

Bible Study Service in Malang, January 12, 2017 (Thursday Evening)

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

There are two kinds of activity on the throne of the heavenly kingdom which are written in Revelation 4:8-11 as follows.

1. **The activity of sanctification.**

Revelation 4:8

4:8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

We must experience the sanctification to our body, soul, and spirit or whole life.

Every activity in the church must aim at the sanctification or be signified with holiness so that the glory of God's presence will come true.

There are four kinds of activity in the church which are shown by the four living creatures on the throne of the heavenly kingdom as follows.

- Activity for prosperity, namely giving to and visiting others. It is shown by the living creature like a lion that refers to the King or the Lion of Judah under the banner of the tribe of Judah. Such activity must be done in holiness so that we can minister to God joyfully.

Numbers 10:14

10:14 The standard of the camp of the children of Judah set out first according to their armies; over their army was Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

- Activity for general ministry. It is shown by the living creature like a calf. It refers to a servant under the banner of the tribe of Reuben. It must be done in holiness so that we are not lazy or wicked.

Numbers 10:18

10:18 And the standard of the camp of Reuben set out according to their armies; over their army was Elizur the son of Shedeur.

- Administration. It is shown by the living creature like a man under the banner of the tribe of Ephraim. It must be done in holiness so that there is orderliness or regularity.

Numbers 10:22

10:22 And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set out according to their armies; over their army was Elishama the son of Ammihud.

- Priesthood or the service and ministry to God. It is shown by the living creature like a flying eagle under the banner of the tribe of Dan. It must be done in holiness so that there is the presence of God.

Numbers 10:25

10:25 Then the standard of the camp of the children of Dan (the rear guard of all the camps) set out according to their armies; over their army was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

2. **The activity of worship.**

Revelation 4:10

4:10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

The flesh with all of its wills or desires has been torn, so it does not speak anymore. The Veil is torn, so the Ark of the Covenant is visible.

Song of Solomon 2:4

2:4 THE SHULAMITE TO THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM He brought me to the banqueting house, And his banner over me was love.

The banners refer to the love of God. The banqueting house refers to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Revelation 19:9

19:9 *Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."*

The activities under the banners refer to the ones in the love of God to make the house of Israel become the heavenly bride to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, future Paradise or the One-Thousand-Years Kingdom of Peace, up to the New Jerusalem or the heavenly kingdom. How about the Gentiles?

Isaiah 5:26

5:26 *He will lift up a banner to the nations from afar, And will whistle to them from the end of the earth; Surely they shall come with speed, swiftly.*

God lifts up the banners or His love to the Gentiles through whistling. It refers to the revelation of the Word which is not in line with our hope. It is the same as the crumbs that show our sins and insult us to change us from dogs to the sheep of God until we become His bride.

Genesis 19:17, 26

19:17 *So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."*

19:26 *But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.*

The example of the activity under the banners or God's love is that He brought Lot and his family to go out of Sodom and Gomorrah which were being condemned by God as well as to escape to the mountains so that they would not perish. Unfortunately, the wife of Lot looked back and became the pillar of salt or perished forever.

Revelation 21:9-10

21:9 *Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."*

21:10 *And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,*

The mountains refer to the city of New Jerusalem or the heavenly bride. On the last days, we must escape to the mountains after we are saved. It means that we must reach the perfection or become the bride of God to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, future Paradise or the One-Thousand-Years Kingdom of Peace, until we sit with Jesus on the throne of the heavenly kingdom.

Luke 17:28-30, 32

17:28 *"Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;*

17:29 *"but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.*

17:30 *"Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.*

17:32 *"Remember Lot's wife.*

Be careful! Do not be like the wife of Lot. She had been saved but then failed to reach the mountains, so she perished forever. Following the Lord, do not look back or return to the old life.

Therefore, we must fight on the way from salvation to perfection because we are facing the condition of the last days in the world that is returning to the one of Sodom and Gomorrah. **The facts found in Sodom and Gomorrah are as follows.**

1. Eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. Such life is dominated by Satan with the evil and unclean spirits, so he cannot live in righteousness and holiness, but always falls in sins up to the peak and enjoys living in sins. There is no love or sun.
2. Buying and selling. It means being dominated by the antichrist with the spirit of selling -buying and the stamp 666. The sign is stinginess or one cannot give and greediness or one steals the possession of God and others. He looks for money in illegal ways. He is not faithful, namely leaving the service and ministry to God because of looking for money. He may actively serve and minister to God, but for looking for physical things such as money, position, and so on. Consequently, he loses the spiritual things, namely the anointing and gifts of Holy Spirit and the ministry. The house of the Lord is made as the market place or the den of thieves. The condition is without the anointing and gifts of Holy Spirit or without the hope. It means that there is no star.
3. Planting and building. Such life is dominated by the false prophets with the spirit of lying. The sign is hearing and receiving

the false teachings. It is the same as being without the true teaching Word or the truth, so one uses the self-truth, which is not in line with the Bible, covers the sins by blaming God or the true teaching Word and by pretending to do good things. The condition is without any faith. It means that there is no moon.

