

Bible Study Service in Malang, June 19, 2018 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 7:13-15

7:13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

7:14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

7:15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

Who are those arrayed in white robes before the throne of God to serve Him day and night?

Those are the ones who come out of the great tribulation and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. They have undergone the ministry of reconciliation which is done by the High Priest.

Leviticus 16:12-14,16

16:12 "Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, with his hands full of sweet incense beaten fine, and bring it inside the veil.

16:13 "And he shall put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the Testimony, lest he die.

16:14 "He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

16:16 "So he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, for all their sins; and so he shall do for the tabernacle of meeting which remains among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

In the Old Testament, Aaron the High Priest entered the Most Holy Place once a year to commit the ministry of reconciliation by bringing the blood and incense. He sprinkled the two times seven sprinkles of blood upon the Ark of the Covenant and in front of it, so there was shekinah glory or the glory of God to set the Israelites free from sins.

Hebrews 9:11-12

9:11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

9:12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

1 John 2:1-2

2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

2:2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

In the New Testament, Jesus enters the holy place or the heavenly throne once forever by bringing His own blood and the incense or the intercession prayer, so there is shekinah glory or the glory of God to set all people in the world free from sins.

When we experience the sprinkling of blood with Jesus, we must worship God. As a result, there is the ministry of reconciliation which is done by Jesus, the High Priest, so there is shekinah glory and we are set free from sins like Job who was set free from the self-truth, so the life renewal from carnal man to spiritual one like Jesus happens.

There are four things in the flesh which must be torn to get the shekinah glory as follows.

1. The fleshly mind which is set on earthly or fleshly things.

Philippians 3:18-19

3:18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

3:19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame--who set their mind on earthly things.

Consequently, one prioritizes the fleshly things more than the spiritual ones. He keeps the sinful flesh up to the peak of sin, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage, until being destroyed forever.

The fleshly mind must be torn to be the one of the cross or the spiritual one. **The mind of the cross means as follows.**

- Sacrificing the physical things to get the spiritual ones.
- Prioritizing the service and ministry to God or spiritual things more than the physical ones.
- Willingly suffering in the flesh to stop sinning, repent, and live in righteousness.

2. **The fleshly will that always resists against the one of God.**

Romans 8:6-7

8:6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

Consequently, one cannot submit to the law of God or the true teaching Word.

James 1:13-15

1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

1:14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

1:15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

The fleshly will has the power to entice or drag, so one will reject the will of God or the Word. The fleshly will drag one to go out of the railway of God's will. A train which goes out of the railway track will fall. The greater the train, the greater the destruction because of going out of the railway track. Satan will come with unsolvable temptation when one is going out of the will of God.

The fleshly will must be torn, so we can obey God and the true teaching Word, regardless of anything we must face.

Matthew 1:21-23

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."

1:22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

The disobedient servants of God are not ministering to Him, but committing evil deed. They will be driven out by God.

The measure of ministering to God is the obedience until the flesh does not speak anymore.

The measure of the success of our life in the world until we are on the heavenly throne is the obedience. As the result, the doors in the world will be opened and the door of the heavenly kingdom will be too.

3. **The fleshly characteristics.**

There are five fleshly characteristics that must be torn as follows.

- **Hypocrisy.**

Luke 12:1-2

12:1 In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first of all, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

12:2 "For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known.

It means pretending to be good or faithful to cover the rottenness or to get physical thing.

The hypocrisy means that what inside the heart is different from what appears outside.

It must be torn to be **the honesty or sincerity**. Say "yes" if "yes" and "no" if "no".

- **Fear.**

Luke 12:4-5

12:4 "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

12:5 "But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!"

It means fearing something in the world until resisting against God.

Such fear must be changed into **the one of the Lord**. It means that we fear of committing sin.

○ **Covetousness.**

Luke 12:13-15

12:13 Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

12:14 But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?"

