

Bible Study Service in Malang, July 21, 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 of the wrath of God is poured out on the great river Euphrates, and its water is dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east may be prepared to the battle of Armageddon. It is the last and the biggest battle.

Verse 13 refers to the trinity of Satan with unclean spirits like frogs that triggers the sins up to the peak, namely uncleanness, fornications, sexual deviation, *et cetera*. It has ever happened in the age of Noah and Lot, so God punished with the floods as well as rained fire and brimstone.

Luke 17:26-30

17:26. *"And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:*

17:27. *"They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.*

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.*

The last days will be the same as the ones of Noah and Lot. The sins up to the peak becomes real until it comes up before God, so the punishment of fire and brimstone is coming.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

5:1. *But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.*

5:2. *For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.*

5:3. *For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.*

5:4. *But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.*

5:5. *You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.*

5:6. *Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.*

In the darkness of the world on the last days, the flesh is sleepy and sleeping, even getting drunk in the darkness of the sin. Consequently, one is close to the perdition or the punishment of God. We do not need to be afraid because we are the sons of light. That is why we should watch. It means that we always minister to God fervently until He comes a second time. Do not leave God when we are sick or in trouble! We must keep ministering to God fervently. Our ministry cannot be blocked by anything, so we will be able to greet Jesus when He comes a second time. We must be watchful because the unclean spirits try to disturb the mind of the church of God.

The three unclean spirits severely disturb the mind of the church of God as follows:

1. The unclean spirit makes the church of God have the corrupt mind, so we cannot follow the true teaching or the wholesome words. We do not follow Jesus' Word, but men's.

Jesus' Word is the one whose secret is revealed through one verse that explains the other verses in the Holy Bible

1 Timothy 6:3-5

6:3. *If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness,*

6:4. *he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions,*

6:5. *useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.*

'destitute of the truth' means the destroyed mind. One supposes that godliness is a means of gain such as money, position, *et cetera*. He is of all men the most pitiable.

1 Corinthians 15:19

15:19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

2. The unclean spirits makes the church of God have the corrupt mind, so we are deceived from the simplicity that is in Christ as the Heavenly Bridegroom or the true teaching Word.

2 Corinthians 11:2-4

11:2. For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

11:3. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

11:4. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted--you may well put up with it!

Being deceived from the simplicity that is in one man means adultery. Why is God so angry to the adultery or fornication or sexual deviation? Because He wants the holiness and oneness in the physical marriage to reach the holiness and oneness in the spiritual one between Christ and the congregation on the glorious clouds or the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

Ephesians 5:31-32

5:31. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

5:32. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Leviticus 20:7

20:7. 'Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God.

We must be purified from the unclean spirit to be used to minister to God. The three unclean spirits are as follows:

1. Leviticus 20:10-12, namely the adultery.
2. Leviticus 20:13-14, namely the homosexuality and lesbianism.
3. Leviticus 20:15-16, namely the fornication between man and animal.

We learn the first one.

Leviticus 20:10-12

20:10. 'The man who commits adultery with another man's wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death.

20:11. 'The man who lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them.

20:12. 'If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death. They have committed perversion. Their blood shall be upon them.

The adultery is the fornication between man and woman who are not husband and wife.

1 Corinthians 7:1-4

7:1. Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.

7:2. Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

7:3. Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

7:4. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

One who is not married because of God has the highest level. It means that it is not caused by ill will, hatred, or other reason. Those who are called not to get married may not force to get married. Those who are called to get married may not force not to get married.

The relationship of marriage between husband and wife is the one of right and duty.

If a husband fulfills his duty to his wife, namely he loves his wife as he loves himself, does not do bitterly toward her, and makes a living, she will become his right. We do our duty first, and then we will receive the right.

If a wife fulfills her duty to her husband, namely she submits and ministers to him, he will become her right that cannot be taken by others.

So, the adultery means robbing the right and violating the duty. Committing adultery with others' wife is the same as robbing others' right. Committing adultery with a virgin is the same as robbing the right of her parents.

1 Corinthians 7:5

7:5. Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

That is why husband and wife must commit the fasting prayer. It is the process to accelerate the crucifixion of the flesh with all of its lusts and desires, so husband and wife do not rape the right and violate the duty. Thus, the adultery will not happen, and the children can be saved.

God is so angry to those who rape or take others' right and violate his own duty.

The church of God must keep her holiness and honor God. We must return the three rights of God that cannot be charged against by anything as follows:

1. The tithe and special offerings. God has fulfilled His duty to bless and take care of us abundantly. That is why we must return God's right, namely the tithe and special offerings.

The tithe is a confession that we have been blessed and taken care of by God.

Malachi 3:6-10

3:6. "For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

3:7. Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," Says the LORD of hosts. "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?'

3:8. "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings.

3:9. You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.

3:10. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

The yearning of God is that the Israelites as His wife or His bride who has deviated can return to Him through the tithe, faithfulness, holiness, and the unity of the marriage.

Malachi 2:13-16

2:13. And this is the second thing you do: You cover the altar of the LORD with tears, With weeping and crying; So He does not regard the offering anymore, Nor receive it with goodwill from your hands.

2:14. Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the LORD has been witness Between you and the wife of your youth, With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant.

2:15. But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.

2:16. "For the LORD God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the LORD of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously."

The divorcement is the violation of right and duty that God hates. Behind the divorcement is surely getting married again that increases many problems, namely decay and perdition. That is why we must not look for mate of one who has divorced. The divorcement does not finish the problem in the marriage. The solution and unification of the marriage are in the cross of Christ, namely we confess and forgive one another. God is the Creator of marriage, so we must keep our marriage.

