

Bible Study Service in Malang, September 12, 2017 (Tuesday Evening)

To Coincide with the Upgrading Service for Priests and Priests to Be V

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

Revelation 6:7-8

6:7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."

6:8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

The opening of the fourth seal is the same as the fourth judgment of Holy Spirit to the world, namely there is the revival of a pale horse that the Death and Hades have power over a fourth of the earth to kill men with many ways.

There are three kinds of death as follows.

1. Bodily death because of old age, sickness, and so on.
2. Spiritual death.

Ephesians 2:1

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

One lives in sin up to the peak, namely sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. He enjoys living in sin and does not want to repent until he cannot repent.

It includes the habitual sin, namely unfaithfulness in serving and ministering to God without any regret [Hebrews 10:25-27]. It continues to the intentional sin, namely one deliberately does not serve and minister to God.

3. The second death, namely the hell or the lake of fire and brimstone.

Revelation 20:14-15

20:14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

20:15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

If one dies physically, his name is blotted out of the books in the world such as the family card and so on. If one dies spiritually, his name is not written in the Book of Life, so he is cast to the hell.

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.

The Lord provides the place which is safe from the death, namely under the feet of Jesus.

John 12:3, 7

12:3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

12:7 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial."

For example, Mary chose the safe place from the death, namely anointing the feet of Jesus with very costly oil of spikenard for preparing the burial of Jesus. It means that we must actively minister to Jesus in the ministry for the edification of the body of Christ on the last days. It begins from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the one perfect body of Christ between Israel and Gentiles or the bride who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

The requirements of being used in the ministry for the edification of the perfect body of Christ are as follows.

1. **We must be redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus.** The very costly oil of spikenard refers to the precious blood of Jesus.

1 Peter 1:18

1:18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

How great a man in the world is, he has sinned, so he is not precious before God. His life only costs the dog and swine. Therefore, men must be redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus to be precious before God.

The process of being redeemed by the blood of Jesus is as follows.

- a. Believing in Jesus as the only Savior by hearing the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit. It is the same as entering through the Gate of Tabernacle.
- b. Repenting or realizing, regretting, and confessing sin to God and others. After being forgiven, we do not sin anymore. We die to sin. It refers to the Altar of Burnt Offerings.
- c. Being baptized of water. It refers to the Brazen Laver.
[Romans 6:4] The true water baptism happens when one who has died to sin or repented is buried in water with Jesus to be raised with Him and get the heavenly life, namely the life in righteousness.
- d. Being baptized of Holy Spirit. It refers to the Door of Tabernacle. It means that we get the anointing of Holy Spirit, so we can live in righteousness.
Living in righteousness is the same as being saved or set free from the death and being precious or fragrant before God.

2. We must live in holiness.

Ephesians 4:11-12

*4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,
4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,*

By what can we be sanctified?

John 15:3

15:3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

We are sanctified by the Word which is spoken by Jesus. It refers to the revelation of the Word through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible or the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword. It is the same as a sharp two-edged sword coming out of Jesus' mouth.

Revelation 1:16

1:16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

Where can we be sanctified? We are sanctified in the Holy Place or the shepherding pen by the perseverance in doing the three main services to God as follows.

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

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God like a branch that abides in the True Vine. As a result, we cannot be touched by the trinity of Satan who rules over the death. We are set free from the death. We can firmly live in righteousness and salvation. We can be precious and fragrant before God. We are sanctified by the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword until we are perfect.

Mark 14:3

14:3 And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head.

Every man is only like a clay pot which is so fragile and easily broken or destroyed. It may increase to the alabaster flask through being filled by the riches, intelligence, and position in the world. Nevertheless, it is still fragile and easily broken or destroyed.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4, 7-9

*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.
4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.
4:8 We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;*

4:9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed--

Therefore, the clay pot must be filled by the heavenly treasure, namely the true teaching Word, so we get the extra power from God to endure all things. We are not brittle, namely we do not become disappointed or hopeless. We do not fall and rise in sin. As a result, we are not destroyed.

