

General Service in Malang, March 22, 2020 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 11:3,1

11:3 "And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

11:1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there."

The measuring rod refers to the shepherding word which is entrusted by God to a pastor to be preached to the congregation faithfully, sequentially, continually, and repetitively, so it becomes food for them to grow their spirituality. It also measures the spirituality and fellowship of the congregation that starts from the marriage and the altar or the service and ministry to God until reaching the measurement of God, namely the Veil is torn or the flesh does not speak anymore, so the Ark of Covenant is seen or we are perfect.

Revelation 11:2

11:2 "But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months."

The court of the temple which is not measured refers to the servant and the minister of God who do not fulfil or reach the measurement of God, the Veil is not torn yet, or the flesh still speaks.

The voices of the flesh are the doubt, disobedience, and unfaithfulness.

Consequently, men must enter the persecution of the Antichrist who rules over the world for three and a half years and experience the torment until they are beheaded to fulfil His measurement, namely until the flesh does not speak anymore. When Jesus comes for the second time, they will be resurrected in the glorious body to welcome His second coming.

But, it is a crucial position because at this position many people deny God.

Therefore, God sends two witnesses (verse 3).

Revelation 11:6

11:6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire

The two witnesses are Moses and Elijah.

God sends them to do the following things:

1. Strengthening the servants, ministers, or children of God who are left when Antichrist rules over the world so that they do not worship Antichrist nor deny Jesus, but keep on worshiping Jesus even though they are persecuted and beheaded. They become martyr, but when Jesus comes for the second time, they are resurrected in the glorious body to welcome His second coming.
2. Strengthening us now who face the shakings which cannot be thought until the pre-persecution of Antichrist even though the two witnesses have not come yet now. Do not stop serving and ministering to God, but we must become His witness anywhere. We do not only receive the testimony of other people. We also worship Him much.

When we have become the witness of God, we do not need the testimony of Moses and Elijah in the age of the Antichrist anymore

Why did Jesus send Moses and Elijah as His witness to face the worship of the Antichrist? He sent them because they had had the experience in facing the Israelites who worshipped the calf.

Now, we learn about Moses.

Exodus 32:4,9,17-18

32:4 And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

32:9 And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people!"

32:17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp."

32:18 But he said: "It is not the noise of the shout of victory, Nor the noise of the cry of defeat, But the sound of singing I hear."

The calf refers to the hard heart which made the spirituality of Israelites lukewarm or neither victorious nor defeated which aimed to

the idolatry. Now it refers to the worship to the Antichrist. We must be careful!

It is the way of the Antichrist, namely he makes men become hard-hearted, so they are lukewarm until they worship him.

When there are envy and hatred, men can choose wrongly. We must be careful so that we do not choose wrongly in everything such as job, marriage partner; even God and so on. We must be serious in the gentleness. God will help us.

The facts found in being lukewarm in spirituality are as follows:

1. Men are neither cold nor hot.

Revelation 3:14-17

3:14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

3:15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

3:16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

3:17 "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' --and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.

Not being cold means that there is no peace in heart but only envy, revenge, and hatred without any cause.

Not being hot means that men are not faithful and fervent in spirit especially in hearing the word of God.

The lukewarm men are only satisfied by and proud of the physical things, so they prioritize the physical blessings more than the preaching of the word.

Such people will be disappointed sometime or when they are not blessed yet and face the pre-persecution of Antichrist, they will leave Jesus.

The consequences are as follows:

- They are vomited by God. It means that they are useless and the same as vomit which is unclean and disgusting.
- They are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. It means that they are arrogant because of the physical things, so they fight against the five wounds of Jesus and get the atmosphere of curse up to the perdition.

2. Men are neither victorious nor defeated.

Exodus 32:17-18

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Joshua was great until he could go up to the mountain with Moses, but he had to be shepherded and had no arrogance It is a lesson for us that how great a youth physically and spiritually is, he must be shepherded.

