

General Service in Malang, July 06, 2014 (Sunday Morning)

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

There are four appearances of Jesus in the glory in Revelation 1:13-16 as follows.

1. [verse 13] the appearance of Jesus in the glory as the High Priest.
2. [verse 14] the appearance of Jesus in the glory as the King of all kings.
3. [verse 15] the appearance of Jesus in the glory as the Just Judge.
4. [verse 16] the appearance of Jesus in the glory as the Heavenly Bridegroom.
Jesus the Heavenly Bridegroom is the Head. We are the Heavenly bride or the body. He appears in glory as the Heavenly Bridegroom to unite with us so we will not be separated anymore with Him forever.

Thus, the aim of four appearances of Jesus is so that we will not be separated anymore with Him forever.

ad. 4. The appearance of Jesus in the glory as the Heavenly Bridegroom.

Revelation 1:16

1:16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

One of the signs was out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword.

Matthew 4:4

4:4 But He answered and said, $\hat{a}?$ It is written, $\hat{a}?$ Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. $\hat{a}?$

There are two types of food in this world as follows.

- Physical food that is made from the family of grass (rice, wheat, *et cetera*). If one only eats them, his life will be like the grass that becomes dry in a while and will be burnt.
- Spiritual food, that is the Word of God. As the Word is eternal, our life will also be eternal.

The spiritual food is divided into two parts as follows.

1. The gospel of salvation/ the gospel Word/ Good News/ milk [Proverbs 25:25].

Ephesians 1:13

1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

It is the Word that preaches Jesus $\hat{a}?$ first coming to the world to save sinful lives and bless them.

It is preached to lives who have not believed Jesus yet. But if one only drinks milk, his growth will be abnormal. Therefore, it must be continued with solid food.

2. The gospel of the glory of Christ/ the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword/ Bride Tidings/ solid food.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

It is the gospel that preaches Jesus $\hat{a}?$ second coming in glory on the glorious clouds $\hat{a}?$ as the King of kings and Heavenly bridegroom to sanctify saved lives until we become perfect and blameless as Him.

Matthew 25:6

25:6 $\hat{a}?$ And at midnight a cry was heard: $\hat{a}?$ Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him! $\hat{a}?$

Two types of spiritual food will cause two types of great spiritual revival as follows.

1. Revival of Holy Spirit in the first rain, that is revival in the gospel Word.

Acts 1:8

1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. $\hat{a}?$

The direction is from the west to the east, from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 13:46-48

13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

13:47 For so the Lord has commanded us: "I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth."

13:48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

Actually the gospel Word only aims to save the Israelites. But because some of them reject it, there is chance and mercy of God that is opened for the Gentiles to receive the gospel Word and Jesus. The Gentiles can be saved and blessed.

The sign of salvation is believing, repenting, entering water and Holy Spirit baptism, so we experience new life or Heavenly life, that is living in righteousness.

Living in righteousness equals to living in peace. When we live in righteousness, we will be blessed. When we live in peace, everything will be easy and light. It is the sign of being saved.

The heaviest burden is sin. All burdens in this world will end on the grave, but sins burden forever. If sins have been born by Jesus, the other burdens will be born by Him too. Our life becomes easy and light.

2. Revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain, that is revival in the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

Matthew 24:27

24:27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

It is to choose saved lives to be sanctified and perfected as glorious as Jesus, to become His bride.

The direction is from the east to the west, from the Gentiles to west nations, to Samaria and Judea, and to Jerusalem, even to the New Jerusalem. If the Israelites accept Jesus as the Savior and Heavenly Bridegroom, the Israelites and Gentiles will become one perfect body of Christ (the spiritual Israelites). It equals to becoming the Heavenly bride who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds. We enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

Revelation 19:9

19:9 Then he said to me, "Write: Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

We enter the future Paradise [Revelation 20], and thereafter we enter the New Jerusalem or the eternal kingdom of Heaven forever [Revelation 21-22].

The revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain equals to the revival of building the perfect body of Christ, or the revival of the Israelites going out of Egypt to Canaan. Now, in the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain, we are being set free from the world to the New Jerusalem (the spiritual Canaan).

Exodus 13:17-22

13:17 Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, "Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt."

13:18 So God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.

13:19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with you."

13:20 So they took their journey from Succoth and camped in Etham at the edge of the wilderness.

13:21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.

13:22 He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people.

There are four requirements that must be fulfilled as follows.

1. Choosing the way of God although it contradicts with the logic and the will of the flesh, and although it causes suffering for the flesh.

There is only one way of God, that is the way of the cross, the way of death and resurrection. The way of death is being dead from sins. The way of resurrection is living for righteousness.

The way of the flesh is a shortcut that is enjoyable for the flesh and justifies any ways, but it is not according to the will of God. The consequence is sooner or later one will regret and be disappointed, but it cannot be repaired anymore.

The way of the cross hurts the flesh but it is according to the will of God. Thus, He will be responsible to bring us to glory, starting from this world up to eternal glory forever.

2. Getting ready for the war.

Exodus 13:18b

13:18b And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.

It equals to being obedient to the command of the commander, that is the command of God. Now, we are obedient to the true teaching Word.

2 Timothy 2:3-4

2:3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

2:4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

One who joins a spiritual war will not be confused about the daily matters, future, *et cetera*. It means if we are obedient to the true teaching Word, all things are born by God as the commander, either for our daily life or future, up to eternal life. If we are obedient, we do not need to think about those matters.

But, if one is disobedient, he will be confused about those matters.

3. Taking the bones of Joseph.

Exodus 13:19

13:19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with you."

Joseph was born during the old age of Jacob (the illustration of Holy Spirit God). It refers to the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain or the revival in Bride Tidings.

The bone refers to revival power.

2 Kings 13:21

13:21 So it was, as they were burying a man, that suddenly they spied a band of raiders; and they put the man in the tomb of Elisha; and when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.

Thus, the bone of Joseph is revival power in Bride Tidings that revives the spirituality of the congregations in the last days. Many churches in the last days sleep spiritually (as ten virgins). They are already satisfied with only physical matters and being spiritually lukewarm in spiritual matters especially in the Word.

Taking the bone of Joseph means there is willingness to bring, preach, and testify Bride Tidings without being confused about our own matters. Thus, the steps of our life will be beautiful. God will make our life beautiful.

4. The pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire.

Exodus 13:21

13:21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.

The pillar of cloud and fire is the power of Holy Spirit, that is extra power from God to face the world as wilderness in the last days.

The pillar of cloud is to face the heat of temptation during the day. We are not disappointed and desperate. We do not leave God but keep believing and fully hoping in Him until He will help us.

The pillar of fire is to face spiritual cold and darkness during the night. Spiritual cold equals to rebellion. It is started with being disobedient to the Word, criticizing the Word, grumbling and rejecting the Word. If there is the pillar of fire, we will always be enthusiastic in spiritual matters. The pillar of fire also illuminates us from the darkness of sins up to the peak of sins, that is sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

The pillar of cloud and fire also protects us from destruction in the world in every field (economy, moral, marriage, ministry). We can be renewed to spiritual and eternal direction, starting from being strong and of good courage. When Jesus comes a second time, we will be renewed as His bride and meet Him on the glorious clouds to be with Him forever.

God blesses us.