

General Service in Malang, May 09, 2021 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 13:2

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.

Revelation 13:2 is about the appearance of the Antichrist in the combination of four beasts.

We are learning the fourth point, namely the dragon with the power of its tail destroys its enemies, and with its throne and authority.

John 8:44

8:44 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

The power of the dragon is for killing. It refers to the spirits of hatred or evil.

1 John 3:15

3:15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

There are three places where the hatred or killing happens as follows:

1. In the world.

John 15:18-19,23-25

15:18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.

15:19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

15:23 "He who hates Me hates My Father also.

15:24 "If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.

15:25 "But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'

John 16:2

16:2 "They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

The hatred happens anywhere in the world (the world of education, trade, sport, and so on); even the hatred is said seven times, namely the hatred without a cause or the killing.

The number seven refers to the Golden Candlestick with the seven lamps.

The seven times of hatred up to the killing mean that men live in the darkness. If it continues, they will be in the darkness of the hell.

The world is full of hatred for persecuting, causing difficulties for men, until killing or destroying men in the outer darkness.

John 15:26-27

15:26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

15:27 "And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

John 16:1

16:1 "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.

The solution is Holy Spirit. We need Holy Spirit. What for?

- Holy Spirit helps us so that we can be strong and of good courage. We are not disappointed or hopeless. We do not reject Jesus regardless of anything that happens. We keep on serving and ministering to Jesus. The world causing difficulties for us so that we do not minister to Jesus anymore.

Do not hate like the world! There must be no hatred in the sons of God.

- Holy Spirit helps us to testify. We can radiate the light to the world which is full of darkness. What thing must we testify?

Mark 5:18-19

*5:18 And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him.
5:19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."*

We must testify the grace of God that has helped us and all things which He has done in our life, especially calling us from the darkness to His marvelous light.

Philippians 4:8-9

4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.

4:9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Before becoming the witness of God, we must be righteous first like a candlestick which must be repaired first before we use it.

Living in **righteousness** begins from the right identity card and obeying the traffic rules as well as the health protocol. Living in righteousness, our life must be in **beauty**. We must live in **justice** and **holiness**, so there must be the **sweetness**, **goodness**, and **peace** in life.

There are seven lights of testimony like the seven burning lamps that illuminate our household and friendship in the office or society, until we become the light of the world. As a result, God the peace will accompany us.

John 16:33

16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

We get the power of victory for defeating the world which persecutes and kills us. The proof of defeating the world is having the peace. We defeat the gravity of the world which wants to drown us like Jesus, who could walk on the water. We get the power of victory and lifting up. All things can be easy and light in our life.

The victory is also signified by the crown. Our following Jesus is the same as a race and fight. God will provide the crown of the bride for us when we are victorious. Living in the hatred is the same as having a bald head without the crown.

2. In the shepherding pen.

Genesis 37:3-5,9,20

37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.

37:4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

37:5 Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more.

37:9 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."

37:20 "Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some pit; and we shall say, 'Some wild beast has devoured him.' We shall see what will become of his dreams!"

It includes the fellowship.

Not speaking peaceably to someone is the beginning of hatred. There is the power of the dragon. Likewise, slandering is the same as killing.

Why can the hatred happen?

- Joseph got the tunic of many colors and the dream or the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit. All kinds of ministry are beautiful.
- Esau got the jealousy and revenge or hatred to Jacob because of the blessing.

Genesis 27:41

27:41 So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, "The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

Do not ever keep any revenge! We must always remember the goodness of others towards us so that we can repay good for good.

If we are shepherded, all things will be beautiful.

All of us are used by God with our own ministry and gift and we must work together.

Do not belittle any ministry and gifts because each of them in the body of Christ is glorious. No part of our body is despicable to deserve to be cut. All of us are used in the glorious work and blessed by God. Being able to take a breath and drink water has been the blessing of God.

We must always give thanks to God.

We must be shepherded well and join the true and good fellowship that is based on the true teaching Word.

We are in one body. For example, the right foot will move forward after the left one move. They move alternately. We only need to wait for the time, the important thing is being shepherded and joining the right and good fellowship. We do not need to be jealous.

What is the solution when there is hatred in the shepherding?

Genesis 37:31

37:31 So they took Joseph's tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood.

The tunic of many colors must be dipped in the blood. It means that we must experience the cross, the sprinkling of blood, or the suffering with or because of Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

Why must the robe be dipped in the blood? It must be dipped in the blood so that we get the renewal of life to be the spiritual or new man like Jesus is.

