

General Service in Malang, July 05, 2020 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 11:15-19 is about the sound of the seventh or last trumpet when Jesus comes a second time in the glory as the King of all kings and the Heavenly Bridegroom.

Ezekiel 33:1-3

33:1. Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

33:2 "Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: 'When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman,

33:3 'when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people,

The trumpet is the same as the hard true teaching Word which is blown repetitively by a watchman or the keeper of the congregation, namely the pastor. Thus, it is the same as the shepherding Word.

Numbers 10:1-2

10:1. And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

10:2 "Make two silver trumpets for yourself; you shall make them of hammered work; you shall use them for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps.

The two silver trumpets mean the Word in the Old and New Testament. It is the same as the true teaching Word which sets us free from the bond of sins. The silver refers to the deliverance or redemption.

Thus, the trumpet refers to the teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword which is preached repetitively by a pastor for setting free and sanctifying the congregation from sins.

The functions of the trumpet are as follows:

1. The hard warning from God to the congregation so that they do not get His judgment sword.

We must receive it, namely the sanctification by the repetitive Word from all bonds of sins, so that we can repent or live in righteousness and holiness and we are set free from the judgment.

Ezekiel 33:11

33:11. "Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'

The repetitive Word means the longsuffering of God because He does not want to punish the wicked. Nevertheless, the punishment will come if the Word is rejected.

Just choose between receiving the sword of the Word for being sanctified and getting angry until there is no repentance.

2. The trumpet becomes the command for the Israelites for arranging their activities and leading them to Canaan through the edification of the Tabernacle.

Numbers 10:2-10

10:2. "Make two silver trumpets for yourself; you shall make them of hammered work; you shall use them for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps.

10:3 "When they blow both of them, all the congregation shall gather before you at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

10:4 "But if they blow only one, then the leaders, the heads of the divisions of Israel, shall gather to you.

10:5 "When you sound the advance, the camps that lie on the east side shall then begin their journey.

10:6 "When you sound the advance the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall begin their journey; they shall sound the call for them to begin their journeys.

10:7 "And when the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but not sound the advance.

10:8 "The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and these shall be to you as an ordinance forever throughout your generations.

10:9 "When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies.

10:10 "Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God: I am the LORD your God."

The activities of the Israelites in their journey to Canaan, the promised land are as follows:

- Gathering.
- Beginning the journey.
- Going to war.
- Commemorating the feasts, namely the Passover, the Pentecost, and the Feast of Tabernacle.
- Commemorating the beginning of months.
- Offering the sacrifices to God.

Thus, there are six activities of the Israelites.

The number six refers to the sinful fleshly men. God remembers this.

We must also remember that we are only the sinful fleshly men. Therefore, we need the trumpet or the hard teaching Word.

For us now, the sound of the trumpet refers to the shepherding Word for guiding the life journey of the sinful fleshly men for entering the spiritual Canaan, namely the New Jerusalem forever through the edification of the spiritual Tabernacle or the perfect body of Christ.

Therefore, the sound of the trumpet must be louder and sharper up to the last one for sanctifying us more and increasing our spirituality until we become the perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride who is worthy to enter the heavenly kingdom forever.

Revelation 11:15

11:15. Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

When the last trumpet is sounded, we have been the perfect body of Christ who is mature spiritually like Jesus and worthy for welcoming His second coming with shouting for joy. We enter the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace or the upcoming Paradise and the heavenly kingdom forever.

2 Peter 1:5-7

1:5. But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

1:6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,

1:7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

The process of the fleshly man's being the bride or the one of the guidance of the trumpet sound to the gentile men to be the perfect body of Christ for entering the heavenly kingdom is as follows:

1. Faith or the Gate of the Tabernacle.

John 14:5-6

14:5. Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

The sound of the trumpet or the shepherding Word guides the sinful men for entering the gate of heaven, namely believing Jesus as the only way to heaven or savior, no one else.

2. Virtue or the Altar of Burnt Offering.

Formerly, the offered animal is burnt for the remission of sin. Now, it has been fulfilled in the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

The virtue refers to the good deeds.

