

General Service in Malang, March 01, 2015 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 2-3 is about the seven times of the sprinkling of blood in front of the Ark of Covenant. It refers to the last sanctification to the church in the last days, until we become perfect and blameless as Him. We become the Heavenly bride who is ready to welcome Jesus's second coming.

No matter how great a church in the last days is, if there is a blame, they will be left on His second coming.

Revelation 2:17

2:17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.

God's promises to the church in Pergamos who overcomes and wants to be set free from the doctrine of Balaam and Nicolaitans are as follows.

1. Receiving the hidden manna.
2. Receiving a white stone on which a new name is written.

We are still learning about the hidden manna.

Manna is the bread from Heaven, that is the Word of God whose secret is revealed through a verse explains the other verses in the Bible. It equals to the true teaching Word or the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

Manna equals to the angel's bread, meaning the shepherding Word, that is the true teaching Word which is entrusted by God to a pastor to be preached to the congregation faithfully, continually, and repetitively, to become the food for them so they grow to perfection.

There are three usefulnesses of manna [Exodus 16:16-36] as follows.

1. Manna for caring the daily life [Exodus 16:16-21].
2. Manna for the Sabbath day [Exodus 16:22-31].
3. Manna that is kept in the golden pot [Exodus 16:32-36].

It is not a loss if we gather manna now, since it gives us guarantee for our present and future life, up to the eternal one forever.

Exodus 16:22-23

16:22 And so it was, on the sixth day, that they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one. And all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

16:23 Then he said to them, This is what the Lord has said: Tomorrow is a Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath to the Lord. Bake what you will bake today, and boil what you will boil; and lay up for yourselves all that remains, to be kept until morning.

On the sixth day, the Israelites gather twice as much manna, that is two omers. One omer is for the sixth day (6000 years), that refers to the last days. Another one is for the seventh day, that is the one thousand years kingdom of peace or the future Paradise.

2 Peter 3:8

3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

In the last days, the Gentiles must increase the effort to gather twice as much the shepherding Word. It is used for two things as follows.

1. To increase the sanctification until we reach perfection as Jesus and we are worthy to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.
2. To increase the peace so we can enter the one thousand years kingdom of peace or the future Paradise. The more holy we are, the more peaceful we feel.

Revelation 20:1-3

20:1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

20:2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

20:3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

When we are in the one thousand years kingdom of peace, the Devil and Satan are bound for a thousand years and cast into the bottomless pit. They cannot fail us anymore.

We must be watchful since before they are bound, now they are trying to bind the servant or the children of God so we cannot return to the Paradise.

There are two types of chain as follows.

1. The chain from Satan, that is the chain of sin up to its peak, that is sin concerning eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, consuming drugs) and marrying-being given in marriage (sexuality sin with all its variety, sexual deviation, marriage destruction).

Ecclesiastes 7:26

7:26 And I find more bitter than death The woman whose heart is snares and nets, Whose hands are fetters. He who pleases God shall escape from her, But the sinner shall be trapped by her.

If a servant or child of God is chained by Satan, the consequences are as follows.

- o Experiencing beating or suffering from Satan.

1 Peter 2:20

2:20 For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

One example is a man who goes down from Jerusalem (spiritual center) to Jericho (world trade center). It is the illustration of one with degradation of the spiritual life.

Luke 10:30

10:30 Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead."

This man is completely robbed and wounded until he is half dead. If God does not help him, he will die, meaning dying spiritually up to everlasting perdition.

To be helped, he must return to Jerusalem, meaning he must increase his spiritual life.

- o Being built as the Babylon or the false church that is unfaithful and will be destroyed forever.

Revelation 17:5

17:5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

2. The chain from God, that is being willing to suffer because of Him and the true teaching Word.

2 Timothy 2:9

2:9 for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained.

It equals to the way of the cross, that is free from the chain of Satan.

Acts 22:25

22:25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who stood by, "Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman, and uncondemned?"

Paul the apostle is not only willing to be chained, but also he is willing to be bound with thongs, to be beaten and whipped. Being recumbent means lying back to back with the earth and facing God. Do not become as Judas who falls headlong facing the earth.

Thus, the attitude in facing the cross because of Jesus is being recumbent. We stay back to back with the earth and do not use the ways from the earth. It is a suffering, but we face Jesus as the High Priest in glory.

Acts 1:18

1:18 (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out.)

Falling headlong means facing the earth and staying back to back with God. The consequence is he bursts open in the middle and all his entrails gush out. He is rotten and destroyed forever.

The practices of being recumbent or facing God only are as follows.

- Being obedient to His will and righteousness, whatever the risks we must face.

1 John 2:17

2:17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

It means as follows.

- We dare to live in righteousness and oppose unrighteousness.
- We do His command and stay away from His prohibition.

One of the contents of the world is the pride of life. A proud life will be disobedient and oppose God frequently.

- Persevering in worship prayer or in three main services.
 - Persevering in the Word is persevering in Bible Study Service (Table of Showbread).
 - Persevering in Holy Spirit is persevering in General Service (Golden Candlestick).
If there is the Word and Holy Spirit, there will be the true worship.
 - Persevering in worship prayer is persevering in Prayer Service (Golden Altar of Incense).

Acts 16:24-26

16:24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

16:25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

16:26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

In the prison, Paul the apostle prays and worships God. What happens is a great earthquake, a shake that gets larger. We must not stop but we must keep worshipping Him until the problems are solved. A larger problem is let happen so the anointing of Holy Spirit that we receive is stronger, until it can set us free from problems.

Acts 2:1-4

2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

2:3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The disciples persevere in worship prayer in the upper room in Jerusalem until Holy Spirit is poured. We are anointed, filled, until overflow with Holy Spirit.

The usefulnesses of Holy Spirit are as follows.

- Holy Spirit is as of a rushing mighty wind with the power to divide the Red Sea.

Acts 2:2

2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Exodus 14:21-22,16

14:21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.

14:22 So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

14:16 But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

It means as follows.

- a. The miraculous caring power over our physical life from God. There is also caring for our spiritual life, so we can live in righteousness and holiness. We are set free from the bondage of sins.
- b. The helping power from God. There is a way out from every problem even the impossible one.

- c. The power to give us beautiful and successful future right in His time.
- d. The power of God to use us in the revival of Holy Spirit in the last days. We cannot be blocked or obstructed by anything.

- Holy Spirit with the renewal power renews us from the flesh man to the spiritual one.

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Life renewal is the greatest miracle. Thomas who has a doubtful heart is renewed to believe and fully surrender his life to God, until he is willing to die for Him. Peter denies God and lies, but he is renewed so he can say right words and preach the true teaching Word.

If our heart, words, and deeds are renewed, we can serve God with faithfulness and fervency in spirit until the end line.

James 3:2

3:2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

When Jesus comes a second time, we will be renewed in the twinkling of an eye to become perfect as Him. We do not stumble in word anymore, we only cry out "Alleluia".

God blesses us.