

General Service in Malang, January 21, 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 refers to the sixth condemnation of Holy Spirit God to the world.

Actually there are seven times three condemnations as follows:

- Seven times condemnations of the seal by the Holy Spirit.
- Seven times condemnations of the trumpet by the Son of God.
- Seven times of condemnations of the bowl of wrath by the Father God.

They will be followed by the doomsday and hell, namely the condemnation of God to the world.

We are in the sixth condemnation of the Holy Spirit God or the opening of the sixth seal. The physical and spiritual great earthquakes happen, especially the spiritual ones which cause these things:

1. [Revelation 6 :12-13] The darkness: The sun becomes as sackcloth of hair, the moon becomes like blood and the stars of heaven fall to the earth, also the sins up to the peak.
2. [Revelation 6 :14] The physical and spiritual shakings.
3. [Revelation 6 :15-16] The fear or stress which become the major murderer of men in the world physically and spiritually.

ad. 2. The shaking.

Revelation 6:14

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.

The spiritual earthquake refers to the influence of the world with all of its business, difficulties, joy, hatred, wickedness, uncleanness, *et cetera* which cause spiritual shakings as follows:

1. The servants, the ministers and the children of God move from faith and true teaching word, so many of them are disappointed and hopeless in facing the temptation that make them look for the way or solution outside the word of God. Consequently, they do the sins and do not experience the redemption of sin. They keep sinning up to the peak, so their life is without the light of the moon or without the redemption.
2. The servants, the ministers and the children of God move from hope or the true service and ministry. It is the same as being unfaithful and leaving the service and ministry. Their service and ministry are false or without the word of God and the light of the star or the gifts of Holy Spirit.
3. The servants, the ministers and the children of God move from the love of God. They are without true worship or disobey God. Their ministry is not inline to the word of God and they do not love other people until having the hatred without any cause or being without the light of the sun.

So, many servants, ministers and children of God experience the spiritual shaking and move from faith, hope, and love. They do not have the light of the sun, moon, and star.

The facts found in moving from faith are as follows:

1. One cannot become the light of the world, the bride of heaven and the perfect body of Christ.

Revelation 12:1

12:Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

Matthew 5:14-15

5:14 *"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

5:15 *"Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.*

The lamp is put under a basket means living in the darkness of eating and drinking sins.

The lamp is also put under the bed. It refers to the destruction of marriage and the children or the sins concerning marrying-being given in marriage such as fornication with all of its kind, sexual deviations, mixed-marriage, and marrying-being given in marriage. Consequently, he enters the outer darkness, being left when Jesus comes for the second time and entering the condemnation in the hell.

2. One cannot become the salt of the earth, but tasteless and useless salt only to be stepped.

Matthew 5:13-14

5:13 *"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.*

5:14 *"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

Mark 9:49-50

9:49 *"For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt*

9:50 *"Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."*

The salt of the earth or the salty salt is salted by the fire of Holy Spirit and lives in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

The functions of the salty salt or the salt of the earth are as follows:

- a. Giving good taste. It refers to be the blessing for other people.
- b. Preventing the rottenness. It refers to living in righteousness, holiness and being as perfect as Jesus is.

Be watchful, because there are many servants, ministers and children of God who experience the spiritual shaking and move from faith, hope and love nowadays, so they become tasteless salt or without the fire of Holy Spirit. It means that they are unsatisfied and unhappy, so they look for the pseudo satisfactions in the world which ensnare them to enter the sins as well in the church.

Mark 9:49

9:49 *"For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt."*

Therefore, we must make effort to be salted by the fire of Holy Spirit and always live in its anointing by keeping our position as the salt of the earth and the citizens of heaven.

There are three kinds of fire as follows:

1. The fire of condemnation to the tree which cannot bear good fruits.

Matthew 3:10

3:10 *"And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.*

The tree which cannot bear good fruits means that one does not bear good fruit of repentance. He does not want to repent, but keeps the sins up to the peak, so he is put in the fire of condemnation. It is contrary to the longing of God.

2 Peter 3:9

3:9 *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*

God is longsuffering. It means as follows:

- a. He has not come yet for the second time.
- b. We are given long age or we have not passed away yet.
- c. The sinful servants, the ministers, and the children of God have not been punished or hit by fire yet.

God wants us to repent, stop sinning, and return to Him. So, we will not be condemned and perish. The main purpose of our life in the world is repenting.

Jeremiah 9:5

9:5 Everyone will deceive his neighbor, And will not speak the truth; They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves to commit iniquity.