The elder and all of us who have been successful, moreover the people who are not successful yet must be shepherded

Why?

- The youth still often follow the voice of the flesh. Joshua thought the Israel was in war when they did sins. The shepherding word is able to repress the voice of the flesh to hear the voice of God although it is not in line to the flesh. God takes responsible to everything.
- The elder often use the fleshly thought even though they know that it is wrong. Therefore, they need to be shepherded. The shepherding word is able to repress all of the fleshly thought, so we can follow the will of God although we think it is not good for us.
- Because only the shepherd has the gift for discerning the spirit. When he does not agree with us, we must be careful.

While Moses fought on the mountain to receive the clue to build the Tabernacle (the Tabernacle teaching) and the two tablets of stone (the Bride Tidings), at the feet of the mountain, Israelites built a golden calf. It means that they did not prioritize; even they rejected the true teaching word. It is the hard heart.

When there is no sword, men are neither defeated nor victorious.

The meanings are as follows:

- o Men still keep the sins up to the peak and do not want to be sanctified.
- o Men sing with the fleshly joy, ambition, and emotion.
When men do not want to be sanctified, the flesh appears for sure.
- o There is a false worship. Men worship the idol but say "This is my god". They feel that they worship God but in fact, they serve and worship the Antichrist.

Amos 8:3,11

8:3 And the songs of the temple Shall be wailing in that day," Says the Lord GOD--"Many dead bodies everywhere, They shall be thrown out in silence."

8:11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD."

The consequences are as follows:

- a. The songs in the temple of God will become a wailing because of the spiritual famine. It means that men cannot reach the new song or the song of bride that is the result of sanctification.
- b. God says "*I never knew you, depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!*"

3. Men neither die nor arise.

Revelation 13:1-3

13:1 And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

13:2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

13:3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

Not dying means that one does not die to his old life.

Not arising means that one does not arise in the new life.

Not die and arise means that one does not experience the spiritual miracle or the life renewal because they only pursue the physical ones even though it is not in line with the word of God. He serves and ministers to God but he rejects the power of godliness.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3:1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

3:2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3:3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

3:4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

The power of the service and ministry to God is the cross and the sword. When one rejects the cross, he also rejects the sword for sure. We must bear both of them. When there is sword, there is cross for sure. When one does not want the cross but only the sword, he will cut the ear of other people like Peter who cut the ear of Malchus.

The perilous times is happening now. At this time, the government in all countries in the world has forbidden men to gather, so they do the service and ministry to God in their own house. Maybe it is the time to enter the Gethsemane, the pre-persecution of the Antichrist, the time of sanctification, and the revival of Holy Spirit at the later rain. We must be careful! We must prioritize the spiritual thing.

The first characteristic of the flesh is the egoism, so men only think their self-interest. When men are egoistic, they are not faithful for sure. They only love the pleasure rather than God like Eve.

In the past time, Israelites were given manna but they did not want it and asked for meat. God gave them quail but they died while they just chewed it. It means that they could not worship God until their spirituality was dried and dead.

At the last days, many servants and the ministers of God say that they serve and minister to Him, but unfortunately their service and ministry are false because they reject its power, namely the cross and the sword.

Consequently, their life does not change even though they serve and minister to God. They still keep the fleshly man with

the eighteen characteristics up to the peak, namely the disobedience. They are stamped with 666 and become the same as the Antichrist who will be destroyed forever.

It is the condition at the last days as in the church of the Laodiceans.

The solution is that God stands at the door and knocks. It means that He rebukes us by the repetitive teaching word or the shepherding word so that we realize and open the door of our heart for Him.

