

General Service in Malang, January 07, 2018 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 6 : 12-17

6:12 *I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.*

6:13 *And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.*

6:14 *Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.*

6:15 *And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,*

6:16 *and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!*

6:17 *"For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"*

The opening of the sixth seal or the sixth condemnation of Holy Spirit to the earth refers to the physical and spiritual earthquake. The spiritual earthquake refers to the influence of the world with all of its business, difficulties, distress, wickedness, uncleanness, *et cetera* which cause these things:

1. [Revelation 6:12-13] Darkness: The sun becomes as sackcloth of hair, the moon becomes like blood and the stars of heaven fall to the earth.
2. [Revelation 6:14] Shakings.
3. [Revelation 6:15-16] Fear.

ad. 2. The shakings.

The shaking in the last day has been prophesied in the book of Haggai.

Haggai 2:7,21-22

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.*

The shaking is mentioned two times. It means as follows:

- The physical and spiritual shaking happen.
- The physical and spiritual shaking surely happen; even from now on.

Haggai 2:8-9

2:8 *'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.*

2:9 *'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts.*

Why does Jesus permit the physical and spiritual shaking happen?

- To make us enter the spiritual building of the house of God or the edifying the righteous and perfect body of Christ.
- To set us to become the spiritual gold and silver or the possessions of God which cannot be disturbed. We become His forever.

So, in facing the shakings physically and spiritually, we must appear as gold and silver which are pure and spiritual.

The meanings of gold and silver spiritually are as follows:

1. One who experiences the redemption or the deliverance by the precious blood of Jesus.

1 Peter 1:18-19

1:18 *knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,*

1:19 *but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

How great a man in the world is if he sins even he is bound by sin, he is despicable or not precious before God.

Therefore, let us experience the redemption by the precious blood of Jesus.

The process to experience the redemption by the blood of Jesus is as follows:

1 John 1:7,9

1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- By the encouragement of the true teaching word which is sharper than any two-edged sword in the anointing of Holy Spirit showing our sins even the hidden one, we realize, regret, and confess all of our sins, our heritage sin and the sins of our ancestors which transgress the word of God as well as the sins because of our words and deeds honestly with a broken heart to God and other people. The blood of Jesus actively forgives and covers all of our sin as we if had never done such sin because there is no trace of it anymore.
- The blood of Jesus pulls out the roots of sin, so we do not do it anymore. We experience the deliverance from sin. It means that we do not sin anymore although there is opportunity, advantage, force, and threat. We live in righteousness and become the instruments of righteousness or the servant and the minister of God who serve and minister to Him faithfully and righteously. That is the precious life before God who is as precious as the blood of Jesus. The righteousness is more precious than the gold and silver or the treasure in the world because it can deliver us from death.

Proverbs 11:4

11:4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death.

The person who approves unrighteous thing will have the debt of blood like Pilate who 'washed His hand' although He knew the right one.

After being redeemed by the precious blood, we must be shepherded. After we live in righteousness, hold fast the true teachings, and become the instruments of righteousness, we must be shepherded.

Proverbs 12:26

12:26 The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.

If we become the righteous people, we can be shepherded well and correctly. The true shepherd can shepherd us correctly and feed the sheep with the true spiritual food by the grace and trust of God.

The shepherding pen refers to the Holy Place or the perseverance in doing three main services as follows:

- The Golden Candlestick refers to the perseverance in doing General Service. We have the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts of Holy Spirit.
- The Table of Showbread refers to the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion to get the fellowship with Son of God in true teaching word and sacrifice of Christ.
- The Altar of Incense refers to the perseverance in doing Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the trinity of God, so we cannot be touched by the trinity of Satan.

The results are as follows:

- To make us firm in the righteousness and salvation. It means that we cannot fall in sin and we are not lost or deceived by other teaching. It starts from man or the shepherd and husband must be shepherded, next the woman and the children.
 - Lying down refers to peace and being easy and light.
 - "I shall not want" means that we are preserved abundantly, so we always give thanks; even we are perfect and without blemish.
- The shepherding is the transit place to reach the perfection.

