

Bible Study Service in Surabaya, June 01, 2015 (Monday Evening)

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

Revelation 3: 12-13

3:12. "He who overcomes, I will make him a **pillar** in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

3:13 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

THE PROMISE OF GOD to the church in Philadelphia who overcomes or all of us is that we will be made a pillar in New Jerusalem and we shall never go out anymore.

The process to become the pillar in New Jerusalem or the eternal heavenly kingdom can be learnt from the pillars of Tabernacle, the heavenly kingdom in the world.

There are three kinds of pillar in Tabernacle as follows.

1. The pillars in the Court.

Exodus 27: 9-16

27:9. " You shall also make the court of the tabernacle. For the south side there shall be hangings for the court made of fine woven linen, one hundred cubits long for one side.

27:10 "And its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets shall be bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their bands shall be silver.

27:11 "Likewise along the length of the north side there shall be hangings one hundred cubits long, with its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of bronze, and the hooks of the pillars and their bands of silver.

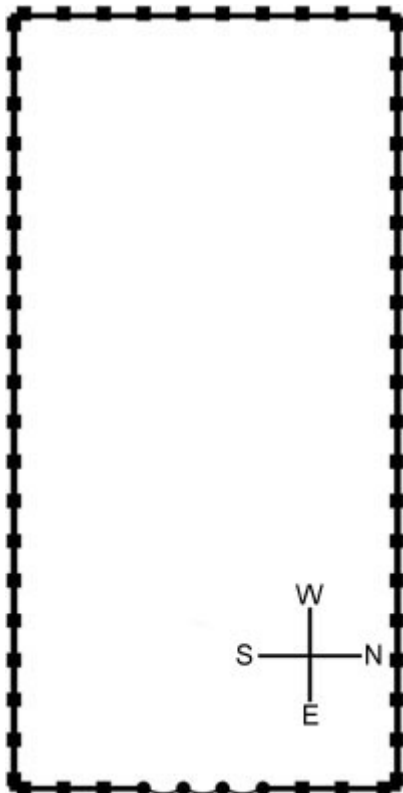
27:12 " And along the width of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits, with their ten pillars and their ten sockets.

27:13 "The width of the court on the east side shall be fifty cubits.

27:14 "The hangings on one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three sockets.

27:15 "And on the other side shall be hangings of fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three sockets.

27:16 " For the gate of the court there shall be a screen twenty cubits long, woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver. It shall have four pillars and four sockets.



The total is sixty pillars, namely the chosen people or the heroes of faith. They are **the pillars of faith**.

We must become the pillar of faith to become the one of New Jerusalem.

The sixty pillars can be divided into two groups as follows.

- 56 pillars (the four pillars of the gate are not counted) refer to Abraham up to Joseph, the father of Jesus (Luke 3: 23-34).
3:23. Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli,
3:34. the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,

Those are the circumcised because they are the descendants of Abraham.

- 4 pillars of the Gate, namely Matthew, Mark, Luke, John. Luke is a Gentile.

Thus, the sixty pillars or heroes of faith consist of the Israelites and Gentiles. It means as follows.

- God is just and merciful, so the Gentiles may become the pillar of faith. There is no excuse for us.
- **All of us may become the pillar of faith as long as we have the obedience to the true teaching Word, regardless of any risk we have to take.**
1 Corinthians 7: 19
7:19. Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters.

Hebrews 11: 8

11:8. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

For example, Abraham was obedient to leave his own country to the place he did not know because of his faith. It means an obedience until the flesh does not speak anymore, even he had to kill Isaac, his only son.

The results are as follows.

- **Abraham was blessed by God even until his old age and he became blessings for others.**
Genesis 12: 1-2; 24:1
12:1. Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.
12:2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.
24:1. Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

Disobedience will cause the curse like what has happened to Adam and Eve.

Genesis 14: 18-20

14:18. Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.
14:19 And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;
14:20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

The key of the blessings of Abraham that never ends until the old age is as follows.

- Abraham was blessed to become blessings for others.
- Abraham returned the tithes.

The tithes mean the **confession** that we have been blessed by God in many ways and our life as well as everything we have come from God. It is not the Law because it had been before the Law was.

Genesis 14: 21-23

14:21. Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself."
14:22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,
14:23 "that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours,

lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich' --

The tithes mean the way from God to cut our relationship with Sodom and Gomorrah that want to make us the pillar of salt like Lot's wife, not the pillar of faith.

Not returning the tithes, the least possession of God, one cannot become the pillar of faith. He is moved until becomes the pillar of salt.

- o Abraham could enter the Promised Land or Canaan. It refers to the revival.