Revelation 3:18-20

3:18 "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

3:19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

2 Timothy 4:2

4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

The contents of the true teaching word are as follows:

1. It convinces sins up to the hidden ones in heart and mind so that we realize, regret, and confess it to God and other people.
We experience the forgiveness of sins, so we are not condemned.
Do not blame at other people.
2. It rebukes us hard so that we do not repeat the sins which have been forgiven by God anymore, because when men do the sin again, the forgiveness is canceled.
When men always repeat doing sins, the rebuking will be harder until they can be gentle or harden their heart and reject the word until they do not want to hear the word anymore.
Let us repent, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.
3. It exhorts us. It is the leading hand of God so that we keep on living in righteousness, holiness, and His will.
Do not turn to the right or to the left.
We increase in the righteousness and holiness.
The leading hand of God also gives the solution to the impossible problems.
The leading hand of God also leads us to enter the shepherding pen or the perseverance in doing the three main services to God as follows:
 - The Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in doing the General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts of Holy Spirit
 - The Table of Showbread refers to perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service and Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching word and sacrifice of Christ.
 - The Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in doing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love. Now, the physical breath is attacked. We face it with the spiritual breath, namely we worship God much and submit the breath of our life to Him.

It is the direction of the teaching word.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the trinity of God, so the trinity of Satan cannot touch and deceive us.

The shepherding pen means as follows:

- The place to affirm the salvation, righteousness, holiness, and the blessing of God up to the perfection.
- The place to buy the heavenly treasures as follows:

Revelation 3:18

3:18 "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

- a. The gold which is refined in the fire. It refers to the Table of Showbread or the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service and Holy Communion.

In the Bible Study Service, we are digging the mine of gold until we get the pure gold. Actually, we must pay the price, but it not comparable with the blood of Jesus.

The pure gold refers to the faith. We are strong and courageous in facing anything at the last days, so we are neither disappointed nor hopeless and do not deny God. We do not hope to others but only believe and hope Him. We keep on following Him.

- b. The eye salve to the eyes. It refers to the Golden Candlestick or the perseverance in doing the General Service. In the General Service, Holy Spirit is poured so that the lamp is bright and the eyes can see especially the field of God.
It means that we can be faithful and fervent in spirit to serve and minister to God according to the ministry which is entrusted by Him until the end line. Do not stop on the halfway.
- c. The white garment. It refers to the perseverance in doing the Prayer Service.
The white garment is the garment of the holiness. We are more sanctified and changed until we get the white garment of the bride or the fine linen. The flesh is not seen anymore and we are perfect like Jesus.

At this time, God stands at the door of our heart. He knocks it with the true teaching word which is hard and repeated to do the following things:

1. To finish all things which have not been finished yet.
We finish all of wickedness, uncleanness, arrogance, and so on. We confess and get cleansed by the blood of Jesus, so we have the peaceful heart which does not accuse and is not accused anymore.
2. So that we can surrender fully to God and lift our hands to Him.
We do not know the things that happen in our life nowadays, but we know that we have many weaknesses. It must be surrendered to God.

The results are as follows:

1. God dines with us.

Revelation 3:20

3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

It means that He stretches out His loving hand to embrace us, so we can lean on His bosom.

We know our weaknesses and we only need His mercy. We must use it seriously.

The merciful hand of God gives the assurance for our living now in the difficulties of the world up to the age of the Antichrist who rules over the world for three and a half years. There is a successful and beautiful future life until we enter the marriage supper of the Lamb and the joy with God.

2. We receive the power of victory because the merciful hand of God fights for us.

Revelation 3:21

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."

2 Chronicles 14:11

14:11 And Asa cried out to the LORD his God, and said, "LORD, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O LORD our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O LORD, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!"

If we persevere in doing the three main services to God and we are willingly sanctified, He will stretch His hand for us. Our life depends on His great merciful hand.

God gives us victory. It means that He finishes all of our impossible problems and He determines our heart beat.

John 21:20-22

21:20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

21:21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"

21:22 Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

Revelation 3:21

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.

The last victory is that we are sanctified and changed until we are perfect when Jesus comes for the second time. We sit with Him on the throne of heaven forever.

Let us lift our hands only to God, so our life is in His merciful hand. Let us surrender all things to Him and finish our weaknesses now.

God blesses you.