2. The priests or the servants and the ministers of God who are sanctified by the true teaching word which is sharper than any two-edged sword.

2 Timothy 2:20-25

2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.

2:21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2:23 But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

2:24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,

2:25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,

The requirement to be sanctified is being obedient to the true teaching word which is preached repetitively.

What must be sanctified by the sword of the word?

- (Verse 22) The sanctification from the youthful lusts.

The youthful lusts refer to uncleanness sins, namely the sin of eating-drinking and the sin of marrying-being given in marriage, the evil sins, namely the love of money or stinginess and greediness, and the sins of bitterness such as envy, hatred, even the hatred without any cause.

After being sanctified, we must live in justice, namely we are not on others' side but God, faithfulness, love and peace.

- (verse 23-25) being sanctified from the spirit of quarrel.

A servant or minister of God is not allowed to quarrel. A man who likes to quarrel cannot become the servant and the minister of God.

The source of quarrel is keeping the self-truth, namely the truth outside the Bible or the righteousness which is got by blaming other people, God and the true teaching word.

If we are sanctified from the self-truth, we will use the truth from God, so we can confess and forgive one another.

The results are as follows:

- Being gentle, able to teach, patient, and in humility or one can serve men who like to resist or men who do not want to be served.

If we have been sanctified from the youthful lusts and the spirit of quarrel, we will be used in edifying the perfect body of Christ. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, inter shepherding, until the house of Israel and the Gentiles become united in one perfect body of Christ. It is the same as putting Jesus as the Head, until we can be united with Him on the glorious clouds.

- Jesus as the Head or the Husband sanctifies and cleanses us with the washing of water by the word until we become as perfect as Him or without blemish.

Ephesians 5:28-29, 25-27

5:28 *So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.*

5:29 *For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.*

5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,*

5:26 *that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,*

5:27 *that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.*

3. Godly characteristic, namely being honest, believing, obedient and obey the word of God.

Proverbs 10:20

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

A liar equals to Satan who is the father of liars.

Being honest, believing, and being obedient are the same as stretching out our hand to God or entrusting our whole life to Him. We only surrender and cry out to God and He will stretch out His loving hand which is as strong as death for us to give the signet ring to seal our life.

Haggai 2:23

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.'*

Song of Solomon 8:5-6

8:5 A RELATIVE Who is this coming up from the wilderness, Leaning upon her beloved? I awakened you under the apple tree. There your mother brought you forth; There she who bore you brought you forth.

8:6 THE SHULAMITE TO HER BELOVED Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame!

The loving hand of God which is as strong as death seals us in His heart and arm. We are like a baby who is embraced by God. So, do not doubt the love of God which is as strong as death. It cannot be moved.

The result are as follows:

- The loving hand of God which is as strong as death is able to set us free from the death of sin, so we can be righteous, faithful, holy, until perfect.
- The loving hand of God which is as strong as death is able to set us free from death of Antichrist that spew water out of His mouth like a flood, namely crisis, problem, misery, mayhem, and false teaching.

Song of Solomon 8:7

8:7 Many waters cannot quench love, Nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love All the wealth of his house, It would be utterly despised.

Revelation 12 : 15

12:15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.

The loving hand of God which is as strong as death is able to preserve us who are powerless in the midst of crises in the world until the age of Antichrist who rules over the world. We are evacuated to the wilderness and far away from the eye of Antichrist through the Bible Study Service and Holy Communion. Bible Study Service is a practice to escape to the wilderness.

- The loving hand of God which is as strong as death is able to set us free from the death in the hell and bring us to the New Jerusalem. It means that He gives us successful and beautiful future life and wipes our tears. We are sanctified continually and changed to be as perfect as Him and we do not stumble in words. We are worthy to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds and enter the One Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace or the New Jerusalem. Our name is written or sealed in the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:11-12

21:11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

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.

God blesses you.