

General Service in Malang, June 20, 2021 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 13:7

13:7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

Verse 7 refers to the condition of the Antichrist. He is Satan or the dragon that incarnates to be a man. Satan gives his power to the Antichrist, so he has the power in his words or mouth for blaspheming and in his deeds for making war against the holy people or the priests and God's servants.

The term "making war" and "overcoming" mean that the Antichrist persecutes or makes the holy people as his prey; even he persecutes and destroys or makes the servants of God to be the same as him. He has power in the words and deeds for three and a half years.

Who are defeated by the Antichrist?

The Antichrist defeats the servants of God who are like the five foolish virgins who do not have the reserve oil, so the lamps are quenched. It means the darkness or hidden things although they have become the servants of God.

There are three things which are hidden by the holy people until they are defeated by the Antichrist as follows:

1. Transgression or sin in the heart.

Proverbs 28:13

28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

What is hidden in the heart?

Matthew 15:19

15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

If there are the seven sins in the heart, the seven lamps will be quenched. Men live in the darkness, fear, and destruction. They lose the reserve oil or Holy Spirit. The lamp in the marriage is also quenched or there is destruction in it.

Revelation 18:2

18:2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

The evil, uncleanness, and bitterness are found in Babylon. If the servants of God keep the evil, uncleanness, and bitterness, they will be hypocrites like a tomb and they are in the city of Babylon. They become the same as the Antichrist and the bride of Satan. They are not used in the edification of Christ's body, but Babylon. They will be destroyed forever.

2. Talent in the ground.

Matthew 25:24-26

25:24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

25:25 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

25:26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

The talent refers to the priest office and the gifts of Holy Spirit. Hiding the talent in the ground means that the servants of God become lazy and unfaithful and leave the ministry which God has entrusted to them because they pursue the worldly or fleshly things.

Afterward, they also become the wicked servants that judge the true teaching. They say that the true thing is false and vice versa. They accuse God that He is unjust and unrighteous because they belittle the ministry which He has entrusted to them. They value it with physical money like Judas Iscariot. Finally, they also judge other people.

Luke 12:45

12:45 "But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female

servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk,

They harm others with gossips, slanders, evil words, and so on. Being the wicked and lazy servants, they will fall in the sins concerning eating-drinking as well as marrying-being given in marriage.

It happens not only between the servants of God or priests in the church, but also in the household. Do not beat one another in quarrel, violence, mix marriage, divorce-remarrying, sexual affair, and so on.

Matthew 25:30

25:30 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The unprofitable servant means destroying the body of Christ. If a part of the body is unprofitable, the other parts will be destroyed too for sure. For example, one hand which is unprofitable will make the burden of another hand heavier. Such kind of life will also be destroyed or defeated by the Antichrist to perish.

Let us keep faithful and fervent in spirit in the ministry to God! We can become the prayer team nowadays.

On the contrary, one will be fervent in the other things such as the lust and sins. Toward the second coming of Jesus, let us advise one another for being more zealous in serving to God.

3. One hides himself in lies.

Isaiah 28:15

28:15 Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, It will not come to us, For we have made lies our refuge, And under falsehood we have hidden ourselves."

It means making covenant with death. As long as one keeps on lying, God cannot do anything for helping him. The sin which is not confessed cannot be forgiven.

Do not lie in any aspect of our life!

Isaiah 59:1-3

59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.

59:2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

59:3 For your hands are defiled with blood, And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity.

Holy person who hides the sins, talents, and lies is hiding himself from God, so God also hides Himself and He cannot do anything. Being outside the hands of God is the same as being in the hands of the Antichrist or the outer darkness in the world.

There are two kinds of the outer darkness, namely in the world (the Antichrist) and in the hell forever.

Two possibilities may happen when one is in the hands of the Antichrist as follows:

1. The smallest possibility that is almost impossible, namely the servants of God who enter the days of the Antichrist for three and a half years keep on worshiping God until they are greatly persecuted and beheaded by the Antichrist. They buy the reserve oil by their own blood for making their lamps keep on burning. They will be resurrected in the body of glory when Jesus comes a second time on the glorious clouds for welcoming Him or not perishing. They can enter Paradise and the eternal heavenly kingdom.
2. The biggest possibility, namely the servants of God cannot endure the persecution of the Antichrist, so they worship him and perish together with him in the hell forever.

Matthew 25:6

25:6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'

As the solution, we must hear and obey the Bride Tidings or the teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword especially at midnight, namely when the temptations and difficulties increase until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

We must always hear and obey the Bride Tidings. In the middle of the darkness, only the light of the Gospel is able to help us.

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.*

The Bride Tidings refers to the Gospel that preaches Jesus' second coming as the Head and Heavenly Bridegroom for preparing, sanctifying, and perfecting the church to welcome His coming.

The Bride Tidings sanctifies us from all hidden things so that we can be as perfect as Jesus is or the heavenly bride with the burning lamp for welcoming Jesus' second coming.

When we hear and obey the Bride Tidings or the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, it shows the darkness or all hidden things in our life, so we can realize, regret, and confess all sins, transgression, or darkness to God and other people. The blood of Jesus will forgive all of our sins and put the sins to death, so we do not commit sin anymore, but hate it.

The results are as follows:

1. The lamp is burning or we can keep on living in righteousness and holiness in the midst of the darkness in the world which is full of sins up to the peak, difficulties, and impossibilities.

We become the servant of God who serves and ministers to Him in faithfulness, fervency in spirit, and goodness. We are useful for God and others, including the household and nation. All things in our life will also become good.

The burning lamp also means that we can bear witness. We testify about the Gospel Word for bringing other people for believing Jesus and repenting. We also testify about the Bride Tidings for sanctifying and perfecting the people who have believed in Jesus.

2. We get the mercy of God or become the apple of His eye, namely the holy and faithful who become His witness like the five wise virgins.

Proverbs 28:13

28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

Psalm 17:8

17:8 Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,

The apple of God's eye refers to one who is hidden in the embrace of His marvelous merciful hands or under the covering of the two wings of a great eagle. The merciful hands of God have been proven on the cross and cannot be defeated even by the death.

The hands of God are able to protect and preserve us in the midst of the wilderness, so we get the abundant physical and spiritual life. We always feel peaceful, quiet, secured, easy, and light until we are evacuated to the other wilderness.

Deuteronomy 32:10

32:10 "He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.

In the wilderness, we are preserved directly by God through the Word and the Holy Communion. We are far away from the presence of the Antichrist.

When we must face much impossibility in the wilderness of the world, God does not mean to destroy us, but make our faith to Him firm, so we hope and love Him more. The more we love Him, His hands embrace us tighter and the Antichrist cannot do anything. A grain of sand cannot touch us because we are the apple of His eye.

The hands of God help, finish all problems, and use our life.

Genesis 39:21-23

39:21 But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

39:22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing.

39:23 The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

Joseph faced the atmosphere of prison, namely limitation and impossibility, but the merciful hands of God are able to help,

bring him out of prison, give the beautiful future, and use him for uniting the twelve tribes of Israel. It means that we are used in the edification of Christ's body through the wheat of Joseph or the Bride Tidings until the perfect body of Christ is formed.

The hands of God sanctify and change us until we become as perfect as He is. It begins from honesty until there is no more darkness. We do not stumble in words. We are perfect as the Bride and the five wise virgins with the burning lamps.

The merciful hands of God which are marvelous do all things for us until we are as perfect as He is.

God blesses you.