

Bible Study Service in Malang, July 07, 2022 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 16:12-16

16:12. Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

16:13. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

16:14. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

16:15. "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

16:16. And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

The sixth bowl is poured out on the river Euphrates, and its water is dried up. The unclean spirits come out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, so the war of Armageddon happens. It is the biggest and the last battle.

Genesis 2:10-15

2:10. Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads.

2:11. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

2:12. And the gold of that land is good. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there.

2:13. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush.

2:14. The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

2:15. Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

Actually, there were four rivers in the Garden Eden, namely Pishon, Gihon, Hiddekel, and Euphrates.

Pishon refers to the gospel according to Matthew that tells Jesus as the King.

Gihon refers to the gospel according to Mark that tells Jesus as the Servant.

Hiddekel refers to the gospel according to Luke that tells Jesus as the Man.

Euphrates refers to the gospel according to John that tells Jesus as the Son of God.

The first three rivers are still able to be accepted by men. But many people do not believe the last ones, so it triggers the battle.

John 16:1-4a

16:1. "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.

16:2. "They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

16:3. "And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.

16:4a. "But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.

Jesus' coming as the Son of God causes the conflict up to the big battle and murder. Why? It is because men do not understand about The Trinity of God. They just believe in Jesus as the King, Servant, and Man.

Genesis 2:7-9

2:7. And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

2:8. The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

2:9. And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

While the world rejects the Trinity of God, Holy Spirit is poured out for the church of God, and the Word of God or the tree is revealed, because we will be brought back to the Garden Eden, namely the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace. If Holy Spirit is poured out, He will give understanding to us, so we understand which one is good.

Job 32:8

32:8. But there is a spirit in man, And the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.

Holy Spirit helps us to understand the Word of God. It means knowing the Trinity of God and understanding His will. Thus, we keep

in line with the will of God.

We have a desire to worship God. The master of human's spirit is the Spirit of God. We receive the spirit from God, so our spirit always longs for worshipping God.

Genesis 6:1-3

6:1. Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

6:2. that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

6:3. And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

Men including the church of God who are left by Holy Spirit will become the flesh and blood men who have no understanding or mind. It is the same as having no feeling or heart, so they appear as the beast wherever they are. The beast on the sky is dragon. The beast in the ocean is the Antichrist. The beast on the ground is the false prophet.

Genesis 6:5

6:5. Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Without Holy Spirit, men will not have any good thing in their heart, but only evil and uncleanness. God will punish and destroy them.

Genesis 6:6-7

6:6. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

6:7. So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

In the book of Revelation chapter 16, the river Euphrates is dried up. It means men including the church of God do not have divine seed that makes alive, so they experience the spiritual dryness and death up to perdition forever.

Matthew 1:20-21

1:20. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

1:21. "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

Jesus is born of the Holy Spirit or the divine seed that is able to remove the fear. In the beginning, Joseph was afraid to take Mary as his wife. But then he could become quiet. On the last days, the fear will happen too.

Luke 21:25-27

21:25. "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;

21:26. "men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

21:27. "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Approaching God's second coming, men will be hit by fear. Being afraid is the main killer, both physically and spiritually, namely the second death in the hell forever.

The church of God who is in fear will not have the Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love. That is why our heart must be filled by Holy Spirit, so we are safe in the shadow of His love.

Romans 8:15

8:15. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

1 John 3:19-22

3:19. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.

3:20. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

3:21. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

3:22. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

One is in fear because of the sin. Holy Spirit sets us free from the bondage of the sin, so we can live in righteousness, and we can

experience the serenity. Holy Spirit also sets us free from fear and our heart becomes quiet. Our heart does not condemn us anymore. Thus, we have confidence toward God to pray. Our prayer will be answered by God. We become the divine men or God's real creation that is controlled by Holy Spirit.

John 3:5-8

3:5. *Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.*

3:6. *"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

3:7. *"Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'*

3:8. *"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

Those who are born of the Spirit are the same as the wind. For example, Jesus came like the wind when His disciples were fearful and shut the door.

The wind is the servant of God or the priest who ministers to Him according to His will. As long as being on the rail, the train will not fall.

The wind is the servant of God who brings coolness or peace, so all things become quiet, easy, and light.

