

General Service in Malang, June 24, 2018 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 7:13-15

7:13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

7:14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

7:15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

Who are the people who are arrayed in white robes and stand before His throne to serve and minister Him day and night? They are the servant and the minister of God who come out of the great tribulation.

There are two kinds of the great tribulation as follows:

1. The great tribulation in the age when the Antichrist rules over the world for three and a half years.
If we are not serious now in God, service, ministry, and worship, we will enter the mayhem of Antichrist and experience the great torture. Only a few people keep on worshipping Jesus, so they are tortured and beheaded. It is the same as washing the robe in their own blood, so when Jesus comes for the second time, they will be resurrected in the glorious body and arrayed in white robes, and stand before the throne of God to serve and minister Him day and night.
2. The great tribulation starts from now. It is the same as washing the robes in the blood of the Lamb.
We experience the sprinkling of blood, namely the suffering in flesh with Jesus or the experience of death with Him from now. If we experience the cross with Jesus, we will experience the resurrection and glory with Him until standing before the throne of the heavenly kingdom to serve and minister Him day and night.

The wrong attitudes toward the experience of death with Jesus are as follows:

1. Murmuring, nagging, being disappointed and hopeless, until experiencing the destruction forever.
2. Looking for one's own way outside the word of God and resisting against the word. It is the same as the deadlock and destruction forever.

Matthew 27:61

27:61 And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

The right attitude toward the experience of death with Jesus is like Mary who sat opposite the tomb of Jesus. It means not wanting to go out quickly from the experience of death with Jesus or being patience in it and in waiting the time of God. His time is always right, neither too early nor too late.

The daily facts found in the experience of death, the way of cross or being patience in waiting the time of God are as follows:

1. We must be patient to come to the throne of grace where Jesus as the High Priest sits on the right side of the throne of Father God.

Hebrews 4:14-16

4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Coming to the throne of grace means that we must always experience the ministry of reconciliation that is done by Jesus, the faithful and graceful High Priest. The ministry of reconciliation of the High Priest is to reconcile, justify, and save us the sinful man.

Acts 16:29-34

16:29 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

16:30 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

16:31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

16:32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

16:33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.

16:34 Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

The salvation is more than all treasures in the world.

For example, the whole family of the keeper of the prison or the Gentile was saved.

The process is as follows:

- Suffering in flesh to hear the word of God in the anointing of Holy Spirit until we believe or have faith to Jesus as the only savior.
- Suffering in flesh to confess sins to God and other people. After being forgiven, do not do it anymore. Suffering in flesh to repent and die to sin is especially from eight sins which drown people to the lake of fire and brimstone or hell forever.

Revelation 21:8

21:8 *"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*

Lie is the end of sins. If there is lie, there are the other seven sins.

- Suffering in flesh to enter the true water baptism.

Romans 6:2,4

6:2 *Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?*

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 people who have believed Jesus and repented or died to sin must be buried in water with Him to arise or come out from the tomb of water with Him. So, the heaven is opened and we get the new life or the heavenly one. We live in the anointing of Holy Spirit, namely living in righteousness. We come to the throne of grace like Noah who entered the ark and got the grace of God [Genesis 6:8]. Now, we enter the true water baptism, so we get the new life, namely living in the anointing of Holy Spirit and righteousness. It is the same as receiving the grace of God or we are on the throne of grace of Jesus the High Priest.

The results are as follows:

- Jesus as the High Priest sympathizes or bears all of our exhaustion, heavy burden, difficulties, and tears because of the curses of sin, so we can live in peace and all things become easy and light. We experience the heavenly joy.

Hebrews 4:15

4:15 *For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

- Jesus as the High Priest can help us and finish all of our impossible problems in due time.

Hebrews 4:16

4:16 *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

2. Jesus as the Great Shepherd lifts or exalts us in His time.

1 Peter 5:2-6

5:2 *Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly.*

5:3 *nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.*

5:4 *and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.*

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.*

Being patient in waiting the time of God means that we must always be shepherded well and correctly.

Exodus 32:25

32:25 Now when Moses saw that the people were unrestrained(for Aaron had not restrained them, to their shame among their enemies).

