

General Service in Malang, August 16, 2020 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 11:15-19 is about the sound of the seventh or last trumpet.

Revelation 11:18

11:18. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

The seventh trumpet shows the wrath of God to the world, namely the three times seven condemnations, the doomsday, and the everlasting condemnation in the hell.

Nevertheless, it also shows the reward for the servants of God, prophets, holy people, or those who fear the Lord, small or great.

It refers to the justice of God as the Just Judge for punishing the ones who deserve to get it and rewarding the ones who deserve to get it.

The justice of God is also for the small and great people. It means that little children or poor people will be punished when they deserve to get it. It is also for the great or rich people.

It means as follows:

1. Men from all ages, from the embryo in the womb, little kid, up to the old ones. The embryo in the womb becomes the responsibility of the parents. All men from all ages must be brought towards the reward of God.
2. Men from all social layers of society, the poor or the rich, the uneducated or the intelligent, and the ones who have the position or not must be brought towards the wage of eternal life.

Who deserves to get the reward from God?

1. The servants of God (It has been explained in Bible Study Service in Malang, August 11, 2020 to Prayer Service in Malang, August 13, 2020).
2. The prophets.

A prophet refers to God's servant who delivers the prophecy from God, namely the Word which is revealed by Holy Spirit through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible. It is the true teaching Word which reveals the following things:

- The sins up to the peak which is hidden and kept in the congregation. The teaching Word is sharper than any two-edged sword and hard like the sound of trumpet.
- All things which have not happened yet, but will happen for sure, especially the second coming of Jesus as the King of all kings and the Heavenly Bridegroom on the glorious clouds as well as the judgment of God to the world.

The prophet who deserves to get the reward from God is the one who preaches and obeys the prophetic Word.

As for the congregation, the prophet refers to the members of the congregation who hear and obey the prophetic Word, so they get the sanctification from sins and deserve to get the eternal life.

There are many prophets in the Bible. We will learn one of them, namely Haggai.

Haggai 1:1-2,8

1:1. In the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying,

1:2 "Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: "This people says, "The time has not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built.""

1:8 "Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified," says the LORD.

'governor' = king.

Verse 2 = the prophecy to the priests and kings.

The prophecy of Haggai the prophet was about the edification of the physical house of God.

Now, it is fulfilled in the spiritual meaning, namely the prophecy about the edification of the spiritual house of God, the perfect body of Christ, or the heavenly bride.

Thus, the members of the congregation who hear and obey the prophetic Word which was preached by Haggai the prophet actively minister to God in the edification of the perfect body of Christ. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the Israelites and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride who deserves to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds and gets the eternal life.

Who deserves to minister to God in the edification of the perfect body of Christ? The priests and kings do.

1 Peter 2:5

2:5. you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

The meanings of the priests and kings or the ministers of God are as follows:

- One who hears and obeys the true teaching Word, so he lives in holiness.
- One who bears the ministry given by God.
- One who serves and ministers to God according to the ministry which is entrusted by Him.

Actually, one who deserves to be the priests and kings are the natives of Israel and the descendants.

Exodus 19:6

19:6. 'And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.

The Gentiles are neither allowed nor worthy to be the priests and kings because they are only like the dog and swine which are not worthy to be offered to God. Nevertheless, God opens the chance for the Gentiles through the way of His mercy and goodness on the cross, so they can be appointed as the priests and kings.

1 Peter 2:9-10

2:9. But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2:10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

'were not a people' = the Gentiles.

Thus, we can serve and minister to God only by the blood of Jesus. Let us appreciate the blood of Jesus that has appointed us as the priests and kings.

Leviticus 21:12

21:12. 'nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.

The title is about the holiness of the priest.

A priest must be in the Holy Place or the shepherding pen anywhere, anytime, and in any circumstances.

The Holy place refers to the perseverance in doing the three main services to God as follows:

- The Golden Candlestick or the perseverance in doing the General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His anointing and gifts.
- The Table of Showbread or the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
- The Golden Altar of Incense or the perseverance in doing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love which brings us to the eternal life.

In the sheepfold, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God, so we cannot be made fall in sins or deceived by the false teachings, but we are always sanctified, anointed by Holy Spirit, and accompanied by the Trinity of God. We become the priest who is specialized as the apple of God's eye. The accompanying of God is more than anything in the world. We become the living stone until we have the eternal life.

Going outside the sheepfold, one will not live; even he perishes forever.

The situations of the ministry for the edification of the perfect body of Christ are as follows:

- **Facing the shakings.** The shakings are said twice. It means the physical and spiritual ones that cannot be cancelled by anything.

Haggai 2:6-7,21-22

2:6. *"For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;*

2:7 *'and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.*

2:21. *"Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying: 'I will shake heaven and earth.*

2:22 *I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms; I will destroy the strength of the Gentile kingdoms. I will overthrow the chariots And those who ride in them; The horses and their riders shall come down, Every one by the sword of his brother.*

There are three kinds of shaking or the hindrance from outside as follows:

- In the airby the fiery red dragon or Satan with the spirit of rebellion which causes the crisis in the marriage. The husband is not faithful to the wife. The wife resists against the husband. The children resist against the parents. There is destruction to the marriage and children. Be careful! This is the greatest crisis.

What is Satan's intention? He wants that the marriage does not enter the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The time of relationship and engagement becomes the test about what kind of spirit we have. If there is the spirit of rebellion, one must be unfaithful with many reasons. In the marriage, one with the spirit of rebellion must be unfaithful, so the marriage is destroyed.

