

Bible Study Service in Malang, March 17, 2016 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 3:21-22

3:21 *"To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.*

3:22 *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.""*

The main and last aim of our following and ministering to Jesus is not the physical thing, but sitting with Him on the heavenly throne forever. The relationship between the Bridegroom and the bride is the same as the one of the Head and the body or in love. Thus, we must have the love of God or the two tablets of stone to sit with Jesus on the heavenly throne.

The two tablets of stone consist of two parts as follows.

1. The first tablet which contains four laws, namely loving God more than everything with all of our body, soul, and spirit.
2. The second tablet which contains six laws, namely loving other people as we love ourselves.

We are learning the first, namely loving God more than all things.

James 1:12

1:12 *Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.*

The fact found in it is enduring all things until we get the crown of life and sit with Jesus on the heavenly throne. **We must endure in facing the temptation and test.**

1. **The temptation.**

James 1:13-15

1:13 *Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.*

1:14 *But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.*

1:15 *Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.*

It comes from fleshly desires which are not in line with the will of God or the true teaching Word. Such desires have the power to entice and drag one to go out of the will of God. Consequently, the temptation or problem comes.

The temptation refers to the suffering or problem we get because of sinning or not obeying the will of God. One usually looks for his own way which is not in line with the Word when he is in temptation. He wants to finish the temptation by sinning. Finally, it brings forth death.

2. **The test.**

1 Peter 2:19

2:19 *For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.*

It means the suffering or problem we face because of the will of God. He is with us to accompany us.

One who loves God more than all things will be able to endure. For example, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-Nego, and Abraham. We are not disappointed or hopeless and do not leave God in facing all things because God is always with us to give us miraculous way out.

If we are suffering because of sin or our own desire now, God still gives us the solution, namely we must confess our sin honestly to Him and other people. As a result, the blood of Jesus forgives us our sins and we must not repeat the sin. All sufferings and temptations will be diverted to the test by God. Jesus is with us and there is solution of all problems.

1 Corinthians 10:13

10:13 *No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.*

The temptation will be diverted to the test and Jesus appears as the High Priest who is faithful and merciful to do these things.

- a. Giving us extra power so that we are not disappointed or hopeless and do not leave God in facing all things. We can keep strong and of good courage and always give thanks.
- b. Providing the miraculous way out to solve all problems in time of need.

There are three kinds of test and the function as follows.

1. **The test of faith or truth.** It refers to the Court of Tabernacle.

Job 23:10-12

23:10 *But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.*

23:11 *My foot has held fast to His steps; I have kept His way and not turned aside.*

23:12 *I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food.*

The attitudes of Job in facing the total test are as follows.

- He kept on keeping the Word in his heart. The process is through hearing the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit seriously until understanding and believing in it. It becomes faith in the heart and we get the extra power from God. We are not disappointed or hopeless. We do not leave God, but keep faithful and fervent in spirit, serving and ministering to God until the end.
- The feet kept on following the Word. Our life journey or deeds must always be in the truth of the Word or according to the true teaching Word. Be careful in facing the test or temptation so that you do not take your own way which is not in line with the Word. Such way is not a solution, but dead-end and perdition.

As a result, we get the faith like pure gold or the perfect one.

1 Peter 1:6-7

1:6 *In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,*

1:7 *that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,*

The perfect faith is able to finish all impossible problems. We can be as righteous as Jesus is. We can welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds and sit with Him on the throne of New Jerusalem.

2. **The test of hope or holiness.**

Psalm 139:23-24

139:23 *Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;*

139:24 *And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.*

The right attitude in facing the test is searching our heart and mind or having the sanctification to the heart and mind. We must not blame God or other people. **There are three kinds of the searching or sanctification as follows.**

- To the heart and mind up to the kidney or inmost feelings.

Mark 7:21-23

7:21 *For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries(1), fornications(2), murders(3),*

7:22 *thefts(4), covetousness(5), wickedness(6), deceit(7), lewdness(8), an evil eye(9), blasphemy(10), pride(11), foolishness(12).*

7:23 *All these evil things come from within and defile a man.*

The heart and mind are sanctified from the twelve evil and unclean desires.

