

General Service in Malang, July 02, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 19:11-16 refers to Jesus' second coming as the true and faithful High Priest who rides a white horse or leads the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain.

The condition of Jesus as the High Priest is as follows:

1. His eyes were like the flame of fire.
2. On His head were many crowns.
3. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.
4. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, the name is called the Word of God.
5. Out of His mouth goes a sharp sword.

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Revelation 19:15

19:15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

It is the same as the Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword that is able to sanctify the Gentiles from all sins until being as perfect as Jesus is.

John 12:48

12:48 "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

If the sword of the teaching Word is rejected, it will be the sword of judgment. Therefore, we must receive it, namely hearing and obeying the sword of the Word for experiencing the sanctification until being as perfect as Jesus is.

Acts 10:9-16

10:9 The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour.

10:10 Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance

10:11 and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth.

10:12 In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air.

10:13 And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat."

10:14 But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean."

10:15 And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common."

10:16 This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.

The process of sanctification for the Gentiles by the sword of the Word is as follows:

1. [verse 11-12] The Gentiles or the unclean animals must enter the great sheet bound at the four corners (=the four gospels). It means that **we must receive the gospel of salvation, gospel Word, or Good News** that preaches Jesus' first coming to the world for saving the sinners. The signs of salvation are as follows:
 - Having faith or believing Jesus as the only Savior.
 - Repenting or stopping sinning to return to God. It is the same as being dead to sin.
 - Being baptized in the true water baptism --> the heavens are opened.
 - Holy Spirit baptism.

We live in righteousness and we are set free from sins.

Proverbs 11:4

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

Proverbs 10:2-3

10:2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, But righteousness delivers from death.

10:3 The LORD will not allow the righteous soul to famish, But He casts away the desire of the wicked.

We are saved and not punished, but blessed by God and become blessings for others.

2. **The Gentiles must be slaughtered or sanctified.**

Acts 10:13

10:13 And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat."

It means that the Gentiles must receive the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword or Bride Tidings, namely the gospel that preaches Jesus' second coming in the glory as the King of all kings or the Heavenly Bridegroom for sanctifying the saved people to be made perfect.

Do not hide any sin, so the Bride Tidings is not hidden for us! We can understand the Bride Tidings. The presence of God is not hidden for helping us or doing all things for us. The coming of Jesus is not hidden for us, so we are not left behind when Jesus comes a second time.

Mark 7:24-25

7:24 From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but He could not be hidden.

7:25 For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet.

If there is the revelation of the Word, the presence of God cannot be hidden for the Gentiles. The second coming of Jesus cannot be hidden too, so the Gentiles can welcome His second coming to see Him face to face on the glorious clouds.

Matthew 15:21-22,24,26

15:21 Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

15:22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

15:24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

15:26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

How great a Gentile is, his condition without the Bride tidings will be as follows:

- Being demon-possessed or only committing sins up to the peak.
- The destruction of marriage and children.
- Great suffering or being full of tears.
- Impossibilities.
- Not being able to sleep [Mark 7:30] = having no peace, but weariness, heavy burden, and tears.

If it continues, there will be everlasting perdition.

Therefore, Jesus appears as the High Priest with the sword of the Word for helping the Gentiles.

Matthew 15:26-27

15:26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

15:27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

The attitudes towards the Word must be as follows:

- Like a dog licking the crumbs, namely we truly need the teaching Word, so we never get bored or sleepy hearing it.
- 'Yes, Lord' = always justifying the Word or not criticizing, murmuring, grumbling, or rejecting it, so we can always do the introspection in our life.

We can hear the Word seriously, understand, believe, and obey it regardless of any risk we have to take. We must pay the price to be obedient, but God will take the risk. On the contrary, we must pay the more expensive price and take the risk by ourselves if we are not obedient

The Gentiles must be sanctified by the sword of the Word. **What must be sanctified?**

- **The heart and mind or feelings.**

Mark 7:21-23

7:21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries(1), fornications(2), murders(3),
7:22 thefts(4), covetousness(5), wickedness(6), deceit(7), lewdness(8), an evil eye(9), blasphemy(10), pride(11),
foolishness(12).

7:23 All these evil things come from within and defile a man.'

It is from the twelve desires of evil, uncleanness, and bitterness, so we can be filled with the twelve loaves which are set in two rows, six in a row. They refer to the sixty six books in the Bible. As a result, Satan cannot possess us anymore. We have the mind and feelings of Jesus, namely the obedience until the flesh does not speak anymore, so our life can be in line with the Word. All doors are opened for us. The door of the heavenly kingdom is also opened for us.

- **The sanctification from Leviathan that controls the sea.**

Isaiah 27:1

27:1 In that day the LORD with His severe sword, great and strong, Will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent,
Leviathan that twisted serpent; And He will slay the reptile that is in the sea.

It is the same as the sanctification from the woman of Babylon who controls the Gentiles.

Revelation 17:1-2,5,15

17:1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,

17:2 "with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

17:5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

17:15 Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

It refers to the sanctification from **the sinful deeds up to the peak.**

It is also **the sanctification from the false teachings,** namely prosperity and entertainment.

Acts 10:16

10:16 This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.

Therefore, the Gentiles must be shepherded, namely in the perseverance in committing the three main services to God so that the woman of Babylon cannot control or sit on them.

Isaiah 27:2

27:2 In that day sing to her, "A vineyard of red wine!"

Babylon refers to a harlot, namely the characteristic of unfaithfulness. It is better or more useful a faithful full-time servant of God than an unfaithful pastor.

- **The sanctification of mouth from meaningless words,** so the words can be righteous, holy, and strengthening faith.

Psalm 149:6

149:6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,

We can testify and become blessings for others. We can glorify God until we do not stumble in words. We shout for joy, saying "Alleluia" on the glorious clouds.

3. **Being eaten.**

Acts 10:13

10:13 And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat."

It means that the Gentiles must enter the true fellowship or eating together. The base is the true food, namely the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword.

There are two kinds of fellowship as follows:

- The fellowship of the body of Christ. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, and so on. The sign is being natural or not being forced nor forcing. We can love one another or only do good things until we can repay good for evil.

- The fellowship of the body and the Head.
 - a. Through the Holy Communion.
John 6:55-56
*6:55 "For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed.
6:56 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.*

 - b. Through the worship prayer. We can believe and fully entrust ourselves to God. We rely on His grace like a crying baby. It refers to the worship with a broken heart.

God will always pay attention, care for, and struggle for us.

Isaiah 49:14-15

49:14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, And my Lord has forgotten me."

49:15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you.

As a result, God always protects and preserves us who are powerless like a baby in the midst of the great difficulties of the world. He protects us from sins, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.

Isaiah 38:1-3

38:1 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.'"

38:2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD,

38:3 and said, "Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what is good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

He stretches out His merciful hands for healing and helping us from all impossible problems.

Exodus 2:6

2:6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

The merciful hands of God appoint us to be the priests and kings until we are lifted up to the glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time.

God blesses you.