

General Service in Malang, November 14, 2021 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 14:6-13 is about the proclamations of the punishment.

Hebrews 9:27-28

9:27. And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

9:28. so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Men die once. It means as follows:

1. Men live and die once in the world. We cannot die and live for many times. We do not reincarnate, *et cetera*. The plant can die and live again because it does not have blood and flesh.

Job 14:7-10

14:7. "For there is hope for a tree, If it is cut down, that it will sprout again, And that its tender shoots will not cease.

14:8. Though its root may grow old in the earth, And its stump may die in the ground,

14:9. Yet at the scent of water it will bud And bring forth branches like a plant.

14:10. But man dies and is laid away; Indeed he breathes his last And where is he?

2. We do not live forever in this world, but there is the finish line, namely our death or Jesus' second coming. Someday, we must leave this world.

Men die once, but after this they will be judged. It means that men will be judged and punished after living in the world.

Who will experience the judgment and punishment?

1. Revelation 14:6-7

14:6. Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth--to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people--

14:7. saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

Men who reject the everlasting gospel (God's Himself), namely the gospel of salvation that saves the sinners and the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the true teaching Word that purifies the saved people up to perfection and having eternal life.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- a. One does not fear God, so he sins and lies.
- b. One who does not glorify God but makes His heart grieved, namely one does not want to minister to God but steals God's.
- c. One who does not worship God, the Creator, but worships God's creation such as animal, tree, man, *et cetera*. Not worshipping God means not believing in Him.

2. Revelation 14:8

14:8. And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

Men who drink of the wine of Babylon because they always reject the Word. The fact found in it is committing the sins of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage.

3. Revelation 14:9-11

14:9. Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,

14:10. "he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

14:11. "And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

Men who worship the Antichrist and receive the mark 666, namely those who keep the flesh and blood men. Their body, soul, and spirit are just flesh. They are rebellious against God like the beast. They become disobedient and unfaithful to God, including in the marriage.

John 5:29

5:29. *"and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.*

Revelation 20:5a,10

20:5a. *But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.*

20:10. *The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*

The servant of God who rejects the everlasting gospel or does the evil deed will be resurrected after the thousand years are finished. It means that he is not resurrected at the first resurrection when Jesus comes a second time. The first resurrection is just for good people. They who are evil will be resurrected after the thousand years are finished to be destroyed in the hell forever.

That is why we must receive the everlasting gospel, so we do not experience the judgment or punishment in the hell forever, but receive the eternal life.

The everlasting gospel consists of the following parts:

1. The gospel of salvation.

Ephesians 1:13

1:13. *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,*

Hebrews 9:28a

9:28a. *so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.*

The gospel of salvation or good news preaches about Jesus' first coming as the only innocent Man, but He must willingly die on the cross to bear the sins of many, so we are not punished but saved and blessed.

John 3:16

3:16. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

Our attitude is that we must believe in Jesus as the only Savior who forgives our sins. Further, we do not sin anymore. When we sin, we will lose our faith. It means that we are out the Court of the Tabernacle. That is why we must not repeat sin after being forgiven. After believing in Jesus and repenting, we enter the water baptism. We are buried with Jesus and rise with Him to receive new life or heavenly one. We experience Holy Spirit baptism. We live in the anointing of Holy Spirit, namely life in righteousness.

Isaiah 33:15-16

33:15. *He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, He who despises the gain of oppressions, Who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes, Who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed, And shuts his eyes from seeing evil:*

33:16. *He will dwell on high; His place of defense will be the fortress of rocks; Bread will be given him, His water will be sure.*

Living in righteousness means being honest. There is no will of money, but being on the side of God or the true teaching Word.

Living in righteousness also means living in the good and true deeds, the ears just hear the true Word, and the eyes just see Jesus not others like Esau. Esau just saw the stew of lentils, but he despised his birthright. As long as we hear the false thing, our faith will decrease. On the contrary, if we hear the teaching Word, our faith will increase. The Word is repeated more detail to purify us.

As a result, God never lies. We will dwell on high. It means being saved in the protection of God, blessed, and guaranteed by Him.

2. The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3. *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,*

4:4. *whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.*

Hebrews 9:28b

9:28b. *To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*

2 Corinthians 1:10

1:10. *who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,*

The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ is the full salvation or perfection ('deliver us'). We are prepared to greet Jesus when He comes a second time. We enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God, the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace, up to eternal life in heaven.

