

General Service in Malang, April 07, 2024 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 21:12-13

21:12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

21:13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

The gates of the New Jerusalem are twelve (4x3).

The number four refers to the four gospels or the four corners of the earth.

The number three refers to the Trinity of God.

The gates refer to the invitation of the Trinity of God through the preaching of the Word to all men in the world to be able to become the bride of God or the perfect church for entering the New Jerusalem or the eternal heavenly kingdom.

There are three kinds of invitation as follows:

1. The invitation of Father God.

Malachi 3:7-9

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.

It is the invitation of Father God to the cursed men.

Formerly, Adam and Eve were cursed because of eating the forbidden fruit. Now, the church is cursed because of stealing the possession of God, namely the tithes and offerings which is the same as eating the forbidden fruit. Why can it happen? It happens because of hearing the voice of serpent, namely false teachings, gossips, and so on until one always avoids. He always justifies himself and revives the mind and feelings or wills of the flesh.

The consequences are as follows:

- Losing the atmosphere of paradise.
- Losing the clothes or being naked.
- Losing the food, namely the change from eating fruit to eating thorns. From dust, men return to dust. It means that they never have life renewal.

As for God, He has the plan that the dust or clay is formed to be the golden pot.

Malachi 3:10-12

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.

3:11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the LORD of hosts;

3:12 "And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land," Says the LORD of hosts.

We must receive the calling of Father God. It means returning the tithes and offerings to God or getting the sanctification to the heart (the storehouse / Luke 6:45) from the evil desire or the will of money. The results are as follows:

- We can feel more blessed to give than to receive.
- We can enter the cycle of heavenly life, namely we return the tithes -->there is food -->we hear and obey the Word until being sanctified in our heart, deeds, and words or living in holiness and getting the clothes of ministry or the beautiful tunic -->God opens the doors of heaven for pouring out blessings, protection, and joy -->returning the tithes, and so on.

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,

This is the cycle of paradise that cannot be cut by any crisis in the world.

1 Timothy 6:6-8

6:6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

6:7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

6:8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

The service which can satisfy God is with the spiritual food or the true teaching Word and clothes of ministry or beautiful tunic. As a result, God gives the great gain, namely the two wings of a great eagle.

Revelation 12:14

12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

It is for evacuating us to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the Antichrist who reigns over the world for three and a half years, as well as lifting us to the glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time until we enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, paradise, and the New Jerusalem.

2. The invitation of the Son of God.

Matthew 11:28-30

11:28 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

11:29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

11:30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

The invitation of the Son of God is to men who are heavy laden and weary because of the following things:

- Keeping sins up to the peak.
- Facing the impossible problems.
- Feeling so great until not being willing to confess sins, but blaming at others.

- Always having desire to defeat others.

Matthew 11:25,29

11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.

11:29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

We must receive the calling of the Son of God, namely learning to Jesus on the cross (from the greatest to the smallest), namely learning to be gentle, humble, and patient.

Being gentle means as follows:

- Being able to receive the true teaching Word, no matter how hard it is and it is repeated for pointing at the sins.
- Being able to receive the other people in the weaknesses by praying for them and inviting them to hear the Word as well as in their goodness.
- Being able to forgive and forget the sins of others.

Being lowly in heart means as follows:

- Being able to confess sins to God and other people. Being forgiven, do not repeat the sin!
- Confessing the goodness of others.
- Being able to fully surrender to God.

Being patient means as follows:

- Being patient in suffering or not murmuring and blaming at others, but doing the introspection in life much more and always giving thanks.
- Being patient in waiting for the time of God, namely keeping on being on the railway track of the will of God. Do not want to be fast until taking the way which is not in line with the Word because it causes destruction!

Gentleness, humbleness, and patience are the same as entering the process of changing from the big to the small, so we appear as a little child bowing down at Jesus' feet or a crying baby who hopes the mercy of God. We live by the mercy of God.

As a result, [Matthew 11:29] we get the serenity or rest from heaven, so we can be silent and quiet. Being silent means that we do the introspection in our life, so we can repent. Being quiet means that we control our life and do not hope in others, but only God, so we can pray.

Ephesians 4:2

4:2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

We can help one another. It begins from the marriage until we can unite with one another and be used in the revival of the edification of the perfect Christ's body.

3. The invitation of Holy Spirit God.

Revelation 22:17

22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

It is to the thirsty or dissatisfied men.

Proverbs 30:15-16

30:15 The leech has two daughters--Give and Give! There are three things that are never satisfied, Four never say, "Enough!":

30:16 The grave, The barren womb, The earth that is not satisfied with water--And the fire never says, "Enough!"

There is atmosphere of tomb or the lengthening of the hands of the death up to the perdition.

Mark 5:1-5

5:1 Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.

5:2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

5:3 who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains,

5:4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him.

5:5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- Walking about or not being shepherded. It also means being at the places where there is the lengthening of the hands of the death such as cinema, discotheque, and so on. One does not like staying at home and shepherding. He serves to God with prioritizing prosperity and entertainment of the flesh.
- Crying out. It means the meaningless words such as lies, gossips, and slanders that hurt the heart of other people.
- Cutting himself with stones. It means not loving the wife as his own body.
- 2000 swine--> the shepherding pen becomes the field of the swine. It means living in sins up to the peak like the younger son who left the shepherding pen and stayed in the field of swine.
- Being thirsty because of the bitterness of heart and uncleanness.

John 4:9,15-16

4:9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

4:15 The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

4:16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

John4:9-10

4:9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

4:10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

The solution is that we must drink the living water of Holy Spirit.

John16:7

16:7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

Jesus must go or die, rise, and ascend to heaven for pouring out Holy Spirit.

John4:16-18

4:16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

4:17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,'

4:18 "for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

As for us, we must willingly hear the hard Word that points at our sins so that we can realize, regret, and confess sin to God and other people. Being forgiven, do not repeat the sin! We must repent and live in righteousness. As a result, Holy Spirit is poured out.

The functions of Holy Spirit are as follows:

- **Holy Spirit renews us.**

Titus 3:5

3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

It starts from the sincere and honest heart.

- **Holy Spirit performs the miracle.**

Zechariah4:6-9

4:6 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.

4:7 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'

4:8 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

4:9 "The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.

Making the mountain of sins flat as plain means that we can live in righteousness and holiness. The mountain of temptations which never ends can be made flat also. It means that Holy Spirit is able to finish all impossible problems.

Holy Spirit guarantees the beautiful and successful future life.

Holy Spirit gives the gifts of Holy Spirit to determine our ministry. We are used to be the living stones in the edification of Christ's body until we are made perfect.

God blesses you.