

Bible Study Service in Surabaya, October 19, 2015 (Monday Evening)

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

We are in Revelation 2-3 (it has been explained from General Service in Surabaya, July 27, 2014).

We are learning Revelation 3: 14-22 about the church of the **LAODICEANS**. This is the last or the seventh church in the book of Revelation that shows the condition of the church in the last days (it has been explained from General Service in Surabaya, June 14, 2015).

Revelation 3: 21-22

3:21. *"To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.*

3:22 *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."*

THE PROMISE OF GOD to the church of the Laodiceans or all of us who overcome is **sitting with Him on the throne of the heavenly kingdom**. Jesus, the King of all kings and the heavenly Bridegroom becomes our husband and head and we become His bride. This is our main and last purpose in following and ministering to Jesus.

The requirements we overcome with Jesus, namely we are anointed by God (Psalm 20:7) with the anointing of Holy Spirit (it has been explained in General Service in Surabaya, October 18, 2015).

Revelation 17: 14

17:14. *"These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."*

The people who overcome with Jesus are **those who are called, chosen, and faithful**.

Being called means that we are saved or justified and set free from sins. We are saved through believing in Jesus, repenting, being baptized of water and Holy Spirit.

Afterwards, we are chosen. It means that we are sanctified to be appointed as priests and kings, the people who have the ministry or become the servants of God.

Thus, the people who overcome with Jesus are priests and kings who faithfully serve and minister to God. Being unfaithful means that one is a loser.

There are four levels of the faithfulness in serving and ministering to God as follows.

1. **BEING Faithful and righteous.**

If we are faithful to God, we will be faithful and true in the marriage, job, and all things.

The faithfulness to God determines the one to others.

Luke 17: 7-8

17:7. *"And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'?"*

17:8 *"But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'?"*

Isaiah 11: 5

11:5. *Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.*

Wearing the belt meant the readiness to work. Now, it means that we serve and minister to God faithfully and correctly as follows.

- We live in faithfulness and righteousness. We do not sin.
- We live in faithfulness and hold fast to the true teaching Word or obey it.

Luke 17: 8 => if we faithfully and correctly serve and minister to God, we will satisfy God's heart as if we are giving Him food

and drink. Our ministry can please Him.
Faithfulness cannot be separated from righteousness like a complete belt or two wings.

The results of having the faithfulness and righteousness are as follows.

- God gives us food and drink or the need of our daily life up to the future.
- We are used in the revival of the white horse or the one of Holy Spirit at the latter rain to build the perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride.

Revelation 19: 11

19:11. Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

On the other hand, one will enter the building of the body of Babylon or the bride of Satan.

- We have the adornment of the bride. We are prepared to be the bride of God.

Jeremiah 2: 32

2:32. Can a virgin forget her ornaments, Or a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten Me days without number.

2. BEING FAITHFUL AND GOOD.

Matthew 25: 21

25:21. "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

It means as follows.

- We have a good conscience in serving and ministering to God faithfully.

Hebrews 13: 18

13:18. Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably.

It means that we do not have any purpose to get the physical advantages such as money, position, praise, and so on for our life and we willingly sacrifice all things for God. The good conscience will determine whether we have the good life or not.

- We faithfully serve and minister to God with good saying.

Ephesians 4: 29

4:29. Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

It means that we do not lie, gossip, slander, accuse, and force others or give disadvantage to them until they cannot hear the Word of God anymore.

- We faithfully serve and minister to God with good deeds, namely we like giving for God's work and other people who need as well as we do not repay evil for evil, but good for evil.

Romans 12: 17

12:17. Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

The results are as follows.

Matthew 25: 21

25:21. "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

- The first result is 'I will make you ruler over many things'.

The many things mean as follows.

- a. The two wings of a great eagle to evacuate us to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the antichrist who reigns over the world for three years and six months. We are preserved directly by God through the true

teaching Word and Holy Communion like the house of Israel who lived by manna for forty years in the wilderness.

Thus, Bible Study Service with Holy Communion is the training for us that we can be evacuated to the wilderness. We get the food that our wings can be greater. The more we are faithful and right, faithful and good, the greater wings we get up to the maximum size.

- b. The garments of the Bride, namely the righteous acts or good deeds.

