

Bible Study Service in Malang, July 14, 2022 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 16:10-11

16:10. *Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.*

16:11. *They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.*

The fifth bowl of the wrath is poured out on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom becomes full of darkness with the great pains and deadly

sores, starting from in this world.

But the people cannot repent anymore; even they blaspheme God. God's longsuffering has ended, so they must experience His punishment up to perdition in the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth in the hell forever. That is why we must watch the two things as follows:

1. When the sharpness of the sword of the Word of God points to our sins up to the peak, we must confess to God and others. If we keep our sin, we will surely be more unclean and wicked until we are punished by God. Confessing the sin, we can repent and be set free from the punishment.
2. When we have experienced God's chastisement because of ignoring the Word, we must leave the sin and repent soon. It means returning to the righteousness and holiness. If we ignore the chastisement, we will be arrogant, so we are surely punished forever.

Matthew 12:43-45

12:43. *"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none.*

12:44. *"Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order.*

12:45. *"Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."*

One who was unclean and wicked has been redeemed by the blood of Jesus. He has been set free from the unclean spirit and Satan. He has become a Christian even the servant of God who is used by God.

But when Satan seeks rest, he finds the conditions of that man are as follows:

1. **Being empty.**

It means as follows:

- The heart or spirit is empty of the Word of God. It means having no faith. In the Tabernacle, the Word of God refers to the Table of Showbread.

Why does man become empty or have no faith? Because he does not hear the Word earnestly. He does not concentrate, but his mind and feet walk around or not being shepherded. Consequently, the Word just becomes the knowledge. It does not enter into the heart, so it does not become the faith that saves him. The Word that becomes the knowledge is only debated or discussed, but does not enter into the heart, so it cannot become the faith that saves men.

The Word that does not become faith means that one is not saved and shepherded but he likes to debate the Word. He just lives in emotion and ambition because the birds or Satan has eaten the seed of the Word which is sown. If one lives in emotion and ambition, he will surely sacrifice others even God to get anything he wants. We must be careful in the preaching of the Word of God. Do not let our mind walks around! Do not joke or become sleepy!

- The heart or spirit is empty of the Spirit of God. It means not obeying God. The Spirit of God refers to the Golden Candlestick.

One who has the Spirit of God can obey Him and say: "*Abba, Father.*" Without the Spirit of God, there is only evil spirit that causes disobedience. The example is King Saul. Being allowed in the experience of death or resurrection is the test of obedience. Do not forget the Word whatever condition we have! We need to pray a lot, including worshipping God and fasting, so we can always obey God.

Saul did not obey God, so he lost his kingdom. For us now, one who does not obey God will not be able to become the priest and king. He cannot minister to God, so he cannot return to the Paradise, the kingdom of the priests and kings.

- The heart or spirit is empty of God's love. It means not appreciating Christ's sacrifice. God's love refers to the Golden Altar of Incense.

John 3:16

3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Revelation 2:1-7

2:1. "To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, 'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

2:2. "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;

2:3. "and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.

2:4. "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

2:5. "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place--unless you repent.

2:6. "But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

2:7. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

Christ's sacrifice is the first love. It must become our base to enter the ministry that pleases God. Without the first love, we will never reach the perfect one. It means that we cannot be perfected, so we cannot become God's bride, and we cannot return to the Paradise.

Leaving the first love is the same as falling deeply. Consequently, one loses the Golden Candlestick. In the Tabernacle, the Golden Candlestick is put first, so there is a light to bring the Table of Showbread and the Golden Altar of Incense. If the Golden Candlestick does not exist anymore (without Holy Spirit), the Table of Showbread and the Golden Altar of Incense will not exist anymore, so one enters the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth forever.

But, there are hope and opportunity to repent when we hear the Word now. We can be built and prepared to return to the Paradise like one of the criminals who were crucified with Jesus.

Luke 23:40,43

23:40. But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?"

23:43. And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Jesus comes to the world, and He is crucified to redeem the sinners. The criminal is the one who is unclean, wicked, and without hope. But he could confess his sin and lift up Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Confessing sin is the same as worshipping Jesus as the King of kings and the Heavenly Bridegroom with saying: "Alleluia". It means receiving the perfect love.

As a result, Jesus says: "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." We can feel the atmosphere of the Paradise in this world.

Revelation 19:6

19:6. And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

2. **Being swept.**

It means that the mind or soul has been clever and great, and known God's law. But his life is not true, including agreeing the false thing. Consequently, the cleverness of men becomes futility and fools in their thoughts and deeds because their spirit is empty. They lead to the fornication or they agree the abomination, adultery, and false marriage.

