

Bible Study Service in Malang, November 06, 2018 (Tuesday Evening)

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

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The seven angels were given seven trumpets. It means that each angel was entrusted with one trumpet.

Psalm 78:25

78:25 Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full.

A pastor becomes the angel of the congregation when he can provide the angels' bread.

The bread refers to the Word.

The angel refers to the shepherd.

Thus, the angels' bread refers to the shepherding Word.

2 Corinthians 11:12-15

11:12 But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast.

11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

11:14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

Satan transforms himself into an angel of light or one who makes himself a pastor but he does not feed the congregation.

The trumpet, the angels' bread, the shepherding Word, or the voice of the shepherd refers to the true teaching Word which God entrusts to a pastor that he may preach to the congregation faithfully, continually, sequentially, and repetitively. The results are as follows.

- The Word becomes the spiritual food for the congregation, so they can get the spiritual growth towards the spiritual maturity or perfection.
- The Word becomes the command or guidance for the congregation to reach the last shepherding pen in the New Jerusalem.
- The Word becomes warning for the congregation.

Ezekiel 33:1-6

33:1 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

33:2 "Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: 'When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman,

33:3 'when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people,

33:4 'then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head.

33:5 'He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life.

33:6 'But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.'

It warns about the judgment of God which will come to the world.

The attitudes to the trumpet are as follows.

1. The pastor must be ready to blow the trumpet either in good or bad time, regardless of any risk he must take for the salvation of the sheep.
2. The congregation must hear and obey the voice of the trumpet or the shepherding Word. It means being shepherded well and correctly. Do not hear the strange voice which is not in line with the true teaching Word.

Joshua 6:1-5,20

6:1 Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in.

6:2 And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.

6:3 "You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days.

6:4 "And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

6:5 "It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."

6:20 So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

The function of the voice of the trumpet is to face Jericho city.

At that time, the Israelites were on their last journey to Canaan or they were at the border of Canaan.

Jericho means the valley of flowers or the world with all of its influences which hinders the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain. It begins from the marriage.

There are seven negative things in Jericho or the seven influences of the world as follows.

1. **Harlotry, uncleanness, or the sins concerning marrying-being given in marriage.**

Joshua 2:1

2:1 Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there.

The harlotry refers to the fornication between a man and a woman who are not a legal spouse; between a man and another man; between a woman with another woman; or between man and animal. It includes the mix marriage, divorce-remarrying, and marrying-being given in marriage.

2. **Theft or evil spirit.**

Joshua 7:11,20-21

7:11 "Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff.

7:20 And Achan answered Joshua and said, "Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I have done:

7:21 "When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it."

Joshua 6:2,24

6:2 And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.

6:24 But they burned the city and all that was in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

It is especially the theft to the possession of God, namely the tithes and offerings.

3. **The theft to the possession of other people.**

Luke 19:1-2,7-8

19:1 Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

19:2 Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

19:7 But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

19:8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."

There two kinds of the theft to the possession of other people as follows.

- Corruption, not paying the debt, and fraud.
- Stealing the possession of other people who are in need, and not giving to and not visiting others.

If there are uncleanness and evil, one will enter the edifying of Babylon.

4. **Spiritual blindness.**

Matthew 20:29-34

20:29 Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him.

20:30 And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!"

20:31 Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!"

20:32 So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

20:33 They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened."

20:34 So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

The two people refer to a husband and his wife who are not shepherded. Such people must be blind spiritually. It means that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Consequently, there is no sanctification, so they live in sins up to the peak.

5. **Bad water or the flow of the world which makes spiritual death.** The life does not change.

2 Kings 2:19

2:19 Then the men of the city said to Elisha, "Please notice, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the ground barren."

It includes the flow of fashion or clothes which do not cover the flesh as well as the bad friendship.

6. **Going down from Jerusalem to Jericho or prioritizing the physical things more than the spiritual ones.**

Luke 10:30

10:30 Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead."

Jerusalem is the center of spiritual activities while Jericho is the one of worldly activities.

7. **The atmosphere of curses, namely weariness, heavy burden, labor, and tears.**

Joshua 6:26

6:26 Then Joshua charged them at that time, saying, "Cursed be the man before the LORD who rises up and builds this city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest he shall set up its gates."

The core of the influences of the world is the fourth, namely the spiritual blindness or not seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ. It means neither hearing nor obeying the voice of trumpet.

Joshua 6:1,6

6:1 Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in.

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Jericho was securely shut up. It means not willingly receiving the Bride Tidings, the voice of the trumpet, or the repeated shepherding Word.

Therefore, we must open the door of our heart to hear and obey the voice of the trumpet from now on. It will determine our life on the last days.

1. Ones who close their hearts for the voice of the trumpet or reject the sanctification and renewal will keep on being the sinful men in the flesh and blood.

Revelation 8:5

8:5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

Consequently, they become dry spiritually. They cannot worship God, so they enter the shakings and will be left behind when Jesus comes a second time and perish forever in the hell.

2. Ones who open their hearts widely to hear and obey the voice of the trumpet will get the sanctification and renewal up to the perfection.

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As a result, we can worship God with saying "Alleluia".

The more we are sanctified, the more we get the silence up to the one on the glorious clouds and in the heavenly kingdom.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed--

15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

We must hear and obey the voice of the trumpet until the end line, namely we pass away or Jesus comes a second time. We get the increasing sanctification, renewal, and worship up to the worship of the bride saying "Alleluia" on the glorious clouds.

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 thunderings, 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."

There are two great things which will happen when Jesus comes a second time as follows.

- Ones who were dead in Jesus will be resurrected in the glorious body. They refer to ones who had lived in sanctification, renewal, and worship to God.
- Ones who are still alive until Jesus comes a second time will be changed in the glorious body. They refer to ones who live in sanctification, renewal, and worship more and more.

Both of them will become one perfect body of Christ.

Therefore, we must hear and obey the voice of trumpet as well as worship God with saying "Alleluia" from now on.

We receive the following results when we worship God.

1. **The power of victory over the death.**

1 Corinthians 15:25-26

15:25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

15:26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

Our life journey in following and serving the Lord is like crossing over the sea of the world to reach the harbor of peace, namely the paradise and the New Jerusalem.

Satan blows the wind and waves with the power of death to drown the boat of our life; even to the sea of fire and brimstone.

We must keep on fighting to live in righteousness and holiness, regardless of any risk we must take. We keep on crying the name of Jesus.

2. **The power of restoration and lifting up.**

Zechariah 14:17-18

14:17 And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

14:18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Luke 23:40-43

23:40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?"

23:41 "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

23:42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

23:43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

The failure is changed into success. The destruction is changed into good things.

We are sanctified and changed until we are lifted up on the glorious clouds. We shout for joy saying "Alleluia" to be with Him forever.

God blesses you.