Revelation 19: 8

19:8. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

- o The second result is 'Enter into the joy of your lord' or we experience the joy of heaven that cannot be affected by anything. It increases up to the peak, namely the joy in the marriage supper of the Lamb on the glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time.

3. BEING FAITHFUL AND WISE.

Luke 12: 41-44

12:41. Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable only to us, or to all people?"

12:42 And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season?"

12:43 "Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.

12:44 "Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has.

'steward' is related to the service and ministry in the house of God.

Verse 44 => we will be appointed as the ruler over God's belonging if we are faithful and wise.

The meanings of being faithful and wise are as follows.

- o It is related **to the food**.
There must be a faithful and wise man, namely a pastor, to prepare the food for the sheep.

As a result, the sheep can be faithful and wise in eating the shepherding Word and they can be used in the revival for building the body of Christ. It begins from the shepherding pen first. The abundance from the pen can be brought outside to the inter shepherding fellowship service.

We just need to be careful of these two things.

- a. The sheep that do not eat the shepherding Word in the shepherding pen will be hungry and weak. They begin murmuring, gossiping, provoking others, fainting, and being lukewarm and dead spiritually up to perishing forever.
- b. The sheep that think that they are wise in their own opinion will look for the food outside the pen. They will eat the poison and begin gossiping, and so on.

The wise man can be seen in **the food** first.

- o We know the limit or border in these things.
 - a. Saying.
We must know the limit, namely the right and good words that become testimony and the right and pure words. We also know the limit in our deeds.
 - b. Friendship.
The limit is in the righteousness and purity like the fine linen of Tabernacle.
 - c. Food, both physical and spiritual one.
The limit is in the righteousness and purity. Do not eat the forbidden food.

o **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:

'these sayings of Mine' = the words of Jesus or a verse that explains other verses in the Bible.

The wisdom also means that we only hear and obey the words of Jesus or the revelation of God's Word, namely a verse that explains other verses in the Bible. Do not add or take away the verses in the Bible.

The ten spies thought that they were wise in their own opinion. They said that the Word was true, but they still used the logic or voice of the flesh.

Bride Tidings will be a bad report if it is added with the voice of the flesh.

Thus, being faithful and wise means that we are faithful and obedient to the true teaching Word.

1 Peter 1: 22

1:22. Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

After we are faithful and wise about the food of God's Word and we know the limit as well as obey God, we will live in holiness and love one another, even we can love our enemy.

As a result, we are appointed as the ruler of God's belonging.

Luke 12: 44

12:44. "Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has.

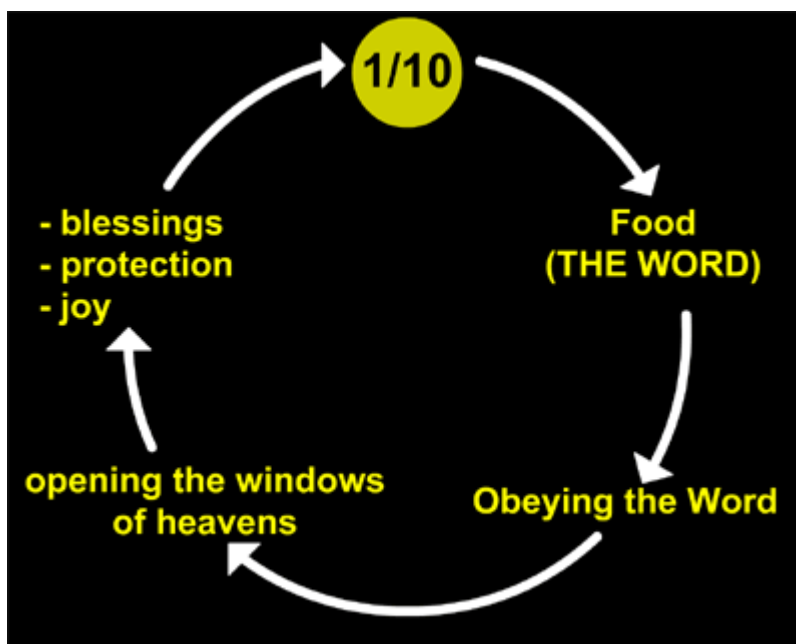
The belonging of God means as follows.

