

General Service in Malang, August 01, 2021 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 13:11-18 is about the beast coming up out of the earth, namely the false prophets.

The false prophets mislead men including the servant of God with three things as follows:

1. Verse 11, namely the false prophets use the voice of the dragon or false teachings.
2. Verse 13, namely the false prophets perform the great signs until making fire come down from heaven on the earth to match the fire of God, so we never experience the touch of God's fire.
3. Verse 14-15, namely the false prophets use the false worship.

There is the true worship, but there is the false one.

The true worship is for Jesus. He is the real form of God that must be worshipped. But the false worship is for the image of the beast, namely the form of Satan who wants to be worshipped.

Exodus 20:4

20:4. " You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

There are three kinds of false worship as follows:

1. **The image of the beast in heaven above**, namely a great, fiery red dragon or Satan.

Revelation 12:3

12:3. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

Ephesians 2:2

2:2. in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

The dragon refers to the spirit of disobedience and uncleanness.

Worshipping the image of the fiery red dragon means being controlled by the spirit of disobedience and uncleanness.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- Forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.

Hebrews 10:25-27

10:25. not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

10:26. For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

10:27. but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

The sin of unfaithfulness becomes habitual even intentional sins.

The habitual sin means that one does not feel sorry when he cannot minister to God.

The intentional sin means that one does not want to minister to God, or ministering God but just for the physical thing like Korah.

Forsaking the assembling of ourselves together is the same as getting closer to Satan, so one will be destroyed in the hell.

- One just commits sins up to the peak. It is the same as being controlled by the spirit of uncleanness.

The ministry and worship are one of the good works that are awaited by God after repentance.

If we do not want to do the good work, we will surely have wicked and unclean deed, words, and sight, including the false marriage (being faithless in marriage).

The first sign of being faithless in marriage is quarrel, violence in marriage, divorcement up to entering the sin of Babylon.

Do not fight especially in the difficulties! It is better that we confess and forgive one another.

Proverbs 17:14

17:14. The beginning of strife is like releasing water; Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts.

2. **The image of the beast rising up out of the sea**, namely the Antichrist.

Revelation 13:1,17

13:1. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

13:17. and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

The power of the Antichrist is the spirit of selling-buying, namely the bond of money or the will of money.

If one worships the Antichrist, he will be controlled by the bond of the will of money.

The fact found in it is stinginess and greediness.

Greediness means that one cannot give to God and others who are in need.

Stinginess means that one steals the possession of God, namely the tithe and special offering, and the one of others.

The sin of stinginess and greediness attaches like the will of money.

Revelation 9:20-21

9:20. But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

9:21. And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

The Antichrist also triggers the spirit of hatred (being anti to the true thing), including hatred without a cause.

Matthew 25:41

25:41. "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

The consequence is the hell.

Actually, the hell is for Satan and the heaven for men.

The foolishness of men is through following Satan, so they are destroyed in the hell.

God offers the heaven. Our activity in heaven is just ministering to God. Why do not we want to worship God now?

3. **The image of the beast coming up out of the earth**, namely the false prophets.

Revelation 13:11,1

13:11. Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

13:1. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

The power of the false prophets is lying spirit. It is the source of the false teaching.

If we worship the image of the false prophets, our heart will be controlled by the lying spirit.

The fact found in it is that the shepherd teaches the false teaching, and the congregation wants to hear the false teaching and reject the true one.

Lying means not speaking the true, but gossiping, slandering, and blaspheming the true teaching Word.

Slandering means that the false thing becomes true, and vice versa.

Holding the true teaching whatever thing we have to sacrifice is the same as becoming gentle.

Leaving the truth because of the physical thing is the same as being hard-hearted.

Revelation 21:8

21:8. "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

The consequence is God's fire of punishment.

I Samuel 15:23

15:23. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."

The source of worshipping to the image is the hard heart, namely being disobedient and rejecting the true teaching Word.

They worship the dragon, Antichrist, and false prophets. It is the same as being controlled by the spirit of disobedience, selling-buying, and lying.

