

General Service in Malang, December 16, 2018 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 8:6-13 is about the first four trumpets.
It is the condemnation of the Son of God to the world.

Revelation 8:6-13

8:6. *So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.*

8:7. *The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.*

8:8. *Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.*

8:9. *And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.*

8:10. *Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.*

8:11. *The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.*

8:12. *Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.*

8:13. *And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"*

The seven angels have the seven trumpets. It means that each angel has a trumpet.

The angel refers to the shepherd.

The trumpet refers to the true shepherding word, namely the true and hard teaching one that is sharper than any two-edged sword that God entrusts to a pastor to preach to the congregation faithfully and orderly in regularity.

The results are as follows:

1. The word becomes command to the congregation, so they can enter into the sheepfold/the Holy Place. It refers to perseverance in three kinds of main service as follows.
 - o Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His anointing and gifts.
 - o Table of Showbread refers to perseverance in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We have fellowship with the Son of God in the teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
 - o Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love.

In the sheepfold, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the trinity of God, so the trinity of Satan cannot touch us.

2. The word becomes the spiritual food, so the congregation experience spiritual growth and maturity.

Our attitude is that we must eat the shepherding word, namely hearing and obeying it.

As a result, '*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*'

It means as follows:

1. We experience God's protection and caring physically and spiritually.
God is able to take care of our life physically although we are powerless in the middle of difficulties and shocks in the world.
God takes care of us directly, miraculously, and abundantly, so we always give thanks to Him.

Spiritually, we experience serenity and peace, so all things become easy and light.

If a branch abides in the true vine, it will surely bear sweet fruits or we have the heavenly bliss sooner or later.

2. Being stable and increasing in righteousness, holiness, up to perfection.

Zechariah 13:7-9

13:7. *"Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion," Says the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.*

13:8. *And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be*

left in it:

13:9. I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"

In fact, the shepherd will be stricken, and the sheep will be scattered.

It prophesies about Jesus as the Good Shepherd who must die on the cross, so the disciples are scattered.

Matthew 26:31

26:31. Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'"

Now, it prophesies about physical and spiritual shocks in the shepherding.

The shepherd is stricken. It means that he unwillingly and unfaithfully feeds the congregation. Consequently, false and unhealthy teachings (poison) enter in the shepherding, so the congregation experience spiritual dryness and death. It means that one is not fervent in spiritual thing, but falls into sins up to the peak.

Satan makes the shocks, so the sheep are scattered and destroyed.

God allows the shocks to separate the people who are shaken from the others who are not shaken [Zechariah 13:8] as follows:

1. Two-third will be shaken, namely the ones who reject the trumpet sound because of hearing many false teachings. Consequently, they experience the condemnation of trumpet up to perdition forever.
2. One-third is not shaken, namely the sheep that are shepherded well and correctly. They are the same as a branch that abides in the true vine. They hear and obey the trumpet sound or the true shepherding word, so they do not experience the condemnation of trumpet.

Revelation 8:7-8,11-12

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Zechariah 13:9

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The servant of God who is shepherded well and correctly must be brought through the fire, so he becomes unshaken silver and gold until he becomes God's forever.

There are two kinds of fire as follows:

1. **The fire of purification**= the one in the sheepfold as follows:
 - The fire of the word of God through perseverance in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion (Table of Showbread).
 - The fire of Holy Spirit through perseverance in General Service (Golden Candlestick).
 - The fire of the love of God through perseverance in Prayer Service (Golden Altar of Incense).

The fire of the word, Holy Spirit, and love of God purifies our body, soul, and spirit, so we are used by God to glorify and glorify His name.

We must be watchful. Starting from the age of Noah and Lot until the last days, there are many servants of God who reject the fire of purification in the shepherding, so they are burned in their lust. They fall into sins up to the peak, namely the sins of eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse) and marrying-giving in marriage (sexual sin with all of its kinds and false marriage).

Consequently, they will receive the fire of condemnation of God up to perdition in the hell forever.

Now, our duty is glorifying and glamorizing God, so we will be glorified in the world up to the eternal glory.

The examples are as follows:

○ **Exodus 3:1-5**

3:1. Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

3:2. And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

3:3. Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

3:4. So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

3:5. Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

Moses is a son of king. He is clever and rich, but he cannot minister two men, even he becomes a killer. It means destroying the body of Christ.