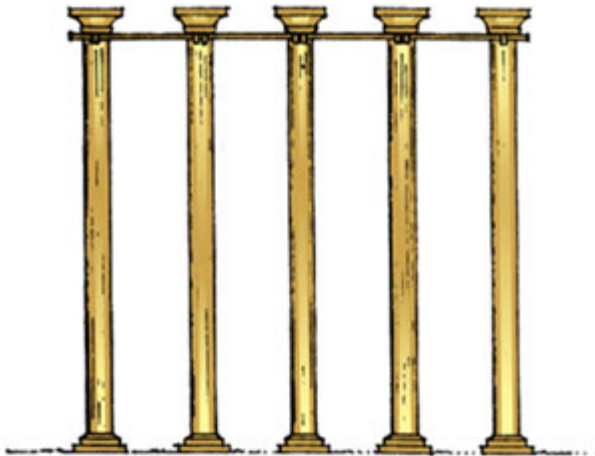
We, the pillar of faith or the obedient, are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rainfor building the perfect body of Christ.

2. The pillars of the Door of Tabernacle.

Exodus 26: 36-37

26:36. " You shall make a screen for the door of the tabernacle, woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver.

26:37 "And you shall make for the screen five pillarsof acacia wood, and overlay them with gold; their hooks shall be of gold, and you shall cast five sockets of bronze for them.



They refer to **the pillars of hope**.

Galatians 2: 9

2:9. and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

There are five pillars, namely James, Cephas or Peter, John, Paul, and Barnabas.

We will learn about **John**.

John 13: 21-26

13:21. When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."

13:22 Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke.

13:23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

13:24 Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.

13:25 Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

13:26 Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

'one of you will betray Me'= the fallen pillar, namely Judas Iscariot.

The Lord loved John and vice versa. He was leaning on Jesus' bosom.

The factfound in it is **BEING STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE.**

Romans 5: 5

5:5. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

It means that we are not disappointed or hopeless, but always hope and love God.

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

- **We are firm do not hear nor join the fellowship with the false doctrines.**

2 John 1: 10-11

1:10. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

1:11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

'does not bring this doctrine'= bringing the other doctrines, not the right one.

The false doctrine will cause the false worship.

Moreover, nor greet him means that we must firmly not give the opportunity to hear the false doctrine, but keep on holding fast the true teaching Word.

Hearing the other doctrines means we do not lean on Jesus' bosom anymore.

Do not be moved or doubtful about the teachings, or else you become a moved pillar!

Being a moved pillar, one is empty and not stable in life. Moreover, he gets nothing and his life is scattered like a house that falls and great is the fall. It means perdition (James 1: 6-8).

Eve heard the voice of serpent although she had known the right and gotten the result, namely the joy of paradise because of her obedience. Soon after she was arrogant or brittle, she left the right teachings.

One will leave the right teachings after there is doubt. It also happened to King Solomon. He could solve the problems of marriage and children by holding the sword although he was still young. Nevertheless, he heard the teachings of his wives and released the sword or the right teachings.

- **We are strong and of good courage in facing problems and temptations even the impossible ones.**

Numbers 13: 27-29, 32

13:27. Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.

13:28 "**Nevertheless** the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.

13:29 "The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan."

13:32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature.

Verse 27= 10 spies confessed the power of the Word.

Verse 28= '**Nevertheless**....'= the voice of the flesh that caused them to be disappointed.

Verse 32= 10 spies brought a **bad report**, namely the confession of the power of the Word that is **added by the voice of the flesh**.

It causes the murmuring, disappointment, and hopelessness because of exaggerating the temptation more than the promise or power of the true teaching Word.

A pastor often delivers a bad report and limits the power of the Word and the promise of God.

- **We are strong and of good courage in facing the sins up to the peak**, namely sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. It means that we keep righteous and holy.

The results of being the pillar of the Door of Tabernacle or being strong and of courage are as follows.

- We are protected by God from the antichrist.

John 13: 25-26

13:25. Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

13:26 Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

'Lord, who is it?' = who is the antichrist or the one who delivers the Lord?

- The Lord is able to finish all our problems and we are used in the building of the perfect body of Christ until it is finished and we become the Bride of God.