The heart without the Word, Holy Spirit, and love of God is the dry heart or the spiritual death, so one will surely enter the second death in the hell forever.

The fleshly men cannot receive, hear, or obey the Word.

We need Holy Spirit, so we can receive and obey the Word.

God is not willing that the human He creates just worships the image of the beast, namely being hard-hearted and spiritually dead, so they must be destroyed in the hell.

How is God's effort?

Philippians 2:8-10

2:8. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

2:9. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

2:10. that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

Psalm 114:7-8

114:7. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, At the presence of the God of Jacob,

114:8. Who turned the rock into a pool of water, The flint into a fountain of waters.

Jesus must become gentle. He humbles Himself and becomes obedient to the point of death on the cross, so He receives the name which is above every name to defeat the trinity of Satan or destroy the three images of the beast as well as the hard heart to become gentle (living fountains of waters).

For example, a woman of Samaritan who was unclean and hard-hearted is the same as becoming a hard stone that drowns in the Babylon. It is the image of the Gentiles.

This woman could be helped by Christ's sacrifice and the true teaching Word.

The beginning of becoming gentle is confessing and forgiving one another.

Becoming gentle is the same as having the lowliness in heart, gentleness, and obedience.

As a result, we can become obedient. It is the same as giving Jesus the sour wine mingled with gall to drink on the cross. We satisfy Him until He says: "*It is finished*", and He gives living fountains of waters to satisfy us.

The gentle heart can be the fountains in our life. The hard Word of God does not aim to harm us.

The fact of having the living fountains of waters or Holy Spirit is as follows.

John 7:37-39

7:37. On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

7:38. "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

7:39. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

In the Old Testament, the anointing oil refers to Holy Spirit. But after Jesus' first coming and ascending to the heaven, He pours out Holy Spirit to us.

1. The living waters flow around us. It means that Holy Spirit helps us to testify. We can give to and visit others who are in need.

John 4:29,39

4:29. "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"

4:39. And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did."

The true testimony is about Holy Spirit that helps us to hear and obey the true teaching Word, so we experience the working of the Word and Holy Spirit to purify and change us.

2. The living waters spring up to everlasting life. It means that we can climb up the mountain, namely ministering and worshipping God (the Baptist with Holy Spirit) until we enter the mount of the New Jerusalem (eternal life).

John 4:14

4:14. "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become

in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

Ezekiel 34:26

34:26. "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing.

Ezekiel 47:8-10

47:8. Then he said to me: "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed.

47:9. "And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.

47:10. "It shall be that fishermen will stand by it from En Gedi to En Eglaim; they will be places for spreading their nets. Their fish will be of the same kinds as the fish of the Great Sea, exceedingly many.

As a result, Holy Spirit flows toward the Dead Sea. It means that Holy Spirit flows to those who experience the spiritual and physical death. It is like a woman of Samaritan who had the divorce-remarrying five times.

1. Holy Spirit is able to give the physical life. There is the rain of blessing in the midst of difficulties and impossibilities.
2. Holy Spirit is able to give the spiritual life, so we can live in righteousness and holiness. We minister to God faithfully. We worship God delightfully.

Do not forget to become blessing for others if we have been blessed!

If we become egoistic to God's blessing, we will become swamp.

The swamp refers to Babylon, namely sins up to the peak.

Ezekiel 47:11

47:11. "But its swamps and marshes will not be healed; they will be given over to salt.

3. Holy Spirit is able to take away all of impossibilities.
4. Holy Spirit is able to change the desert to become the garden of heaven, namely the one of happiness or Paradise. We are blessed. We experience peace, so all things become easy and light. We are also happy in the midst of sufferings.

Ezekiel 34:26-29

34:26. "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing.

34:27. "Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

34:28. "And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make them afraid.

34:29. "I will raise up for them a garden of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, nor bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore.

Holy Spirit is able to change us until we become spotless.

We say: "*Alleluia*" to greet Jesus when He comes a second time until we enter the New Jerusalem forever.

God blesses us.