

General Service in Malang, March 13, 2016 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 3:14-22 is about the church of the Laodiceans that illustrates the church in the last days.

Revelation 3:21-22

3:21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

3:22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.""

The main and last aim of our following to Jesus is until we sit together with Him on the throne of Heaven forever. The bride sits together with the Bridegroom and we cannot be separated forever. The relation between the bride and the Bridegroom is love relation. Thus, to be able to sit together with Jesus on the throne of Heaven, we must have two tablets of stone or God's love.

The practices of having God's love are as follows.

1. Loving God more than everything, loving God with our whole body, spirit, and soul. It is the first tablet of stone.

Mark 12:30

12:30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

The proof of loving God is being obedient to the Word of God until the flesh does not sound anymore.

John 14:15

14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

2. Loving the others as loving ourselves, even loving the enemy. It is the second tablet of stone.

Mark 12:31

12:31 And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

Romans 13:8-9

13:8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

13:9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The proofs of loving the others as loving ourselves are as follows.

- Owing no one anything, especially not owing sins. We must reconcile sins through confessing and forgiving one another.
- Do not harm the others through bad words or deeds, or through hatred.
- Do not repay good with evil, but repay evil with good.

The usefulness of the two tablets of stone or God's love in our life is as follows.

1. Experiencing the ambience of Heaven in the midst of the world as the wilderness, so we keep enduring in following God until His second coming.

Mark 12:32-34

12:32 So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He.

12:33 And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

12:34 Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him.

In the past, the Israelites walked in the wilderness, but it is written in the book of Exodus that they were born on eagle's wings. It is the ambience of Heaven. We can endure and everything becomes easy and light.

2. We have the Heavenly wisdom.

Mark 12:34

12:34 Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him.

Matthew 7:24

7:24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

The results are as follows.

- a. The Heavenly wisdom makes us successful in the midst of the crisis in this world, with all our limitations.

Ecclesiastes 10:10

10:10 *If the ax is dull, And one does not sharpen the edge, Then he must use more strength; But wisdom brings success.*

- b. The Heavenly wisdom is able to protect us from all disasters, sin up to its peak (sin concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage), false teaching, and gossips. Until it protects us from the antichrist with the mark 666.

Revelation 13:16-18

13:16 *He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,*

13:17 *and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*

13:18 *Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.*

How is the way?

- Wisdom encourages us to delight in hearing the Word until understanding it, so the Word is written on the forehead. It is continued with believing and having faith to the Word, so it is written in the heart. Until we can practice the Word and it is written in the hand. Thus, antichrist cannot mark 666.
- God also gives us the two wings of a great eagle to evacuate us to the wilderness far from the eye of antichrist for three years and a half.

Revelation 12:14

12:14 *But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.*

- c. The Heavenly wisdom makes us be used in the building of the spiritual house, that is the building of the perfect body of Christ.

Proverbs 9:1

9:1 *Wisdom has built her house, And she has hewn out her seven pillars;*

James 3:17

3:17 *But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.*

The building of the body of Christ must be with seven pillars, so it reaches perfection.

- Being pure means being holy up to the heart. Being pure also means holding fast the true teaching Word. If we are holy, we will be able to choose the right things.
- Being peaceable.
- Being gentle.
- Being willing to yield.
- Being full of mercy.
- Being without partiality.
- Being without hypocrisy.

Be careful, if one does not want to be used by God, he will be used by the Babylon.

3. We receive visit from the Heaven.

Mark 12:34

12:34 Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him.

There are no more questions = there are no problems = there are no tears.

Visit from the Heaven equals to the visit of Jesus to answer all our questions, solve all our problems, and erase all our tears.

He visits us especially through the preaching of the true teaching Word.

Why are there tears?

a. Because there are many questions about God or the true teaching Word.

The true teaching Word is not to be discussed, debated, or gossiped. It is only to be believed and practiced.

b. Going out from Nain to the grave.

Luke 7:11-13

7:11 Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd.

7:12 And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

7:13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

Nain means the pasture, which is the most pleasant place. Now, Nain refers to the shepherding pen.

Tears happen when one leaves the shepherding pen. It means being unfaithful, not persevering in the shepherding, walking around, disobeying the shepherding Word, until leaving the shepherding pen. When one leaves Nain, he goes to the grave.

The conditions are as follows.

- Awful tears, meaning the suffering is really great and cannot be illustrated anymore.
- Dying spiritually, falling in sin up to its peak, until being destroyed forever.

Therefore, we must make the right shepherding as the most pleasant place. Five thousand men sitting on the grass means being firm in the shepherding Word. Thus, we will experience the visit of Jesus on the gate.

Luke 7:14-17

7:14 Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

7:15 So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

7:16 Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

7:17 And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

The results are as follows.

- Spiritual miracle, that is life renewal from living in sins to living in righteousness and holiness. We can sit, meaning we can be well and right shepherded. We can say good and right words. We can testify and worship Him.
Thus, physical miracle will also happen. Impossible problems will be solved. There is beautiful and successful future.

- The untold Heavenly joy. There are no more tears and weariness.

Luke 7:13

7:13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

The steps of shepherding are the ones of miracle. The last miracle is we will be renewed as glorious as Him, to be lifted up on the glorious clouds on His second coming. We experience the peak of the Heavenly joy that is untold. It is until we can sit together with Jesus on the throne of Heaven.

God blesses us.