

General Service in Malang, March 28, 2021 (Sunday Morning)

The whole book of Revelation consists of the following two big parts:

1. **Revelation 1-12** about the appearance of Jesus as the Heavenly Bridegroom who is perfect and the one of the church as the perfect heavenly bride.

Revelation 1:16

1:16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

Jesus appears as the Heavenly Bridegroom for sanctifying the church with a sharp two-edged sword which goes out of His mouth.

Revelation 2 and 3 refers to the appearance of the church that still has many weaknesses and blemishes, but willingly being sanctified by the sharp two-edged sword going out of Jesus' mouth, namely the revelation of the Word through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible, the true teaching Word, or the Bride Tidings.

Revelation 12:1-2

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.

Thus, the church that is sanctified by the sword of the Word will someday become the light of the world or the perfect heavenly bride who is as perfect as Jesus is.

Revelation 19:9

19:9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

The perfect marriage happens between Christ as the Heavenly Bridegroom with the congregation or the heavenly bride on the glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time. After that, we enter Paradise or the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace and the everlasting New Jerusalem.

2. **Revelation 13-22** about the appearance of the false Christ, the Antichrist, the bridegroom who is perfect in the evil and uncleanness, or the beast as well as the one of the false church, the false bride, the harlot, or the woman of Babylon.

Revelation 17:3

17:3 So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

The marriage of blasphemy or the false one between the harlot and the beast is for being destroyed forever in the hell.

The plan of God is lifting and sanctifying the church or the sinful until they are perfect for entering the perfect marriage, the marriage supper of the Lamb on the glorious clouds, Paradise, and the New Jerusalem.

Nevertheless, Satan or the fiery red dragon tries to hinder the church's being perfect like Jesus. Moreover, he wants to make the church fall and get the destruction.

How can the dragon hinder?

Revelation 12:3-4

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.

12:4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

[Revelation 12:3-18] is about the clear and complete appearance of Satan or dragon with his activities on the last days as follows:

1. [Revelation 12:4a] His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven.

2. [Revelation 12:4b] Devouring.
3. [Revelation 12:7] Fighting.
4. [Revelation 12:13] Persecuting or catching up fast.
5. [Revelation 12:15] Causing the woman or the church of God to be carried away by the flood.
6. [Revelation 12:17] Making war or persecuting.

The whole Revelation 13 is about the seventh activity of Satan or the dragon, namely blaspheming and deceiving.

Revelation 13:1,6

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.

13:6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

Revelation 13:11,14

13:11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

13:14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

Thus, Revelation 12 and 13 contains the seven activities of Satan or the dragon for hindering the perfection of the church as the bride of God.

Why does Satan seriously hinder the church with his wrath?

He does it because he knows that if the church, that formerly was sinful and cast to the world in the curses, can be sanctified or changed by the sword of the Word until being as perfect as Jesus is or the heavenly bridegroom, she will be lifted up to the throne of heaven and live eternally. On the contrary, Satan who formerly was Lucifer, the angel ministering on the throne of heaven, has lost his position and been cast to the world to get the eternal condemnation in the hell.

Therefore, we must try seriously that our life and marriage can be righteous, holy, and perfect through giving our whole life, body, soul, spirit, and marriage to the work of the sword of the Word going out of Jesus' mouth, the teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword, or the Bride Tidings.

Hebrews 4:12-13

4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

The true teaching Word is able to sanctify our life and marriage up to our deep heart because there is no creature hidden from His sight or the true teaching Word until someday we become as perfect as Jesus is.

Mark 5:25-28

5:25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years,

5:26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.

5:27 When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.

5:28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

Revelation 19:13,16

19:13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

19:16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

If we willingly go out of our hiding place and all of our weaknesses, physical condition, sins, and flaws to come to Jesus for hearing the teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword or the Bride Tidings with a full confidence until we obey it, we will get the healing, physical help, and sanctification up to the perfection.

Isaiah 4:1

4:1 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, "We will eat our own food and wear our own apparel; Only let us be called by your name, To take away our reproach."

The seven women refer to the seven churches of the Gentiles or the ones on the last days that are in the weakness, flaws, and

reproaches.

The one man refers to Jesus or the Heavenly Bridegroom who is able to sanctify us or take away our reproaches and flaws through a sharp sword going out of His mouth until we are perfect.

Hebrews 12:10

12:10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.