The wind is the servant of God who brings the fragrance of Christ through the Good News to bring the sinners to believe in Jesus and be saved, and the Bride Tidings to bring the saved people to be perfected as the body of Christ.

2 Corinthians 2:14

2:14. *Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.*

If we diffuse the fragrance of Christ, we will be in triumph in Him. It means that we win over all of challenges and obstacles. We are never hindered by anything; even we win over the death. The challenge and obstacle will increase like the disciples who were fearful and shut the door. We must become like the wind, namely we are always in the will of God as well as bring the coolness of Christ, so we can minister easily and lightly as well as become the witness of Christ.

The servant of God who is allowed to die will be risen to enter the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace up to the eternal kingdom of heaven. He is not controlled by the death.

Revelation 20:6

20:6. *Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.*

Actually, the river Euphrates is the riverhead that borders between the promise land (Canaan or heaven) and the world. That is why the river Euphrates may not be dried up. **The river Euphrates draws off the living water or the divine seed, namely the Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love.**

1. The seed of the Word of God.

John 1:1

1:1. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

1 John 1:1-4

1:1. *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life--*

1:2. *the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us--*

1:3. *that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.*

1:4. *And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.*

The Word of God must become our life experience, to bring us into fellowship. The smallest fellowship is in the household or marriage. If the river Euphrates is dried up, the battle will happen. Further, the Word of God brings us into the bigger fellowship in the shepherding, inter-shepherding until the Gentiles and Israelites become one. We are happy and joyful in the fellowship.

Revelation 1:3

1:3. *Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.*

The living Word is able to give the heavenly bliss when it is read, heard, and practiced. One time, there is no more chance to read and hear the living Word. At that time we have already practiced the Word or the Word has been ingrained in us.

Revelation 22:7

22:7. "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Matthew 7:21

7:21. "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Before the river Euphrates is dried up, let us use the opportunity to read, hear, and practice the Word. As a result, the door of heaven and the ones in the world will be opened for us. There is a way out of all problems up to the impossible ones when we hear the Word.

2. **God's love.**

1 John 4:8-10

4:8. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

4:9. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

4:10. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

The river Euphrates draws off God's love, so we can love God more than anything, namely we minister to Him faithfully and fervently until Jesus comes a second time and we enter the eternal kingdom of heaven. By God's love, we can love others as we love ourselves; even we can love our enemy. We just do and speak the good thing to others. We do not return evil for evil, but good. By God's love there are no more quarrel and hostility. God will make all things good in His time.

3. **Holy Spirit.**

Romans 8:13

8:13. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

The fleshly man is useless. It just brings to the sins up to the peak. But, Holy Spirit puts to death the deeds of the body or the sins up to the peak, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.

Romans 8:26

8:26. Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Holy Spirit also helps us to worship God with groanings. We just groan and cry to God.

Why do we have to groan and cry to God? How great the church of God is, we are like a pregnant woman who will give birth while we are facing a great, fiery red dragon. The church of God is very powerless.

Revelation 12:1-2

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.

Giving birth refers to the newborn or the renewal of life from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus. What must be changed?

- Being strong and of good courage, namely one does not get disappointed and desperate as well as leave God. A pregnant woman is strong and of good courage until she gives birth.
- Being patient in suffering and waiting the time of God. We always give thanks to God. We totally surrender to God.

Psalms 27:14

27:14. Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!

Being strong and of good courage, we can wait for Jesus' coming on the glorious clouds. We are ready to greet His coming. Further we enter the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace and the New Jerusalem.

The physical meaning of giving birth is the finishing of the big problem, namely the one about our life and death.

John 16:19-21

16:19. Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'?"

16:20. "Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.

16:21. "A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

We have a little while to face the big problem or the peak of suffering.

There are two attitudes as follows:

- Getting disappointed and leaving God, so one is destroyed forever.
- Groaning and crying to God. We totally surrender to God.

If we stretch out our hands to God, He will stretch out His hands to finish all of impossible problems (giving birth); even we can receive the eternal happiness.

Physically, if we groan and cry to God when we face the big or impossible problem including our death and life, God will finish all things even giving the eternal happiness for us.

God blesses us.