It means that the good deeds must be based on the cross or the sacrifice of Christ.

The main good deed is repenting. Jesus is crucified for finishing sins. God is waiting for our repentance.

Repenting means stopping sinning to return to God or being dead to sin.

The process of repenting is through the heart that believes and the mouth that confesses. If we believe to Jesus as the Savior, we will be able to confess our sins to God and others. After being forgiven, do not repeat the sin!

Why is repentance the most important good deed? It is because all good things we do will be meaningless without repentance; even they will go towards perdition.

3. Knowledge or recognition = the Brazen Laver or the water baptism.

Philippians 3:10

3:10. that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Through the water baptism, we know Jesus who has died and risen and we also experience the death and resurrection with Him.

Romans 6:4

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.*

Why do we have to enter the water baptism? We have to be baptized to experience the death and resurrection up to the glory with Jesus.

Not being baptized of water, one will never get the glory. The Antichrist is never dead and resurrected, so he cannot be glorified, but destroyed.

For the Gentiles, being baptized of water is the grace of God.

Acts 8:26-31,36-39

8:26. *Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert.*

8:27 *So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,*

8:28 *was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.*

8:29 *Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."*

8:30 *So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"*

8:31 *And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.*

8:36 *Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"*

8:37 *Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."*

8:38 *So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.*

8:39 *Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.*

The eunuch refers to the Gentiles or the sinful fleshly men who get the grace of God for being baptized in the true water baptism through the guidance of the sound of the trumpet or the repetitive shepherding Word.

The whole family can be in one true water baptism only by the grace of God like the whole family in the ark of Noah.

Romans 6:4

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 believed Jesus and repented or died to sin must be buried in water with Jesus and raised with Him to get the new life, namely the heavenly one or the life in righteousness.

The sound of the trumpet guides us until we can be baptized in the true water baptism and we live in righteousness.

4. **Self-control = the Door of Tabernacle or the fullness or baptism of Holy Spirit.**

After being baptized of water, we will experience the baptism of Holy Spirit. It means being renewed from water and Spirit.

Holy Spirit represses the flesh with all of its wills and lusts, so we can control ourselves and become calm.

1 Peter 4:7

4:7. *But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.*

Living in righteousness, we can be calm and peaceful.

This is the new man or the heavenly one.

The peace means that we do not feel anything that our flesh feels anymore. There are no fear, worry, envy, hatred, doubt, evil, uncleanness, and so on.

The sound of the trumpet guides us to live in righteousness and sincerity, so we can lift up the supplication prayer (the Court

of Tabernacle).

The righteousness and sincerity or quietness and silence are the same as the strong foundation of the edification of the perfect body of Christ as well as for receiving the blessings from heaven, namely for our physical and spiritual life as well as the marriage. All things become easy and light. We also get the blessing of the eternal life. We are not judged.

5. **Perseverance.**

6. **Godliness = the service to God or presenting our life before God.**

The perseverance and godliness which are combined mean the perseverance in doing the three main services to God (the Holy Place).

Thus, the sound of the trumpet guides us who have been saved and blessed by God to enter the sheepfold. This is the duty of a shepherd, namely bringing the sheep to enter the pen.

In the Holy Place, there are three instruments which refer to the perseverance in doing the three main services to God as follows:

- The Golden Candlestick refers to the perseverance in doing the General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His anointing and gifts. We are given drink to be fresh.
- The Table of Showbread refers to the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ. We are fed so that we are full, strong, and growing.
- The Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love. We breathe with the love of God up to the eternal life because His love is eternal.

In the sheepfold, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God like a branch that attaches to the true Vine or a donkey which is bound to the choice vine.

The donkey refers to the Gentiles.

Genesis 49:11

49:11. Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes.

If the donkey attaches to the choice vine, it will not be wild and deceived by the strange voice. It will not be unclean also. It means not committing the sins up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse as well as the ones concerning marrying-being given in marriage.

We are not touched by Satan, but God always, so we get the continual sanctification until the teeth become white as follows.

