

General Service in Malang, January 09, 2022 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 14:14-16

14:14. *Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.*

14:15. *And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe."*

14:16. *So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.*

Verse 14-16 refers to the harvest of wheat on earth, namely the perfect church of God or body of Christ who is ready to enter the heavenly kingdom forever. The ripe wheat consists of the parts as follows:

1. **The hundred and forty-four thousand of the Israelites who are perfect.** It is the center of the heavenly bride.

Revelation 7:4-8

7:4. *And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:*

7:5. *of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed;*

7:6. *of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed;*

7:7. *of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed;*

7:8. *of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.*

2. 'all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues' refers to **the Gentiles who are perfected up to being as perfect as the hundred and forty-four thousand of the Israelites.**

Revelation 7:9-17

7:9. *After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,*

7:10. *and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"*

7:11. *All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,*

7:12. *saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."*

7:13. *Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"*

7:14. *And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

7:15. *"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.*

7:16. *"They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat;*

7:17. *"for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

The Gentiles complete the heavenly bride.

Both of them refer to the perfect church, namely the ripe wheat that is ready to be reaped to enter the barn of the heavenly kingdom forever.

John 12:20-26

12:20. *Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast.*

12:21. *Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."*

12:22. *Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.*

12:23. *But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.*

12:24. *"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.*

12:25. "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

12:26. "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

The Gentiles who become the ripe and the best wheat are the ones who minister to God like Andrew and Philip who met Jesus.

John 1:38-40

1:38. Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek? " They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?"

1:39. He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).

1:40. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

Andrew wanted to know where Jesus was staying. The place where Jesus is staying refers to the Tabernacle. For us, it refers to the Tabernacle teaching.

John 1:45

1:45. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote-- Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Philip was a scribe. The center of the Law is the two tablets of stone, namely God's love. The love is the center of the Bride Tidings.

So, the Gentiles who can complete God's bride mean as follows:

1. The ones who minister to God with the guidance of the teaching of Tabernacle in the light of the Bride Tidings.
2. The ones who experience the sprinkle of blood. It is like a grain of wheat that falls into the ground and dies, so it can produce much grain.

John 12:24

12:24. "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

Falling into the ground means humbling our life as low as we can; even willingly being degraded without sin. Being quiet when we are slandered and blamed without sin means that we experience the sprinkle of blood.

'dies' means denying ourselves. We say: "No" to the thing that does not please God or is not in line with the true teaching Word. A grain of wheat which falls into the ground and dies will produce much grain, and experience the selection, separation, test, or shock.

The wheat and tares (wicked man) will be separated and so will the wheat and chaff (a Christian who just prioritizes the physical thing).

1 Corinthians 1:18-19

1:18. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1:19. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

There will be the winnowing. The Christians who are chosen as well as endure will be evacuated when the shock begins. They are the ripe wheat.

Revelation 1:6

1:6. and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

John 12:26

12:26. "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

The ripe and the best wheat which is chosen by God is the priest and king who follow and minister to God wherever He goes. It is the following of body to the Head. It means that we are used in the ministry of the building of the perfect body of Christ wherever God sends us until we enter the New Jerusalem. We become the perfect heavenly bride that where He is, there we may be also.

Exodus 29:1-3

29:1. "And this is what you shall do to them to hallow them for ministering to Me as priests: Take one young bull and two rams

without blemish,

29:2. *"and unleavened bread, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil(you shall make them of wheat flour).*

29:3. *"You shall put them in one basket and bring them in the basket, with the bull and the two rams.*

The best wheat is processed to become wheat flour. It is kneaded and burnt until it becomes the bread. It means that we must bear the cross and experience the suffering. The wheat is processed and presented as the grain offering for the priests' consecration, namely the bread from the best wheat flour, so we can be used to minister, glorify, and glamorize God's name.

There are three kinds of bread that are presented as the grain offering as follows:

1. **The unleavened bread.** It means being holy and pure.

The leaven refers to sin and false teaching.

The unleavened bread refers to a holy priest, namely one who at least experiences the forgiveness and freedom from sin of wickedness, uncleanness, and bitterness.

John 8:11

8:11. *She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."*

A woman caught in adultery was forgiven, and sinned no more. The time of experiencing the forgiveness from sin by the blood of Jesus is the time of receiving the power to be set free from sin although there are threats, advantage, chance, *et cetera*.

The unleavened bread refers to the pure teaching which is not mixed with the false teaching or gossip. We should not believe in the gossip. If something bothers us, we should ask directly and not just believe in it. Let us be filled with one true teaching Word.

2. **The unleavened cakes mixed with oil.** It means being obedient.

The cake refers to the eternity, namely the love.

John 14:15

14:15. *"If you love Me, keep My commandments.*

A priest is the one who loves God more than anything or obeys the true teaching Word. We can love God more than anything as well as love others as we love ourselves; even we can love our enemy. We can return good for evil.

Matthew 7:21-23

7:21. *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.*

7:22. *"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'*

7:23. *"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'*

The measurement of the success of our ministry is obedience to the true teaching Word. The ministry that looks great before men is the same as practicing lawlessness if it is not in line with the Word. He just ministers to Satan, so he will be destroyed forever.

John 8:51

8:51. *"Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."*

One who obeys God shall never see death. If he dies, the death will not have power over him, and the door of heaven will not be closed. The power of God will raise him. He opens the tomb and brings him to heaven.

3. **The unleavened wafers anointed with oil.** It means being humble and gentle.

A priest is the one who has Jesus' attitude.

The wafers refer to the humility, namely the ability to confess our sins, recognize others' superiority, and humble ourselves to the inferior people. Do not sin anymore after being forgiven! We should not be envious to others' superiority, but we imitate it. Do not judge others' weakness! We must forgive others.

