

General Service in Malang, November 19, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 21:1-8 can be divided into three parts as follows:

1. Verse 1 = The new heaven and earth.
2. Verse 2-3 = The new man.
3. Verse 4-8 = The new atmosphere.

ad.2. **The new man refers to the heavenly bride.**

Revelation 21:2-3

21:2 *Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

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."*

What must be renewed?

Ezekiel 11:19-20

11:19 *"Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh,*

11:20 *"that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God."*

The **heart** as the source of our spiritual life must be renewed. The new man must have the new heart, namely **the heart of the bride that is obedient.**

The process of the renewal of heart is as follows:

1. **Through the water and Holy Spirit baptism**--> The Court of the Tabernacle.

Acts 19:1-6

19:1 *And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples*

19:2 *he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."*

19:3 *And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism."*

19:4 *Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."*

19:5 *When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

19:6 *And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.*

The steps are as follows:

- Having faith or believing in Jesus as the only Savior through hearing the Word that is anointed by Holy Spirit.

Romans 10:17

10:17 *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

It is the same as entering the Gate.

- Repenting--> The Altar of Burnt Offerings.

The heart believes Jesus and the mouth can confess sin to God and others. Being forgiven, do not repeat the sin!
We die to sin.

- Water baptism--> The Brazen Laver.

- Holy Spirit baptism--> The Door of the Tabernacle.

We are baptized like Jesus is baptized.

Matthew 3:16-17

3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

3:17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

The true water baptism means that one who has died to sin is buried in water together with Jesus and raised with Him. As a result, the heavens are opened and we get the new life, namely the new heart that is anointed by Holy Spirit. Such heart is the bride's, namely the obedient and sincere one. We can distinguish firmly between the true teaching Word and false teachings, between the true and false ordination, between the true and false marriage, and all things which are true and false. We can live in righteousness.

Not being sincere is the same as selling the dove and inviting the serpent to enter the marriage, shepherding, and so on.

Therefore, we must have the obedient and sincere heart, so we can invite and feel the presence of God in the marriage, shepherding, and so on until being the house of prayer. We can feel peaceful and satisfied. Our prayer is answered by God.

On the last days, many servants of God sell the dove. It means that the heart is disobedient and not sincere because of looking for the physical things. Consequently, they get the whipping or chastening from God.

2. Through the shepherding--> The Holy Place.

Exodus 2:12

2:12 So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

Moses was educated in the knowledge of Egypt or the world until being rich and intelligent in the high position. Nevertheless, he was hard-hearted.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- Looking this way and that way. It means serving and ministering to God, but not seeing Him or the true teaching Word, but only seeing man in the tribe, intelligence, riches, position, and so on until causing jealousy, hatred, hypocrisy, harming others, and creating groups.
Seeing the true teaching Word, the fellowship of the body of Christ will be formed.
- Hiding the dead body in the sand. It means serving and ministering to God in the worldly ways or the wrong ones. All ways are made legal, but without the true teaching Word or sanctification. It looks good and interesting, but not right or not in line to the true teaching Word. It seems finished, but someday will get rotten, destroyed, and opened until being embarrassed and going toward perdition.

Exodus 3:1-3

3:1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

3:2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

3:3 Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

Therefore, we must be shepherded to the true teaching Word like a branch that abides in the true Vine or always dwells in the shepherding pen in the perseverance in committing the three main services to God as follows:

- Golden Candlestick = General Service. We get the work of the flame of fire of Holy Spirit.
- Table of Showbread = Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We get the sanctification by the flame of fire of the true teaching Word.
- Golden Altar of Incense = Prayer Service. We get the sanctification by the flame of fire of God's love.

The bush was burning with the fire, but it was not consumed. It is a great sight. The bush refers to the brittle fleshly man, namely being hard-hearted and easily committing sin as well as being full of thorns, namely all things look good, but then hurting one another when the wind blows.

In the shepherding, the fleshly men get the sanctification by the flame of fire of the Word, Holy Spirit, and love, so the hard heart can be meek.

Numbers 12:1-3,12-13

12:1 Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had

married an Ethiopian woman.

12:2 So they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also?" And the LORD heard it.

12:3 (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)

12:12 "Please do not let her be as one dead, whose flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb!"

12:13 So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "Please heal her, O God, I pray!"

We can see the Lord and be obedient.

We can see our own life in infirmities or weaknesses, so we can confess, forgive, and love one another.

We can see our enemy, namely loving and pray for him so that he gets the forgiveness of God or we repay good for evil.

This is a great sight.

Revelation 12:1

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.

It continues up to the peak, namely we become the light of the world or the bride of God that is evacuated to the wilderness by the two wings of a great eagle, far away from the presence of the Antichrist who reigns over the world for three and a half years.

Moses got married with Ziporah (the Midianite). It means that Moses, with his gentle heart, was used for reaching the Gentiles. The Gentiles whose heart is gentle can also be used for reaching or ministering in the marriage or household and shepherding.

3. Through the sprinkling of blood--> The Most Holy Place.

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.

We must experience the flame of fire of persecution, test, or suffering in the flesh because of Jesus so that the Spirit of glory or Holy Spirit is poured out in our life for changing us from the fleshly man to the glorious one like Jesus is, namely being strong and of good courage.

Psalm 27:14

27:14 Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!

We are not proud nor disappointed and hopeless because of anything until leaving God.

- When waiting for the help in facing impossible problems and suffering.
- In waiting for Jesus' second coming.
- In facing the false teachings and worship as well as the persecution.

We keep on giving thanks to God and holding fast as well as obeying the true teaching Word. We also keep on not sinning, but keep faithful and fervent in spirit in serving and ministering to God as well as worshiping Him and being patient in waiting for His time.

1 Samuel 30:4-6

30:4 Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

30:5 And David's two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken captive.

30:6 Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

1 Samuel 30:17,19

30:17 Then David attacked them from twilight until the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled.

30:19 And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered all.

As a result God is able to solve all impossible problems. Nothing of ours is lacking.

God blesses you.