- On earthby the false prophets with the spirit of lie, false teachings, and false amenities and entertainment which cause the crisis and destruction in the service and ministry to God. The true ordination is destroyed. The service and ministry do not prioritize the true teaching Word anymore. They feel that they serve and minister to God while they are worshiping idol like the Israelites when they worshipped the golden calf.
- In the seaby the Antichrist with the spirit of selling-buying, the power of mammon, or the bond of money which causes the crisis in economy.

Why does God let the edification of the body of Christ happen in the time of crisis or shakings? He lets it to make us not hope to anything in the world, but we only believe and hope to Him, who provides all things for us.

Who can endure the shakings? The priests who always dwell in the sheepfold or have the perseverance in doing the three main services to God whom He always sanctifies and anoints can.

The proofs are as follows:

- Keeping fervent in spirit or faithful in doing the service and ministry to God anywhere, anytime, and in any circumstances.

Haggai 1:13-14

1:13. *Then Haggai, the LORD'S messenger, spoke the LORD'S message to the people, saying, "I am with you, says the LORD."*

1:14 *So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,*

- Being strong and of courage means neither being disappointed nor hopeless, not leaving God, and not being proud, but only believing and hoping God.

Haggai 2:3-4

2:3. *'Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing?*

2:4 *'Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' says the LORD; 'and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land,' says the LORD, 'and work; for I am with you,' says the LORD of hosts.*

This is the priest who is sanctified and specialized. He is the apple of God's eye or the living stone.

It means that we live by the grace of God, so we can live anywhere, anytime, and in any circumstances until we receive the reward of eternal life. God will be with us.

- **Facing the enemy from inside, namely the wood that refers to the fleshly man with the fleshly characteristics.**

Haggai 1:8

1:8. "Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified," says the LORD.

The characteristic of the flesh which hinders the house of God is egoism.

Haggai 1:2,4,9

1:2. "Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: 'This people says, "The time has not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built.'"

1:4 "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?"

1:9 "You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says the LORD of hosts. "Because of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house.

The members of the household cannot love one another, but blame at one another because of egoism or self-interest. They cannot love God and other people.

Being egoistic, there must be the self-truth and the self-will which make the glory of God vanish away.

The self-truth means only blaming at God and other people.

The self-will means disobeying the Word.

The facts found in the egoism are as follows:

- **Letting the house of God lie in ruins.**

It means laziness or unfaithfulness until leaving the service and ministry to God. Remember! Unfaithfulness is the same as wickedness. It means harming or hurting the fellow priests. It is the same as being without the faithfulness and goodness in the house of God.

The consequence is the difficulties in life, the meaningless efforts, as well as the dry physical and spiritual life, so the body of Christ is divided and ones look for the satisfaction in the world and aim at the sins.

Haggai 1:5-6,10-11

1:5. Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways!

1:6 "You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, Earns wages to put into a bag with holes."

1:10 "Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit.

1:11 "For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands."

The next consequence is living in the darkness until entering the hell.

Matthew 25:26,30

25:26. "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

25:30 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

- **Making the house of God as the den of thieves.**

Mark 11:15-17

11:15. So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

11:16 And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple.

11:17 Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

The facts found in it are as follows:

- a. The den of thieves or the place for selling and buying. It means serving and ministering to God only for looking for the physical things without the righteousness and holiness.
- b. Stealing the possession of God, namely the tithes and offerings.
- c. Neither being willing nor able to worship God with saying "Alleluia". One only speaks the meaningless words, lies, gossips, slanders, and blasphemies to the true teaching Word. There is no sincerity in heart anymore (the doves were sold).

In consequence, the people were whipped by Jesus. It means being cursed and condemned by God.

▪ **Making the house of God as the place of the spirits of Babylon, namely sinning or being without the holiness.**

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

6:18. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

6:20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

In consequence, he enters the edification of Babylon or the bride of Satan who will be destroyed. He does not receive the reward, but the condemnation and everlasting perdition.

Facing the enemy from outside, we must enter the sheepfold.

Facing the enemy from inside, we must go up to the mountain.

Haggai 1:8

1:8. "Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified," says the LORD.

The priests must go up to the mountain of worship or like worshiping God through the one hour prayer, fasting prayer, and all night-long prayer so that we get the crucifixion to the flesh, especially from the characteristic of egoism, self-truth, and self-will, and the glory of God comes down. Holy Spirit anoints us and we become the house of the Lord or prioritize the service and ministry to God more than anything. We also become the house of prayer.

Romans 8:26

8:26. Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Holy Spirit helps and encourages us for worshiping God with groaning which cannot be uttered or the broken heart like a pregnant woman who will give birth. We only show our physical and spiritual weaknesses.

The pregnant woman who will give birth gets suffered more up to the peak, namely she cannot endure the pain anymore. It means that the time is only for a moment anymore. That time will determine, whether we get disappointed or surrender fully to God.

The results of groaning to God are as follows:

- The greatest miracle, namely the life renewal from the fleshly man to the spiritual one like Jesus is.

Romans 8:22-23

8:22. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

8:23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

We get the freedom from the fleshly characteristics.

Haggai 2:8,23

2:8. 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts.

2:23. 'In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD, 'and will make you like a signet ring; for I have chosen you,' says the LORD of hosts.'

We become the silver (being redeemed from sins until we are honest), the gold (being obedient), and the signet ring of the love which is as strong as the death. The proof is the patience in the sufferings (keeping on giving thanks) and in waiting for the time of God.

- God pays attention to, cares for us, and struggles for our groaning to set us free from impossible problems.

Exodus 3:7-8

3:7. And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.

3:8 "So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

He makes all things good, beautiful, and successful in His time.

He leads to Canaan. It means that He preserves and protects us. He gives us joy, sanctifies, and changes us until we are perfect and worthy for welcoming Jesus' second coming and entering the New Jerusalem forever.

God blesses you.