We must receive the everlasting gospel completely, so we can receive the eternal life. The everlasting gospel is double food that can be provided only in the sheepfold.

Psalm 23:1-3,5

23:1. <<A Psalm of David.>> *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

23:2. *He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.*

23:3. *He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.*

23:5. *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.*

The sinner lives in labor, suffering, and curse, so the gospel Word gives restoration and rest. But the gospel Word is just milk. It is not enough. We need the table or solid food to fight against the enemy. The important thing in the sheepfold is the spiritual food which is provided by a shepherd. If we minister without eating, we will experience famine soon. The sheepfold is the place to judge ourselves, so we do not enter the eternal judgment, and we are free from the upcoming punishment.

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The god of this age is golden calf. It refers to the hardness of heart that causes men to keep sinning up to the peak, especially the will of money.

The will of money is able to make the heart blind, so one cannot receive the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.

The right attitude is becoming gentle. It is the same as opening the heart, so we can see, receive, and enjoy the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ. We can hear the Word earnestly and with a need until we become obedient.

2 Corinthians 4:5-9

4:5. *For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.*

4:6. *For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

4:7. *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.*

4:8. *We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;*

4:9. *persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed--*

The results are as follows:

- We receive the extra power from the Word. We can be strong and of good courage. We have the heart that can endure all things. We are not disappointed as well as leaving God no matter the thing that is happening to us. We keep being faithful and fervent in spirit (Christ shines).
- We have willingness to minister to God. We are not self-assertive one to another. We live in accordance with God's will. We minister sincerely and love one another, starting from our household. Let Christ shine. Do not become like the beast!
- We experience the activity of the Bride Tidings that works in the midst of the Gentiles (verse 6). God does reveal the teaching Word to the Gentiles at the ends of the world (the East) to be brought to the West up to the New Jerusalem. The

teaching Word is the Urim and the Thummim on the breast of Jesus, the High Priest. What for? To light the darkness in the congregation. It is the same as purifying us up to perfection like Jesus. We shine like Jesus does.

Let us shine! Do not become a stumbling-block in the Bride Tidings! The purification in the congregation means that we experience the ministry of reconciliation of the High Priest.

Exodus 32:30-33

32:30. Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. So now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."

32:31. Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold!

32:32. "Yet now, if You will forgive their sin -- but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written."

32:33. And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book."

The shepherding is the place of the ministry of reconciliation of the High Priest doubly as follows:

1. The Great Shepherd or the High Priest who sits at the right hand of Father God lifts up the intercession prayer, so we do not sin. Although we have sinned, we can still experience the ministry of reconciliation.
2. The shepherd in the world lifts up the intercession prayer. If a shepherd can provide the spiritual food, he will also lift up the intercession prayer, so we do not sin. Although we have sinned, a shepherd will ask the ministry of reconciliation of the High Priest.

Having the Urim, the Thummim, and the intercession prayer means that our name is being written in the Book of Life continuously. The repeated Word is useful to purify us continuously and more detail. rejecting the repeated Word means rejecting the purification. The fact of our name's being completely written in the Book of Life is that we have peaceful heart. It means that there are no hatred, fear, bitterness, *et cetera*, but just God's great love.

A peaceful heart is the strong base to receive unlimited God's mercy and power, and the result is also unlimited as follows:

1. Ezekiel 34:25-27

34:25. "I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods."

34:26. "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing."

34:27. "Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them."

The hands of God are able to make the wilderness (the atmosphere of beast and barrenness) become the garden of happiness. He blesses us to take care of us abundantly in the midst of the difficulties of the world. We are taken care of until the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years. We feel the heavenly bliss. We always give thanks and worship God.

2. Isaiah 54:9-10

54:9. "For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; For as I have sworn That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, So have I sworn That I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you."

54:10. For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," Says the LORD, who has mercy on you."

The power of God is to fight against shocks on the last days with the peaceful heart.

3. Ezekiel 37:26-28

37:26. "Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore."

37:27. "My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

37:28. "The nations also will know that I, the LORD, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore."""

God's merciful hands are able to renew us until we arrive to the place where we become His people and He becomes our God. It means that we become perfect. We can enter the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace and the New Jerusalem forever.

Revelation 21:3

21:3. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

We greet Jesus when He comes a second time with a peaceful heart because our name has been written in the Book of Life.

God blesses us.