Rejecting the sword, one will receive the whip of God so that he returns to the holiness.

If the sword and whip are rejected, God will let him go for the everlasting condemnation.

Our position on the last days is like the seven women holding one man as follows:

1. The negative position refers to the sin of fornication or the wrong marriage.
2. The positive position refers to the congregation on the last days, especially the Gentiles that must attach to Jesus Himself or the true teaching Word. It means that we must be shepherded to Jesus Himself. We must always be in the sheepfold through the perseverance in doing the three main services to God as follows:
 - The Golden Candlestick refers to the perseverance in doing the General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts.
 - The Table of Showbread refers to the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
 - The Golden Altar of Incense refers to the perseverance in doing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love.

Thus, in the sheepfold or perseverance in doing the three main services to God, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God in Jesus Himself like a branch that attaches to the true teaching Word. We are sanctified and renewed continually until we are perfect and without blemish.

What must be sanctified?

1. Reproach or flaw.

Isaiah 54:4

54:4 "Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; For you will forget the shame of your youth, And will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore.

There are two kinds of reproach as follows:

- The shame of youth.

2 Timothy 2:22-23

2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2:23 But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

It means as follows:

- a. The reproach of evil or love of money, so one looks for money in illegal ways and becomes stingy (he cannot give) and greedy (he steals the possession of God, namely the tithes and offerings, and the one of others).
- b. The reproach of uncleanness, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.
- c. The reproach of bitterness or hatred without a cause until there are quarrel and the reproach of self-truth.

Being sanctified, there will be sweet fruits. We become just and faithful. We are only on God's side. We have the love and peace.

- The reproach of widowhood.

1 Timothy 5:11-13

5:11 But refuse the younger widows; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry,

5:12 *having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith.*

5:13 *And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not.*

1 Timothy 5:5

5:5 *Now she who is really a widow, and left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day.*

The reproach of widowhood is not only about the lust, but also about the mouth, namely gossiping and being busybody. Being sanctified, we can persevere in prayer, so we become the house of prayer, yield sweet fruits, and have the atmosphere of *home sweet home*.

Jeremiah 23:40

23:40 *'And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.'*

Nevertheless, rejecting the sanctification by the sword of the Word, the chastening, or the whip, the life will get the eternal reproach and become the den of thieves. It means the bitterness of life up to everlasting perdition.

2. The characteristic of anxiety, doubt, and fear until resisting against God and the true teaching Word.

1 Peter 5:7

5:7 *casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.*

The proof of being sanctified from anxiety is casting all our care upon the Great Shepherd who preserves us directly. All things become easy and light.

1 Peter 5:5

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."*

We can be humble and obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore. We can believe and entrust our life fully to Jesus.

Philippians 2:8

2:8 *And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

Jesus is obedient to the point of death on the cross, so He gets the name which is above all names or the powerful name. If we are obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore or we surrender fully to Jesus, He will entrust His powerful name to us.

The results are as follows:

- We cry out the name of Jesus, so we get the power of His name, namely the victory over the trinity of Satan.

Philippians 2:10

2:10 *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,*

We get the power of His preservation which is miraculous in the midst of the wilderness of the world which is in the great crisis until we are in the wilderness as the place for the evacuation for three and a half years. We are directly preserved by God.

The trinity of Satan is the source of temptations and impossible problems. Defeating him means that we get the power of victory over all problems.

- The power of victory for trampling the scorpions, namely the spirits of evil and uncleanness and the source of sins, so we can live in righteousness and holiness and love one another; even we can love our enemy. We do not harm others. It is also the power for trampling the serpent, namely the false teachings, so we can keep on holding the true teaching and saying the righteous and good words.

Luke 10:17-19

10:17 *Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."*

10:18 *And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.*

10:19 *"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy,*

and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

The power of victory makes Satan fall like lightning from heaven. There is power of God's employment in the revival of the lightning or the edification of the perfect body of Christ. We are used by God, so we are not used by Babylon.

- The power of renewal from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus is.
There is new name from Jacob to Israel. Jacob means liar. Israel means honesty, especially about the true teaching. When Jesus comes a second time, we are changed to be as perfect as He is. We do not stumble in words. We shout for joy saying "Alleluia" on the glorious clouds and enter the New Jerusalem. Our name is written on the book of life in heaven forever.

Luke 10:20

10:20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

God blesses you.