

Bible Study Service in Malang, June 05, 2018 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 7 consists of two big parts as follows.

1. Verse 1-8=One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel are sealed with the seal of God on their foreheads because of the promise of God. They are the core of the heavenly bride or the natives of Israel.
2. Verse 9-17= the Gentiles who are sealed on their foreheads to complete the heavenly bride because of the mercy of God that costs the sacrifice of Christ.

Both the Gentiles and Israelites who get the seal of God on the foreheads will be one perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds and enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, the One Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace or the Future Paradise, and the New Jerusalem to stand before the heavenly throne.

Revelation 7:10-12

7:10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

7:11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

7:12 saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

The activity before the throne is falling on face and worshipping God.

There are three things which encourage the Gentiles to fall on face and worship God as follows.

1. **Falling on face because of the help and blessing of God by the work of the true teaching Word.**

Luke 5:3-8

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.

5:4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

5:5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."

5:6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

5:7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

5:8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

Peter could not catch anything. He faced impossible problem although he had worked hard all night long.

On the last days, we face the globalization, so the competition gets tighter and the difficulties increase. In such condition, we cannot rely on the intelligence, riches, experience, or anything because they will fail. We must hear and obey the true teaching Word. As a result, Peter was helped and blessed by the lord.

Thus, the true teaching Word is the source of God's blessing and help which cannot be limited by anything on the last days.

If we confess that the blessing and help we get come from the Lord or the true teaching Word, we will be encouraged to do these two things.

- To remember God as the Giver of blessing and help, so we can return the tithes and offerings. We can also remember God's work in the world and the other people who are in need.
- To fall on face and worship God as well as confess that we are sinful. As a result, we are saved by the sacrifice of Christ.

How can Jesus save all of us?

John 19:31-34

19:31 Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

19:32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

19:33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

The fifth wound was the biggest and deepest one. It was on the side of Jesus which had been pierced by a Gentile. Blood and water came out of it. It refers to the great mercy and grace of God to save the Gentiles.

The four other wounds are the main ones while the fifth completes them.

The five wounds of the sacrifice of Christ are able to save the Israelites and Gentiles.

The sign of blood means repenting, confessing sin, and forgiving the sins of others. Do not judge the sins of others.

The sign of water refers to the water baptism. One who has repented or died to sin must be buried in water with Jesus to be raised with Him in a new life, namely in righteousness. It means living by faith or the true teaching Word. As a result, we are saved.

Luke 5:10

5:10 and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men."

After living in righteousness, God will lift us up to be the fishers of men or His servants who serve and minister to Him according to the ministry He has entrusted faithfully and correctly.

Isaiah 11:5

11:5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

Luke 17:7-8

17:7 "And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'?"

17:8 "But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'?"

Ministering to God in faithfulness and righteousness is the same as wearing the belt and making Him full or His heart joyful. As a result, we will get the heavenly satisfaction and joy. We do not need to look for the worldly satisfaction anymore. Our drink and food become God's concern. Our concern is only to minister to Him in faithfulness and righteousness. God is able to preserve our life by the true teaching Word, so we live in abundance or always give thanks to Him.

Jeremiah 2:32

2:32 Can a virgin forget her ornaments, Or a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten Me days without number.

The belt refers to the ornament of the bride. If we serve and minister to God in faithfulness and righteousness, He is adorning and tidying up our life to make it more beautiful up to the most beautiful one, namely we become the bride of God.

2. Falling down on face because the Gentiles face the work of the spirit of Satan.

Mark 7:24-30

7:24 From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but He could not be hidden.

7:25 For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet.

7:26 The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

7:27 But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

7:28 And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."

7:29 Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

7:30 And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

The conditions of the Gentiles without the crumbs are as follows.

○ Like a young girl who was demon-possessed.

The fact found in it is **disobedience**. The disobedience to God is the same as committing the sin, namely not serving to God.

Hebrews 10:25-27

10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

10:26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

10:27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

Such sin will become habitual and intentional sin. It means that one does not regret when he does not serve to God.