2. The temple of God or our body.

1 Corinthians 3:16

3:16. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19

6:19. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

Exodus 20:3-5

20:3. " You shall have no other gods before Me.

20:4. " You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

20:5. you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

Song of Solomon 8:6

8:6. *THE SHULAMITE TO HER BELOVED* Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame.

We must use our body to minister and worship God. The ministry and prayer are the possession of God Himself. Therefore, God appears as God who is jealous, and His jealousy is as cruel as the grave. If we prioritize anything in the world such as working, study, *et cetera* more than the ministry to God or we do not want to minister and worship God, we will experience the punishment fire of God in the hell.

On the contrary, if we prioritize the ministry more than anything in the world, we will be in the hug of God's mercy which is as strong as the death. Even the death cannot touch us. God protects and takes care of us miraculously up to eternal life.

3. His bride.

John 3:29

3:29. "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.

Before becoming His bride, we must become His friend. The example is John the Baptist. The friend of the Bridegroom is the sinner who has believed in Jesus as the only Savior, so he can experience the remission of sin as well as repent and enter the true water baptism. We who have died to sin or repented must be buried in the water baptism in the name of God the Father, the Son of God, and Holy Spirit, so we can receive new life. Further we enter Holy Spirit baptism, namely we live in righteousness and become the armor of righteousness.

Mark 2:18-20

2:18. *The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"*

2:19. *And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.*

2:20. *"But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.*

Actually, the friend of the Bridegroom is the disciples, including Judas Iscariot. Bud, Judas betrays and sells Jesus. Selling Jesus is the same as ministering to God to get the physical advantage, interest, and prosperity. His entrails are dirty, and such life is going to be destroyed forever.

The friend of the Bridegroom must be increased to become the bride. **The process is as follows:**

- **Rejoicing greatly because of the Bridegroom's voice.** Do not be unwillingly! Do not feel too long! It means that we can hear and obey the Bride Tidings. Thus, we can experience the purification of the sword of the Word. Watch our attitude in the Bride Tidings! Do not arrange God for the time of the preaching of the Word!

What must be purified?

Judges 3:16-17,21-22

3:16. *Now Ehud made himself a dagger (it was double-edged and a cubit in length) and fastened it under his clothes on his right thigh.*

3:17. *So he brought the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. (Now Eglon was a very fat man.)*

3:21. *Then Ehud reached with his left hand, took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly.*

3:22. *Even the hilt went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the dagger out of his belly; and his entrails came out.*

- a. The dirty heart like Judas Iscariot must be purified. The fat means the tithe and special offerings that belong to God. It may not be eaten or stolen. Do not be like Eve! Instead, Eve ate the forbidden fruit, so she lived in curse up to perdition.

Leviticus 3:16-17

3:16. *'and the priest shall burn them on the altar as food, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma; all the fat is the LORD's.*

3:17. *'This shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you shall eat neither fat nor blood.'*

If we burn or surrender the fat for God, we will produce fragrance that attracts God's presence, so there is no more punishment. God will pour out His blessing up to eternal life.

Genesis 8:21

8:21. *And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.*

- b. Leviathan the fleeing serpent. It refers to the woman of Babylon who controls the sea or the multitude. It is the same as the sins of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage including the false marriage, namely mixed-marriage, divorce-remarrying, *et cetera*. It must be purified.

Isaiah 27:1

27:1. *In that day the LORD with His severe sword, great and strong, Will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; And He will slay the reptile that is in the sea.*

Psalm 74:13

74:13. You divided the sea by Your strength; You broke the heads of the sea serpents in the waters.

Revelation 17:5

17:5. *And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

If we are purified, we will be used in the ministry of the building of the perfect body of Christ. We are equipped with the ministry and Holy Spirit's gift. We can minister in the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding (fellowship) up to one perfect body of Christ.

- o **Fasting.**

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The time of fasting is when we are separated from God. It means that we have problem or Jesus has not come yet.

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3:29. *"He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.*

3:30. *"He must increase, but I must decrease.*

The fasting prayer is the process to accelerate the crucifixion of the flesh with all of its lust and desire, so we can experience the renewal of life. We must decrease and He must increase. What must be changed?

Revelation 21:9-11

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,*

21:11. *having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.*

We must become as clear as crystal. It means being honest, believing, and obedient. We are like baby who just cry

cries and stretches out our hand to God. God will also stretch out His merciful hands to us.

John 8:2-4,11

8:2. Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them.

8:3. Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst,

8:4. they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act.

8:11. She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

A woman who was caught in adultery should be have been stoned. She was in fear, shame, uncleanness, and without hope. She just waited to be stoned and destroyed. Her condition was like bruised reed and smoking flax. Our condition is like that. We also confess that we are unworthy and unable before God, so we can be forgiven. We are not punished like that woman.

John 11:39-40

11:39. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

11:40. Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

Lazarus has been dead four days. It means being totally failed and full of decay, tears, and impossibilities up to perdition forever. Lazarus was like bruised reed and smoking flax. Let us be honest and believe when God comes. God will stretch out His merciful hands. Lazarus was risen. It means that the decay is changed into fragrance, so we can become the witness. The tears are changed into the heavenly bliss even though we are in the midst of the suffering. The impossible thing becomes possible.

We are changed to become perfect like Jesus when He comes a second time. We enter the New Jerusalem and become the eternal possession of God that cannot be charged against by anything.

God blesses us.