

Bible Study Service in Malang, February, 02, 2017 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 5:1

5:1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

The scroll in the right hand of God who sits on the throne of the heavenly kingdom is the same as the Bible we have in the world now. The Bible is revealed by God. Do not ever doubt the truth of the Word! Do not add or take away the verse in the Bible!

2 Timothy 3:15-17

3:15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

3:17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The Bible refers to the writing which is revealed by God to all of us. It is useful for these things.

1. Guiding us to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. It refers to the gospel of salvation.
2. For doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, so we are equipped with the righteous and good deed up to perfection.

Thus, the Bible guides us in the salvation up to the perfection. We are as perfect as Jesus is or we become the perfect heavenly bride.

1 Chronicles 28:11,19

28:11 Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat;

28:19 "All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans."

The writing God had revealed became the plan and the work for building the temple in the days of Solomon.

Now, the Bible or the writing which is revealed by God brings us to enter the edifying of the spiritual temple, namely the perfect body of Christ. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the one perfect body of Christ from the Gentiles and Israelites.

2 Chronicles 3:1

3:1 Now Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

Who may enter the edifying of the body of Christ?

1. Solomon. He belongs to the house of Israel or the chosen nation of God.
2. Ornan the Jebusite. He belongs to the Gentiles or all of us.

The Gentiles can take part in the edifying of the body of Christ only because of the mercy and trust of God which cost the blood of Jesus. It cannot be bought or traded by anything. Therefore, we must serve and minister to God for the edifying of the body of Christ faithfully and fervently in spirit until the end line, namely we pass away or Jesus comes a second time. The mercy and trust of God will be turned to others if we stop on the way and there will be no opportunity to get them back. For example, Judas Iscariot perished forever.

The steps for building the temple in the days of Solomon are as follows.

1. **The building of the foundation.**

2 Samuel 24:18,24-25

24:18 And Gad came that day to David and said to him, "Go up, erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite."

24:24 Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

24:25 And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD heeded

the prayers for the land, and the plague was withdrawn from Israel.

There are two kinds of foundation as follows.

○ **David built an altar by paying fifty shekels of silver.**

The altar of burnt offerings refers to the cross of Christ. It means **believing in Jesus and repenting**. We must pay the price for believing in Jesus and repenting. Repenting means that we stop sinning and confess our sin to God and other people. After being forgiven, we must not sin anymore.

If we do not want to pay the price to believe in Jesus and repent, we will have to pay the more expensive price, namely being condemned by God up to the hell forever.

The number fifty refers to the Pentecost or being reborn by the water baptism (the Brazen Laver) and Holy Spirit baptism (the Door of Tabernacle). As a result, we have the new life, namely the heavenly life or we live in righteousness.

If we willingly pay the price to believe in Jesus, repent, and be renewed by the water and Spirit, the plague will stop.

○ **At the threshing floor of Araunah or Ornan.**

The threshing floor refers to the place to separate the chaff from the wheat.

The chaff refers to the skin without the content. It will only be burnt. It means the person who serves and minister to God, but is only satisfied by the outer things or the physical ones, without being filled by the true teaching Word. Consequently, his life is empty.

The wheat refers to the Christians or servants of God who use His blessings to be filled with the true teaching Word. Such people hear and obey the true teaching Word. They can endure.

Haggai 2:18-19

2:18 'Consider now from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the LORD'S temple was laid--consider it:

2:19 'Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded fruit. But from this day I will bless you.'"

If the foundation is true, God will give us the blessings and we will be able to become blessings for others. Do not forget the possession of God and other people who are in need after receiving the blessings.

2. **The execution of the building.**

1 Kings 6:7

6:7 And the temple, when it was being built, was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built.

The atmosphere of building the body of Christ is in **peace and holiness**. There is no sound of gossip, whispering, and so on. Only the sound of the true teaching Word, testimony, and worship is heard.

Hebrews 12:14

12:14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

If we are peaceful and holy, we will be able to see the Lord Himself in the glory as the High Priest who is able to do all things we need. We will look at the mistakes of others if we are neither peaceful nor holy.

As the requirement to be peaceful and holy, the irregular stones must be prepared at the quarry first. The quarry refers to the shepherding pen or the Holy Place of Tabernacle. There are three kinds of equipment there that refer to the perseverance in doing the three main services to God as follows.

- Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service to have the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts.
- Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
- Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Worship Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in the love.

Our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God in the shepherding pen, so we feel quiet and peaceful.

Jeremiah 23:29

23:29 *"Is not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, "And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?*

Afterward, we get the sanctification continually through the hammer of the true teaching Word.

The rock refers to the hard-hearted man as follows.

- Not obeying the true teaching Word, one does not want to serve and minister to God, but keeps, repeats, and agrees with sins.

Exodus 7:16

7:16 *"And you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness"; but indeed, until now you would not hear!*

- Easily stumbling or getting angry as well as being stumbling-block for others.
- The millstone.

Revelation 18:21

18:21 *Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore.*

It refers to the servants of God who keep the sins of Babylon. They must be hammered by the hard Word. There will be two possibilities. The first is being gentle. The second is rejecting the hard Word and keeping the sins of Babylon up to the everlasting perdition. The sins of Babylon refer to the sins concerning marrying-being given in marriage or sexuality sin with all of its kinds, mixed marriage, divorce, and remarrying. The teachings of Babylon, the harlot, refer to unfaithfulness in the service and ministry.

1 Peter 2:5

2:5 *you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

If the hard stone is hammered repetitively in the shepherding system, it will become the living stone or the priests and kings.

The measure of being the priests and kings is only one, namely the holiness and peace.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11 *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,*
4:12 *for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,*

The priests and kings will be used in the ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ according to the priest's office. If the measure or size is only one, namely holiness and peace, there will be regularity. After being used by God, we must be faithful and true, faithful and fervent in spirit, as well as faithful and responsible until the end line, namely until Jesus comes a second time.

The results are as follows.

- We live by the mercy of God, so we can live with Him anywhere, anytime, and in any circumstance, until we get the eternal life.
- All things are set in order beautifully by God.

3. The finishing.

1 Chronicles 28:20

28:20 *And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God--my God--will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.*

The requirement is being strong and of good courage as follows.

- We keep on holding fast to and obeying the true teaching Word regardless of any risk we have to face.
- We keep on living in righteousness and holiness regardless of any risk we have to face.
- We keep faithful and fervent in spirit in our service and ministry to God regardless of any risk we have to face.
- We keep on worshiping God, trusting and entrusting our life fully to Him, and loving Him more than anything.

If we are strong and of good courage, God will always accompany, pay attention to, and care for us. He struggles for us. One who is strong and of good courage is in the embrace of God's hands. He is leaning on Jesus' bosom like John.

John 13:23

13:23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

John was embraced by the hands of God's great mercy although he was powerless.

The results are as follows.

- The hand of God's great mercy determines our death and life or all things in our life.

John 21:20-22

21:20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

21:21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"

21:22 Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

- The merciful hand of God fights to do the good things in His sight and make all things in our life good, successful, and beautiful.

1 Chronicles 19:13

19:13 "Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the LORD do what is good in His sight."

- The hand of God's great grace is able to finish all things in time of need; even we are brought to the throne of the heavenly kingdom forever.

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God blesses you.