- o Tithes or the smallest belonging of God in the house of the Lord. We become the ruler over the tithes by returning it to God.

A pastor must return the tithes to God also.

The tithes mean our confession that we have been blessed by God and we live by Him. This is a cycle that cannot be cut by anything.

We return the tithes and the food in the house of the Lord or God's Word is provided => we eat the Word by hearing, understanding, believing, and obeying it => the heavens are opened and God pours out the blessings for us that we are far away from curse and disaster. We live in peace and give thanks to God always => we confess that we have been blessed by God and return the tithes. It happens continually (Malachi 3) as the cycle from God.



The servants of God also live by the tithes they return to God. A pastor feeding the congregation receives the trust of God to get the tithes. If he does not return the tithes to God, there will be dryness.

- Worship. If we are trusted to rule over the belonging of God, we can worship Him in the true worship and we are not dry.
- The bride. Ruling over the belonging of God means that we become the HEAVENLY BRIDE.

4. **BEING FAITHFUL AND FERVENT IN SPIRIT**.

Romans 12: 11

12:11. not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

Hebrews 1: 7

1:7. And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire."

The servants of God who serve and minister to Him faithfully and fervently in spirit are the same as the flame of fire.

Daniel 7: 9

7:9. "I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;

Jesus sits on the throne and we will sit with Him.

The throne of God is the same as the flame of fire. The servants of God are the same as the flame of fire.

Thus, **the servants of God who are faithful and fervent in spirit (faithful and righteous, faithful and good, faithful and wise) are the same as the throne of God in the world until someday they are on the throne of God truly.**

Not being faithful, one will be the throne of Satan.

Isaiah 6: 1

6:1. In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.

If we become the throne of God, we become the temple and get the power of the train of His robe as follows.

- **The power of God's protection and preservation** in the midst of difficulties in the world, from the beasts and disasters in the world physically and spiritually (sins up to the peak), up to the time when the antichrist reigns over the world for three years and six months. We are covered so that we have serenity and peace in our life. All things become easy and light.
- **The power of unity.**

Exodus 28: 33-34

28:33. " And upon its hem you shall make pomegranates of blue, purple, and scarlet, all around its hem, and bells of gold between them all around:

28:34 "a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe all around.

The pomegranate has many different partitions in one fruit.

It means that we are different in tribe, language, social status, gender, and so on, but must be one. We can be one if there is oneness in spirituality although there are many physical differences.

Ephesians 4: 3-6

4:3. endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4:4 There is one body⁽¹⁾ and one Spirit⁽²⁾, just as you were called in one hope⁽³⁾ of your calling;

4:5 one Lord⁽⁴⁾, one faith⁽⁵⁾, one baptism⁽⁶⁾;

4:6 one God and Father⁽⁷⁾ of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

= seven unities. It begins from one body.

All things may be different in the church, but these seven spiritual things must be same that we can be one.

- a. One body= one Head, namely the Word that becomes human.

John 1: 1, 14

1:1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

'In the beginning was the Word' = Logos (the true teaching Word).

'the Word became flesh' = the Word that becomes human, namely Jesus.

'the only begotten of the Father' = Jesus.

The one body or true teaching Word determines other unities.

- b. One Spirit.
- c. One hope.
- d. One Lord.
- e. One faith.
- f. One baptism.
- g. One God and Father.

The one true teaching Word must be in line with the Bible, namely the revelation of God's Word through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible.

Thus, the power of the train of God's robe unites us, beginning from our marriage, shepherding, inter shepherding fellowship, up to the perfect body of Christ between the house of Israel and Gentiles.

- o The power of miracle.

The golden bells that sounded beautifully refer to the worship in the anointing of Holy Spirit. We are broken hearted until able to say the language of faith like a woman with the flow of blood for twelve years, whose condition grew worse until she had no money anymore. She had **the language of faith** by saying 'If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.'

Afterwards, there will be the tongues or the heavenly language, namely 'Alleluia.'

There is miracle power as follows.

- a. The impossible are made possible.
- b. The rotten can be healed.
- c. Failure can be changed into success and beauty.
- d. We keep on touching the train of God's garment when Jesus comes a second time. We are changed to be as perfect as He is and we are worthy to welcome His second coming and sit with Him on the throne of heaven forever.

God blesses you.