If one is unrestrained from the true shepherding pen, he will become a wild horse which only follows the great desire or lust of the flesh, so he wants to be free and quick, but aims at the destruction.

The requirements of being shepherded well and correctly are as follows:

- Suffering in flesh or cross to be patient and persevere in the shepherding pen or the perseverance in doing three main services as follows:
 - a. The Golden Candlestick or the perseverance in doing General Service. It is the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts of Holy Spirit. The sheep are given drink, so they are not dry, but fresh.
 - b. The Table of Showbread or the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching word and Holy Communion. The sheep are fed to get extra power, so they do not stumble or fall in the wilderness of the world.
 - c. The Golden Altar of Incense or the perseverance in doing Prayer Service. It is the fellowship with Father God in His love. The love is eternal. We breathe in the love of God, so we get the eternal life forever.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the trinity of God, so we cannot be touched by the trinity of Satan or death, although we are like a sheep for the slaughter whose distance is only a step from death.

In the shepherding pen, the great desire of the flesh is repressed.

Be careful, the sheep is small and powerless, but the desire of its flesh is great, so it needs to be repressed in the shepherding pen, so it will not become the wild horse.

1 Peter 5:2-6

5:2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;

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- Not by compulsion or being forced, but must by the willing heart or encouragement of the true teaching word.
- Eagerly or not looking for the physical advantage, but sacrificing time, energy, money, *et cetera*.
- Not being lord over and casting out, but being the example of faith, loyalty, and love.
- Being submissive to the voice of the Shepherd or the shepherding word until the flesh does not speak anymore. We run away from the other voices. It is the same as stretching out our hand to God, so He as the Great Shepherd stretches out His hand for us to lift us up in due time although we are only like a sheep for the slaughter which is small and powerless.

Being lifted up in due time mean as follows:

- a. The Great Shepherd is able to preserve our life or the small sheep miraculously in the midst of great difficulties in the world until the age when Antichrist rules over the world for three and a half years.
 - b. We are lifted up from decreasing and healed. The failure becomes success.
 - c. Being lifted up means that we are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at later rain or the edifying of the perfect body of Christ. It starts from marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding until Israel and Gentile become one perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride who is ready to welcome His second coming. [1 Peter 5:4] After serving God, do not be withered, but faithful and fervent in spirit until the end line, namely we pass away or Jesus comes for the second time or until we are on the throne of heaven where we serve Him day and night.
3. Being patient in facing the sprinkling of blood, cross, or suffering in flesh with Jesus. Behind the cross, He is able to make all things beautiful in its time. All things that Jesus has done in our life from beginning to end are beautiful if we are on the path of cross.

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.

Why does God permit us to enter the experience of cross or the suffering in flesh with Him?

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

It is so that we experience the life renewal. It starts from the hard heart.

The examples are as follows:

- Job was permitted to experience the full test to change his arrogant heart or his self-truth to the broken heart.

Job 32:1-2

32:1 *So these three men ceased answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.*

32:2 *Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was aroused against Job; his wrath was aroused because he justified himself rather than God.*

The self-truth is the truth which is not in line with the Bible or covering sins by blaming other people, God, and the true teaching word.

Job 42:5-6

42:5 *"I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You.*

42:6 *Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes."*

Job was changed to become broken-hearted, namely confessing that he was only dust and ash. So, he was healed doubly and all things were beautiful in due time physically and spiritually.

- The widow of Zarephath.
She relied on flour or something in the world, namely husband, children, salary, *et cetera*. She was permitted to experience the famine until she was gentle and only hoped to God.

1 Kings 17:12-13

17:12 *So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."*

17:13 *And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son."*

It continued until she was not selfish anymore, so she could prioritize and hope God more than anything.

1 Kings 17:17

17:17 *Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him.*

Her child was permitted to die so that she only hoped God, but after she hoped God, her child was resurrected. All things were healed and beautiful in due time.

- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego or the youth are permitted to face fire which is heated seven times until they become strong and courageous. So, God will make all things beautiful in due time. When Jesus comes for the second time, the most beautiful is that we are changed to be as perfect as Him and lifted up to the glorious clouds to meet Him face to face until standing before the throne of heaven and serving Him day and night with our family.

God blesses us.