We are sanctified. It begins from our heart or the core of our life, deeds, and words, so we can live in holiness. As a result, we are equipped with the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit [Ephesians 4:11-12] to become priests and kings who are used in the ministry for the edification of the perfect body of Christ. It is the same as receiving the beautiful tunic, so our life becomes beautiful. The more we are sanctified, the more we are used by God, and the more beautiful our life is. It continues up to the most beautiful one when we become the bride of God to welcome Jesus' second coming.

3. **We must willingly sacrifice or pay the expensive price**(The three hundred denarii equals to the salary for one year).

All things must be sacrificed for the edification of the body of Christ, except the true teaching Word. It continues until we can sacrifice our whole life to God. For example, Abraham willingly sacrificed Isaac, his only son. What we sacrifice will not vanish away. Abraham met Jehovah Jireh, the Lord who provides something that does not exist yet. The impossible can be made possible.

Nevertheless, there are hindrances in the ministry for the edification of the body of Christ as follows.

1. **Leprosy.**

Mark 14:3

14:3 And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head.

It refers to the self-truth. The leprosy is white. Such truth is not in line with the Bible. One covers the sin by blaming others, God or the true teaching Word, and Satan. Consequently, he never repents.

Leviticus 13:45

13:45 "Now the leper on whom the sore is, his clothes shall be torn and his head bare; and he shall cover his mustache, and cry, 'Unclean! Unclean!'"

The leprosy also refers to the uncleanness sins, namely the ones concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. It may also happen through the apparel. The purpose of wearing clothes is to cover the flesh, not to show the flesh.

The leprosy also refers to the bond of money. For example, Gehazi served and ministered to God only to look for physical things. The physical things can be the physical blessings, position, marriage partner, and so on.

2. **Stealing.**

Mark 14:4-5

14:4 But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted?"

14:5 "For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply.

John 12:4-6

12:4 Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,

12:5 "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"

12:6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

It is especially stealing the tithes and offering that belong to God.

3. **Being indignant** or getting angry without a cause. It is the same as getting angry without love. It means the hatred without a cause.

4. **Lying.**

Acts 1:16-18

1:16 "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus;

1:17 "for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry."

1:18 (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out.

Keeping sins, one will feel heavy-laden and become unfaithful until he leaves the service and ministry to God or hangs the harp. Moreover he will hang himself or do the suicide and fall headlong until the entrails gush out. Such life is not beautiful or precious, but produces the stench and perishes.

Jesus was willingly hung on the cross to pay the expensive price for setting us free from sins, so we can live in righteousness and holiness as well as become fragrant and precious before God.

Mark 14:9

14:9 "Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

If we are used in the edifying of the body of Christ, all of our sacrifices and ministry will not vanish away, but be remembered always by God. He never deceives us.

Isaiah 49:15-16

49:15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you.

49:16 See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.

As a result, God remembers us like a powerless baby in the physical life. He remembers, pays attention to, preserves, and protects us who are little in the midst of the great difficulties in the world. He is able to solve all problems, even the impossible ones. He gives us the beautiful and successful future life.

Psalms 144:3-4

144:3 LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him? Or the son of man, that You are mindful of him?

144:4 Man is like a breath; His days are like a passing shadow.

Psalms 68:2

68:2 As smoke is driven away, So drive them away; As wax melts before the fire, So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

He remembers that men are only like the breath, namely we are powerless in our spiritual life that we cannot endure the wind of temptations, sins, and false teachings.

Psalms 8:4-5

8:4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

8:5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

He changes us from the fleshly men or the smoke which is driven away to the spiritual ones like Jesus is, namely the sweet-smelling aroma. It begins from believing and being obedient.

Luke 23:42-43

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."

Although our life is in failure and destruction like the criminal who was dying, God is still able to change the atmosphere of curses to the one of paradise as long as we can honestly confess our sins. It continues until we are changed to be perfect when Jesus comes as second time.

God blesses you.