

General Service in Malang, March 18, 2018 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 7:1

7:1 After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.

The spiritual meanings of the wind are as follows:

1. The wind refers to newborn man by the water and Holy Spirit baptism who lives in righteousness, makes himself of no reputation, and becomes obedient.

John 3:5,8

3:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

3:8 "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

2. The messenger of God in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Psalms 104:4a

104:4 Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

So, the wind refers to the priest or the servant and the minister of God who live in righteousness, make themselves of no reputation, and become obedient to Him, so they become the messenger of God.

The blowing wind is the servant and the minister of God who are sent by Him to bring the fragrance and freshness of Christ wherever they are sent through the good news or the gospel and the Bride Tidings or the true teaching word. The blowing wind will be used in edifying the body of Christ. It begins from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding until the house of Israel and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

So, the heavenly bride consists of the blowing wind.

The resident of the One Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace or the paradise and the New Jerusalem is the priests and kings.

Revelation 20:6

20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

We must be watchful because there is the wind which does not blow. It means are as follows:

1. A Christian who does not want to be the priest and serve Him until he cannot serve and minister to God.
2. The priests or the servants and the ministers of God who are not faithful in ministry.
3. One who has served to God but his ministry cannot please Him, so it is rejected by Him like Cain and Esau.

The examples of the wind which blows and does not blow are the older and the younger son.

Luke 15:25-28

15:25 "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

15:26 "So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

15:27 "And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'

15:28 "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.

The older son refers to the blowing wind. He works at the field of the father, but he does not enter the house of the father or the feast. It means that the priests or the servants and the ministers of God have served and ministered to God but they cannot enter the kingdom of heaven or being left when Jesus comes for the second time. So, not all the services and ministries can please God.

Why?

Because of not wearing the wedding garment. It means that one only does the service and ministry as a habit.

The signs of the habitual service and ministry are as follows:

1. It is signified with the anger without any cause or being envious to the people who get the blessing of God physically and spiritually. It is same as mocking the blessing, the using, and the grace of God. The right service and ministry which have the atmosphere of feast make us always give thanks to God.
2. Using the self-truth, namely covering the sins by blaming other people and God or the true teaching word. It is the same as leprosy.
3. Disobeying the command of the father or the will of God, so one serves and ministers to God only to follow the will of the flesh.

Why?

Luke 15:29

15:29 "So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.

Because there is no offering of the full self-submission.

Exodus 29:1

29:1 "And this is what you shall do to them to hallow them for ministering to Me as priests: Take one young bull and two rams without blemish.

The high priest and Aaron were consecrated to have the ministry by the three kinds of animal offerings as follows:

- o One young bull refers to the offering of reconciliation.
- o The first ram refers to the self-submission like the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.
- o The second ram refers to the offering of consecration.

Matthew 7:21-23

7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

7:22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

7:23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

So, the measurement of the service and ministry which can please God is not the greatness of someone but the obedience.

The service and ministry which are signified with the obedience to God will open the door of heaven and the world, although such service and ministry are done in simplicity. On the contrary, one who commits the service and minister without the obedience to the will of God will become the trouble maker although such service and ministry seem great. Such person is not known, but rejected by God until perishing forever.

Our motto is that it is better to be rejected, expelled, and ostracized because of the obedience to the true teaching word so that the heavenly door is opened than being accepted without the true teaching word.

The younger son refers to the wind which does not blow.

Luke 15:16-24

15:16 "And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

15:17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!'

15:18 'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,

15:19 "and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."

15:20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

15:21 "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

15:22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

15:23 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;

15:24 'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

The younger son left the field of the father. It means being unfaithful until leaving the service and ministry.

Consequently, his condition was not good physically and spiritually and he in the field of the swine. It means living in uncleanness or the sins of eating-drinking and marrying- being given in marriage until perishing.

Praise God, he remembered the food at the father' house. It refers to the Shepherding word which is entrusted to a shepherd to be

preached to the congregation faithfully, continuously, and repetitively, so it becomes the food to the congregation so that they grow spiritually to the perfection. The shepherding word which is repeated reminds us about our weakness and hidden sins.

Lukas 15:18

15:18 'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

The facts found in remembering the shepherding word are as follows:

1. Realizing, regretting, and confessing our sins to God and other people honestly. After being forgiven, do not do the sins anymore.

Luke 15:23,19

15:23 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry.

15:19 "and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."

It is the same as having the offering of the young bull or the offering of reconciliation. So, our heart is peaceful and all things are easy and light.

Keeping sins means being exhausted and heavy-laden.

2. Returning to the right consecration or the service and ministry that can please God. It means that there is the offering of self-submission and consecration.

The younger son returns to being the blowing wind.

3. Rising and returning to the father. It means experiencing the sanctification and renewal continuously.

Luke 15:20

15:20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

It moves the heart of God to have compassion and give three things as follows:

- a. The shoes refer to the redemption or standing on the sacrifice of Christ.

Luke 15:22

15:22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8,11

5:7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

5:11 But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner--not even to eat with such a person.

We are redeemed from six sins which are ingrained rule the body, soul, and spirit, so we have the sincerity and truth. It will be the light of the moon under the feet.

- b. The seal ring or the anointing and gift of Holy Spirit that make us serve and minister to God according to the ministry which is entrusted by God faithfully, fervently and obediently. We can prioritize the service and ministry more than anything in the world. It means having the quality of firstborn or the crown of twelve stars.

- c. The best tunic refers to the clothes of sun or the perfect love of God.

Jesus willingly got naked on the cross to cover our nakedness, so we have no sin and blemish until become as perfect as Him. It begins from the honesty or there is no lie anymore.

Revelation 14:1-5

14:1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

14:3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

14:4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb

wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.
14:5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Revelation 12:1-3

12:1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

12:2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

12:3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

The condition of the church of God is the same as the pregnant woman who is in labor and pain to give birth and face the dragon or antichrist.

What must we do? We must cry out or worship to God and confess that we are not worthy. So, He will stretch out His great merciful hand for us.

The results are as follows:

1. God gives the atmosphere of feast or the heavenly joy.

Luke 15:23

15:23 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry.'

2. The things which have been lost are found and saved.

Luke 15:24

15:24 'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

All things that we sacrificed to God are not lost; even a hair is not lost. God is able to preserve us to be as perfect as Him.

3. The dead things become alive.

It means that there are no more impossibilities and all things are finished in due time.

In spirituality, if we are permitted to die, we will be resurrected in the body of glory when Jesus comes for the second time while the living will be changed in the body of glory. When Jesus comes for the second time, both will become one perfect body of Christ.

God blesses us.