

General Service in Malang, February 28, 2021 (Thursday Evening)

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

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.

Revelation 12: 3-18 is about the clear and complete appearance of Satan or dragon with his activities on the last days as follows:

1. [Revelation 12:4a] His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven.
2. [Revelation 12:4b] Devouring.
3. [Revelation 12:7] Fighting.
[Revelation 12: 3-12] It happens when Satan is still able to go to heaven to accuse men and do his three activities.
4. [Revelation 12:13] Persecuting or catching up fast.
5. [Revelation 12:15] Causing the woman or the church of God to be carried away by the flood.
6. [Revelation 12:17] Making war or persecuting.
[Revelation 12:13-18] It happens when Satan has been defeated and cast to the earth. He has no place in heaven forever, so he uses his short time before he is bound and destroyed to come down to men, having great wrath in his three activities.

Ad.6. Making war or persecuting.

Revelation 12:17-18

12:17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

12:18 Then I stood on the sand of the sea.

Who becomes the target for being persecuted, trampled, and beheaded by the Antichrist?

The answer is the church that only has the commandments of God or the Table of Showbread and the testimony of Jesus Christ or the Golden Candlestick, but without the Golden Altar of Incense.

It means as follows:

- Not being willing to worship God. One feels forced in worshipping God or does not enjoy it.
- The worship has not reached the measurement from God, namely the torn Veil. It means that the flesh still speaks.

When the Antichrist rules over the world for three and a half years, the servants of God who do not have the Golden Altar of Incense will be forced to worship Satan or the Antichrist.

There are two possibilities when the Antichrist rules over the world as follows:

1. The big one, namely the church or God's servants cannot endure, so they worship the Antichrist and get the stamp (triple six). They are not persecuted. They may sell and buy or anything, but be destroyed together with the Antichrist forever when Jesus comes a second time.
2. The small one, namely the church or God's servants do not want to worship the Antichrist, but keep on worshipping God although being persecuted with the great persecution which has never happened and will never happen again, until they are beheaded. It means that the flesh does not speak anymore to fulfill the measurement of the worship, namely the Veil is torn. As a result, such church or God's servants will be resurrected in the body of glory like Jesus when he comes a second time to enter the paradise, the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace, and the heavenly kingdom or the New Jerusalem forever.

Therefore, we must be earnest and increasing in worshipping God until we can fulfill the measurement, namely the Veil is torn or the flesh does not speak anymore.

There are three kinds of measurement of the worship which are determined by God as follows:

1. **The redemption or deliverance by the blood of Jesus** (the Court of the Tabernacle - the Altar of Burnt Offerings).

Revelation 5:8-10

5:8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And

*have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
5:10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."*

Formerly, the animal for the offerings was slain and burnt to produce the sweet aroma.
Now, it refers to the cross of Christ or the blood of the Lamb.

The blood of Jesus redeems us from the following three things:

- Every tribe and nation or the world with all of its influences.

James 4:4

4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

The proof is the faithfulness. This is the measurement of the worship, namely the faithfulness to God and other people.

- People or the flesh.

The flesh contains the fleshly lusts, wills, and desires only which cause us to commit sins up to the peak.

Romans 8:6

8:6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Being redeemed by the blood of Jesus, we can live in righteousness and become the instruments of righteousness or the priests and kings.

Revelation 5:10

5:10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

- Tongue or language.

We become honest, especially about the true teaching Word or about God.

Thus, the measurement of the worship or the redemption by the blood of Jesus is that we must become the faithful, righteous, and honest servant of God.

Proverbs 15:8

15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight.

We become the house of prayer. Our prayer is answered by Him. We appreciate the sacrifice of Christ, so we will not be trampled by the Antichrist.

On the contrary, being the unfaithful, unrighteous, and dishonest servant of God, one becomes the den of thieves, tramples the blood of Jesus and will be trampled by the Antichrist for three and a half years.

2. **Silence**, it refers to the Holy Place.

Revelation 8:1-3

8:1 When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 8:2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

8:3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Being in the Holy Place brings the serenity. It is confessed by King David.

Psalms 23:1-2

23:1 <<A Psalm of David.>> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

23:2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

Where can we get the serenity in the wilderness of the sea of the world?

We can get it in the shepherding pen or the Holy Place through 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 the anointing and gifts.
- The Table of Showbread or the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the true 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.

