

General Service in Malang, June 11, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 19:11-16 refers to the second coming of Jesus in the glory as the faithful and true High Priest riding a white horse or becoming the leader of the revival of the edification of the perfect Christ's body.

Revelation 6:2

6:2 *And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.*

The beginning of the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain is signified by a crown as the sign of victory for getting the next victory.

Revelation 19:11-12

19:11 *Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.*

19:12 *His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.*

The end of the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain is signified by many crowns that mean always being victorious up to the last victory, namely sitting with Jesus on the throne of heaven.

1 Corinthians 9:24-25

9:24 *Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.*

9:25 *And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.*

One of them is the imperishable crown. It means not being ruled over by the death. It does not mean not passing away physically, but one who passes away will be resurrected in the body of glory when Jesus comes a second time. Being alive until Jesus comes a second time, one will be changed in the body of glory. Both of them will become the one perfect body of Christ and have the imperishable crown or the eternal life.

To get the imperishable crown, we must join the race spiritually like the example of Paul the apostle.

Philippians 3:12-14

3:12 *Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.*

3:13 *Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,*

3:14 *I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

The facts found in the spiritual race for getting the imperishable crown are as follows:

1. **Forgetting those things which are behind.** It means as follows:

○ **The heart is sanctified from the following two things:**

■ The seven evil, unclean, bitter desires.

Matthew 15:19

15:19 *"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts⁽¹⁾, murders⁽²⁾, adulteries⁽³⁾, fornications⁽⁴⁾, thefts⁽⁵⁾, false witness⁽⁶⁾, blasphemies⁽⁷⁾.*

Having the seven evil, unclean, bitter desires, the lamp is quenched. It means that the eyes and heart are dark or the life is without any control anymore. One only commits sins up to the peak. Consequently, he does not know the direction to the New Jerusalem or the city of light. It means going astray or getting lost forever.

■ The seven physical prides.

Philippians 3:4-6

3:4 *though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the*

flesh, I more so:

3:5 circumcised the eighth day (1), of the stock of Israel(2), of the tribe of Benjamin(3), a Hebrew of the Hebrews(4); concerning the law, a Pharisee(5);

3:6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church(6); concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless(7).

Philippians 3:7-8

3:7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

3:8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

If our heart is sanctified, all desires and prides will be considered as rubbish or useless because of Christ. It means that we are not bound by and proud of them. Our heart is filled by Holy Spirit and the seven manifestations.

Isaiah 11:1-3

11:1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

11:2 The Spirit of the LORD (1) shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom (2) and understanding(3), The Spirit of counsel(4) and might(5), The Spirit of knowledge(6) and of the fear of the LORD(7).

11:3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

As a result, we have the fear of the Lord or hate sins.

Proverbs 8:13

8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

Exodus 29:1

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,

We live in holiness and we are appointed as priests and kings. We are given the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit for being used in the edification of Christ's body. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until Israel and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

As a result, although our life is like the stem which is not precious or has no hope, we can be precious before God to be beautiful and successful if our heart is sanctified.

○ **The mind.**

Philippians 3:17-19

3:17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

3:18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

3:19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame--who set their mind on earthly things.

Many servants of God only have the fleshly or worldly mind which is set only to the physical things. It is the same as being the enemy of the cross. The facts found in it are as follows:

- Serving and ministering to God only by relying on the physical things such as intelligence, riches, experience, and so on.
- Serving and ministering to God only to get the physical things until sacrificing the spiritual ones like Esau.

Consequently, one becomes bent over spiritually like a woman who was bent over for eighteen years in the temple. Being stamped with the triple six means that one becomes the same as the Antichrist.

Proverbs 12:25

12:25 Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.

It means worrying or having no surrendering to God until being stingy or not being able to give to the work of God and others who are in need as well as being greedy or stealing the possession of God, namely the tithes and offerings as well as the possession of others.

Acts 20:33-36

20:33 *"I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.*

20:34 *"Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.*

20:35 *"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

20:36 *And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.*

If the mind is sanctified, it can be set upon the heavenly things until feeling more blessed to give than to receive. We can return the tithes and offerings that belong to God in joy. We can give to the work of God and other people who are in need. It continues until we can kneel to worship God or submit our whole life to God to be His bride.

