

General Service in Malang, June 19, 2022 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 16:8-9

16:8 Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.

16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

The pouring of the fourth bowl of the wrath of God on the sun causes it to be the fire which scorches men in the world. Nevertheless, they keep on not repenting, but blaspheme God until entering the scorching fire in the hell forever.

Therefore, we must use the lengthening of God's patience, namely He has not come a second time and we still get our long age, especially for repenting or stopping sinning and living in righteousness and holiness until we are as perfect as Jesus is and we get the eternal life.

There are five things which are condemned by the scorching fire as follows:

1. Sins up to the peak like Sodom and Gomorrah.
2. The priests or God's servants who serve to Him with strange fire.
3. Ones who yield to intense craving.
4. God's servants who leave the true service and ministry to Him.
5. Ones who like oppressing others.

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2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

1:6 since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you,

1:7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,

2 Thessalonians 1:8-10

1:8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1:9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

1:10 when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

Who likes oppressing?

1. The servants of God who do not want to know or love Him. It means not loving others or having no love.
2. Ones who are disobedient to the Word.

Disobedience attacks the people who have the sign of the firstborn.

The right of the firstborn refers to the right for getting married or being the heavenly bride as well as the heritage right for inheriting the heavenly kingdom.

1. **The early age or the age of Father God.** It is counted from Adam to Abraham, for about two thousand years. The representative is **Adam**, the first man or the firstborn who was disobedient by eating the forbidden fruit.

Genesis 3:9-10,12

3:9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

3:10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

3:12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

The consequences of the disobedience of Adam are as follows:

- Oppression in the household, namely the husband does not love the wife, the wife does not obey the husband, and the children do not obey the parents.
- Nakedness and fear.
The fear of meeting God is the same as the fear for hearing the true teaching Word.
The fear also happens about the daily life and future until there is no peace, but heavy burden.

Matthew 6:31-32,34

6:31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"

6:32 "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

6:34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

If the anxiety increases, the disobedience will increase and the life has no rest day by day, but curses, weariness, heavy burdens, and sorrows.

- The fear of facing Jesus' second coming.

Revelation 6:15-17

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?"*

It is the same as being left behind when Jesus comes a second time until perishing together with the world.

2. **The middle age or the age of the Son of God.** It is counted from Abraham to Jesus' first coming.

The representative is Saul, the first king.

1 Samuel 9:3-5

9:3 *Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. And Kish said to his son Saul, "Please, take one of the servants with you, and arise, go and look for the donkeys."*

9:4 *So he passed through the mountains of Ephraim and through the land of Shalisha, but they did not find them. Then they passed through the land of Shaalim, and they were not there. Then he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they did not find them.*

9:5 *When they had come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come, let us return, lest my father cease caring about the donkeys and become worried about us."*

Before Saul became a king, he had been a good and obedient man. Being a king or having the spiritual position (being the priest and king) and the physical one (being blessed with position, riches, intelligence, and greatness), Saul became disobedient.

He was obedient twice as follows:

- In the time of distress.

1 Samuel 13:10-13

13:10 *Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him.*

13:11 *And Samuel said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered together at Michmash,*

13:12 *"then I said, 'The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the LORD.' Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering."*

13:13 *And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever."*

He was disobedient because of following the fleshly thought or logic that seemed right, but actually it was not in line with the Word.

- In the time of victory or being blessed.

1 Samuel 15:14-16

15:14 *But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?"*

15:15 *And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed."*

15:16 *Then Samuel said to Saul, "Be quiet! And I will tell you what the LORD said to me last night." And he said to him, "Speak on."*

Saul was disobedient because of following the intent of the heart which seemed good, but it was not in line with the

Word.

Being in distress, we must keep our mind. Being in blessings, we must keep the heart, so our heart and mind can keep holy until we can always obey God. For example, we pray and fast.

Matthew 6:17

6:17 *"But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,*

The signs of the true fasting prayer are as follows:

- Washing face. It means that the heart is sanctified by the Word.
- Anointing head. It means that the mind is sanctified by Holy Spirit.

Thus, the true fasting prayer gives the widest opportunity to the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit for sanctifying our heart and mind until we can be obedient.

