

General Service in Malang, May 31, 2020 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 11:7-10

11:7. *When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.*

11:8. *And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*

11:9. *Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.*

11:10. *And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.*

The title of the passage is The Witnesses Killed.

The two witnesses or the two righteous men who are killed means the atmosphere of the spiritual dryness and death that happen to the people in the world including the church of God in the last days because of rejecting the cross or Jesus.

The two witnesses are the last righteous men who are killed in the world. It means that there is no more righteousness in the world and church.

Ezekiel 37:1-2,11-12

37:1. *The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.*

37:2. *Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry.*

37:11. *Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!'"*

37:12. *"Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel."*

The atmosphere of the spiritual dryness and death in the last days has been prophesied by Ezekiel the prophet like the dry bones in the graves.

The facts of becoming the dry bones are as follows:

- One is easily proud of worldly things until he leaves the ministry and denies God.
- One often gets disappointed and desperate because of worldly thing, so he leaves the ministry and denies God.
- Mourning because of the truth but rejoicing because of sin, so he does not want to confess his sin but blames at others and God.

Revelation 11:10

11:10. *And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.*

He just does the wickedness sin, namely insulting and rejecting the true teaching word, hurting the righteous man, and being unjust even persecuting him. He also does the uncleanness sin, namely the sins of eating-drinking and marring-giving in marriage. He enjoys the sins up to the peak. He does not want to be reproved and advised.

Consequently, one will be scattered from the body of Christ. He is left in the world when Jesus comes a second time and destroyed in the hell forever.

How is the way out?

Ezekiel 37:3-6

37:3. *And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."*

37:4. *Again He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!"*

37:5. *'Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live."*

37:6. *"I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.""*

The only way out to face the dry bones is the prophetic word.

The prophetic word refers to the true teaching word that is sharper than any two-edged sword or the purification word of the Bride Tidings.

There are two kinds of the preaching of the Word as follows:

1. The good news. It brings the sinners to believe in Jesus. They are saved and blessed. But their quality is still like a child, so they can be the dry bones again when they are driven and tossed in the world. That is why they need the second preaching.
2. The solid food or the true teaching word that is sharper than any two-edged sword. It purifies the saved people up to perfection like Jesus.

Luke 8:18

8:18. "Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."

We must take heed how we hear the true teaching word.

It means as follows:

1. What we hear, namely the true teaching word, not others.
2. How we hear. We must hear the Word solemnly and with a need like a hungry man who eats. We truly enjoy it like a dog which licks the crumbs.
3. Believing in the word, so it becomes faith in our heart that increases up to being the tested and perfect faith. We do not fall or we are not driven and tossed by the condition in the last days.

Be careful! If we do not hear the true teaching word solemnly, namely being sleepy, chatting, *et cetera*, what we seem to have will be taken from us. It means that the faith is taken until there is no faith. He falls from faith, so he loses the salvation.

4. Practicing the true teaching word, so we experience its working, namely purifying us up to perfection, so we become the heavenly bride.

So, the word is useful for us if we understand, believe, and practice it.

Ezekiel 37:7-8

37:7. So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone.

37:8. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

The results of the work of the Bride Tidings or the prophetic word that is practiced are as follows:

- '*suddenly a rattling*' refers to the voice of sin confession, not judging others.
- '*the bones came together, bone to bone*' refer to the fellowship.
- The sinews and joints.
The joints are used to move.
The sinews are used to unify.

- '*the flesh came upon them*' refers to the new flesh or the renewal of life.
- '*the skin covered them over*'.
- Being given the breath of life.
The human was created on the sixth day and he was given the breath of life, so he completely became a man.

Ezekiel 37:9

37:9. Also He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."'"

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Ezekiel 37:13-14

37:13. "Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves.

37:14. "I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD."

The breath of life is the same as Holy Spirit or the spirit of glory who gives life to us.

Why does the outpouring of Holy Spirit have to happen?

