

Bible Study Service in Malang, March 12, 2019 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 9:1-5

9:1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.
9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

9:3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.
9:4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

9:5 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.

The blowing of the fifth trumpet refers to the fifth judgment of the Son of God.

The bottomless pit [Revelation 9:2] = *abusos*= a pit whose depth cannot be predicted.
It refers to the dwelling place of Satan with the evil and unclean spirits.

Revelation 20:1-3

20:1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
20:2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;
20:3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

Our attitude towards the sound of trumpet or the shepherding Word will determine our destiny, whether we are lifted up to the glorious clouds or we go down to the bottomless pit.

John 12:46-48

12:46 "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.
12:47 "And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.
12:48 "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

There three attitudes towards the words of Jesus, the sound of trumpet, or the hard and true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword as follows.

1. [John 12:47] Hearing but not obeying it ($10 \times 0 = 0$).
The consequence is being empty.
2. [John 12:48] Hearing but rejecting or resisting against it ($10 \times -10 = -100$).
Consequently, the life becomes more negative until he goes down to the bottomless pit and dwells with Satan and the unclean and evil spirits as well as perishes in the hell forever.
3. [John 12:46] Hearing and obeying it ($10 \times 10 = 100$).
As a result, we reach the city of light or the eternal New Jerusalem.

Matthew 7:24

7:24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

One who hears and obeys the sayings of Jesus is the wise who builds the house upon the rock. He is used in the edification of the spiritual house, the perfect body of Christ, or the heavenly bride who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

We must actively minister to God in the edification of the perfect body of Christ so that we do not enter the bottomless pit. It begins from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until Israel and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

The Gentiles who are used in the revival of Holy Spirit of the latter rain become like the donkey that Jesus rode to enter Jerusalem.

Matthew 21:1-2

21:1 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,
21:2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me.

Jesus rode a donkey when he drew near Jerusalem.

Actually, He could have walked to enter Jerusalem because He drew near it.

Nevertheless, He wanted to ride the donkey or the Gentiles only because of the mercy that costs the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

The Gentiles must appreciate the mercy of God or the blood of Jesus.

The fact found in it is not being arrogant when we are used by God. We only give thanks to God. We must not become pessimistic until not ministering to God.

Being used by God, we must be trustworthy. We must be faithful and responsible to Him.

Matthew 21:7

21:7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them.

The donkey was willingly ridden by Jesus. It refers to the full surrendering to God.

Genesis 49:11

49:11 Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes.

The donkey which was used by God was bound to the choice vine. It means being shepherded.

If the Gentiles are not shepherded, they will be the wild and unclean donkey.

Genesis 16:12

16:12 He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, And every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

Galatians 4:29-30

4:29 But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now.
4:30 Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman."

The signs of the Gentiles who are not shepherded are as follows.

1. Mixing the spiritual things with the fleshly ones. The flesh always presses the spirit to make it prioritize the fleshly things more than the spiritual ones.
2. Doing sins up to the peak or edifying Babylon or the bride of Satan who will be destroyed by God.

The requirements of being shepherded are as follows.

1. The shepherd must prepare the food of the shepherding Word and the sheep must eat it.
2. We must dwell in the shepherding pen or persevere in doing the three main services to God as follows.
 - The Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service to have the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts.
 - The Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
 - The Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Worship Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in the love.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God, so we cannot be touched and destroyed by the trinity of Satan. We are sanctified intensively or continually.

There are three characteristics of the Gentiles which must be sanctified in the shepherding pen as follows.

1. Bitterness of heart, envy, hatred without a cause, and egoism or self-interest. Because of egoism, one will sacrifice others as well as God or the true teaching Word.

John 4:9

4:9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

James 3:14-16

3:14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

3:15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

3:16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

The evil deeds harm others until one repays evil for good.

We are sanctified from the bitterness of heart continually in the shepherding, so we can love and care for one another.

2. The characteristics of dog and swine.

The swine refers to the sinful deeds up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse, as well as the ones concerning marrying-being given in marriage or the sexual intercourse between a man and a woman who are not a legal spouse, mixed-marriage, and divorce-remarrying.

The dog refers to the idle words, lie, gossip, and blasphemy.

If we are sanctified from the characteristics of the dog and swine, we will be holy in our life, marriage, and ministry. We are anointed by Holy Spirit.

Proverbs 15:8

15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight.

We are sanctified to become honest. We become the house of prayer.

3. Anxiety.

Matthew 6:31-34

6:31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"

6:32 "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

6:34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

The anxiety causes the unfaithfulness and unrighteousness.

It also causes the stinginess and greediness. The stinginess means that one cannot give to the work of God and others who are in need. The greediness means that one steals the possession of God and others who are in need.

Being sanctified from the characteristic of anxiety, we can be the servant of God who is faithful and true in all things. We can feel more joyful to give than to receive until we can give our whole life to God like the donkey that Jesus rode.

The ministry to God must be signified by sacrifices. Nevertheless, Jesus as the Head or the Heavenly Bridegroom will be responsible for our life and determine all steps of our life. He will stretch out His merciful hands to perform the miracle in the midst of us.

John 7:5-6

7:5 For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

7:6 Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.

When God has not helped us yet, He is giving us time to do the introspection in our life by the sharpness of the sword of the Word and waiting until we can believe and entrust our life fully to Him.

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.

When we are suffering, we must be patient and persevere in waiting for the time of God. Do not look for the way out which is not in line with the Word!

If we willingly become patient, persevere, believe, entrust our life to God, and worship Him, he will help us. He has restored Job doubly.

Job 42:1-2

42:1 Then Job answered the LORD and said:

42:2 "I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.

Job confessed that God never failed.

Mark 5:25-29

5:25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years,

5:26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.

5:27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.

5:28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

5:29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

The woman faced the disease, impossible problem, and rottenness. Her condition was healed when she believed and entrusted her life to God.

Daniel 3:16-18,25

3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

3:17 "If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.

3:18 "But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

3:25 "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego kept on worshiping God regardless of anything they had to face. God was able to help them.

Matthew 21:5

21:5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

God changes our life to be humble and gentle. We can confess all of our weaknesses. We also confess that we are not worthy, but we still want to worship God. As a result, God is able to perform miracle in our life. It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to be as perfect as He is and worthy to welcome His second coming with the shout of joy "Alleluia".

God blesses you.