heart and mouth are still bitter.

If we are sanctified to get sweet heart and mouth only crying the name of the Lord, He will make the wind and wave calm. He solves all problems in His time and all things become easy and light.

Jonah had sunk in the bottom of the sea, but God helped him when he cried to Him.

Matthew 14:30-31

14:30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Peter doubted and began to sink in the midst of wind and wave, but he stretched his hand and cried the name of the Lord. As a result, He stretched His hand to lift him up from his sinking. God is able to heal, so that the failure can be changed into success and beautiful joyful future life.

We are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain for building the perfect body of Christ.

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.

We are led to the last sheepfold, sanctified, and renewed to be perfect when Jesus comes a second time. Our mouth only says alleluia to welcome His second coming.

God blesses you.