2. Reaching forward to those things which are ahead.

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It means as follows:

○ **The sanctification to the ordination as follows:**

- Not being late in receiving or giving response to the encouragement of God through the preaching of the true teaching Word so that Satan cannot snatch it until we do not do that.

All things which we do not do while God is encouraging us through the preaching of the Word will be insisted on the day of judgment by Him.

- Trying hard for serving and ministering to God without being hindered.

2 Peter 1:10-11

1:10 *Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;*

1:11 *for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

We try hard so that we do not stumble in the service and ministry, but we become firmer in the calling and election until the end line so that we get the full right to enter the heavenly kingdom.

God looks at our perseverance and firmness in the ordination or service and ministry to Him and He will take the full responsibility of our life.

○ **The sanctification to the life journey.**

Hebrews 12:1

12:1 *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,*

It means as follows:

- The sanctification to the burden of sin in the past, namely the sins which we have done, said, and thought.
We are sanctified by the blood of Jesus through confessing sins to God and others. Being forgiven, do not repeat the sin! If we are set free from the burden of sin, we will also be set free from the other burdens of life for sure. The blood of Jesus is able to set us free from all burdens.

- The sanctification from the snares of sin which are set by Satan to make us fall.

We are sanctified by the teaching Word.

When has someone been ensnared by sin? It is when he has been interested in sin or paid special attention to sin, given the opportunity to commit sin, until falling in sin or being ensnared and not rising anymore.

The ensnaring sins are as follows:

- i. The snare of the false teachings, service, and worship.

Deuteronomy 12:29-30

12:29 " When the LORD your God cuts off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you displace them and dwell in their land,

12:30 "take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.'

- ii. The sins in saying.

Proverbs 18:7

18:7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, And his lips are the snare of his soul.

- iii. The desires of money.

1 Timothy 6:9

6:9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

Acts 8:18-23

8:18 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,

8:19 saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

8:20 But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!

8:21 "You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.

8:22 "Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.

8:23 "For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity."

We get the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit from holiness, not from riches.

- The snare of the unclean sins.

2 Timothy 3:6

3:6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,

The spirituality is weak, so one is easily ensnared.

Hebrews 12:2

12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

If we get the sanctification from the sins in the past and the snares of sin, our eyes will be able to look at Jesus, the High Priest. We can worship God. Our eyes look unto God. Our mouth cries out to Him. Our hands are stretched out to Him.

For example, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego kept on worshipping God although God would have not helped them. Esther willingly sacrificed anything including her soul and kept on worshipping God.

The results of looking unto God are as follows:

- We get the heavenly satisfaction.

Psalms 17:15

17:15 As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

We do not look for the worldly satisfaction until falling in sins. We always give thanks to God and testify.

- We are not moved, but strong and of good courage.

Psalm 16:8

16:8 I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

We keep on holding fast the true teaching Word and obeying it, so we do not commit any sin, but keep on living in holiness, regardless of any risk we have to take.

We keep faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God until the end line. We keep on believing and hoping God regardless of anything that happens. Whatever God has done is the best for us for the salvation of soul. This is the purpose of God when He does something which is often not in line with what we think or want.

Esther was strong and of good courage for going before the King Ahasuerus although she had to give her soul. As a result, the king stretched out the golden scepter. We get the power and mercy of God. The results are as follows:

- i. The merciful hands of God are able to solve all impossible problems.
- ii. Esther and her nation could be set free from the threat of Haman. It means the power of protection and preservation of God 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.
- iii. The power of testimony to be blessings for the family for the salvation.
- iv. Esther was appointed as a queen. It refers to the beautiful and successful future life.
There is power of life renewal from the fleshly man to the spiritual one, namely obedience.

Esther 5:8

5:8 "If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and fulfill my request, then let the king and Haman come to the banquet which I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king has said."

Esther kept obedient since being in the women's quarters until she became a queen. As a result, God is with us. We are changed until being as perfect as Jesus is.

God blesses you.