1 Samuel 19:23-24

19:23 *So he went there to Naioth in Ramah. Then the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on and prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah.*

19:24 *And he also stripped off his clothes and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"*

Saul followed the spirit of the flesh until being naked and disobeying the Word. Consequently, there are hatred and oppression up to the hatred without a cause. The facts found in it are as follows:

- Saul hated David who had saved him and Israel from Goliath.

1 Samuel 18:8-9,11

18:8 *Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed only thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?"*

18:9 *So Saul eyed David from that day forward.*

18:11 *And Saul cast the spear, for he said, "I will pin David to the wall!" But David escaped his presence twice.*

- Saul hated Jonathan. It refers to the hatred in marriage.

1 Samuel 20:30

20:30 *Then Saul's anger was aroused against Jonathan, and he said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of your mother's nakedness?"*

- Saul killed the priests.

1 Samuel 22:18-19

22:18 *And the king said to Doeg, "You turn and kill the priests!" So Doeg the Edomite turned and struck the priests, and killed on that day eighty-five men who wore a linen ephod.*

22:19 *Also Nob, the city of the priests, he struck with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and nursing infants, oxen and donkeys and sheep--with the edge of the sword.*

- Worshiping idol.

1 Chronicles 10:13-14

10:13 *So Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against the LORD, because he did not keep the word of the LORD, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance.*

10:14 *But he did not inquire of the LORD; therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.*

It is the same as worshiping or being the same as the Antichrist that will be destroyed.

3. **The latter age or the age of Holy Spirit God**. It is counted from Jesus' first coming to the second one.

John 21:3

21:3 *Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.*

The representative is Peter, the first disciple. He was disobedient by turning from the fisher of men to the fisherman.

The consequences are as follows:

- Oppressing or troubling others.

John 18:10

18:10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

Peter oppressed and hurt other until not being able to hear the true teaching Word.

- Nakedness or being ashamed and not catching anything.

John 21:3,7

21:3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

21:7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

It means not being able to do anything as well as to yield any fruit.

John 15:5-6

15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

15:6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

The condition is like a dry branch, namely the dry spirituality that can be detected through the dry words such as lies, gossips, and slanders. Finally, it is burnt by the scorching fire up to the hell.

The solutions are as follows:

1. Jesus must be obedient up to the death on the cross for defeating the trinity of Satan or the source of disobedience and setting us free from the spirit of disobedience.

Philippians 2:8-10

2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

2:9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

2. Jesus shepherded Peter through asking three questions that refer to the perseverance in committing the three main services to God.

John 21:15-19

21:15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

21:16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

21:17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

21:18 "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."

21:19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

We can consume the shepherding Word or the repeated spiritual food.

The shepherding Word sanctifies our body, soul, and spirit from the strange voice that is not in line with the Bible as well as the voice of the flesh which is not in line with the Word. We are changed from the fleshly man to the spiritual one like Jesus

is, namely we are obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore.

In the shepherding, we are growing up to the spiritual maturity until we willingly sacrifice all things for God or stretch out our hands to Him. He will stretch out His merciful hands to us. We live in the hands of the Great Shepherd.

The results are as follows:

- a. The hands of the great Shepherd are able to exalt us in time of need.

1 Peter 5:5-6

5:5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

We are used for glorifying God [John 21:19].

Romans 9:23

9:23 and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,

We become the vessel of glory and live by the merciful hands of God.

For example, five loaves and two fish were sufficient for five thousand men.

We only need to be obedient for ministering to and glorifying God. The matters of eating and drinking or our daily life and future become God's. He is able to protect and preserve us physically in the midst of the crises in the world. Spiritually, we get the heavenly satisfaction or we can give thanks, so we do not look for the worldly satisfaction and the satisfaction of the world does not need to be put in the church.

The impossible can be made possible. The hands of God are able to solve all impossible problems.

We only need to be obedient and patient as well as surrender fully to God.

- b. The merciful hands of God are able to give us the beautiful and successful future life in time of need.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

It continues until we are sanctified and changed to be perfect as the heavenly bride for welcoming Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.