Our body, soul, and spirit abide in the Trinity of God in the shepherding pen, like a branch that abides in the True Vine.

John 15:3

15:3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

John 13:10-11

13:10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

13:11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

As a result, we get the intensive sanctification by the Word spoken by Jesus or revealed through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible. It refers to the true teaching Word or the sword of the Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword. The intensive sanctification is to the sins of Judas Iscariot, namely the evil lust or the will of money, uncleanness, and bitterness of heart. Such lusts make one not calm and the beautiful feet dirty. The servant of God has the beautiful feet for bringing the Good News and the Bride Tidings.

Romans 10:15

10:15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

If the feet are dirty, one will bring gossip, slander, and blaspheme God. The feet cannot become calm. It means not being shepherded.

Therefore, we must be sanctified from the unclean lusts or the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage, the bitterness, and the evil lusts which cause stinginess (one cannot give) and greediness (one steals the possession of God and others).

After all things are sanctified, we can draw near God.

James 4:8

4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

We get the silence of heaven or in the Holy Place. Although we are in the midst of the waves of the world, we can be calm like Jesus who sleeps in the midst of waves.

The facts found in being near God are as follows:

- Being like a branch that abides in the True Vine, namely loving God more than anything.
A branch also abides in the other branch, namely loving others like we love ourselves. We only do good things until we can love our enemy or repay good for evil. As a result, we can bear many sweet fruits which are permanent up to our old age. We can be the witness that God never deceives us.

Psalm 34:19

34:19 The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

Isaiah 57:15-16

57:15 For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

57:16 For I will not contend forever, Nor will I always be angry; For the spirit would fail before Me, And the souls which I have made.

- Praying with a broken heart (the Holy Place - the Golden Altar of Incense).
God gives us extra power. We do not get disappointed or hopeless. We do not leave God regardless of anything we must face. We keep on being with God.

Isaiah 57:18

57:18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will also lead him, And restore comforts to him And to his mourners.

We have comfort when we are in sorrow until we can give thanks to God.

Isaiah 57:19

57:19 "I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near," Says the LORD, "And I will heal him."

We have peace and quietness. All things become easy and light until there is peace between Israel and Gentiles to become the one perfect body of Christ.

3. **Obedience until the flesh does not speak anymore or the Veil is torn.** It means that the Most Holy Place can be seen.

Revelation 11:1

11:1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there."

The shepherding rod refers to the true teaching Word or the food which is entrusted by God to a pastor that he may deliver to the congregation faithfully, continually, and repetitively. The shepherding rod also becomes the command, so the congregation can know what to do and not.

The congregation must eat the shepherding Word. It means hearing and obeying it until the flesh does not speak anymore or the Veil is torn.

What causes the disobedience?

- The strange voice from inside, namely the flesh with all of its wills and desires.
- The strange voice from outside or Satan, namely gossips, slanders, and other doctrines which are not in line with the true shepherding Word. We must run away from it. Do not give any chance to hear it!

The example of the rod as the measurement of the worship is the obedience of Jesus until He dies on the cross, so the Veil is torn. Jesus becomes the High Priest who brings the incense to the Most Holy Place. Fulfilling the measurement of the worship, namely the obedience until the flesh does not speak anymore, we can worship God by crying out the name of Jesus, the King.

We get the power of the name of Jesus as follows:

- **Genesis 22:14**

22:14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided."

Jehovah Jireh, namely the Lord provides something which has not existed yet for preserving our life physically and spiritually until His Bride is ready.

- **Exodus 15:26**

15:26 and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you."

Jehovah Rapha, namely the Lord heals. It refers to the healing power from the physical diseases which are impossible to cure, the spiritual ones, the sins, and the ones in the marriage.

- **Exodus 17:15**

17:15 And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-LORD-Is-My-Banner;

Jehovah Nissi, namely the Lord gives victory over enemies, finishes all impossible problems, and gives the beautiful successful future life.

○ **Psalm 23:1**

23:1 <<A Psalm of David.>>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Jehovah Roi, namely the Lord sanctifies and perfects us to be like Him. We become the bride who is ready for welcoming His second coming on the glorious clouds with shouting for joy "Alleluia" from the four corners of the earth or all tribes, nations, and languages. Israel and Gentiles become one with the voice "Alleluia." The dead and alive become one also with the voice "Alleluia" for welcoming Jesus' second coming.

God blesses you.