Romans 1:18-32

1:18. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

1:19. because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

1:20. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

1:21. because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

1:22. Professing to be wise, they became fools,

1:23. and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

1:24. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

1:25. who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

1:26. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

1:27. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

1:28. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

1:29. being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,

1:30. backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

1:31. undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;

1:32. who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

When one works falsely, and then he is advised so he realizes it, he can still repent. But when one enters the false marriage, he is hard to be repaired up to the death. How can he repent? Although there is chance to confess, a false marriage is difficult and hard to be repaired.

3. **The body is put in order, namely being swept and adorned.**

Matthew 12:44

t12:44. "Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order.

The adorned body means that one is good looking, and has good job, with high salary, riches, and success. But if his spirit is empty, he will become the target of the throne of Satan. We must be watchful. On the last days, there are many Christians who are clever with great appearance, but their hearts are not filled by the Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love. Their hearts are empty. It is so dangerous because it becomes the target of Satan to ascend the throne on and fill their life.

Matthew 12:45

12:45. "Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."

2 Peter 2:20-22

2:20. For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.

2:21. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

2:22. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."

Consequently, their condition is worse, more evil, and more unclean than the beginning up to perdition forever.

For example, Moses was targeted by Pharaoh to be killed, but he was lifted up to become the son of Pharaoh's daughter because of God's mercy, and he was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. Moses became the great and clever man with his educated mind. His appearance as the son of the king was also great. But his heart was empty of Holy Spirit, the Word, and God's love. Consequently, Moses' condition was worse than the beginning. He was targeted to be killed, but later he killed others because he forgot God's mercy. Being killer means becoming the throne of Satan.

That is why Moses who was great and clever had to be shepherded by God.

Our heart must be filled by Holy Spirit, the Word, and God's love (the heavenly light), so we can become the throne of God.

Exodus 3:1-3

3:1. Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the

desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

3:2. And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

3:3. Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

The area of the shepherding is up to Mount Sinai or Mount Horeb. On Mount Sinai, Moses received the two things as follows:

1. The instruction to build the Tabernacle and its tools. It refers to the Tabernacle teaching, namely the one about the building of the perfect body of Christ.
2. The two tablets of stone. It refers to the love to God and others. We can love God and others until we repay good for evil.

So, in the shepherding we are saved, taken care of, even perfected to become God's bride. Someday, we can greet Jesus' coming on the glorious clouds.

'*Moses was tending the flock*' means that we must persevere in the three kinds of main service to God as follows:

- The Golden Candlestick refers to the perseverance in committing the General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His anointing and gifts. We receive the light of the star or a garland of twelve stars.
- 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. We experience the redemption of sins. If we persevere, we will experience the perfect redemption. It is the moon under feet.
- The Golden Altar of Incense refers to the perseverance in committing the Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love. If we persevere, we will receive the perfect love or the clothes of the sun

'*see this great sight*' means that the fleshly man can persevere in the three kinds of main service to God. It is the great sight that is waited in the world. In the sheepfold, we live in the increasing light.

1 John 5:19-20

5:19. We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

5:20. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

We are living in the world that becomes the throne of Satan, but he cannot touch us because we live in the heavenly or Tabernacle system. In the shepherding, we can become the increasing light up to the light of the world. If we are shepherded and become the light, Satan will not touch us.

Revelation 12:1,14

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.

12:14. 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.

Further, we receive God's mercy. In the shepherding, our heart is filled by the Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love. We return to living in God's mercy. Our condition is like a pregnant woman who will give birth while she is facing a great, fiery red dragon. The way out is that God gives us the two wings of a great eagle to evacuate us to the wilderness far from the eyes of the Antichrist who reigns over the world for three and a half years.

Exodus 3:5

3:5. Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

In the sheepfold, we also experience the purification continuously until we can take our sandals off. It is the same as becoming a newborn baby who is in weakness and impossibility. What can baby do? We just cry to God, so we receive His mercy.

Exodus 2:6,10

2:6. And when she had opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

2:10. And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."

We are just a baby who can do nothing physically and spiritually whoever we are. We need much fasting prayer to ask God's mercy.

God will stretch out His merciful hands to lift us up from drowning and falling into sins up to the peak, so we can live in righteousness and holiness. We can cry honestly just the way we are, namely we are honest about the true teaching, confessing sin and our condition just the way we are. We just live by God's mercy, and the others in the world are just a medium.

The son of the slave could become the son of the king. It means that we are lifted up to become the priests and kings. We receive the tunic of many colors to be used in the ministry of the building of the perfect body of Christ.

Exodus 3:4

3:4. So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

When God uses us in any ministries, we must say: "*Here I am.*" God will fight for us to fight against challenge and obstacle. All of impossible problems can be finished by God. We have beautiful and successful future in due time.

1 Corinthians 2:7-9

2:7. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

2:8. which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

2:9. But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

When Jesus comes a second time, we are changed to become perfect like Him. We become the heavenly bride. We meet Jesus on the glorious clouds. We say: "*Alleluia,*" and enter the New Jerusalem forever.

God blesses us.