One who is like the wafers cannot be made fall by the fiery dart of the evil.

Being gentle means the ability to receive the hard Word and receive others' weakness and superiority.

Being submissive means not liking to fight.

Matthew 11:28-30

11:28. "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

11:29. "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

11:30. "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Sin is the heaviest burden of men from the world up to hell. God calls us who sin and are heavy laden to become the priests and kings who are holy, pure, obedient, humble, and gentle. The blood of Jesus will bear all of our burdens, so we experience peace. If our ministry is easy and light, all things in our life will become easy and light too. On the contrary, if our ministry is heavy, our life will be heavy too. If we feel easy and light, we will keep our ministry, marriage, working, *et cetera* until the finish line.

Be careful! Do not be arrogant because of the true teaching Word! We must humble ourselves.

Exodus 29:3

29:3. "You shall put them in one basket and bring them in the basket, with the bull and the two rams.

The animal and grain offerings are put in one basket. The basket refers to the heart or our life. The results of being filled with the animal offering (Christ's sacrifice on the cross) and grain offering (the Word that has been obeyed and become our attitude) are as follows:

1. Exodus 29:22-24

29:22. "Also you shall take the fat of the ram, the fat tail, the fat that covers the entrails, the fatty lobe attached to the liver, the two kidneys and the fat on them, the right thigh (for it is a ram of consecration),

29:23. "one loaf of bread, one cake made with oil, and one wafer from the basket of the unleavened bread that is before the LORD;

29:24. "and you shall put all these in the hands of Aaron and in the hands of his sons, and you shall wave them as a wave offering before the LORD.

From the offering of the best animal is taken the best part, namely the fat. It means as follows:

- The fat that covers the entrails (food) refers to the perseverance in committing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion (the Son of God).
- The fatty lobe attached to the two kidneys (the organs for filtering water) refers to the perseverance in committing General Service (Holy Spirit God).
- The fatty lobe attached to the liver (the place for producing the blood cells) refers to the perseverance in committing Prayer Service (God the Father).

The bread and fat are put in the basket as the wave offering that is waved by the High Priest. It means that a priest is chosen and specialized in the shepherding. He is chosen from the best of the best to be used in the revival of the building of the perfect body of Christ.

2. The basket means that there are the breaking and multiplication of bread. It refers to God's caring that multiplies until there are seven baskets.

The number seven means that we are perfected to enter the New Jerusalem. The cooked bread will be brought to the barn of the heavenly kingdom forever.

The example is a widow of Zarephath.

1 Kings 17:11-16

17:11. And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

17:12. So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

17:13. And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son.

17:14. "For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.'

17:15. So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days.

17:16. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

A small cake refers to one who is chosen and specialized. A widow of Zarephath refers to the church of the Gentiles who face the famine. She was powerless. She had no hope in this world; even she faced the impossibility and the physical and spiritual death (perdition). The attitude of the Gentiles is selfishness that results in perdition. But the widow of Zarephath still had a handful of flour in a bin and a little oil in a jar. What we have in our hand determines everything. If we have the physical flour and oil, namely we just rely on the physical things, we will be destroyed. The Gentiles must have the spiritual flour and oil, namely the Word and Holy Spirit or the true teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit. It is the pure Word, namely one verse explains the other verses in the Holy Bible. We hold the flour, oil, and a couple of sticks to burn our selfishness until we become the perfect God's bride.

Isaiah 30:14-16

30:14. And He shall break it like the breaking of the potter's vessel, Which is broken in pieces; He shall not spare. So there shall not be found among its fragments A shard to take fire from the hearth, Or to take water from the cistern."

30:15. For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not,

30:16. And you said, "No, for we will flee on horses" --Therefore you shall flee! And, "We will ride on swift horses" -- Therefore those who pursue you shall be swift!

A selfish man means fleeing on horses. It means hoping his own strength, cleverness, riches, so he does not rely on God. He wants to get faster, so he does not become patient. He takes other way outside the true teaching word. Consequently, he faces the deadlock and destruction

In the process of the bread baking, the Gentiles must become quiet, calm, and patient.

- Being quiet means that we do introspection in our life by the sharpness of the sword of the Word. Finding sin, we must confess and repent. Finding no sin, we must be quiet. Do not defend ourselves!
- Being calm. It means that we do not depend on our own strength or others, but only on God, so we are encouraged to worship Him. We totally use God's power.
- Being patient. It means being patient in suffering by giving thanks to God and waiting His time. If we are not patient, the bread will not be baked perfectly, so it does not please God and others. It cannot glorify God but embarrasses and makes the heart of God grieved.

Hosea 7:8

7:8. "Ephraim has mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake unturned

Repeating the sin or blaming at others is the same as the broken vessel which is broken again.

Being quiet, calm, and patient is the same as stretching out our hands to God and presenting a cooked cake. We totally surrender to God. God also stretches out His hand of mercy and kindness. Although we are like a small cake, we can feed God or please His heart. We are hold in God's hand of mercy and kindness (the key of David). We are in the heart of God. He always remembers and struggles for us.

The results are as follows:

1. One who pleases, satisfies, and glorifies God will be satisfied, glorified, and used by God from now on. Our life becomes successful and beautiful.
2. God gives the protection and caring in the midst of the difficulties of the world until the age of the Antichrist.
3. A dead child was risen. It means that we receive God's helping. The impossible thing becomes possible. Our marriage is also helped by God.

1 Kings 17:17

17:17. Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him.

4. We are changed to become perfect when Jesus comes a second time. We become His bride. We are worthy to greet His coming on the glorious clouds and we enter the New Jerusalem forever.

God blesses us.