

Bible Study Service in Malang, June 30, 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.
4. Emerald or the rainbow refers to the Holy Spirit Baptism or the Door of Tabernacle.

ad. 2. Sardius stone.

Formerly, the animal offerings were burnt on the Altar of Burnt Offering. Now, they have been fulfilled by the sacrifice of Christ. The Altar of Burnt Offering refers to the cross or the first love.

The growth of love in Tabernacle is as follows.

1. **The Altar of Burnt Offering or the cross.** It is the same as the blood of Jesus or the first love.

Exodus 27:1-2

27:1 *"You shall make an altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide -- the altar shall be square -- and its height shall be three cubits.*

27:2 *"You shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it. And you shall overlay it with bronze.*

The altar is made of acacia wood. The wood refers to the brittle fleshly human. The color of acacia wood is black. It refers to the sin. Thus, the acacia wood refers to the sinful fleshly men.

The altar is overlaid with bronze inside and out. The bronze refers to the punishment for the flesh.

Deuteronomy 28:23

28:23 *"And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron.*

Thus, the sinful fleshly man can repent if he willingly punishes the sinful flesh of his inward and outward man.

Matthew 5:27-28

5:27 *"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.'*

5:28 *"But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

Verse 27 refers to the sinful deeds of the outward man which must be punished.

Verse 28 refers to the sinful desires in heart which must be punished also.

The acacia wood also has latex whose smell is so strong. The latex will come out of the cut skin of the wood. The latex refers to the sinful characteristics. The signs are as follows.

- Rejoicing in sin. There is no fear and one does not regret in sinning.
- The spontaneous or automatic sin because of the influence from outside.

Thus, repenting means punishing the sinful flesh or confessing the sinful deeds, desires, and characteristics to God vertically and to others horizontally. As a result, the blood of Jesus forgives our sins. We must not sin again. We die to sin. In such condition, we receive the first love. We are set free from the judgment of God. We are saved and blessed by God.

2. **The Golden Altar of Incense.** It refers to the worship prayer or the increasing love.

Exodus 30:1,3

30:1 *"You shall make an altar to burn incense on; you shall make it of acacia wood.*

30:3 *"And you shall overlay its top, its sides all around, and its horns with pure gold; and you shall make for it a molding of*

gold all around.

It is made of acacia wood. The wood refers to the fleshly man who cannot worship God.

The fleshly man must experience the holiness of Holy Spirit to be able to worship God like the acacia wood which is overlaid with pure gold.

Romans 8:26

8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Holy Spirit helps us in the weakness of our flesh, so we can worship God.

Romans 5:5

5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Holy Spirit also pours out the abundant love of God in our heart. The results are as follows.

- We can have a broken heart. We do not feel anything that our flesh felt. We are not disappointed. There are no evil, uncleanness, worry, and fear in us, but the abundant love of God and peace. All things become easy and light.
- We experience the tearing of flesh, so we are renewed from fleshly man to the spiritual one like Jesus is. This is the continuation of the tearing of flesh in the water baptism.
The Golden Altar of Incense is written in Exodus 30. The Brazen Laver is written also in Exodus 30. The water baptism and worship prayer are the tearing of flesh, so all of us experience the renewal from fleshly man to the spiritual one like Jesus is.

What must be renewed? The face or five senses must be renewed [Matthew 17], so we can shine.

The ears are renewed to be obedient to the true teaching Word.

The mouth is renewed to say right and good words. The mouth can testify and become blessings for others. The mute mouth refers to the idle words or the meaningless ones. It must be changed.

If the ears and mouth are good, all things will be good.

Mark 7:37

7:37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

3. **The two tablets of stone were kept in the Ark of the Covenant.** They refer to **the love of the Bridegroom to the Bride.**

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;

Moses received the two tablets of stone twice as follows.

- The first two tablets of stone.

Exodus 32:19

32:19 So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing. So Moses' anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.

The stone and writing came from God. Moses only received it, but then he broke it at the foot of the mountain.

