

Bible Study Service in Malang, June 15, 2017 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 6:1-2

6:1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

6:2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

The opening of the first seal refers to the first judgment of Holy Spirit to the world, namely the revival of the white horse or the one of the judgment to the sin.

The revival of the white horse is the same as the one of Holy Spirit at the latter rain for the edifying of the perfect body of Christ. It is the revival in the light of the arrows or the true teaching Word, which is sharper than any two-edged sword, or the Bride Tidings to prepare the Church to be the perfect bride who is without any blemish and worthy to welcome Jesus' second coming.

John 2:19-21

2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

2:20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

2:21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

Actually, God commanded His servants to build the temple to accommodate His presence. It started from the Tabernacle, which was built by Moses, and then the temple which was built by Solomon to accommodate God's glory.

Nevertheless, the Lord then commanded to destroy the physical temple because He wanted to build the spiritual one, namely the body of Christ. **He turned from the edifying of the physical temple to the spiritual one, namely the body of Christ.**

Why?

1. **Because the physical temple was built in the Law system.**

The forty six years refer to the four commandments written on the first tablet of the two tablets of stone and the six commandments on the second tablet or the Ten Laws. The physical temple was built in the Law system. It was only for the house of Israel, so the Gentiles could not take part in it.

The three days refer to the death and resurrection of Jesus or His sacrifice on the cross. The spiritual temple is built upon the foundation of the sacrifice of Christ or God's mercy, so the Gentiles can take part in it.

2. **Because the physical temple could no longer accommodate the glory of Christ due to the selling-buying spirit or the wicked and uncleanness one in it.** The Lord Jesus can no longer become the Head of the temple.

Jesus is willingly obedient until He dies on the cross to build the spiritual temple, so it can accommodate the presence of God and Jesus becomes the Head.

3. **Because the physical temple is going towards the destruction or perdition together with the world.** Jesus, the Head, must die on the cross to build His body, so we will not perish together with the world.

The edifying of the body of Christ begins from the fellowship, namely in marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the one perfect body of Christ between the house of Israel and the Gentiles.

The process is as follows.

1. **Sanctification process.**

John 2:13-15

2:13 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2:14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers doing business.

2:15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables.

We are sanctified by the whip of cords which refers to the Shepherding Word. The sheep must be bound by the Shepherding Word, namely the true teaching Word which we received repetitively in the shepherding pen or the three main services to God. It has function to face the sins which are repeated up to the peak. If the cords of the teaching Word are rejected, they will be spun to be a whip. It refers to the chastening of God.

Hebrews 12:10

12:10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be

partakers of His holiness.

The chastening still becomes the mercy of God to make us return to the holiness. After returning to the holiness, the chastening stops and God's blessings and goodness come. All things become good.

On the contrary, one will be let by God like an illegitimate son who will only wait for the punishment from Him if he ignores or rejects the chastening.

John 2:14, 16

2:14 *And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers doing business.*

2:16 *And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"*

The spirit of selling-buying or the one of the antichrist must be sanctified. **The facts found in the spirit of selling-buying are as follows.**

- **Trading the animal offerings or the sacrifice of Christ.** It is the same as despising the sacrifice of Christ by repeating or falling and rising in sins until one appears like the dog and swine.
The swine returns to the wallowing in the mire. It refers to the sinful deeds which are done repetitively, up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.
The dog licks the vomit. It refers to the repetitive sinful words, the idle ones, lies, gossips, slanders, and blasphemies.
- **The heart is bound by the will of money or wicked spirit.**
The signs are as follows.
 - a. **Serving and ministering to God only to look for physical profits by legalizing all ways, but without the true ordination.** The temple is made as the marketplace and the den of thieves. One always looks for the cheapest price in a marketplace. The temple is made as the marketplace means that all people may minister to God. A marketplace is very crowded. The temple is made as the marketplace means that the amenities of the world are brought in the church and there is no sanctification in it.
 - b. **Not being faithful, even one leaves the service and ministry to God because of looking for the physical things, money, and so on.**
 - c. **Stinginess and greediness or the worship to the antichrist.**
Stinginess means that one cannot give to the work of God and other people who are in need.
Greediness means that one robs the possession of others and God, namely the tithes and offerings.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11 *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,*

4:12 *for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,*

1 Peter 2:5

2:5 *you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

If we are sanctified from the spirit of selling-buying, we will be equipped with the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit or appointed as the priests and kings. We are used by God in the edifying of the spiritual house or the body of Christ. We become the living stones. It means that we live by the mercy of God. We can live anywhere, anytime, and in any circumstance until we get the eternal life.

2. Destruction process.

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It is done by the teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword. The first sharpness has function to sanctify and the second one to renew.

What must be renewed?

- **The service and ministry in the Law system.** It must be destroyed to become the mercy system.

The forty six years refer to the Law system, namely the service and ministry which are done as a habit, without the responsibility to God, but in lukewarmness. In such condition, one serves and ministers to God, but he gets bored and sleepy.

1 Corinthians 15:9-10

15:9 For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

The service to God in the mercy system is signified by laboring more abundantly, faithfulness, fervency in spirit, and responsibility to God.

○ **The ten spies, namely magnifying problems or temptations more than the power of God.**

The forty six years can form the figure ten (4 + 6 = 10), namely the ten spies. The first generation of the house of Israel who had gone out of Egypt died and became the carcasses on the wilderness because of the ten spies.

Numbers 13:27-28

13:27 Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.

13:28 "Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.

They magnified problems or temptations more than the power of the true teaching Word, so the murmured, grumbled, and left God.

Consequently, they were punished to surround the wilderness for forty years and die as the carcasses. The priests or stars turned into animals.

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.

2 Corinthians 5:1-4, 6-8

5:1 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

5:2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,

5:3 if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.

5:4 For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.

5:6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.

5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

5:8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

We are being renewed through the repetitive true teaching Word in the shepherding system. It means that we are being changed from the fleshly man to the spiritual one. We can be **strong and of good courage**. We can hold fast and obey the true teaching Word, regardless of any risk we have to take.

○ **The forty six years refer to the pride of physical things.**

It is the same as prioritizing the physical things until one ignores the spiritual ones. He serves and ministers to God, but magnifying the physical ones and rejecting the power of godliness, namely the cross and the true teaching Word.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3:1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

3:2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3:3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

3:4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

If we receive the cross and the true teaching Word through the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion, we

will be encouraged to humble ourselves and fall on the feet of Jesus to worship Him and cry out His name.

The faithful and obedient servants of God who worship Him are stretching out the hands to Him like a crying baby. We fully focus on God or His mercy.

Song of Solomon 8:5-7

8:5 A RELATIVE Who is this coming up from the wilderness, Leaning upon her beloved? I awakened you under the apple tree. There your mother brought you forth; There she who bore you brought you forth.

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.

8:7 Many waters cannot quench love, Nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love All the wealth of his house, It would be utterly despised.

As a result, God will stretch out His hands to embrace and carry us as follows.

- We feel peaceful in the midst of windstorms in the sea of the world. All things become easy and light.
- We get the eternal love of God which is able to defeat the death. The Lord is able to preserve our life physically in the midst of difficulties in the world up to the time when the antichrist reigns over the world. He is also able to preserve us spiritually, namely protecting us from the fiery darts of the wicked, so we can live in righteousness and holiness. He is able to help us and solve all impossible problems.

Isaiah 6:5-7

6:5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."

6:6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.

6:7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged."

The sacrifice of Christ is able to sanctify our life until we do not stumble in words. We become as perfect as He is.

God blesses you.