

Bible Study Service in Malang, May 25, 2021 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 13:3-4

13:3. *And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.*

13:4. *So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"*

The sign of the Antichrist is that one of his heads was as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. It means that he does not have death and resurrection experience, so he is not lifted up to the heaven. It is the same as being against the cross. He does not experience glory or the renewal of life.

The Antichrist is the dragon/Satan who becomes the flesh, so he is very strong or great physically as if he is unbeatable. It causes people to become amazed with his greatness and start to adore and worship him. They do not realize that they have become the same as him.

Now we learn who the Antichrist is.

1 John 2:18-19

2:18. *Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.*

2:19. *They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.*

The Antichrist refers to the servants of God who are not of us. It attacks the church of God on the last days as follows:

Jeremiah 48:10

48:10. *Cursed is he who does the work of the LORD deceitfully. And cursed is he who keeps back his sword from blood.*

1. Doing the work of God deceitfully or not ministering to God faithfully in the true shepherding. Why does it happen? Because one has friendship with the world.

Acts 20:28-30

20:28. *"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.*

20:29. *"For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.*

20:30. *"Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.*

James 4:4

4:4. *Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

1 John 2:16

2:16. *For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.*

The world contains the things as follows:

- The uncleanness of the flesh, namely the lust of the eyes and the lust of the flesh. It refers to the sins of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage, namely bad company, false marriage, revelry or worldly joy that is not in line with the true teaching Word, and false ministry that presents the worldly joy.
- The pride of life, namely the wickedness. It refers to relying or being proud of all things in the world such as intelligence, riches, position, mate, and so on more than God, so one feels that he does not need God.
- The bitterness of the world.

John 16:1-2

16:1. *"These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.*

16:2. *"They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.*

The misery, shortage, difficulty, threat, hatred, and persecution make the servants of God become desperate. They hate one another, get disappointed in the ministry, and leave it. It is the same as being the wicked and lazy servant.

Matthew 25:26,30

25:26. *"But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.*

25:30. *'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

Being wicked and lazy is the same as becoming the unprofitable servant in the fellowship of the body of Christ, even destroying or killing it like the Antichrist.

Proverbs 18:9

18:9. *He who is slothful in his work is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.*

Leaving the true ministry because of the worldly things means that one becomes the same as the Antichrist.

Consequently, one is cursed, namely being in weariness, heavy burdens, and labor until he is cast into the outer darkness. He is destroyed in the hell with the Antichrist forever.

Proverbs 19:22

19:22. *What is desired in a man is kindness, And a poor man is better than a liar.*

Proverbs 20:6-7

20:6. *Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, But who can find a faithful man?*

20:7. *The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.*

God looks for the servant who is faithful, true, and good.

Being good but not being faithful is the same as being untrue or becoming a liar.

Revelation 19:11

19:11. *Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.*

The servant of God who is faithful, true, and good can be used in the revival of white horse, namely the one of the building of the perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride. It starts from marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the Israelites and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

2 Timothy 2:12-13

2:12. *If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.*

2:13. *If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.*

When a servant of God becomes wicked and lazy, Jesus remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself who has become faithful to the point of death on the cross.

It is the longsuffering of Jesus through the preaching of the true teaching Word, rebuke, and advice to make us realize of our unfaithfulness and sin, so we can confess to God and others.

There is God's longsuffering to forgive and return us to become His faithful, true, and good servant.

The example is Onesimus.

Philemon 1:10-12

1:10. *I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains,*

1:11. *who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me.*

1:12. *I am sending him back. You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart,*

Onesimus was unfaithful, lazy, wicked, and unprofitable. But he received the rebuke of the Word, so he was not cast out but being received again. He became profitable and bore the fruits.

Why was he not cast directly? Jesus has been cast on the cross, so Onesimus or the Gentiles who are lazy and wicked can return to the body of Christ.

That is why we must willingly sacrifice all things except the true teaching Word to keep being faithful, true, and good after being received or appointed to become the servant of God through Christ's sacrifice

Matthew 25:21

25:21. "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

The result is that God makes us ruler over many things, namely the revival of the building of the body of Christ. We experience the heavenly bliss that cannot be influenced by anything.

