

Bible Study Service in Malang, March 07, 2024 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 21:9-27 until Revelation 22:1-5 is about the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:9-11

21:9. *Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."*

21:10. *And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,*

21:11. *having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.*

An angel from heavens has the double duties, namely pouring out the wrath of God and showing the heavenly bride or the New Jerusalem which has the glory of God.

The angel refers to the shepherd who has the double duties, namely setting free the congregation from the wrath of God and preparing them up to perfection to become the heavenly bride to enter the New Jerusalem. The shepherd does his duties by sounding the trumpet sound and lifting up the intercession prayer. The trumpet sound refers to the preaching of the repeated true teaching Word or the shepherding Word.

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 preach the shepherding Word, his prayer will be an abomination, so there is no intercession prayer.

The New Jerusalem means as follows:

1. [verse 9] The Lamb's wife or the heavenly bride that consists of the Israelites and the Gentiles either being dead or alive until Jesus comes a second time, namely those who have been shepherded well and correctly. They were in the sheepfold, namely hearing and obeying the shepherding Word, so they experienced the purification and renewal of life up to perfection.
2. [verse 10] The great city on a great and high mountain.

We must ascend the three mountains to reach the New Jerusalem as follows:

1. **The Mount Golgotha** where Jesus dies on the cross to redeem and save the sinners.
Ascending to the Mount Golgotha means experiencing the redemption or freedom from sin.

2 Timothy 4:2

4:2. *Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.*

The requirements of ascending the Mount Golgotha are as follows:

- The shepherd must be ready in season and out of season to preach the true teaching Word with longsuffering or in the anointing of Holy Spirit, either it is received by the congregation or not.
- The congregation hears and obeys the true teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

The process of ascending the Mount Golgotha is as follows:

- The Word convinces the false things, namely the sins up to the peak that are hidden in the heart, mind, and feeling, so we can realize, regret, and confess sin to God and others. We can also forgive others' sin. It is the same as making peace with God and others. As a result, our sin is forgiven by the blood of Jesus. It means that we are at the foot of Mount Golgotha.
- The Word rebukes us, so we repent or stop sinning and return to God. We do not commit sin anymore as well as open up others' old sin. It means ascending the slope of the Mount Golgotha.

- The Word exhorts us, so we experience freedom from sin as well as live in righteousness.

Proverbs 12:26

12:26. The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.

We can be shepherded well and correctly. We are firm in righteousness. We do not fall into sin. We are firm in the true teaching Word, so we are not deceived by the false teaching.

It continues until we cannot sin anymore. We are righteous, just as Jesus is righteous. It means that we are on the top of the Mount Golgotha.

The Mount Golgotha refers to the Altar of Burnt Offering.

1 Kings 1:50-52

1:50. Now Adonijah was afraid of Solomon; so he arose, and went and took hold of the horns of the altar.

1:51. And it was told Solomon, saying, "Indeed Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon; for look, he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not put his servant to death with the sword.'"

1:52. Then Solomon said, "If he proves himself a worthyman, not one hair of him shall fall to the earth; but if wickedness is found in him, he shall die."

Ascending the Mount Golgotha is the same as taking hold of the horn of the altar of burnt offering. We become a worthy man. It means that we are brave to confess our sin up to the hidden one in our heart and mind. As a result, we are forgiven, so we can repent and live in righteousness.

As a result, not one hair of us shall fall to the earth. It means that we are small and we mean nothing, but we are saved and taken care of by God. We become one with God. We are not separated from Him.

2. **The mount of prayer.** It refers to the Golden Altar of Incense.

Mark 9:2

9:2. Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them.

Luke 9:28

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.

Psalms 43:3-4

43:3. Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle.

43:4. Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God.

The process of climbing on the mount of prayer is that we must have the light--the anointing of Holy Spirit--and righteousness--the Word of God that purifies us.

John 17:17

17:17. "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

The teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit is able to bring us into the true prayer.

Psalms 24:3-4

24:3. Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?

24:4. He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

The Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit is able to purify our whole life as follows:

- The heart is purified from wickedness, uncleanness, and bitterness, so it becomes holy and pure.
The wickedness is the love of money, so one becomes greedy and stingy.
The uncleanness is the sin of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage.
The bitterness is envy and hatred.
- The hand or the deed is purified.
- The mouth is purified from the idle words such as lie, gossip, and slander.

As a result, we may ascend into the mount of prayer. We worship God in the true prayer. The more we are holy, the more we worship God delightfully until the flesh does not speak anymore.

The results are as follows:

- Experiencing the renewal of life, starting from the face [Mark 9:2], namely we become lowly in heart, gentle, and patient like Jesus.
Being lowly in heart means that we can confess our sin to God and others. Do not sin anymore after being forgiven!
Being gentle means that we can receive the teaching Word and reject the false teaching. We can also receive others' superiority and weakness.
Being patient means that we willingly help others although we suffer. We are patient in suffering, waiting the time of God.

Ephesians 4:2

4:2. with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

We can love and bear one another, starting from marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding until we become one perfect body of Christ.

- We receive the rain of blessing from Jesus as the Head, namely the physical and spiritual blessing as well as the one for our household--happiness.

Psalm 24:5

24:5. He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

3. **The Mount of the New Jerusalem.** It is our final destination of following God.

Revelation 21:10

21:10. And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

The process of ascending the Mount of the New Jerusalem is as follows.

Revelation 12:14

12:14. But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

The Word and Holy Spirit become the two wings of a great eagle. It refers to the stretched hands of God that do the things as follows:

- Evacuating us to the wilderness, far from the eyes of the Antichrist who reigns over the world for three and a half years.
- Lifting us up on the glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time. We enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God, Paradise, and the New Jerusalem.

John 11:39-40

11:39. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

11:40. Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

The fact of experiencing the power of lifting up is experiencing the renewal of life from the hard heart like stone to become gentle.

The hard heart means not being honest, hiding the sins, or becoming disobedient.

Consequently, one will face Lazarus who has been dead four days. It refers to decay, failure, impossibility, sadness, and perdition.

It is changed to become gentle, namely we become honest. We confess our sin. We confess that our life just depends on the Word or faith, so we become obedient.

Honesty and obedience are the same as stretching out our hands to God, so He remembers, cares, and struggles for us. The decay is changed into fragrance. Failure becomes success. The impossible thing becomes possible. The tears become happiness.

Mark 7:26-30

7:26. *The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.*

7:27. *But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."*

7:28. *And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."*

7:29. *Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."*

7:30 *And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.*

A woman of the Gentiles whose daughter was demon possessed refers to the destruction in marriage and children, and the impossible disease.

Being unable to sleep means not being calm.

If we become honest and obedient, our marriage and children will be restored. The impossible disease is cured. We experience peace or serenity.

John 21:3-7

21:3. *Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.*

21:4. *But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.*

21:5. *Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No."*

21:6. *And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.*

21:7. *Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.*

The father or husband is failed and naked. It means facing the crisis of economy as well as committing sin. If we become honest and obedient, God will take care of us abundantly in the midst of the difficulties of the world. The decadence will be restored until we are changed to become as perfect as Him.

God blesses us.