

Bible Study Service in Malang, June 23, 2016 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 4:3, 6

4:3 *And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.*

4:6 *Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.*

God and His throne radiate the light of glory or shekinah glory in the form of the light of the four precious stones as follows.

1. Jasper stone which refers to the faith or the Gate of Tabernacle.
2. Sardius stone, whose color is red, refers to the Altar of Burnt Offering or repentance.
3. Crystal or the sea of glass refers to the water baptism or Brazen Laver.

Revelation 4:6

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4. Emerald or the rainbow refers to the Holy Spirit Baptism or the Door of Tabernacle.

We are learning the first, namely the jasper stone. This is the most precious stone. It refers to the faith or the Door of Tabernacle.

The growth of faith according to the heavenly kingdom or Tabernacle is as follows.

1. **The true faith or entering the Court of Tabernacle by passing through the Gate.**

Romans 10:17

10:17 *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

The true faith comes from hearing the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit or the revelation of God's Word. The secret of the Word is revealed through a verse which explains other verses in the Bible. It is the true teaching Word.

John 20:25, 27-29

20:25 *The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."*

20:27 *Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."*

20:28 *And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"*

20:29 *Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

Be careful of unhealthy faith, namely the faith because of seeing physical signs like Thomas. Consequently, there is no joy and the faith is brittle. In such condition, one will be easily deceived by the miraculous signs of the antichrist and false prophets, so he departs from the faith.

Psalm 118:19-21

118:19 *Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD.*

118:20 *This is the gate of the LORD, Through which the righteous shall enter.*

118:21 *I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation.*

Holy Spirit helps a pastor so that he has a longing and weeping to get the revelation of God's Word. This is the main duty of a pastor. Where there is the revelation of God's Word, there will be the opening of the doors in the world; even the door of heaven will be open.

Luke 8:18

8:18 *"Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."*

The congregation must pay attention to the way they hear the Word and what they hear, so they will not hear the wrong things. Holy Spirit helps the congregation so that they have a longing and weeping to be able to receive the Word seriously with a need and cheerful heart. We can hear the Word seriously until we understand, believe the Word to become faith in

our heart, and obey it to become the work of faith. As a result, the gate of heaven or salvation is opened for us. The proof is we can serve and minister to God with fearing and trembling.

Genesis 28:16-17

28:16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."

28:17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"

It means that we can serve and minister to God in faithfulness, righteousness, fervency in spirit, and responsibility to God.

1 Timothy 4:8-10

4:8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

4:9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

4:10 For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

As a result, God gives us double promise, namely the preservation for our present life in the world, future life, and the eternal one.

In the Old Testament, God fought for the service and ministry of the Israelites to Him by punishing the Egyptians. In the New Testament, the Lord fought for the service of the Gentiles and Israel by being punished willingly on the cross, so we can serve and minister to Him.

2. The holy and firm faith or the Table of Showbread. It refers to entering the Holy Place.

We get the firm and holy faith in the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with Holy Communion.

In such service, the teaching Word is preached repetitively to be deeper. The functions are as follows.

- Giving us the firmness of faith or strengthening our faith.

Philippians 3:1b

3:1 For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.

We have the firm faith, so we are not driven to and fro by the false teachings, gossips, and lies.

- Sanctifying us.

Malachi 3:1-3

3:1 "Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts.

3:2 "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderer's soap.

3:3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.

The repetitive Word is like the refiner's fire and launderer's soap to cleanse the spot and rust of the priests so that they may minister to God correctly and please Him and endure until the second coming of Jesus. We keep faithful and fervent in spirit serving and ministering to God without stopping on the way.

The spot of sin is outside, namely the sinful deeds up to the peak or the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage and sinful words such as lies, gossips, and slanders.

The rust of sin is inside, namely the evil and unclean desires and bitterness. The evil desire refers to the will of money that causes stinginess or one cannot give and greediness or one robs the possession of others and God. The unclean desire refers to the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage, bitterness, envy, revenge, and so on.

A priest or God's servant must persevere in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion to experience the sanctification for the outward and inward life by the true teaching Word continually until he appears like silver and gold.

