

Bible Study Service in Malang, March 05, 2015 (Thursday Evening)

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

According to Tabernacle Teaching, Revelation 2-3 refers to the seven sprinklings of blood before the Ark of the Covenant. It means **the last sanctification** done by Jesus for the seven churches of the Gentiles or the congregation in the last days to make them perfect or without blemish like Jesus. They become the perfect Bride of heaven who is ready to welcome Jesus's second coming on the glorious clouds to meet Him, the Heavenly Bridegroom, forever.

Although there are many good things, one reproach will cause all things useless, even imperfect. Therefore, we must have the sanctification done by Jesus continually until we are without blemish.

We learn about the third, namely the church in Pergamos.

Revelation 2:17

2:17 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it."

The promises of God to the church in Pergamos that experience the last sanctification and deliverance from the false teachings are as follows.

1. The hidden manna.
2. The white stone on which a new name is written.

ad.1. The hidden manna.

Manna is the same as the bread coming down from heaven or God's Word that is revealed by God through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible. It refers to the true teaching Word.

Manna is also the same as angels' food or the shepherding Word or the true teaching Word God trusts to a pastor to preach to the congregation faithfully, regularly, and repetitively as their food.

There are three functions of manna in Exodus 16:16-36 as follows.

1. [Exodus 16:16-21] Manna for the preservation of our daily life.
2. [Exodus 16:22-31] Manna for Sabbath day.
3. [Exodus 16:32-36] Manna for being kept in a golden pot eternally.

Let us use our time to gather manna because it is useful for our life now up to the eternity.

We learn about the third function, namely manna is kept in a golden pot from generation to generation.

Exodus 16:32-33, 36

16:32 Then Moses said, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Fill an omer with it, to be kept for your generations, that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.' "

16:33 And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a pot and put an omer of manna in it, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations."

16:36 Now an omer is one-tenth of an ephah.

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;

It refers to the golden pot that had the manna. It spiritually means **the perfect or permanent faith**.

How great a man in the world is, he is only like clay pot that is easily broken. One easily gets disappointed in facing something, even leaves God. He easily gets proud of something as well as falls in sin up to the peak, namely sins concerning eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, drugs abuse) and marrying-being given in marriage (sexuality sin and all of its kinds, sexual deviation, and destroyed marriage).

Therefore, it must be filled with manna, namely the true teaching Word or the shepherding Word and we will get the permanent or perfect faith.

According to Tabernacle teaching, the process of the development of faith until it is perfect is as follows.

1. Entering the gate or believing in Jesus.

Romans 10:17

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

The right faith comes by hearing the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit or the true teaching Word. Such faith will save us. Satan makes effort to hinder men so that they do not hear the true teaching Word nor have the right faith and salvation. He disturbs in the preaching of the Word. The pastor is disturbed so that he does not preach the true teaching Word, but makes joke, performance, and so on, that will cause no right faith, but deception. The congregation is disturbed to be sleepy and playful in hearing the Word until there is no right faith.

Psalms 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.

The right attitude is crying to the Lord with a desire to have the revelation of the Word to get the right faith and salvation. If there is the revelation of the Word or the opening of the door of heaven, the doors in the world will be open also.

The proofs that the door of heaven is open for us are as follows.

- a. We always dwell in the house of God or we serve and minister to Him faithfully and responsibly.

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!"

- b. We give tithes to God as a confession that our whole life comes from Him.

Genesis 28:20-22

28:20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on,

28:21 "so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God.

28:22 "And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

2. The Table of Showbread in the Holy Place or the firm faith.

It means the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with Holy Communion.

Exodus 25:29

25:29 "You shall make its dishes, its pans, its pitchers, and its bowls for pouring. You shall make them of pure gold.

The bread refers to the Word and Jesus's body. The pouring offering refers to the blood of Jesus. We make fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching Word and Holy Communion.

2 Chronicles 36:15-16

36:15 And the LORD God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place.

36:16 But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, till there was no remedy.

The Word is preached repetitively in the Bible Study Service to be deeper and increased. This is the love of God to us.

Why does the true teaching Word have to be repeated?

- a. Because it will give us the assurance of faith so that we have the firm faith.

Philippians 3:1b

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

- b. Because the true teaching Word is like the soap of the launderers.

Malachi 3:2-3

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 Word is repeated to sanctify the spots in the ministry garments, especially the spot of evil and laziness [Matthew 25:26] so that we can be faithful and good.

The true teaching Word is also like the fire of refiner to cleanse the rust of sin in the heart, namely disobedience, so that we can be obedient and honest.

As a result, we can be the servants of God who can please Him until the end. We are shown as the gold and silver, not the grass and wood, so we cannot be consumed by fire.

Proverbs 10:20a

10:20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver;

The silver refers to honesty and the gold refers to godly characteristic, namely obedience and faithfulness.

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.

The silver and gold are the possession of God that will be preserved and protected by Him until nothing may charge against, shake and destroy.

3. Golden pot that had the manna or the permanent/perfect faith.

James 2:17, 19-22

2:17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

2:19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe "and tremble!

2:20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

2:22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

The perfect faith is practiced. It is accompanied by the work of faith.

For example, the work of Abraham's faith is offering Isaac for God.

It means that we give to God what He asks us to give through the true teaching Word although we must suffer in our outward and inward man.

2 Chronicles 3:1

3:1 Now Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

The temple in the days of King Solomon was built at the place where Abraham had offered Isaac. It means that the direction of the offering or sacrifice that is in line with the true teaching Word is toward the building of the perfect body of Christ.

Genesis 22:10-14

22:10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

22:11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."

22:12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

22:13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

22:14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided."

All things we offer for the building of the body of Christ according to the true teaching Word will not vanish away, but we find

Jesus as the Head or Jehovah Jireh who provides all things that do not exist yet.

Revelation 19:7

19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

Moreover, He provides us as His bride who is ready to welcome Jesus's second coming.

For example is Rahab, a harlot of the Gentiles.

James 2:25

2:25 Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

Actually, the Gentiles are provided only for the building of the body of Babylon, a great harlot or the bride of Satan. Although the Gentiles are evil and unclean, there is still an opportunity to be used in the building of Christ's body. The important thing is our willingness.

The work of faith of Rahab is by hiding the two spies. It means there is no fear and worry, but willingness to sacrifice the soul, to go to Canaan. It refers to being used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain.

Joshua 2:18-19

2:18 "unless, when we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home.

2:19 "So it shall be that whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we will be guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head if a hand is laid on him.

As a result, Rahab got the line of scarlet cord that refers to the blood or cross of Jesus.

- a. The blood of Jesus is able to preserve and protect us in the midst of crises.
- b. The blood of Jesus is able to give us the beautiful and successful future life.
- c. The blood of Jesus is able to save our whole family.
- d. We are used in the revival of the perfect body of Christ.

Ephesians 2:13-16

2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

2:14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

2:15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,

2:16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

The house of Israel and the Gentiles will be united in one perfect body or the bride of God.

Song of Solomon 4:3a

4:3 Your lips are like a strand of scarlet,

The mouth is signified by a strand of scarlet or the words of faith, namely we can confess our faults and justify the Word. There are words of testimony and worship to God.

Revelation 19:6-7

19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

It continues until we can welcome Jesus's second coming on the glorious clouds with one voice of worship, namely Alleluia.

God blesses you.