Thus, many people live in the darkness when Jesus will come a second time. They have no sun or love, moon or faith, and stars or hope.

The consequences are as follows.

1. Facing the storm in the middle of the sea.

Acts 27:19-20

27:19 On the third day we threw the ship's tackle overboard with our own hands.

27:20 Now when neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest beat on us, all hope that we would be saved was finally given up.

It means that one never experiences serenity in his life, but weariness and heavy burden. There is no peace in his life. All things he has are meaningless because he cannot enjoy them. He will also face problems which cannot be solved until he is disappointed, hopeless, and lukewarm. Finally, he leaves the service and ministry to God and perishes forever.

2. One cannot be the light of the world or the heavenly bride.

Revelation 12:1

12:1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

His life is in the darkness and will be left when the antichrist reigns over the world for three years and a half. There will be two possibilities as follows.

- a. He does not want to worship the antichrist, so he will be persecuted and beheaded. Nevertheless, only few people can endure to worship God.
- b. He denies Jesus and worships the antichrist. He gets the stamp 666. His life is preserved physically, but finally destroyed together with the antichrist.

3. He cannot welcome Jesus' second coming.

1 Corinthians 13:12-13

13:12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

13:13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Isaiah 5:26

5:26 He will lift up a banner to the nations from afar, And will whistle to them from the end of the earth; Surely they shall come with speed, swiftly.

The solution is that we must live in the light from now on and not linger. We must live in righteousness and holiness as well as throw away the sins. We return to the true teaching, holiness, ministry, and the love of God through the true shepherding system. We are shepherded to the true teaching Word and persevere in the shepherding pen or the Holy Place as follows.

1. Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service to have the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts. The gifts of Holy Spirit will increase to be Aaron's rod which budded, bloomed, and yielded fruits up to the garland of twelve stars.
2. 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. It increases to be the permanent faith or the golden pot that had the manna up to the moon under the feet.
3. Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Worship Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in the love. The love will be perfect, namely the two tablets of stone up to the clothes of the sun.

We are shown in the light of the sun, moon, and stars.

Revelation 12:1-3

12:1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

12:2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

12:3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

The church is like a pregnant woman who will deliver the baby, but she faces a dragon. It refers to the most powerless condition. What we can do is crying out in labor and in pain worshipping God, so there is a rebirth. We become like a newborn baby who always longs for the pure and true teaching Word and cries only to God.

Revelation 12:14

12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

As a result, God stretches out the hands of His lovingkindness or the two wings of a great eagle to do these things.

1. To pass the storm in the sea of the world. The hands of God's lovingkindness are able to preserve and protect us in the midst of difficulties in the world. We can live in serenity and peace. All things become easy and light. God is able to finish all problems and flee us to the wilderness, far away from the antichrist who will reign in the world for three years and a half. We are preserved directly through the Word and the Holy Communion.
2. To give us extra power, so we can be strong and of good courage.

Isaiah 40:29-31

40:29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.

40:30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,

40:31 But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

We are not hopeless or disappointed. We do not leave God, but keep faithful and fervent in spirit in serving and ministering to Him. We do not stumble or fall in sin up to the peak, but keep on living in righteousness and holiness. We are not weary or heavy laden. All things become easy and light. We keep on worshipping God to wait for Jesus' second coming.

The hand of God's lovingkindness will lift us up to make our life successful and beautiful and change our life until we are perfect and worthy to welcome Jesus' second coming.

Nevertheless, we are often disappointed. For example, Moses was disappointed because the congregation did not hear his words.

Exodus 6:8-11

6:8 'And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the LORD.' "

6:9 So Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel; but they did not heed Moses, because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage.

6:10 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

6:11 "Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the children of Israel go out of his land."

Elijah has been hopeless too.

1 Kings 19:4, 14

19:4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"

19:14 And he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

Matthew 24:28

24:28 "For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

Nevertheless, there is the Holy Communion which is able to give us strength to wait for Jesus' second coming.

God blesses you.