

Bible Study Service in Malang, October 06, 2016 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 4:6-7

4:6 *Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.*

4:7 *The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.*

The four living creatures refer to the four men who have lived in the world in the atmosphere of the throne of heavenly kingdom until they are truly taken up to heaven. They are Enoch, Moses, Elijah and the Lord Jesus.

The condition of the four living creatures is as follows.

1. Like a lion. It refers to the characteristic of Jesus as a King.
2. Like a calf. It refers to the characteristic of Jesus as a servant.
3. A face like a man. It refers to the characteristic of Jesus as a suffering human.
4. Like a flying eagle. It refers to the characteristic of Jesus as the glorious Son of God.

The four points can form **the cross**. Thus, the four living creatures refer to four men who have experienced the crucifixion to the flesh, so they can live in the atmosphere of the throne of the heavenly kingdom in the midst of the darkness in the world until they are truly taken up to the throne of the heavenly kingdom. The only way to enter the throne of the heavenly kingdom is the one of the cross.

We must experience and walk on the way of the cross, so we can live in the atmosphere of the throne of the heavenly kingdom in the midst of evil, uncleanness, difficulties, and curses in the world. **The facts found in the way of the cross are as follows.**

1. Willingly suffering in the flesh and feelings.

1 Peter 4:1-2

4:1 *Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,*

4:2 *that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.*

- o **To stop sinning or repent.**

Revelation 21:8

21:8 *"But the cowardly⁽¹⁾, unbelieving⁽²⁾, abominable⁽³⁾, murderers⁽⁴⁾, sexually immoral⁽⁵⁾, sorcerers⁽⁶⁾, idolaters⁽⁷⁾, and all liars⁽⁸⁾ shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*

We must repent from the eight sins which bring men to enter the hell.

- o **To live according to the will of God**, namely living in righteousness and being the instruments of righteousness or the servants of righteousness and priests and kings. We do the will of God although it is not in line with the fleshly will. We can be obedient until our flesh does not speak anymore.

It is the same as entering the Court of Tabernacle or living in the atmosphere of the throne of the heavenly kingdom.

Matthew 7:24

7:24 *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:*

As a result, **we receive the wisdom of heaven** as follows.

Ecclesiastes 10:10

10:10 *If the ax is dull, And one does not sharpen the edge, Then he must use more strength; But wisdom brings success.*

- o The wisdom of heaven gives us successful and beautiful life in the midst of crises in the world and our physical weaknesses.
- o We are used in the ministry for building the body of Christ. It begins from building the strong household which endures, namely the righteous one according to the Bible and the rule of the government, and the holy marriage

which is united. Do not be hopeless in facing the test in marriage. If it is strong, it will be more joyful when it is tested more. It continues until the peak, namely we enter the marriage supper of the Lamb or the entrance of the heavenly kingdom. There is no joy more than the one in the blessed marriage.

If we repent and live in righteousness and obedience, we become wiser and happier than the wise and happy in the world.

2. **Willingly suffering in the flesh and feelings to be faithful and fervent in spirit doing the service and ministry to God according to the office He has entrusted to us until the end line.**

2 Corinthians 6:4-6

6:4 *But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, 6:5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; 6:6 by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love,*

It refers to the time when we pass away, Jesus comes a second time, and we are on the throne of the heavenly kingdom.

Revelation 22:3

22:3 *And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.*

The fact found in it is patience as follows.

- Patience in the suffering to minister to God.

We are not disappointed or hopeless, and we do not murmur, but we always give thanks to God.

- Patience in forgiving others who have harmed us.

Matthew 18:29-30

18:29 *"So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'*

18:30 *"And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.*

We patiently sacrifice our feelings for helping others.

- Patience and endurance in waiting for the second coming of Jesus.

James 5:7

5:7 *Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.*

Romans 8:25

8:25 *But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.*

It refers to persevering in the Holy Place or the sheepfold.

Acts 2:41-42

2:41 *Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.*

2:42 *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

There are three kinds of equipment there. They refer to the perseverance in doing the three main services to God as follows.

- Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Serviceto have the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts.
- Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communionto get the fellowship with the Son of God in the Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
- Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Worship Prayer Serviceto get the fellowship with Father God in the love.

Our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God like a branch that dwells in the True Vine.

The results are as follows.

- We grow in quality, namely being cleansed or sanctified [John 15:3] to be mature spiritually up to the perfection. We also grow in quantity physically.
- We can bear sweet fruits, namely we testify. We experience the joy of heaven.
- We are used in the ministry for building the body of Christ. It begins from within the marriage, shepherding, and inter-shepherding.

John 10:16

10:16 "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

John 15:1

15:1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

As a result, God is able to preserve our life.

3. Suffering in the flesh without any sin or because of Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

It is the same as the sprinkling of blood in the Most Holy Place. The purpose is to make us experience the glory of God (shekinah glory). We experience the life renewal from fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus is. It begins from being strong and of good courage.

Joshua 1:6-7, 9, 18

1:6 "Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

1:7 "Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

1:18 "Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage."

"Be strong and of good courage!" is mentioned four times as the preparation of Joshua to lead the house of Israel in the last journey to enter Canaan.

The facts found in being strong and of good courage are as follows.

- Firmly holding fast to the true teaching Word and rejecting gossip as well as the other teachings because we will face deception four times.

Matthew 24:3-5, 11, 24

24:3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

24:4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

24:5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

24:11 "Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

24:24 "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

Moreover, ones who have been in the true teaching Word will be deceived.

- Being obedient to the true teaching Word, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.

Joshua 1:7

1:7 "Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

As a result, our life is lucky and successful.

- Not being disappointed or hopeless as well as not leaving God regardless of anything we must face.

Joshua 1:9

1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

We keep faithful and fervent in spirit doing our service and ministry until the end line.

- We keep silent more.

Joshua 1:18

1:18 "Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage."

We correct ourselves by the sharpness of the sword of the Word. We worship God more by saying Alleluia.

Revelation 19:1, 3-4, 6-7

19:1 After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!

19:3 Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!"

19:4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"

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."

The results of worshiping the King are as follows.

- The hand of God's grace is able to make a way in the sea.

Isaiah 43:15-17

43:15 I am the LORD, your Holy One, The Creator of Israel, your King."

43:16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea And a path through the mighty waters,

43:17 Who brings forth the chariot and horse, The army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick):

The hand of God is able to preserve our powerless life in the midst of difficulties in the world up to the days when the antichrist reigns over the world; even until we get the eternal life. The hand of God is able to give us solution of all impossible problems in time of need. The hand of God is able to give us the beautiful successful future life although it seems impossible. We are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the building of Christ's body until Israel and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

- The hand of God's grace is able to open the door of Paradise.

Luke 23:39-43

23:39 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."

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."

We have the life renewal from the fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus. It begins from honesty. We confess our condition honestly and believe in God.

It continues until we are changed to be as glorious as Jesus is when He comes a second time and we enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, the Future Paradise, and the throne of the heavenly kingdom.

Revelation 21:11

21:11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

God blesses you.