The results are as follows:

- We do not lose heart or get disappointed and hopeless, but rejoice and always give thanks when we are suffering with Jesus.
- We can radiate the seven lights of the life renewal.

Colossians 3:10-14

3:10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, 3:11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

3:12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

3:14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

The humility refers to the ability to confess the sins.

The meekness refers to the ability to receive the Word although it is hard and sharp.

It is until we get the love for loving God and others.

Genesis 45:3-5,15

45:3 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence.

45:4 And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt.

45:5 "But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

45:15 Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

As a result, the whole family can enter the edification of the one body of Christ up to the perfection. We must testify through the grain of Joseph, namely the Bride Tidings that is able to unite all of us.

Revelation 19:8

19:8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

The righteous acts will someday become the garment of the bride for welcoming Jesus' second coming.

3. In the marriage or household.

Mark 13:12-13

13:12 "Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

13:13 "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

We must be careful so that there is no hatred between the husband and wife, the parents and children, as well as the parents in law and the sons or daughters in law. Do not hate, slander, vilify, and kill one another!

The dragon wants to destroy the marriage until not entering the perfect one.

Matthew 24:12-13

24:12 "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

24:13 "But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

The solution is enduring in the love of God; even we must increase in it. How is the process?

- We must persevere in the shepherding well and correctly or attach to the one true Vine of the true teaching Word and dwell continually in the sheepfold. As a result, we get the source of love.
For example, Peter who had cut the ear of Malkhus could be helped still through the shepherding.
- We can confess and forgive one another. After forgiving the sin of others, we must forget it.

Proverbs 28:13

28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

As long as we keep our own sin or the sin of others, we will never prosper.

We must be able to love God and others in the household. We must honor and serve to one another.

The wife can honor the husband and the husband can love the wife. The children can obey the parents and the parents do not make the children lose heart.

Romans 15:5

15:5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

Psalms 133:1-3

133:1 <<A Song of Ascents. Of David.>> Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!

133:2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.

133:3 It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing--Life forevermore.

As a result, God is able to command the blessings to the place where men dwell together in unity.

- We must be the house of prayer in the household. The requirement is agreeing or having the one heart and one voice.

Matthew 18:19-20

18:19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

Romans 15:6

15:6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The one heart refers to one teaching. The husband and wife must be filled with the one same teaching Word.

Ephesians 4:3-6

4:3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4:4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

4:5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

4:6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

The one body and one Head refer to one true teaching Word. The table contains the one same bread.

If the whole household is filled with the one same teaching Word or one Head, there will be one spirit, one hope, and so on.

There are seven unities or the burning lamp in the household which cannot be made dark by the hatred, difficulty, and anything.

We are indeed different from each other, but the seven things must be one. For example, the pomegranate on the tip of the robe of Aaron has many compartments or it is sectional. Nevertheless it is still one fruit.

The one voice refers to the one worship saying "Alleluia" or there is the golden bell.

Psalm 105:45

105:45 That they might observe His statutes And keep His laws. Praise the LORD!

It means that there is Jesus' presence as the High Priest in our household and He is ready for helping us. We can be the house of prayer.

Hebrews 4:16

4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Jesus as the faithful and merciful High Priest will help us right in His time.

Not being helped yet now, let us do the introspection in our life because there is something which must be fixed in our life.

The first example is Abraham. He got the promise of God to have the son and waited for twenty five years. What had to be fixed? The firmness of his faith had to be fixed.

His faith had been moved by the voice of his wife for taking Hagar as wife to get the son.

We must be fixed until we truly become firm.

Romans 4:18-20

4:18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."

4:19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

4:20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

God is able to create something that does not exist yet and change impossible things to be possible (Jehovah Jireh).

The second example is the woman of Canaan (Mark 7:25-28). What had to be fixed? The tongue had to be fixed.

God waited for the confession of her tongue until she confessed that her tongue was like a dog's, namely lying, saying wrong things, and blaming at others much. When we can honestly confess our sins, God is ready for helping us.

He is able to help the destruction of marriage and all kinds of problems and diseases.

John 11:38-40

11:38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

11:39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

11:40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

The third example is Martha. What must be fixed? The dishonesty and unbelieving as well as disobedience to God must be fixed.

We must open our heart or confess all rotten things so that God is able to revive us or change our life to be fragrant and beautiful.

We can be changed and cry out "Alleluia" when Jesus comes a second time until we enter the New Jerusalem where we pray day and night. We become the house of prayer forever.

God blesses you.