- The joy or the sanctification to the heart.

Genesis 49:12

49:12. His eyes are darker than wine, And his teeth whiter than milk.

The sanctification to our heart makes us joyful. The evil, unclean, and bitter heart cannot make us smile, but cry.

The heart must be sanctified from the bitterness or envy, hatred, and revenge, the uncleanness, and bitterness. The root of wickedness is the love of money which causes the stinginess and greediness. It causes sadness and the judgment of God.

Being sanctified from the root of wickedness, we can return the possession of God, give to Him and others who need, until we can confess more joyful to give than to receive. We rejoice.

- The sanctification to the mouth, namely the righteous, holy, and good deeds.

We also experience the sanctification to the garments, so we can do the right, holy, and good deeds.

We also experience the sanctification to the eyes until our eyes are darker than wine. It means that we fall in love with Jesus, the Heavenly Bridegroom. We are faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God. We believe Him.

The godliness also means the holiness.

Persevering and living in holiness, we will be given the ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit for being used in the edification of the perfect body of Christ like a donkey which was ridden by Jesus to go to Jerusalem. These are the pillars of the edification

of the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-12

*4:11. And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,
4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,*

Being used in the edification of the perfect body of Christ is hard indeed. Therefore, the perseverance and holiness or the pillars must be strong. We become the throne of God.

Revelation 22:1

22:1. And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

A pure river of water of life proceeds from the throne of God. This is what we need in the dry world.

The results are as follows:

- By the mercy of God, we can live anytime, anywhere, and in any circumstances.
- We get the true satisfaction or heavenly joy.
- We become the witness of God. We can testify for making the water of life flow to the sinful men and the dry marriages, so they can be helped and saved.
- The water of life springs up to the eternal life. We become the pillars in the New Jerusalem.

In the book of Judges, there are two other pillars, namely the prosperity and fleshly entertainment. Not being faithful, one must be unholy. He only looks for the prosperity and entertainment. The two pillars are for the ministry to Babylon which will be broken down by the power of Holy Spirit like Samson.

7. Love.

Colossians 3:14

3:14. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

This is the finishing of the edification of the the body of Christ.

The foundation is the truth and silence.

The pillars are the perseverance and holiness. We are never dry.

The last one, the finishing is in love.

The facts found in having the love are as follows:

- Loving others like we love ourselves; even we love others who make hostility towards us. We do not do evil things, but the good ones; even we repay good for evil.
Doing evil things, there is no love.
- Loving God more than anything.

John 10:22

10:22. Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter.

Be careful! The finishing of the edification of the perfect body of Christ is signified by the winter, namely the love that grows cold or many servants of God disobey Him and others, beginning from the marriage.

Zephaniah 3:16-18

3:16. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak.

3:17 The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

3:18 "I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, Who are among you, To whom its reproach is a burden.

The function of love is renewing us from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus.

The Mighty One means being patient in the suffering and waiting the time of God.

Proverbs 16:32

16:32. He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

Do not take your own way which is not in line to the Word! Keep faithful and believe God! This is the crying baby.

The renewal means that we are renewed until we become the same as the baby who cries to God for asking His mercy. We never get afraid and give up.

Isaiah 49:15

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.*

We only remember God and He always remembers us.

The mercy of God is that He willingly dies instead of us and does all things which we cannot do.

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."*

For example, Moses cried, so he did not die. His place was replaced by Jesus.

The results are as follows:

- The dead can be alive. God is able to protect and preserve us who are small and powerless in the midst of the difficulties in the world until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.
- The impossible can be made possible. The merciful hands of God are able to finish all impossible problems.
- Moses could be the son of the king. It means that the merciful hands of God give us the beautiful successful future life.
- God does for us what we cannot think.

1 Corinthians 2:9

2:9. *But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."*

We get all things from God, so all things are finished and perfected. We are worthy to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds. We enter the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace or the upcoming Paradise and the New Jerusalem forever.

Never give up! Facing many difficulties nowadays, let us cry to God. His hands are able to do all things for us.

God blesses you.