Genesis 2:7

2:7. And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

God formed man of the dust of the ground. He could do nothing and meant nothing. But, God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life or Holy Spirit, so he became a living being.

It means that our life will become meaningful after we receive Holy Spirit.

Becoming a living being means as follows:

1. Living in glory or being as glorious as God.
2. Enduring. It means that we do not get disappointed and desperate in the suffering, but being blessed.

1 Peter 4: 14

4:14. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

We do not endure when we easily get disappointed and desperate.

3. We are not controlled by death. We are not destroyed. Maybe we die in the world, but we will be risen.

This is the reason why Holy Spirit must be poured out to us.

Genesis 6:3

6:3. And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

Why does the outpouring of Holy Spirit still happen after He is breathed? Because human sinned up to the peak in the days of Noah, so they lost the glory or Holy Spirit and returned to the man of clay

The facts found in the man of clay or without Holy Spirit are as follows:

1. Being limited. His age is just a hundred and twenty years. It means that there are many physical weaknesses, especially the spiritual ones.
2. Every intent of the thoughts of his heart is only evil or not sincere.

Genesis 6:5-6

6:5. Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6:6. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

A man without Holy Spirit mocks the righteous people and supports the false ones. His heart is not sincere. He does not have the heart of dove.

Genesis 3:14

3:14. So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.

The man without Holy Spirit just becomes the serpent's food. He becomes the same as the serpent or Satan. His heart is not sincere but hypocritical. His deed makes the heart of God grieved, the heart of the true parents sore, and the heart of the shepherd lament by sinning up to the peak, namely the sins of eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse) and marrying-giving in marriage (impurity, the destruction in marriage, starting from violence in marriage).

Genesis 6:11-12

6:11. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

6:12. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

The destruction in marriage continues up to infidelity, mixed-marriage, divorce-remarrying, and marriage-giving in marriage. It makes the heart of God grieved.

We must keep our marriage, starting from the time we make our relationship.

The man without Holy Spirit also does the sins of envy, bitterness, and revenge.

That is why we must have the sincerity about the marriage.

For example, Joseph wanted to divorce Mary secretly. But he had a sincere heart and willingly heard the word, so his marriage was helped.

As long as husband and wife have the sincerity, they will not experience the destruction in marriage because the word is able to help the marriage and children.

If the heart is not sincere, it will be in vain although there is the word.

In the ministry, we must have sincerity too, so we are not scattered. It is the important thing before God. Being rich or poor is God's business.

The consequence is being destroyed in the lake of fire and brimstone. The destiny is like the serpent.

God does not will that His creation just becomes like the serpent.

That is why God promises the permanent outpouring of Holy Spirit in our life, not only being breathed.

If Holy Spirit is just breathed, He may go away when the heart of man is not sincere.

Genesis 9:13-17

9:13. "I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

9:14. "It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud;

9:15. "and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

9:16. "The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

9:17. And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

In the days of Noah, the outpouring of Holy Spirit was just the shadow, namely the rainbow with seven colors or the lampstand with seven lights.

Joel 2:28-29

2:28. "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.

2:29. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

Joel the prophet prophesies about the outpouring of Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:4-5

1:4. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;

1:5. "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

God reminds and establishes His promise to pour out Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:15

1:15. And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said,

Previously, the age of human was limited to a hundred and twenty years. Now, the outpouring of Holy Spirit is started with the number a hundred and twenty.

Acts 2:1-4

2:1. When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2:2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

2:3. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

2:4. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The fulfillment of the outpouring of Holy Spirit has happened at the attic of Jerusalem until now.

The process of the outpouring of Holy Spirit is as follows:

1. **As for God.** Jesus must go away to pour out Holy Spirit for us.

John 16:7

16:7. *"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you."*

It means as follows:

- Jesus must die on the cross, but He is risen to bruise the head of the serpent, so we do not become the same as the serpent.

