

Bible Study Service in Malang, November 20, 2018 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 8:1-5 consists of two parts as follows.

1. Verse 1-4, namely the atmosphere of silence that increases up to the silence in heaven or the atmosphere of the worship prayer.
2. Verse 5, namely the atmosphere of shakings in the world up to the everlasting perdition.

Revelation 8:3-4

8:3. Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

8:4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

This is about the prayers of all the saints on the throne of heaven together with the smoke of the incense that ascends before God. It means the worship prayer with the tearing, crucifixion, or the burning of the flesh.

In Matthew 6:1-18, there are three kinds of service to God which were taught by Jesus with the tearing of the flesh as follows.

1. **Doing a charitable deed.**

Matthew 6:1-4

6:1. "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

6:2 "Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

6:3 "But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

6:4 "that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

It is considered as a social deed in the world as well as the church while God says that it is a service to Him.

Consequently, there is hypocrisy as follows.

- To be seen by men.
- To be praised by men.
- To get physical profit.

James 1:26-27

1:26. If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

1:27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

The right charitable deed is a service to God that must be with the following things.

- The holiness of heart, namely the burning of the lusts of the flesh and the will of money, which causes the stinginess and greediness.
- The holiness of mouth, namely the burning of the characteristics of the flesh, which likes to get the praises and show the charitable deed to others.

The charitable deed can be in the following forms.

- Returning the tithes and offerings that belong to God.
- Giving to others who are in need.

Such deed becomes the smoke of the incense which is the sweet-smelling aroma before God.

2. **Praying.**

Matthew 6:5-14

6:5. *"And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.*

6:6 *"But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.*

6:7 *"And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.*

6:8 *"Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.*

6:9 *"In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.*

6:10 *Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.*

6:11 *Give us this day our daily bread.*

6:12 *And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.*

6:13 *And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

6:14 *"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.*

The hypocrisy also happens in praying as follows.

- To be seen by others or to seem holy.
- Using vain repetitions with a hope that many words in the prayer will be answered by God.
- Seeing the physical things only.

Matthew 6:9-10

6:9 *"In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.*

6:10 *Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.*

The true prayer is with the burning of the incense until the smoke ascends. It means the tearing of the flesh. As a result, on earth as it is in heaven. Although we are still living in the world, we can feel the atmosphere of heaven.

Matthew 6:11-14

6:11 *Give us this day our daily bread.*

6:12 *And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.*

6:13 *And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

6:14 *"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.*

There are three kinds of main need so that we always experience the atmosphere of heaven although we are still living in the world as follows.

- [Matthew 6:11] **Spiritual food or the shepherding Word.**
The shepherding Word means the true teaching Word which God entrusts to a pastor who delivers it to the congregation faithfully, sequentially, continually, and repetitively in the shepherding pen through the perseverance in doing the three main services to God.
It will grow and make our spirituality mature until we are as perfect as Jesus is.

Hebrews 5:11-14

5:11. *of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.*

5:12 *For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.*

5:13 *For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.*

5:14. *But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

There are two kinds of spiritual food as follows.

- The milk, the Gospel of Salvation, the Good News, or the Gospel Word. It preaches Jesus' first coming to the world as the only sinless man who must die on the cross to save the sinners.

For whom is the Gospel Word?

- i. For the people who have not believed in Jesus, so they can believe in Him and get the salvation.
- ii. For the newcomers or ones who have just believed in Jesus, so their spirituality may grow through

repenting, being renewed from water and Spirit, and having the new life in righteousness.

- The solid food, the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, the Bride Tidings, or the teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword. It preaches Jesus' second coming in the glory as the king of all kings and the heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify and perfect the saved people. We can be the heavenly bride who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

What must be sanctified?

Hebrews 5:14

5:14. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

The sanctification begins from the five senses or the heart.

Proverbs 30:8-9

30:8. Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches--Feed me with the food allotted to me;

30:9 Lest I be full and deny You, And say, "Who is the LORD?" Or lest I be poor and steal, And profane the name of my God.

After we live in holiness or our heart and mouth are holy, we will experience the atmosphere of heaven, so we are preserved by God abundantly. We always give thanks to Him and become blessings for others.

Exodus 16:4-5,16

16:4. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not.

16:5 "And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."

16:16 "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Let every man gather it according to each one's need, one omer for each person, according to the number of persons; let every man take for those who are in his tent.' "

God guarantees our life with manna from heaven. The Israelites had to gather manna as follows.

- One omer every day from the first to the fifth day.
It means that the shepherding Word sanctifies our five senses. The more we are sanctified, the more our life is preserved.
- Twice as much as they gathered daily on the sixth day.
The first omer is for the preservation and the second is for the rest or the seventh day. We get the silence and peace or preservation for our soul. All things become easy and light.
- Manna to be kept for generations in a golden pot.

Exodus 16:33-36

16:33. And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a pot and put an omer of manna in it, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations."

16:34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.

16:35 And the children of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

16:36 Now an omer is one-tenth of an ephah.

The shepherding Word is able to sanctify us until we are as perfect as Jesus is. We get the full tearing of the flesh or the Veil is torn.

The proof is that we can return the tithes which belong to God. We live by the tithes we return to God.

○ **The clothes of forgiveness.**

Matthew 6:12

6:12. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

Romans 3:23

3:23. for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Since Adam and Eve sinned and were cast to the world, all men have sinned. The consequences are nakedness and fear.

Isaiah 59:1-3

59:1. Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.

59:2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

59:3 For your hands are defiled with blood, And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity.

Consequently, there is spiritual dryness. There are no heavenly satisfaction and joy.

Ephesians 2:1

2:1. And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

It continues until there is spiritual death. It means not actively doing the spiritual things anymore, so one actively does sins up to the peak.

Therefore, we must have the clothes of forgiveness.

How can we get it?

- As for Jesus, he must be stripped until His death on the cross to give His garments and robe.
- As for us, we must bring our nakedness to the cross. It means doing the reconciliation or confessing sins to God and others honestly. After being forgiven, do not repeat the sin. We must also forgive the sin of others and forget it.

If we are holy and peaceful, we will be able to minister to God. It begins from the marriage.

○ The house of prayer or the place of refuge from the evil.

Matthew 6:13

6:13. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The house of prayer means one who likes worshiping God.

Not liking worshiping God, one will be the den of thieves.

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.

The fleshly desire draws away and entices us to go out of the will of God.

The worship prayer refers to the tearing of flesh with all of its wills and lusts, so we can be obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore.

The results are as follows.

- The hands of the Good Shepherd give the guarantee of assurance for our present life in the world up to the eternal one.

John 10:27-28

10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

10:28 "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

- The hands of the Great Shepherd equip us with all good things as follows.

Hebrews 13:20-21

13:20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

13:21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His

sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

- i. The good conscience, so we can do good deeds; even we can repay good for evil.
 - ii. The beautiful tunic or the ministry, so we are used in the ministry for edifying the perfect body of Christ.
- The loving hands of the Chief Shepherd make all things beautiful in His time, give the crown of glory that does not fade away, and lift us up to the glorious clouds.

1 Peter 5:4

5:4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

3. Being discussed in the next sermon.

God blesses you.