

Bible Study Service in Malang, January 12, 2023 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 18:22-24

18:22. "The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore.

18:23. "The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.

18:24. "And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."

Revelation 18:21-24 is about finality of Babylon's fall.

Babylon is without sound or the Word of God, namely flute--the Gospel Word--and trumpet--the teaching Word.

Babylon is without the light or Holy Spirit.

Someday, Babylon or this world is without the Gospel Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit that calls the sinners to be saved and justified.

Babylon is also without the teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit that purifies the saved people up to being perfect as Jesus, namely the heavenly bride.

Consequently, the blood of prophets and saints are found. It refers to the sin of evil and uncleanness, so men become as Babylon or the bride of Satan who shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore. It means being destroyed forever. Someday the people in the world are just the hard-hearted men. That is why, from now on, we must receive, enjoy, and prioritize the Gospel Word or good news and the teaching Word or the Bride Tidings in the true ministry to God. Thus, we can experience the spiritual growth to the salvation and perfection. We must eat spiritually and physically. Otherwise, we will surely die.

Luke 5:1

5:1. So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,

Luke 4:43-44

4:43. but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."

4:44. And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

Luke 5:3

5:3. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

Our main purpose in the ministry to God is pressing about Jesus to hear His Word, both the Gospel one and the teaching one in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

The example of the false ministry is the Israelites that pressed about Aaron when Moses ascends into Mount Sinai to receive the Tabernacle teaching and the bride one. It is too dangerous when the congregation prefers to hear the strange voice and reject the true shepherd who struggles to receive the revelation of the true teaching Word.

Exodus 32:1

32:1. Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

The spiritual meaning of the false ministry is the one that shows something out of the true teaching Word such as riches, position, the happiness of the world, men, *et cetera*. Consequently, the idolatry to the golden calves happens. One does not worship God but men, riches, position, *et cetera*. The consequence of idolatry is that the congregation will be the same as Babylon who is thrown down and not found anymore. It means being destroyed forever.

Exodus 32:19,6

32:19. So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing. So Moses' anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.

32:6. Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

If we enter the true ministry to hear, enjoy, and obey the Gospel Word and the teaching one in the anointing of Holy Spirit, we will experience **the two kinds of the spiritual growth** as follows:

1. **The growth in quantity.** It is the result of the working of the Gospel Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit. The Gospel Word or the good news has the power to call the sinners, so they believe in Jesus and repent--being dead to sin--, enter the water baptism and Holy Spirit baptism--being newly born from water and the Spirit. As a result, we receive the new life or the heavenly one, namely life in righteousness.

Psalm 37:25-26

37:25. I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

37:26. He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.

The result of receiving the salvation is that we are blessed up to our descendants; even we can become the blessing for others. So, the best inheritance for our descendants is the one of truth in all things. God will never forsake the righteous. God will surely defend and open the way for us. At Christmas, God's glory can happen in the pen. When Jesus or righteousness exists, God's glory will be shown.

The examples of the growth in quantity are in the Old Testament and the New Testament.

In the Old Testament, Jacob had twelve sons, then becoming seventy families; even in the midst of the pressure of the Egyptians, they grew up to being unlimited. If the Israelites had not experienced the pressure, the number seventy would not have grown.

In the New Testament, Jesus preached the gospel of salvation and called twelve apostles, then becoming seventy disciples, three thousand people in Antioch, five thousand until the number of the saved people cannot be counted anymore.

Do not be satisfied after receiving the Gospel Word or God's calling! Do not stop after being saved and blessed by God! Remember! Many are called, but few are chosen. There were six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty men of the Israelites who had gone out of Egypt, but only two men could enter Canaan, namely Joshua and Caleb, and the others died in the wilderness.

2. **The growth in quality** by the working of the true teaching Word. It chooses the saved people to be perfected as the heavenly bride. We must receive the true teaching Word after receiving the Gospel one.

Luke 6:13

6:13. And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:

One who grows in quantity and quality is the one who is called and chosen to receive the ministry, namely being appointed as the priests and kings. He is used to minister and glorify God in the building of the perfect body of Christ.

We have received the Gospel Word, but we still need the true teaching Word. Let us pray if we have not become the priests and kings. Let us return if we have left the ministry.

Leviticus 21:12

21:12. 'nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.

The priests and kings must fulfill the rule of the Bible. A priest and king shall not go out of the Holy Place or the sheepfold, namely the perseverance in committing the three kinds of main service as follows:

1. The Golden Candlestick refers to the perseverance in committing the General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His anointing and gifts.
2. The Table of Showbread refers to the perseverance in committing the Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We have fellowship with the Son of God in the teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ
3. The Golden Altar of Incense refers to the perseverance in committing the Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love.

The priest and king must be shepherded well and correctly in the true teaching Word like a branch that abides in the true vine. We will surely receive the result.

