

Bible Study Service in Malang, September 05, 2024 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 22:2

22:2. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

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The tree of life refers to Jesus.

The leaves refer to the activities of Jesus.

The leaves of the tree refer to the Word of God that becomes the flesh, namely Jesus' body and blood or Christ's sacrifice on the cross that is able to heal the physical and spiritual disease. The spiritual disease is the sins up to the peak that have become the characteristic.

Revelation 22:3-5

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.

22:4. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

22:5. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

There shall be no more curse and night.

Why are the men cursed?

1. The men are false in the ordination or the ministry to God.

Genesis 3:6

3:6. So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

It is like Eve who ate from the tree which God had forbidden, and gave it to Adam. So he ate it, too.

It means that woman teaches or has authority over a man in the marriage and ministry. The woman places herself as the head of man, so Jesus cannot become the Head in the marriage and ministry.

The consequences are as follows:

- Satan becomes the head.
- Experiencing the curse.

Genesis 3:17-18,16

3:17. Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.

3:18. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.

3:16. To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

The curse happens in the marriage and children, daily life, and food.

Genesis 3:19

3:19. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."

'For dust you are, And to dust you shall return' means not experiencing the renewal of life from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones, but keeping the sinful fleshly men.

Genesis 3:14

3:14. So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life."

The consequence is being eaten by the serpent up to perdition forever.

Revelation 2:19-20

2:19. "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

2:20. "Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

1 Timothy 2:11-14

2:11. Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.

2:12. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

2:13. For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

2:14. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

1 Corinthians 14:34

14:34. Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says.

On the last days, the serpent or Satan uses the same way, namely the false teaching or the teaching of Jezebel that allows woman to teach and have authority over a man. It is contradictory to the teaching of God, so one experiences the curse. Consequently, he cannot return to the Paradise, but being destroyed forever in the hell.

That is why, we must hold fast to the true teaching Word, namely woman may minister to God in all things except one, namely not teaching or having authority over man. So, the man keeps becoming the head over woman in the marriage and ordination. Thus, Jesus becomes the Head who has responsibility in our marriage, children, and ministry. We always experience the renewal of life up to perfection.

2. Leaving God.

Malachi 3:6-10

3:6. "For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

3:7. Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," Says the LORD of hosts. "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?'

3:8. "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings.

3:9. You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.

3:10. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

It means stealing the possession of God, namely the tithe and special offerings, so one is lost and cursed.

In the Old Testament, men left God until losing the way to Him twice as follows:

- Cain killed Abel because of envy and hatred without a cause, so he was cursed by God.
It continued up to the age of Noah where all men have left God. They committed sins up to the peak, namely the sins of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage.
But, there were eight people, namely four spouses who were saved.
- [Genesis 11] Men built the tower of Babylon to enter heaven, so they left God. Consequently, they were cursed and messed up--Babylon means chaotic--up to doing the sin of Babylon, namely wickedness and uncleanness up to perdition forever.

[Genesis 12] Abram was called by God.

[Malachi 3:6-10] the Israelites also left God by stealing His possession, so they were considered as the Gentiles.

The Israelites stole the possession of God. It means that they were without the food or the shepherding Word, so they became the same as the Gentiles who were cursed.

If the Gentiles steal the possession of God, they will be without the shepherding Word, so they become the dog or the forbidden animal, so they are cursed and destroyed.

By the tithes and special offerings, the Gentiles can lick the crumbs, namely the revelation of the Word, so they can become the sheep of God that are shepherded by Him.

The tithe is the confession that we have been blessed and taken care of by God abundantly. We give thanks as well as become the blessing for others until we can say: *'I shall not want'*, that means becoming perfect.

3. **Becoming as the fig tree that has nothing, but leaves.**

Matthew 21:18-19

21:18. Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry.

21:19. And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away.

Normally, if the fig tree is leafy, it will have the early fruit, namely one or two fruits that can be eaten to satisfy God.

Nothing is found, but leaves. It means that one has ministered to God actively but he does not satisfy God, so he is not well-pleasing before Him.

Why does the fig tree have nothing but leaves?

- It is by the road. It means not being shepherded but walking about--the ear, feet, and mind. One is not firmly shepherded. He never meets Jesus but the roaring lion or Satan. Satan makes one become afraid and fall from faith, so he is destroyed.
- Not being fervent or faithful in the sheepfold. One does not abide in the Trinity of God, so he is attacked by the trinity of Satan. Consequently, he falls into sins. He is deceived by the false teaching.
- Not obeying the voice of the shepherd.

That is why we must be shepherded well and correctly, so we bear the sweet fruit sooner or later.

John 4:34

4:34. Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."

The sweet fruits are obedience and faithfulness. It is the same as feeding God or pleasing His heart or pleasing Him, so He will surely satisfy us or make us happy. He makes our life sweet.

Galatians 3:13-14

3:13. Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),

3:14. that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

The way out is that Jesus must willingly die in curse on the cross to do the things as follows:

- Setting us free from the sin and its curse.
- Giving the blessing of Abraham to us, the Gentiles.

1 Corinthians 11:26

1:26. For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.

In the Holy Communion, we always remember Christ's sacrifice that has set us free from the sin and curse.

1 Corinthians 11:27-30

11:27. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

11:28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

11:29. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

11:30. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

If we eat the Holy Communion without doing the introspection in our life but just habitually, it will become a curse.

1 Corinthians 11:31-32

11:31. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

11:32. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

If we do the introspection in our life, we will have the fellowship with the body and blood of Christ, so we are cured from the physical disease and the spiritual one, namely the sin.

The three possibilities in the Holy Communion are as follows:

- Being unworthy, so one is destroyed.
- Doing the introspection in life, so one becomes worthy and free from the disease.
- Feeling unworthy, so one rejects the Holy Communion or Christ's sacrifice. Consequently, he keeps being in the sin and curse

[Galatians 3:14] As a result, we experience the fullness or the anointing of Holy Spirit from the throne of heaven.

Revelation 22:1

22:1. And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

We become obedient, honest, and faithful to God.

Romans 8:15

8:15. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

Joshua 2:10,18-19

2:10. "For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

2:18. "unless, when we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home.

2:19. "So it shall be that whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we will be guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head if a hand is laid on him.

As a result, Christ's sacrifice--the scarlet cord--is able to save us and our family.

1 Kings 17:12-13,15

17:12. So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

17:13. And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son.

17:15. So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days.

Christ's sacrifice is able to take care of our life until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

1 Kings 17:17

17:17. Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him.

Christ's sacrifice is able to restore our broken marriage and children.

Acts 10:1-4

10:1. There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment,

10:2. a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always.

10:3. About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

10:4. And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.

God remembers, cares, understands, and struggles for us, so we are changed up to perfection.

God blesses us.