Genesis 3: 15

3:15. *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."*

We are set free from the serpent. We do not become the same as the serpent.

- Jesus is ascended to heaven to pour out Holy Spirit to us. It has started from the attic of Jerusalem until now.

2. **As for us:**

- Being lowly in heart, namely we always confess that we are just clay with our many mistakes. We are unable as well as nothing.

Genesis 1:1-2

1:1. *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth*

1:2. *The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*

'the face of the waters' = zero point.

If we are lowly in heart, we will be able to confess and forgive one another.

- Not departing from Jerusalem. It means peaceful heart.
- We must willingly bear the cross or suffer in flesh because of Jesus, not sin. As a result, the Spirit of glory will be poured out to us.

1 Peter 4: 12-14

4:12. *Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;*

4:13. *but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.*

4:14. *If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.*

The suffering in flesh because of Jesus means perseverance in committing the prayer service, suffering in flesh because of righteousness, fasting prayer, and all night-long prayer.

We conceive Holy Spirit like a mother does. Our yearning and perseverance must increase until Holy Spirit is born.

The signs of the fullness of Holy Spirit are as follows:

1. Speaking with other tongues, as the Spirit gives us utterance.
Holy Spirit comes from stomach and then tongue. Follow what Holy Spirit wants to speak!
2. Being obedient.

The functions of Holy Spirit are as follows:

1. Holy Spirit is able to raise our physical life. It means that Holy Spirit is able to take care of our physical life that has no power in the midst of the difficulties in the world until the age of the Antichrist.

Romans 8:11

8:11. *But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortalbodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

Holy Spirit also protects us from disaster in the world and God's punishment over the world, so our life becomes truly easy,

light, safe, and peaceful up to eternal life.

2. Holy Spirit gives His gifts to us, so we can minister to God according to the ministry that He gives to us.

1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

12:4. There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

12:5. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.

12:6. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

Having the nine gifts of Holy Spirit (star), there will be the nine ministries (moon), nine works of the love (sun), and nine fruits of the Spirit (the image or glory of the trinity of God).

If Holy Spirit gives the gifts, further there are ministry, the works of the love, and fruit of the Spirit. The dry bones will become the great army. This is the result of the working of the seventh prophetic word.

Ezekiel 37:10

37:10. So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

The great army refers to the following things:

- The witness of God.

Psalm 68:1

68:11. The Lord gave the word; Great was the company of those who proclaimed it:

We become the witness of God to bring the Good News to people who do not know Jesus, and Bride Tidings to the saved people.

We become the witness from household, before men until we become the light of the world.

- One who fights or struggles with the power of Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:26-28

8:26. Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

8:27. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

8:28. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

'groanings which cannot be uttered' = broken heart or speaking with other tongue.

We struggle to fight against our weakness especially the spiritual one. We cannot pray. We experience spiritual dryness. We are lazy to pray and minister. Do not step back!

No matter our weakness is, God will help. Holy Spirit is still here.

Holy Spirit is able to make all things good. The thing that has been destroyed can be good. Failure becomes success and impossible thing becomes possible.

We have many struggles spiritually. The seven churches of the Gentiles have many weaknesses.

For example, the church of Ephesus is great but they lose the first love, so they cannot repent.

Revelation 2:4-5

2:4. "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

2:5. "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place--unless you repent.

The church of Ephesus rejects the cross too. They do not want to sacrifice for God, so they sacrifice others and God. They have no first love.

The church of the Laodicean is lukewarm or neither cold nor hot. They have no peace but always envy and hate.

Not being hot means that one is not faithful and has no fervency. We struggle, so we can experience peace and fervency anymore.

- When God comes, the great army will be changed into the perfect heavenly bride, namely a woman with sun, moon,

and stars.

Song of Solomon 6:10

6:10. Who is she who looks forth as the morning, Fair as the moon, Clear as the sun, Awesome as an army with banners?

We are ready to greet Jesus when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds. We are with Him forever.

God blesses us.