John 15:3

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

In the shepherding, we will experience the purification by the true teaching Word. We do not break God's holiness. **What must be purified?**

1. **Our heart and mind** must be purified from evil desire, unclean desire, and bitterness. The evil desire makes us stingy and greedy. The bitterness is hatred, revenge, envy, *et cetera*. Stinginess means that one cannot give. Greediness means that one steals the possession of others.
2. **Our appearance** may not be a stumbling-block, including about hair and clothes. Men's and women's hair should be appropriate. The clothes may not be torn because it is used to cover the flesh. The hair and clothes must be good and appropriate to minister to God.

Leviticus 21:10-11

21:10. 'He who is the high priest among his brethren, on whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is consecrated to wear the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes;

21:11. 'nor shall he go near any dead body, nor defile himself for his father or his mother;

3. **Our marriage** must be purified from mixed-marriage, divorce-remarrying, and marrying-giving in marriage, so our marriage can be righteous, holy, and one. The company before getting marriage must also be purified. We do not have dealings with something that puts our spirituality to the death such as sins, spectacle that is not good, *et cetera*.

Leviticus 21:13-15

21:13. 'And he shall take a wife in her virginity.

21:14. 'A widow or a divorced woman or a defiled woman or a harlot -- these he shall not marry; but he shall take a virgin of his own people as wife.

21:15. 'Nor shall he profane his posterity among his people, for I the LORD sanctify him.'"

4. Holy Spirit anoints and helps us, so **our mind** is not deceived by the false teachings and gossips. We do not hear the false teaching as well as reject the true one. As the priest and king, we must be in the line of the will of God.

Leviticus 21:12

21:12. 'nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.

Holy Spirit will give His gift, so we can minister to God. God's working can be done only by holiness and Holy Spirit's gift. Holy Spirit's gift is more than men's strength, experience, and cleverness.

2 Timothy 1:6-7

1:6. Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

1:7. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

The anointing of Holy Spirit makes us have the spirit of a sound mind in the ministry to God. At least we are not late to minister to God. We have the spirit of a sound mind, faithfulness, and fervency in the ministry to God. We rely on Holy Spirit's gift, not our own ability. Our ability has the limit and depends on the age. Holy Spirit's gift cannot be limited by the age; even it gets increased although we are getting older.

Hebrews 1:7

1:7. And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire."

Revelation 1:14

1:14. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

We become the servant of God who is like a flame of fire.

The servant of God who is holy, faithful, and fervent, and has the spirit of a sound mind is the same as a flame of fire.

God's eyes are like a flame of fire.

So, the servant of God who is holy, faithful, and fervent, and has the spirit of a sound mind is the same as the apple of God's eye

that is specialized by Him. We are called, chosen, and specialized by God. If we are only chosen, we can still be deceived. But, if we are specialized by God, a grain of sand will not enter us like a grain of sand cannot disturb the apple of God's eye. As a result, we can bear the sweet fruit. We experience peace, so all things become easy and light. We experience the heavenly bliss that cannot be influenced by anything that hurts our heart in this world. We keep being happy and giving thanks to God regardless of anything that happens.

Daniel 7:9

7:9. "I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;

God's throne is a fiery flame. The servant of God who is holy, faithful, and fervent, and has the spirit of a sound mind and the Spirits' gift is God's throne in the world.

If the throne of God exists, we will surely fall down to worship Him and give all honors to Him.

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:

We always fall down before God as the Creator. We give honor and praise to God. God is the Creator, and we are just the clay that has many weaknesses. We must do the introspection in our life, not in others. We are unable to face the impossibilities.

Revelation 22:1

22:1. And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

A pure river of water of life proceeds out of the throne of God. It refers to Holy Spirit or God's hands that are stretched out for us. The results are as follows:

- **Ezekiel 47:8-10**

47:8. Then he said to me: "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed.

47:9. "And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.

47:10. "It shall be that fishermen will stand by it from En Gedi to En Eglaim; they will be places for spreading their nets. Their fish will be of the same kinds as the fish of the Great Sea, exceedingly many.

The hand of Holy Spirit or the one of God's mercy is able to make the Dead Sea healed. It means making alive the thing that has already been dead. God is able to protect and take care of us in the midst of the crises of the world until the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years. We may make effort, but the most important thing is falling down before God. The thing that has already been dead will be brought back to life. The impossible thing becomes possible. God's hand is able to finish all of our problems up to the impossible ones. The important thing is eating the Word doubly, namely the Gospel Word and the teaching one.

- **John 7:37-39**

7:37. On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

7:38. "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

7:39. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Holy Spirit gives the true satisfaction, so we can always give thanks to God and we will not look for the worldly satisfaction. We will not fall into the sin of Babylon.

- **Revelation 22:1**

22:1. And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

The hand of Holy Spirit is able to purify and perfect us, so we become clear as crystal. It means honesty or Saying true if true. We reject the false thing, especially about the teaching Word. We must be honest about marriage, money, and all things.

If we are honest, we will become the house of prayer. We just fall down at Jesus' feet regardless of anything that happens. We trust and cry to God. We keep being changed up to perfection like Jesus. We can enter the New Jerusalem, the eternal

house of prayer. We are at the throne of God forever.

God blesses us.