The beginning of repenting is not lying. One who lies is lazy to repent and does not want to repent until someday he cannot repent anymore or being the same as Satan or the tasteless salt which cannot be salted anymore, but only to be destroyed in the fire of condemnation forever.

The beginning of repenting is being honest especially about God, true teaching word and Bible. So, we can be honest in confessing our sins to God and other people by the encouragement of the word. When we are forgiven, do not do the sins anymore. Repenting means living in righteousness.

2 Peter 3:10,13

3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

3:13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells

If we are righteous, we will enter the new heaven and new earth or the New Jerusalem in which righteousness dwells. We do not enter the fire of condemnation from heaven to the earth or the doomsday.

2. The fire of the hell to the straw and the chaff.

Matthew 3:12

3:12 "His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

The children, the servants and the ministers of God who are as the wheat will enter the barn, but there are several of them who are as the straw or the chaff.

Malachi 3:18

3:18 Then you shall again discern Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him.

Malachi 4:1

4:1 "For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch.

The chaff refers to the servants, the ministers, and the children of God who are not faithful, but leave the service and the ministry to Him or do not want to serve and minister to Him. Someday they cannot serve and minister to God, but become the same as Satan. Their lives are useless and they only wait for the condemnation of the hell forever.

The chaff refers to the skin or the outer part. It means the servants, the ministers and the children of God who are satisfied only by the physical blessings. They do not want to be filled with the true teaching word and the Holy Communion or the sacrifice of Christ.

We are filled by the true teaching word and Holy Communion through the Bible Study Service and Holy Communion. Jesus gives us the skin or the physical blessings to be filled by the teaching word and sacrifice of Christ. So, we are sanctified and changed to be as perfect as Jesus or the same as the ripe wheat which can be harvested to enter the barn of heavenly kingdom.

3. The fire of Holy Spirit anoints us, so we can become the salty salt.

Matthew 3:11

3:11 "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Mark 9:50

9:50 Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."

The process to get the anointing of Holy Spirit is that we must reconcile to one another through the cross or the sacrifice of reconciliation.

John 19:31-34

19:31 Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

19:32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

19:33 *But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.*
19:34 *But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.*

Actually, Jesus has died with four main wounds, two on hand and two on feet to redeem and reconcile the house of Israel. We must be thankful because there is the fifth wound or the deepest one out of which blood and water come to redeem and reconcile the Gentiles who are sinful through the blood and water.

The sign of blood refers to repentance. We stop sinning and return to God.
The sign of water refers to the water baptism.

Romans 6:2,4

6:2 *Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? |*
6:4 *Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

The true water baptism means that one who has died to sin must be buried in water with Jesus to arise with Him. So, the heavens are opened and we get the new life, namely the heavenly life.

Matthew 3:16

3:16 *When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.*

The new life means that we experience the Holy Spirit baptism or live in the anointing and the holiness of Holy Spirit.

Being without Holy Spirit, the salt will lose its flavor means that the word is tasteless and idle or being the same as the dog which licks its vomit and the swine that returns to the wallowing in the mire of sins up to the peak. So, such people must enter the mayhem of Antichrist until perish forever.

Therefore, we need Holy Spirit by facing and weeping Jesus' side which is pierced. We humble ourselves and confess that we are not worthy, not able and not precious.

The functions of Holy Spirit are as follows:

a. Romans 15:16

15:16 *that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.*

Holy Spirit burns the dog and swine means that Holy Spirit sanctifies and changes the Gentiles to be the salty salt which is sweet-smelling, easy and light, and becomes blessing for other people and acceptable to God.

b. Romans 12:11

12:11 *not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;*

Holy Spirit makes us faithful and fervent in spirit to serve and minister to God until the end line, namely when we pass away or Jesus comes for the second time.

c. 2 Kings 6:14-17

6:14 *Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city.*

6:15 *And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"*

6:16 *So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."*

6:17 *And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*

Holy Spirit which is as fervently fire surrounds, protects, and preserves our life miraculously in the midst of difficulties of the world and our powerlessness. Holy Spirit gives us victory, so all of our problems are finished in time.

d. 2 Kings 2:11

2:11 *Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of*

fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Holy Spirit is able to sanctify and change us to be as perfect as Jesus is. We do not stumble in word anymore, but only cry out with "Alleluia" from four side or the world. We become the salt of the earth. We are worthy to enter the eternal kingdom of heaven.

God blesses you.