1 Chronicles 28: 20

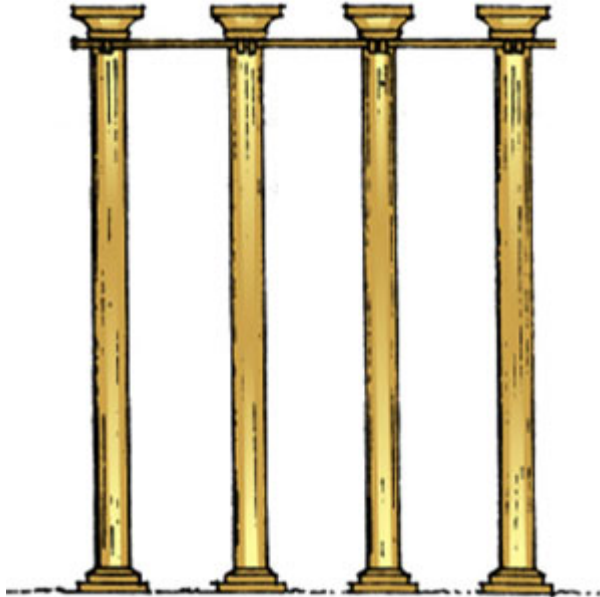
28:20. And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God--my God--will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

3. The pillars of the Veil.

Exodus 26: 31-32

26:31." You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen. It shall be woven with an artistic design of cherubim.

26:32 "You shall hang it upon the four pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold. Their hooks shall be gold, upon four sockets of silver.



There are four pillars made of shittim wood overlaid with gold. The wood cannot be seen anymore.

They refer to the four people who have ascended to heaven, namely Enoch, Moses, Elijah, and the Lord Jesus or the four people who **have been perfect**.

Except Jesus, they are common men like we are. It means that there is a hope for us to be perfect.

Enoch and Elijah were taken up to heaven when they were still alive.

Moses and Jesus had died and then they were resurrected in the glorious body and taken up to heaven.

Thus, both the dead and alive can enter the heavenly kingdom. The meaningful thing is our **life renewal** from wood to gold or from carnal men to spiritual ones like Jesus.

We learn from **Enoch**.

Genesis 5: 22-24

5:22. After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters.

5:23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.

5:24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

Enoch was taken up by God because he **walked with Him**.

Likewise, we must walk with God in the last days through the perseverance in doing the three main services to Him in the shepherding pen or the Holy Place so that we can be taken up to heaven.

- Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service, including Youth and Fellowship Service, to walk with Holy Spirit God and His gifts.
- Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion to walk with the Son of God in the true teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
- Golden Altar of incense or perseverance in doing Prayer Service to walk with Father God in His love.

Persevering means walking with God and we will never leave Him.

Our body, soul, and spirit are walking with the Trinity of God like Enoch did until we are taken up.

As a result, we have the life renewal from carnal men to spiritual ones like Jesus is. The wood is being overlaid with pure gold in the shepherding. The Word, the love, and Holy Spirit we get from the three main services are like the gold.

The proof is **HONESTY** or being clear or transparent.

Proverbs 3: 32

3:32. For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD, But His secret counsel is with the upright.

The honesty begins from these things.

- The matter of the true teaching Word.

Titus 2: 7

2:7. in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,

We say right if right, yes if yes, and no if no.

- The household.

Hebrews 13: 4 13:4. *Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.*

'honorable' = honesty.

'the bed undefiled' = **we keep the righteousness, holiness, and unity of the marriage** from the beginning, during, and until the end of the marriage that we are in the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

- The finance.

Hebrews 13: 5

13:5. Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

It begins from the marriage and the possession of God, namely tithes and offerings, and the one of others. We do not cheat nor do corruption.

Ananias and Sapphira were in one heart to be dishonest. Consequently, they died. It means that the spirituality is dead and the marriage is dry.

If we have the honesty or walk with God, our eyes can see Jesus, the High Priest at the right side of Father God. Hebrews 13: 5, *"I will never leave you nor forsake you."* means that the eyes of the Lord are looking at us. He is paying attention to, caring for, understanding and struggling for us until He dies on the cross and said *'It is finished!'*

He becomes our Helper (Hebrews 13: 6, *'So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"*)

The results are as follows.

- **Jesus, the High Priest, can feel all things we feel to suck up all our sufferings and give us peace.**

Hebrews 4: 14-16

4:14. Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,

let us hold fast our confession.

4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All things are easy and light. He is able to solve all problems in time of need.

○ **Jesus, the High Priest, gives us the new and living way.**

Hebrews 10: 19-21

10:19. Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,

10:20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

10:21 and having a High Priest over the house of God,

The veil of the temple was torn after Jesus died. There is an entrance to New Jerusalem and we can be the pillars forever.

- He gives the living way means that He is able to preserve our life in the midst of difficulties and impossibilities in the world like Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego who had to live in the fiery burning furnace that had been heated seven times more than the usual and Daniel in the den of lions.
- He gives the new way means that He guides us to the beautiful and successful future life up to New Jerusalem. We are renewed continually until we are as perfect as Jesus is. We are worthy to welcome His second coming. **We become the pillars on New Jerusalem forever.** We do not go out anymore and there is no more tear.

God blesses you.