

Bible Study Service in Malang, November 24, 2022 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 18:1

18:1. After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.

The angel comes down from heaven, having the light of the glory for the earth that has been dark. The angel refers to a shepherd who preaches the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, namely the teaching Word or the Bride Tidings or the repeated shepherding Word. Our attitude is that we must hear and obey the shepherding Word, so we have the perfect faith.

The levels of faith based on the Tabernacle up to the perfect faith are as follows:

1. The Gate. It means believing and receiving Jesus. It is **the true faith**.

Romans 10:17

10:17. So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The true faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ, namely the Word that is anointed by Holy Spirit or the one whose secret is revealed by Holy Spirit. It is the true teaching Word. Holy Spirit helps us to understand and believe in the Word until it becomes faith in our heart.

2. The Table of Showbread. It means that the true teaching Word and Holy Communion have become our daily food. It is the guarantee of our daily life. The Word and Holy Communion become **the stable faith**. Christ's sacrifice becomes the pattern for us to always willingly sacrifice.
3. The golden pot that had the manna in the tabernacle. It means that the true teaching Word is practiced in daily life, so it becomes **the perfect faith**. The practiced Word is able to change us from the mortar pot to the golden one, namely the physical life is changed into the spiritual one, so we become perfect like Jesus who wins over the death. The fleshly body will be defeated by the death, but it will be risen to receive the spiritual body. The spiritual men cannot be judged by the physical ones.

1 Corinthians 2:15

2:15. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

1 Corinthians 15:53-58

15:53. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

15:54. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

15:55. "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

15:56. The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

15:57. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

15:58. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

The servant of God who experiences the renewal of life has the perfect faith, so he wins over the death. It is signified by the following things:

1. Being steadfast, immovable. It means that we can endure against anything. We are tested to become the pure gold.
2. Ministering to God faithfully and fervently until the finish line. Our ministry will not become meaningless and in vain, but make us perfect like Jesus. We can greet His second coming on the glorious clouds.

That is why from now on we must be active in the ministry of the building of the perfect body of Christ. Do not become passive easily whatever the reason is! We must be active to minister in the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding (fellowship), until the Israelites and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

All of us or all of cells in the body of Christ must be active and useful for the body of Christ. Otherwise, we will surely be paralyzed and dead. Being passive means becoming useless until becoming the dead cell, so one will be cut off from the body of Christ. He will move to the building of Babylon, namely the false church or Satan's bride who will be destroyed forever.

In the body that has been changed, the true teaching Word has been ingrained in our life. We become one with the eternal true

teaching Word, namely Jesus. We have Jesus' mind, behavior, characteristics, and word. Jesus' power will become ours until we become perfect and receive eternal life.

Revelation 18:2-3

18:2. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!

18:3. "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

If one rejects to be changed, he will become the same as Babylon where there are only uncleanness and evil. The New Jerusalem refers to the new man, but Babylon the fleshly one. Babylon is also built from mortar, namely the messy fleshly man. The fleshly ministry and marriage are surely messed up, but the spiritual life in the body of Christ is well-organized.

Genesis 11:3-4,7-9

11:3. Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.

11:4. And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

11:7. "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."

11:8. So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.

11:9. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Genesis 6:1-4

6:1. Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

6:2. that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

6:3. And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

6:4. There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

The marriage which is built by forcing the lust of the eyes and the lust of the flesh but not according to the will of God will become the fleshly marriage which is surely messed up. He will not be satisfied, but he just bears the giants, namely the increasing lust of the flesh.

The lust of the eyes is only seeing whether one is good looking or not, but not in the same faith.

The lust of the flesh means that one just looks for the one who meets his flesh.

He just goes to Babylon that will be destroyed forever.

John 3:1-6

3:1. There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

3:2. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

3:3. Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

3:4. Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

3:5. Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

3:6. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

God gives the way out through John the Baptist. All men are the flesh men who cannot inherit the heavenly kingdom. The ways to enter and inherit eternal life in the heavenly kingdom are as follows:

1. We must be born of water and the Spirit. Water refers to the true water baptism, namely we are buried in the water with Jesus and rise from water with Him to receive new life. We live in righteousness and we are saved, so we do not perish.

2. **Ephesians 5:25-27**

5:25. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

5:26. that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

5:27. that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she

should be holy and without blemish.

We must enter the baptism of the true teaching Word. We dive in the true teaching Word, so we experience the purification, and we are filled by it up to perfection like the golden pot that had the manna.

Exodus 16:32-36

16:32. Then Moses said, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Fill an omer with it, to be kept for your generations, that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.' "

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 golden pot is filled with an omer of manna, namely one-tenth of an ephah. The golden pot was the confession and testimony of the Israelites that they were taken care of by God for forty years in the wilderness. They could not sow and reap, but they were taken care of.

John 6:28-33

6:28. Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

6:29. Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

6:30. Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do?"

6:31. "Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

6:32. Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

6:33. "For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

In the New Testament, Jesus also testifies about God's caring for forty years in the wilderness. The Word of God prophesies His caring for us on the last days. The forty years of jubilee is the same as the two thousand years of the last days. Manna is the guarantee of God to take care of us in the last days or the age of Holy Spirit God until we enter the New Jerusalem (Canaan).