The evil desires aim at the love of money which will cause stinginess or one cannot give and greediness or robbing the possession of others and God.

The unclean desires aim at the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

After being sanctified, our heart can be filled with the twelve loaves which are set in two rows; six in a row. They refer to the sixty six books in the Bible or the true teaching Word.

Revelation 2:18-20

2:18 *"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:*

2:19 *"I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.*

2:20 *"Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.*

The heart and mind are also sanctified from the false teaching allowing women to teach and have authority over men

in the service to God and household. Such teaching causes the serpent to become the head and bring destruction and perdition.

If a man becomes the head, Jesus will be the Head in the service to God and marriage. As a result, Jesus, the Head, is able to sanctify us and responsible to preserve us.

- To the feet.

Psalm 139:24

139:24 And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

It refers to the holy life journey.

John 13:10-11

13:10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

13:11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

Our dirty feet are sanctified from the sins of Judas Iscariot, namely he was a thief, liar, accuser, hypocrite or pretender, and traitor he was unfaithful until leaving the service and ministry to God. Consequently, he could not walk anymore, but hung himself and fell headlong. His entrails gushed out and he perished. Such kind of life has no hope to welcome Jesus' second coming and cannot be hoped.

The feet must also be washed from Peter's sin, namely denying the Lord, as well Thomas', namely unbelieving.

- To the eyes.

Psalm 26:2-3

26:2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart.

26:3 For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, And I have walked in Your truth.

We only set our eyes upon God, so we can be His faithful and true servant until the end.

On the contrary, if we look at others such as human, money, and so on, not the true teaching Word, we will be a killer like Moses. There will be envy, gossip, slander, and so on.

Isaiah 11:5

11:5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

Looking at God and being faithful and true, we are the servant who wears the belt.

Luke 17:8

17:8 "But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'?"

As a result, the matter of our food and drink is God's. He preserves our daily life and gives us beautiful, successful future life up to the eternal one.

We keep on being sanctified until we are as holy as Jesus is.

3. **The test of love.** It refers to the Most Holy Place in Tabernacle.

James 1:12

1:12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

The test of love will result in three things as follows.

- The joy of heaven which cannot be influenced by anything in the world.
- The faithfulness to God until death or Jesus' second coming.

Revelation 2:10

2:10 "Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

- The peace. There is no worry or fear.

1 John 4:17-18

4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

The perfect love makes us as perfect as Jesus is.

Thus, the test will increase our life in the true faith until we are as righteous as Jesus is, in hope until we are as holy as Jesus is, and in love until we are as perfect as Jesus is.

1 John 3:2-3

3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

3:3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

If the faith, hope, and love increase, we will increase in the worship prayer. Jesus took James or the faith, Peter or the hope, and John or the love to go up to the mountain of worship.

Matthew 17:1-2

17:1 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;

17:2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

As a result, there is a miracle, namely life renewal from fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus is.

Matthew 17:6-8

17:6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.

17:7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."

17:8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

The life renewal begins from not being afraid, disappointed, and hopeless in facing all things, but being strong and of good courage. We can look at God only, believe, entrust ourselves, and hope to Him as well as love Him more than anything. We must be strong and of good courage in facing these three things.

1. The storm in the sea of the world on the last days.

It is the same as facing a young person who is epileptic [Matthew 17:14-15] or moral destruction and sins up to the peak, namely sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse, as well as the ones concerning marrying-being given in marriage or sexuality sin with all of its kinds, and destruction in marriage and children.

Let us worship God more and His hands will be stretched out to help us from our drowning.

Mark 5:37, 41-43

5:37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

5:41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."

5:42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.

5:43 But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.

We must also face impossibility, namely the dead girl. Spiritually, it means not being able to eat the Word. The physical death refers to impossible economic problem and sickness. Let us worship God more until He stretches out His merciful hands to help us.

2. The revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain.

Galatians 2:9

2:9 and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

One who is strong and of good courage and worship God more will be used in the revival for building the perfect body of Christ.

3. Jesus' second coming.

1 Corinthians 13:12-13

13:12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am

known.

13:13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

It continues until we sit with Him on the heavenly throne forever.

God blesses you.