12:15 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

It means stinginess and greediness. It happens because one feels that his life depends on money.

It must be torn, so we can **give for the work of God and others who are in need.** The church in Macedonia could give although they were poor because they relied on God.

The direction of our giving is not to any man, but God. Abraham could give; even he gave his son. As a result, he met Jehova Jireh, who is able to create something that does not exist yet.

○ [Luke 12:22-24] **Worry.**

It means the anxiety about the physical things and the future life until one cannot live in righteousness and faithfulness.

It must be torn, so we can **believe and fully surrender to God.**

○ [Luke 12:35-48] **Negligence.**

It means the unfaithfulness in the service and ministry to God; even in the worship to Him.

Consequently, one will surely left behind when Jesus comes a second time.

It must be torn, so we can always **watch.** We can be faithful and fervent in spirit in worshiping, serving, and ministering to God.

4. **The fleshly deeds.**

If there is the fleshly mind, will, and characteristics inside, there will be the fleshly deeds and words outside.

Galatians 5:19-21

5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

5:20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

5:21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Consequently, one cannot inherit the kingdom of God. He cannot stand before the throne of God.

It means entering the lake of fire and brimstone.

If the four things in the flesh have been torn, it will be the same as the Veil's being torn and there will be *shekinah glory*. The glory of God will renew us from the fleshly man to the spiritual one who is as glorious as Jesus is.

Luke 9:28-29

9:28 Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

9:29 As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening.

The glory of Jesus as the King of all kings and the Heavenly Bridegroom was shown upon a mountain. It refers to the worship prayer.

1. **The face refers to the heart.** The shining face means the good conscience or the sincere one as follows.

- Being able to distinguish the true teaching Word from the false one. Then, we will be able to distinguish all true things from the false ones and we will choose the true ones for sure, regardless of any risk we must take.
- Realizing the wrong thing in the heart. We can confess sin and forgive one another. As a result, the sins are finished by the blood of Jesus. If there is no wrong thing in our heart, our face will surely be cheerful.

2. **His robe became white and glistening.**

The robe refers to the deed. If the conscience is good, the deeds and words will be good; even we can repay good for evil.

If the conscience, deeds, and words are good, we will have peace. We can be the house of prayer to worship God. We can

surrender and cry out to Jesus. If the spiritual miracle happens, the physical one will also happen as follows.

1. Crying out the name of Jesus, we get the power of lifting up from drowning.

Matthew 14:29-32

14:29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

14:30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

14:32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

The cause of being drowned is the doubt to the true teaching Word and Jesus' power. Consequently, one drowns. It means a deterioration, fall in sins up to the peak, total failure, fear, and distress.

Crying out the name of Jesus and worshiping Him, we only believe and hope in Him. He will stretch out His hands to lift us up from the drowning. The things which have decreased will be lifted up or healed. The fall in sin will be lifted up, so one can live in righteousness and holiness. The failure will be lifted up to be success and beauty. The fear becomes peace. All things become easy and light.

2. Crying out the name of Jesus, there is the cure from paralysis.

Acts 3:1-2, 5-8

3:1 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

3:2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;

3:5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

3:6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

3:7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

3:8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them--walking, leaping, and praising God.

The cause of the paralysis is hoping in the worldly things. The consequences are as follows.

- The destruction of marriage and children. There are no beauty and joy.
- Unfaithfulness in the service and ministry to God.
- Facing impossibility.

Believing and hoping in God, the paralysis can be healed as follows.

- The marriage and children will be helped to be beautiful and joyful.
- We can be fond of serving and ministering to God.
- All impossibilities are removed.

We are changed to be as glorious as Jesus when He comes a second time. We are lifted up to the glorious clouds and able to stand before the heavenly throne day and night.

Isaiah 5:7

5:7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; For righteousness, but behold, a cry for help.

He is fond of us regardless of our condition. Let us be fond of the service and ministry to Him.

God blesses you.