So, the church of God lives by manna, namely the true teaching Word or the repeated shepherding Word. If we hear gossips or the false teaching, we will surely die spiritually. We will be lost and destroyed forever. The church of God also lives by a tenth that is returned to God. A shepherd does not live by a tenth that he receives, but a tenth that he returns to God. The congregation does not live by the salary, but a tenth that they return to God.

The two mistakes of filling manna in the pot are as follows:

1. Exodus 16:19-20

16:19. And Moses said, "Let no one leave any of it till morning."

16:20. Notwithstanding they did not heed Moses. But some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them.

The servant of God did not obey Him, so the manna bred worms and stank. It means that the servant of God imposes himself in the preservation of the shepherding Word, but he is not changed. Consequently, he breeds worms and stinks. It means falling into sins up to the peak. The worms do not die in the hell, but gnaw those who enter the hell.

2. Exodus 16:27-28

16:27. Now it happened that some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather, but they found none.

16:28. And the LORD said to Moses, "How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws?"

The Israelites should gather manna on the first day up to the sixth day. On the sixth day they had to gather two omers, but some of them did not do that. It means that the servant of God does not want to gather the Word doubly on the last days. It is the same as becoming disobedient. Consequently, he is left when Jesus comes a second time, so he is destroyed forever. We must be watchful because the spirit of disobedience attacks since the time in the Garden Eden until the last days.

John 14:24

14:24. "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

Not obeying the shepherding Word or God is the same as the empty pot. But, if we love God, we will surely obey Him whatever risk may come.

1 John 2:15-17

2:15. *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him*

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.*

2:17. *And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

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The pot that is not filled by manna will be filled with the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, so it just aims at destruction and annihilation with the world (the doomsday) up to perdition forever.

John 6:32-35,38-40

6:32. *Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.*

6:33. *"For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."*

6:34. *Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."*

6:35. *And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.*

6:38. *"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*

6:39. *"This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.*

6:40. *"And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."*

God has crossed. It means that He builds the church of God to become the body of Christ or the spiritual temple of God or organism although it is full of suffering and challenge. God builds organism, not organization. Jesus as the true teaching Word arranges everything, not man. If a man arranges and has authority, it will become organization. Organism or the body of Christ must be filled with manna, so the church of God can live in the midst of the difficulties of the world up to eternal life in heaven. The shepherd is given the gift of considering the spirit to differentiate between the true thing and the false one. We may ask the shepherd, so we are not wrong. We build the organism to be filled with manna, but the organization will only be filled with position, money, threat, *et cetera*.

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Revelation 18:4-5

18:4. *And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.*

18:5. *"For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.*

Babylon makes us become disobedient. That is why we must come out of Babylon. We separate ourselves from Babylon, namely sins up to the peak, hatred up to hatred without a cause, and Babylon's teaching, so we can do the will of God (1 John 2:17b). We live to do the will of God or obey Him like Jesus.

John 14:15,21,23

14:15. *"If you love Me, keep My commandments.*

14:21. *"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."*

14:23. *Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.*

We must fight to obey God whatever we must suffer, so the pot can be filled with manna. If we always obey and love God more than anything, He will always manifest Himself in the revelation of the Word. For example, Moses saw God's back, so he could write from the book of Genesis to the book of Deuteronomy, namely the past time or the church history. John the apostle saw Jesus' face, so he could write the last five books, namely the future or prophecy. Now, we can see God's heart--His love--in the revelation of the Word, so we can feel the great love of God.

Romans 8:36

8:36. As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

We really need God's love because there is but a step between us and death. If we stretch out our hands to God, He will stretch out His merciful hand.

The results are as follows:

1. Deuteronomy 7:7-8

7:7. "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples;

7:8. "but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

God's merciful hand is able to set us free from sins up to the peak and hatred, so we can live in righteousness and holiness. We can love one another God sets us free from the false teaching, so we can keep holding fast the true teaching Word. God's merciful hand is also able to set us free from weariness and heavy burden, so we feel easy and light.

2. Romans 8:35

8:35. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

God's merciful hand gives us the extra power, so we keep being strong and of good courage. Our lampstand keeps on burning regardless of anything that happens. It means that we willingly suffer in the flesh not to get disappointed and desperate. We keep ministering to and worshipping God faithfully and fervently until He comes a second time. We willingly suffer to keep living in righteousness and holiness no matter risk may come.

3. Romans 8:37

8:37. Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

God's merciful hand is able to make us more than conquerors. God's merciful hand is able to protect and take care of us who are powerless in the midst of the world until the age of the Antichrist. God's merciful hand is able to keep us away from the death, disaster, *et cetera*. God's merciful hand is able to give the beautiful and successful future for us.

4. Colossians 3:14

3:14. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

God's merciful hand is able to purify us up to perfection, so we can enter the heavenly kingdom or the New Jerusalem forever. Do not leave God's love!

God blesses us.