The disobedience to other people begins from the marriage. A husband does not love the wife; even he does bitterly toward her. A wife does not submit to the husband, but resists against him. A child does not obey and respect the parents. The parents discourage the children through forcing their interest which is not in line with the will of God to the children as well as supporting the mistake of the children. The disobedience in marriage will continue to the peak, namely the sins concerning marrying-being given in marriage, until one cannot enter the marriage supper of the Lamb.

○ **Like a dog licking the vomit.**

It refers to the **idle words, lie, and gossip.**

Mark 7:28-30

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7:29 Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

7:30 And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

Acts 13:46

13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles."

Actually, the preaching of the Word is only for the natives of Israel. Nevertheless, a part of Israel has rejected it, so the opportunity which is like the eye of a needle and the great mercy of God are opened for the Gentiles to lick the crumbs or the revelation of the Word.

The process is through hearing the Word seriously with a need until understanding, believing, and obeying it. The results are as follows.

- a. The work of faith, namely the righteous, holy, and good deeds to become blessings for others.
- b. The words of faith, namely the righteous, holy, and good words until we can testify and worship God.

Song of Solomon 7:9

7:9 And the roof of your mouth like the best wine. THE SHULAMITE The wine goes down smoothly for my beloved, Moving gently the lips of sleepers.

The words of faith will awaken Jesus who is sleeping to rebuke the wind and waves, so the sea will be calm. The Gentiles can get the peace and not be in distress anymore.

3. Falling on face because of being cleansed from leprosy.

Luke 17:11-19

17:11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

17:12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

17:13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

17:14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

17:15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,

17:16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

17:17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"

17:18 "Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

17:19 And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Being cleansed from leprosy means that we are used in the revival of the edification of the perfect body of Christ. It begins from the marriage.

The direction is towards the New Jerusalem or the eternal heavenly kingdom.

The fact found in it is the fellowship, not feeling as the stranger.

The true fellowship is based on the true teaching Word. Beginning from the marriage, the core must be the true teaching Word.

The midst of Samaria and Galilee or the frontier refers to the wall of separation. In the revival of the last rain, we face the border or the wall of separation between the Israelites and the Gentiles. Indeed we have to face the wall of separation for the fellowship of the body of Christ, beginning from the marriage.

The wall of separation means as follows.

○ **The Law.**

Israelites have the Law, but cannot fulfill it, so the condemnation comes.

The Gentiles do not have the Law, so their lives are in chaos.

○ **The leprosy, which means as follows.**

- a. Self-truth or the one which is not in line with the Bible.
- b. Uncleaness.
- c. Evil or the will of money which causes the stinginess and greediness.
- d. Not giving thanks.

Numbers 14:29

14:29 'The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above.

Serving to God with murmuring or arguing, the stars, the priests, or the servants of God will be the animals.

Luke 17:13-14

17:13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

17:14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

The solution is in the sacrifice of Christ. **Jesus must die on the cross to break the wall of separation.**

○ **Jesus dies to fulfill the Law.**

Matthew 5:17

5:17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

○ **The sacrifice of Christ reconciles and unites the Israelites and the Gentiles to be one perfect body of Christ with Jesus as the Head.**

Ephesians 2:13-16

2:13. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

2:14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

2:15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,

2:16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

We must be one first in the marriage, and then in the shepherding, and inter-shepherding.

Jesus will appear as the Head who is responsible until He dies on the Place of Skull.

The results are as follows.

- a. Jesus knows our spiritual weaknesses. Therefore, He wants to wash us doubly, sanctify, and change us.

Ephesians 5:25-27

5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

We become like a baby who is sincere and cries only to God.

b. Jesus embraces us with His loving hands.

Ephesians 5:29

5:29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

It means that we keep faithful and fervent in spirit in serving and ministering to God. We love Him more than anything. We love others like we love ourselves; even we love our enemy.

God will preserve and protect us in the midst of difficulties in the world. God will do whatever we cannot do with His own way. He will finish all things in time of need. He will make all things successful and beautiful in His time.

God blesses you.