

Bible Study Service in Malang, June 30, 2022 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 16:10-11

16:10. Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.

16:11. They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

The fifth bowl of the wrath is poured out on the throne of the beast or the Antichrist or Satan, and his kingdom becomes full of darkness.

The physical darkness means the crisis of economy, marriage, health, *et cetera*.

The spiritual darkness means sleeping spiritually. It means that one is not active and faithful, but he leaves the ministry and lives for the sins up to the peak.

Consequently, one experiences pains and sores, but he does not repent; even he blasphemes God, so he enters into the outer darkness, namely perdition in the hell.

That is why we must use the light of the Word of God which illuminates the darkness. It means showing our sins and rebuking us, so we can repent, and live in righteousness and holiness up to perfection, and we receive the eternal life in heaven.

The seven things that cause men who are in the throne of the beast to become the throne of Devil and experience the outer darkness are as follows:

1. A child who is disobedient or rebellious against his parents.

Proverbs 20:20

20:20. Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.

One who is rebellious will enter the outer darkness in the world when the Antichrist reigns over the world up to the hell.

Ephesians 6:1-3

6:1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

6:2. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:

6:3. "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

Children should obey and honor their physical parents, spiritual ones (the shepherd), and the heavenly ones (God), so they may be well and live long up to eternal happiness.

1 Timothy 5:16

5:16. If any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.

Moreover, a child must relieve his mother who has become a widow. The believing must relieve the widows. Otherwise, he will be considered as a man who has denied the faith or disobeyed God.

1 Timothy 5:8

5:8. But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

2. The servant of God who does not want to enter the narrow door.

Luke 13:24,28

13:24. "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

13:28. "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.

Matthew 22:13

22:13. "Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness;

there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

It means that one does not want to experience the crucifixion or the tearing of the flesh, so he does not want to enter the door of the sheepfold or be shepherded well and correctly. Consequently, he will be torn by the beast, namely he falls into sins up to the peak. He is deceived by the false teaching until he enters into the outer darkness.

If we are shepherded well and correctly, we will be calm and full until we confess: "*I shall not want,*" and we become perfect to enter the city of light, namely the New Jerusalem.

3. **The wicked.**

Job 18:5-6

18:5. "The light of the wicked indeed goes out, And the flame of his fire does not shine.

18:6. The light is dark in his tent, And his lamp beside him is put out.

Psalms 1:4-6

1:4. The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

1:5. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

1:6. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

The characteristics of the wicked are as follows:

- One cannot stand up to being unable to minister to God in the true ordination.
- One who is like the chaff, namely he ministers for the physical thing only. He does not want to be filled by the true teaching Word that leads to the way of righteousness.

Proverbs 1:23-32

1:23. Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.

1:24. Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,

1:25. Because you disdain all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke,

1:26. I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes,

1:27. When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you.

1:28. "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.

1:29. Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD,

1:30. They would have none of my counsel And despised my every rebuke.

1:31. Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies.

1:32. For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them;

The true teaching Word is hard and sharp, but it is God's spirit or His love to call and stretch out His hand to us, so we experience His great love.

If it is rejected, our prayer will not be answered by God when we call Him, so we are withered spirituality. We experience the punishment, distress, and anguish up to perdition.

Proverbs 1:33

1:33. But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil."

But, those who want to be filled by the Word will become the ripe wheat, so we experience God's protection and caring from now on up to the age of the Antichrist until we enter the barn of the heavenly kingdom.

4. **The false prophets or teachers who teach the destructive false teaching.**

2 Peter 2:17

2:17. These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

Who are the false teachers or prophets?

- The servant of God who teaches the false teaching, deceptive words, and cunningly devised fables that pleases the congregation, so they sleep spiritually and become left when Jesus comes a second time.

2 Peter 2:1-3

2:1. But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift

destruction.

2:2. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

2:3. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.,

The purpose is getting the physical advantage, including stealing the possession of God, namely the tithe and special offerings. It is the same as being greedy.

Consequently, one will lose the big advantage, namely the two wings of a great eagle, so he is not evacuated to the wilderness, but experiences the pre-persecution of the Antichrist up to perdition.

- Teaching the freedom from sin (righteousness and holiness) but living for the uncleanness.

2 Peter 2:18-22

2:18. For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.

2:19. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.

2:20. For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.

2:21. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

2:22. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."

He becomes the same as dog and swine.

Dog refers to the sinful words.

Swine refers to the sinful deeds up to the peak.

Consequently, he will be destroyed in the outer darkness.

5. The angels who do not keep their proper domain, namely Satan.

Judas 1:6-7

1:6. And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

1:7. as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Revelation 1:20

1:20. "The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

The angel also refers to a shepherd and priest (the servant of God).

If a shepherd does not obey God, the priests and the congregation will not obey Him too, so they become the synagogue of Satan. They become the same as Satan who will be punished in the outer darkness up to perdition in the hell forever.

That is why we must know our own duties as the priests.

The duty of a shepherd is as follows:

- Becoming angel in the congregation.

It means as follows:

- a. Feeding the angels' food, namely the shepherding Word for the congregation.

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.

The shepherding Word is the true teaching one which is entrusted by God to a shepherd to be preached to the congregation faithfully, regularly, continually, and repetitively to become the spiritual food for them.

- b. Lifting up the intercession prayer as the shadow for the congregation. It is the same as watching over the physical salvation of the congregation, moreover the salvation of the soul.

Hebrews 13:17

13:17. Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

The disobedient shepherd will not feed the congregation but just looks for the physical advantage from them. The Table of Showbread is changed into the one of the money changer.

Proverbs 28:9

28:9. One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.

If a shepherd does not lift up the intercession prayer for the congregation, they will not have the curtain, so they do not experience peace and calm, but become shocked and lost.