The first two tablets of stone refer to the love of God in Jesus.

The first two tablets of stone which were broken refer to Jesus who was crucified to save the sinful men. It is the same as the first love. It must be increased.

- The new two tablets of stone.

Exodus 34:1,29

34:1 And the LORD said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I will write on these tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke.

34:29 Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in

Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.

They refer to the perfect love of God or the one of the Bridegroom to the Bride.

Moses cut the hard stone to become the new two tablets of stone that God could write on them. The hard stone refers to the sinful hard-hearted men who must be cut by the sword of God's Word and written with the perfect love of God.

The cutting process happens in the shepherding pen or the Holy Place through the perseverance in doing three main services to God as follows.

- Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service to have the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts.
- Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
- Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Worship Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in the love.

Human consists of the body, soul, and spirit. Our God is the Trinity. Our body, soul, and spirit are sanctified by the sharpness of the sword of God's Word through the perseverance in doing the three main services to God.

The hardest flesh must be cut, namely the heart of man which is the source of sins.

Matthew 15:19

15:19 "For out of the heart proceed (1)evil thoughts, (2)murders, (3)adulteries, (4)fornications, (5)thefts, (6>false witness, (7)blasphemies.

Blaspheming means blaming the true teachings and supporting the false ones.

Keeping the seven evil and unclean desires, the heart will be empty of the love of God. There will be envy, hatred, and revenge in it.

On the contrary, the heart will be gentle to be written by the love of God if it is sanctified from the seven evil and unclean desires.

Ezekiel 11:19

11:19 "Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh,

Facing the hearts of men which become harder, the love of God is poured out more until it is perfect. The important thing is our willingness to receive it. Do not keep your sins and hardness of heart.

Mark 12:28-32

12:28 Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?"

12:29 Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.

12:30 'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

12:31 "And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

12:32 So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He.

The facts found in the hard stone which has been cut and written with the love of God to be the new two tablets of stone are in loving God more than all things and loving other people like we love ourselves; even we can love other people who make hostility towards us. We can pray for them and repay good for evil.

The Lord found the hard stone, namely the scribe who always used the self-truth, namely covering sins by blaming others and God or the true teaching Word. The self-truth also means the truth which is not in line with the Word. It

only relies on the logic. The signs are in many questions, discussions, problems, and tears. The biggest problem happens when the man or husband and pastor still has questions about the true teaching Word. It will bring the perdition and tears forever.

Nevertheless, the scribe could be gentle to say that the Word was true and he was false, so he could feel the love of God.

Mark 12:33-34

12:33 "And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

12:34 Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him.

As a result, there is heavenly joy. There are no more questions, problems, and tears.

John 20:11-13

20:11 But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb.

20:12 And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

20:13 Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

Luke 8:2-3

8:2 and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities--Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons,

8:3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance.

Mary Magdalene had seven demons in her life that refers to the hard stone. She was rich, but had many tears. The riches cannot wipe away the tears.

She cried because of being separated from God. The source of problems and tears is being separated from God. It happens when the sins are kept, there is unfaithfulness, and one leaves the service and ministry to God.

John 20:15-16

20:15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

20:16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

Mary had been delivered from the seven demons, but she still cried. She needed the next sanctification done by the Word sharper than any two-edged sword to reach the perfection. There are two things that happen when the teaching Word points at our life as follows.

- God knows us profusely. He calls us by our name privately to write His perfect love in us.
- We know Him profusely or confess our sins and condition to Him honestly. We do not repeat the sin after being forgiven. We are writing "I love you, Lord!" It means that we become the two tablets of stone that contain the perfect love. As a result, all problems can be solved by God in time of need, so there are no more questions. We are changed to be as perfect as Jesus is when He comes a second time and we are worthy to welcome Him.

Absalom was great, but he did not have any love, so he disobeyed his parents. Finally, he was hung up between heaven and earth.

God wants to write His love to us tonight. Let us be gentle.

God blesses you.