Malachi 3:3

3:3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.

Proverbs 10:20

10:20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little.

The silver refers to the honesty. It begins from the godly matters, namely honesty about the true teaching Word, in confessing sin, and in all things.

The gold refers to the obedient servants of God and loving God more than all things as well as loving others as we love ourselves.

Haggai 2:6-8

2:6 "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;

2:7 'and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.

2:8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts.

As a result, we are preserved and protected by God miraculously in the midst of crises in the world. We can have the quietness, so all things become easy and light. We are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain for building the perfect body of Christ. It begins from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding fellowship service, up to the one perfect body of Christ between the Gentiles and the Israelites. The more we are used by God, the more beautiful life we will get. God never deceives us. It continues until we become His possession forever.

3. The perfect faith or the golden pot that had the manna. It refers to the Most Holy Place.

Hebrews 9:4

9:4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant;

1 Peter 1:6-7

1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

1:7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

The pure faith is derived from the test, the cross, the sprinkling of blood, or the suffering in the flesh with Jesus.

Job 1:1-3

1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.

1:2 And seven sons and three daughters were born to him.

1:3 Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

For example, Job was a great man who was successful physically and spiritually, but his faith was not perfect yet, so all things were meaningless.

Job 3:1

3:1 After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.

The proof is easily being disappointed, hopeless, and proud, as well as feeling great and true or using the self-truth.

Job 32:1-2

32:1 So these three men ceased answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

32:2 Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was aroused against Job; his wrath was aroused because he justified himself rather than God.

The self-truth means the truth which is not in line with the Word, namely covering sins by blaming others and God or the true teaching Word.

Job felt great, so God let him experience great or total test. It was not to destroy him, but to make him get the pure or perfect faith.

Job 23:10

23:10 But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.

James 5:10-11

5:10 My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.

5:11 Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord--that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

The proof is our perseverance in doing the three main services to God in the shepherding pen as follows.

- Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service.
- Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion.
- Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Prayer Service.

Through the perseverance in the shepherding pen, the clay pot or our body, soul, and spirit is filled with manna or heavenly treasure.

2 Corinthians 4:7

4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

Psalm 78:23-25

78:23 Yet He had commanded the clouds above, And opened the doors of heaven,

78:24 Had rained down manna on them to eat, And given them of the bread of heaven.

78:25 Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full.

Manna is the same as the angels' food or the shepherding Word, namely the true teaching Word which is trusted by God to a pastor that he may preach to the congregation faithfully, continually, and repetitively to become the food of the congregation.

If a pastor does not preach the Word, there will be no bread upon the table. Consequently, the table becomes the one of moneychanger. It means that the pastor only counts the money, so the sheep are not counted by God.

If the sheep do not want to eat the true Shepherding Word, they will not be counted by God like Judas.

If the clay pot is filled with manna continually, there will be a life renewal to become the golden pot that has the manna. The proofs are as follows.

- Patience.

James 5:10

5:10 My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.

We are patient in facing the suffering. We do not murmur, but always give thanks to God. We are patient also in waiting for the time of God, namely we do not take our own way which is not in line with the Word.

- Being confident, strong, and of good courage.

2 Corinthians 5:6-7

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.

We only believe and entrust our life fully to God whatever condition we must face.

Job 42:5-6

42:5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You.

42:6 Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes."

We confess that we are only like the clay which is unable, not worthy, and not precious. We only hope in the grace and mercy of God. Our eyes see the Lord. Our hands are lifted up to God and our mouth cries out His name.

We believe and entrust our life to God. The hands of God hold us and we get these results.

- a. The hands of God are able to help us and solve all problems; even the impossible ones.
- b. The hands of God are able to form us as the vessel of glory. We are used in the revival for building the body of Christ.
- c. The hands of God are able to make all things good, successful, and beautiful.

Genesis 1:31

1:31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

We are sanctified and changed until we are perfect. We do not stumble in word. We only say "Alleluia" to welcome Jesus' second coming until we sit with Jesus on the throne of heavenly kingdom forever.

God blesses you.