- o Becoming the star in the congregation.

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It means becoming the example for the congregation as follows:

- a. The example in the ministry.

1 Peter 5:1-3

5:1. The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed:

5:2. Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;

5:3. nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;

He does not become lords over the congregation, namely he does not use violence but patience and example. He also willingly suffers to minister to God faithfully and fervently. He does not minister for dishonest gain but eagerly.

- b. The example of faith.

Hebrews 13:7-9

13:7. Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

13:8. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

13:9. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

Holding fast the true teaching Word is especially in fighting against the false teaching, and living in righteousness regardless of anything that happens, especially in the temptation, *et cetera*.

The disobedient shepherd will use violence or force the congregation. He does not willingly suffer but sacrifices the congregation. He doubts up to leaving the true teaching.

The duty of the sheep is always being in the sheepfold, namely the perseverance in the three kinds of main service to God. It is the same as obeying the shepherding Word and running away from strange voice. As a result, the sheep will experience the shadow of protection, caring, and salvation up to perfection.

If the sheep are disobedient and do not want to be shepherded but walk about, they will be torn by the beast up to perdition.

Jude 1:7

1:7. as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

If a shepherd and the congregation do not obey God, they will become the church of Satan, and their condition is like Sodom and Gomorrah as follows:

Luke 17:28-30

17:28. *"Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;*

17:29. *"but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.*

17:30. *"Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.*

- 'They ate, they drank' refers to the sins of eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse) and marrying-giving in marriage.
- 'they planted, they built' means entering the false field and building. It is the false ministry and worship to build the body of Babylon (prosperity and entertainment) who is perfect in evil and uncleanness.
- 'they bought, they sold' refers to the spirit of the Antichrist who just looks for the physical gain.

That is why we must be in true duty, namely obedience and faithfulness.

A shepherd feeds the congregation with the true food and lifts up the intercession prayer. The sheep are always in the sheepfold as well as hear and obey the voice of the shepherd up to being able to see the shepherding Word.

Luke 2:20

2:20. *Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.*

Revelation 1:10,12

1:10. *I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,*

1:12. *Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,*

The shepherding Word that we hear and see becomes the real form as follows:

- The seven golden lampstands. It refers to the seven perfect churches of the Gentiles.
The process is that the shepherding Word purifies and changes us continuously up to perfection.

Proverbs 6:16-19

6:16. *These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:*

6:17. *A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood,*

6:18. *A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil,*

6:19. *A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.*

The shepherding Word purifies us from the seven evil and uncleanness things as follows:

- a. A proud look. It means that the eyes look unto the physical thing, so one ignores the spiritual one.
- b. A lying tongue. It means inconsistent words.
- c. Hands that shed innocent blood. It refers to the sinful deed.
- d. A heart that devises wicked plans. It refers to the unclean and wicked hearts.
- e. Feet that are swift in running to evil. It refers to the false journey of life.
- f. A false witness.
One who sows discord among brethren. It refers to the self-truth.

Ephesians 4:21-32

4:21. *if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:*

4:22. *that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts*

4:23. *and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,*

4:24. *and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*

4:25. *Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.*

4:26. *"Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath,*

4:27. *nor give place to the devil.*

4:28. *Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.*

4:29. *Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.*

4:30. *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*
4:31. *Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.*
4:32. *And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.*

The teaching Word also renews us as follows:

- i. Lying becomes honesty.
- ii. Being angry without love is changed into being angry with love and patience for helping others.
- iii. Not stealing the possession of God and others but working hard to give others who are in need.
- iv. The corrupt or unclean words that weaken faith are changed to become the words that build others' faith, so it may impart grace to the hearers.
- v. Not giving place to the devil or making the Holy Spirit grieved through bitterness, wrath, clamor, and evil speaking.
- vi. Being kind and tenderhearted as well as confessing and forgiving one another.
- vii. Obeying God until the flesh does not speak anymore.

Ephesians 5:1-2

5:1. Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

5:2. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

We become the perfect church, namely the heavenly bride.

- o One like the Son of Man, namely Jesus as the High Priest and Great Shepherd who is ministering to the congregation.

Revelation 1:13

1:13. and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

God stretches out His merciful hands to the congregation.

Psalms 136:1-4

131:1. Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

136:2. Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever.

136:3. Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever:

136:4. To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever;

Jesus alone is able to do great wonders. The examples and results are as follows:

- a. Jesus alone stretched out His hand to help Peter who began to sink.

Mathew 14:23,29-31

14:23. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

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?"

At that time, Peter cried to Jesus, not to other disciples. It means that God allows something great to happen to us, so we are firm to choose, namely we are on the side of Jesus or the true teaching, and we do not doubt. We are not on the side of others that make us doubt the true teaching.

If we are on the side of God, we will experience His merciful hand to lift us up from failure and physical decadence. All things are restored and increased. The hand of God lifts us up from the fall into sins up to the peak, so we are restored to live in righteousness and holiness.

- b. Jesus alone stretched out His hand to help a woman who was caught in adultery.

John 8:9-11

8:9. Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the

*oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.
8:10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"
8:11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."*

It refers to the destruction in marriage and children. One lives for sins up to the peak. He is ashamed, afraid, stressful, and in bitterness up to perdition. Jesus stretches out His hand, so the marriage and children are restored, glorified, and used for the glory of the name of God. We have serenity and peace. All things become easy and light up to the eternal life.

- c. Jesus alone raised Lazarus who has died for four days.

It means the total failure, tears, spiritual death as well as living for the sin. Jesus is able to raise us to live in righteousness and holiness. Failure is changed into success and beauty in due time. Tears are wiped by God up to perfection to greet Jesus when He comes a second time. We enter the Paradise and the city of light, namely the New Jerusalem.

God blesses us.