Moses must be shepherded to experience the purification by the fire of the word, namely the one from sins up to the peak, pride, disappointment, and desperation.

Moses is purified, so he takes his sandals off like a newborn baby. It means that he does not sin but lives in righteousness and holiness. Moses does not depend on anything in the world, but only God.

As a result, Moses receives the clear God's calling, so he is used to glorify His name.

○ **Isaiah 6:5-8**

6:5. So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."

6:6. Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.

6:7. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged."

6:8. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Isaiah is a man of unclean lips. It means saying many vain words, gossips, *et cetera*.

Isaiah must experience the purification of the love of God through the worship, so he can produce the true, good, and holy words or the ones that please and glorify God and become blessings for others.

As a result, Isaiah receives God's calling to be sent and used by Him.

○ **Acts 2:1-4**

2:1. When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2:2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

2:3. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

2:4. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The apostles of the first rain church experience the purification of Holy Spirit.

The process is as follows:

- Believing Jesus as the only Savior.
- Repenting or stopping sinning and returning to God or being dead to sin.
- The true water baptism, namely one who has believed in Jesus and died to sin or repented must be buried in water with Jesus and come out or rise from water with Him to receive new life or heavenly one.

The heavenly life means experiencing Holy Spirit baptism or the fullness of Holy Spirit.

One of the signs of the fullness of Holy Spirit is the tongues, as the Spirit gives us utterance.

What is sanctified? The apostles experience the purification of heart, namely doubtful heart becomes strong and

of good courage.

As a result, the apostles are called and chosen to minister to God, and glorify Him whatever challenge and obstacle may come.

Previously, Peter had doubted and denied God, but after being purified by Holy Spirit he became strong and of good courage, so he could preach before three thousand people and glorify God.

Thomas had doubted and not believed Jesus, but after being purified by Holy Spirit he believed in Jesus until he died.

At the last days, all of us must experience purification by the fire of the word, Holy Spirit, and love of God.

The results are as follows:

- The purification from doubtful heart to being strong and of good courage. We believe in Jesus.
- The purification of mouth, so we do not lie anymore.
- The purification of sins until we are like newborn babes. We only depend on God's mercy.

As a result, we will also be called and chosen to glorify the name of God.

If we glorify and glamorize God, we will be glorified in the world up to the eternal glory.

2. The sprinkling of blood, the cross, or suffering in the flesh with Jesus.

1 Peter 4:12-14

4:12. Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

4:13. but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

4:14. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

We have to suffer in the flesh with Jesus, so we experience the Spirit of glory. As a result, we will appear as pure gold and silver.

Zechariah 13:9

13:9. I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"

We are not shaken or destroyed by anything. The more we experience the fiery trial, the more we become pure.

Proverbs 10:20

10:20. The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little.

The **silver** refers to the true and good tongue. It is the same as honesty. Say yes if yes and no if no.

The pure **gold** refers to the genuine faith. It means holding fast the true teaching word and obeying it.

If we become honest and obedient, we will be able to call on Jesus' name [Zechariah 13:9].

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,

The results are as follows:

- The power of the name of Jesus defeats the trinity of Satan who is the source of sins and false teachings, so we keep living in righteousness and holiness.

Satan is also the source of impossible problem. The power of the name of Jesus is able to finish all impossible problems.

- The power of the name of Jesus heals paralysis. It refers to the physical and spiritual healing.

Acts 3:5-7

3:5. So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

3:6. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

3:7. And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

The spiritual paralysis means as follows:

- Not being faithful in ministry anymore. Let us call on Jesus' name and we minister to God faithfully and fervently again.
- Hoping man or treasure only. Let us call on Jesus' name. We totally believe and hope Jesus.
- The destruction in marriage and children. Let us call on Jesus' name and return to the shepherding. The marriage and children will become one up to perfection.

- The name of Jesus is the fragrant one.

Song of Solomon 1:3

1:3. Because of the fragrance of your good ointments, Your name is ointment poured forth; Therefore the virgins love you.

The decay is changed into fragrance. Failure is changed into success and beauty. The labor is changed into happiness.

It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to become as perfect as He is. We do not stumble in words. We just say "Alleluia!" to greet His coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses us.