2. [Jeremiah 48:10] Keeping back his sword from blood. It means that one does not receive the true teaching Word earnestly, but grumbles, gets bored and sleepy, criticizes, insults, and rejects the true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3:1. But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

3:2. For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,3:3. unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

3:4. traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

3:5. having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

On the last days, there are many servants of God who have a form of godliness but deny its power, namely the true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword. They are just wondered or look for the physical things, so they do not experience the purification and renewal of life from fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus. It is the same as keeping the flesh and blood man with the eighteen characteristics of the flesh, so one is marked with 666. He becomes the same as the Antichrist.

That is why we must receive the work of the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword, so we are purified and changed. We can bear sweet fruits up to the ones of the perfect heavenly bride (the ripe fruit).

Acts 20:28,31-32

20:28. "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

20:31. "Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

20:32. "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Where can we receive the work of the sword to purify us? In the shepherding, namely the perseverance in committing the three kinds of main service to God. We experience the work of the repeated true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword. It is the same as the shepherding Word or the one of God's grace that can be learned only at Jesus' feet. It is the biggest God's mercy for the Gentiles who keep sinning like a dog which licks vomit or a sow which returns to her wallowing in the mire, so they stop sinning.

Acts 2:36-37

2:36. "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredlythat God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

2:37. Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

The right attitude of the church of God is that we must receive the true teaching Word earnestly, so we know assuredly. We understand the true teaching Word or the cross, so we are cut to the heart. We believe in the Word, so it becomes the stable faith in our heart, and we can confess our sins to God and others.

Do not sin anymore after being forgiven! We experience the freedom from sin. We experience the purification and renewal of life until we bear the sweet fruits and the ones of the heavenly bride.

Acts 20:31

20:31. "Therefore watch, and remember that for three yearsI did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

The time of the work of the shepherding Word is three years to purify us until we become the fruit of the bride.

Luke 13:6-9

13:6. He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.

13:7. "Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?'

13:8. "But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it.

13:9. 'And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.'"

Be watchful! There is one who is not earnest in the true shepherding, so he does not bear the fruit in due time. He should be cut directly like the fig tree by the road that is not shepherded.

But the fig tree in the vineyard still receives God's longsuffering because of the intercession prayer of a shepherd, so it is not cut. A shepherd weeps at Jesus' feet to receive the Word for the congregation, so they can grow and bear the fruit.

A shepherd also gives the extra food through fasting prayer, all night-long prayer, and the true fellowship.

What must be purified so that the congregation can bear the fruits?

- The root of wickedness, namely the love of money, so one steals the possession of God, namely the tithe and special offering, and the one of others.
- The root of decay, uncleanness, and bitterness.

Isaiah 5:24

5:24. *Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, And the flame consumes the chaff, So their root will be as rottenness, And their blossom will ascend like dust; Because they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.*

The time for experiencing the purification and totally surrendering our life to God is three years.

Acts 20:35

20:35. *"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

We are purified until we feel more blessed to give than to receive and we surrender our life to God.

Leviticus 19:23

19:23. *"When you come into the land, and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as uncircumcised. Three years it shall be as uncircumcised to you. It shall not be eaten.*

We experience the purification and renewal of life until we bear the fruits of honesty and obedience. It is the same as becoming the house of prayer.

Ecclesiastes 7:29

7:29. *Truly, this only I have found: That God made man upright, But they have sought out many schemes."*

2 Chronicles 16:9

16:9. *"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars."*

The eyes of the Lord see those whose heart is loyal to Him to give the extra power.

The results are as follows:

- **Deuteronomy 4:37**

4:37. *"And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them; and He brought you out of Egypt with His Presence, with His mighty power,*

God releases us from the bond of sins up to the peak, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.

God finishes all of the impossible problems.

- **Deuteronomy 8:18**

8:18. *"And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.*

God takes care of us abundantly from now on in the midst of the difficulties of the world until the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years and we are evacuated to the wilderness where we are taken care of by the Word and Holy Communion.

We have beautiful and successful future.

○ **1 Thessalonians 3:13**

3:13. so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

God establishes our heart. We do not get disappointed and desperate. We do not leave God, the true teaching Word, and the true ministry.

We are purified until we become the fruit of the bride who is ready to greet Jesus when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds. We are with Him forever.

God blesses us.