

General Service in Malang, November 21, 2021 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 14:6-13

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."*

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."*

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."*

14:12. *Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.*

14:13. *Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'""Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."*

Revelation 14:6-11 is about the punishment and judgment.

The important thing in verse 12-13 is that we must have the patience of the saints, keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus, so we do not experience punishment and perdition. It means that we must become the servant of God who experiences the increase of faith, hope, and love up to perfection. It is the important thing as long as we live in this world, neither being dead or alive until Jesus comes a second time. Why is it so?

Matthew 24:12

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

On the last days, the lawlessness will abound, so the love will grow cold. It is the same as the winter of love.

The crisis of love, hope, and faith happen in the world including the servant of God, so men experience the punishment up to perdition forever. Where is the safe place? In the past time, the safe place for the Israelites was Goshen. For us now, the safe place is in the sheepfold. We will not experience the crisis of faith, hope, and love, but the increase up to perfection. We learn about the crisis one by one.

1. The crisis of faith (the Word).

Jeremiah 36:21-23

36:21. *So the king sent Jehudi to bring the scroll, and he took it from Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the hearing of the king and in the hearing of all the princes who stood beside the king.*

36:22. *Now the king was sitting in the winter house in the ninth month, with a fire burning on the hearth before him.*

36:23. *And it happened, when Jehudi had read three or four columns, that the king cut it with the scribe's knife and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.*

King Jehoiakim told Jehudi to read the Word and he heard it, and then cut it with the scribe's knife and cast it into the fire. It means not appreciating the Word. It is the same as the crisis of faith.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- Grumbling when hearing the hard Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword. The Word always shows all of our weaknesses and sins up to the peak.

John 6:60-62,66

6:60. *Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"*

6:61. *When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you?"*

6:62. *"What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?"*

6:66. *From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.*

Grumbling is the same as rejecting the true teaching Word. Be careful! The disciples who have received the teaching also grumble when hearing the hard Word of God. Why? Because they harden their heart or keep sinning up to the peak. Consequently, they go back and walk with Him no more. They follow the others such as the world, the Antichrist, and false prophet. They will be destroyed forever.

Numbers 21:4-6

21:4. Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way.

21:5. And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread."

21:6. So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.

- One's soul loathes manna.

Psalm 78:23-25

78:23. Yet He had commanded the clouds above, And opened the doors of heaven,

78:24. Had rained down manna on them to eat, And given them of the bread of heaven.

78:25. Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full.

The heavens are opened after the baptism of water. Manna is rained down from the opened doors of heaven. Manna is angels' food. It refers to the shepherding Word, namely the true teaching Word which is entrusted by God to a shepherd to be preached to the congregation repetitively and abundantly.

We need longer time to eat much. Manna is the spiritual food for the congregation, so we can give thanks to God. We are satisfied spiritually. We feel full and calm. We experience the spiritual increase up to perfection like Jesus. As a result, the congregation does not experience the punishment, but receives eternal life.

Be careful of loathing the shepherding Word. There are many shepherds who loathe manna. It means that they do not want to feed the congregation with the repeated Word because of self-interest, so they tend to choose the preaching of the Word which is in accordance with their interest. Or, the shepherd asks others to feed the congregation. If the congregation also loathes manna, the crisis of manna will happen.

The consequence of the crisis of faith is the ear that is bitten by a serpent. One starts hearing the false teachings. The sins up to the peak happen in the congregation. The venom, namely false teaching and sins up to the peak enter and spread up to the heart, so the congregation experiences the spiritual dryness. He has enjoyed living in sin and self-truth. He never confesses his sin. He is not fervent anymore in the spiritual thing. Consequently, he loses all things. On the contrary, we receive all things in the shepherding. As soon as Adam and Eve heard the voice of serpent (the ear was bitten by serpent), they were cast out of garden Eden, the place where they previously had received everything. They became fleshly men or the men of Satan who lost everything up to going to the second death in the hell forever.

That is why we must be shepherded well and correctly. We are always in the sheepfold. In the Holy Place, there is the Table of Showbread. It refers to the perseverance in committing the Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We attach to the Son of God. One of the meanings of Goshen is attaching. The true teaching Word is ingrained, and it becomes faith in our heart. We can live by faith or the Word of God.

Deuteronomy 8:3

8:3. "So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.

Actually, manna is the guarantee of our life in the world. In the world we live in the midst of the crisis in all things. That is why we need the Word of God (faith). We receive all things by faith; even the eternal life in heaven.

Hebrews 11:1-3

11:1. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

11:2. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.

11:3. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

2. The crisis of hope (Holy Spirit).

Acts 2:1-3

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.*

Acts 28:1-3

28:1. *Now when they had escaped, they then found out that the island was called Malta.*

28:2. *And the natives showed us unusual kindness; for they kindled a fire and made us all welcome, because of the rain that was falling and because of the cold.*

28:3. *But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand.*

The book of Acts is started with the pouring of Holy Spirit, as of fire. But it is ended in the winter or the crisis of hope (Holy Spirit). Consequently, a viper fastened the hand of Paul the apostle to make his hand's being dead.

Galatians 6:11

6:11. *See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!*

The ministry of Paul the apostle was preaching the Word whether by word or his epistle [2 Thessalonians 2:15]. Satan fastened Paul's hand to make him not write and preach the Word of God anymore.

Galatians 5:19-21

5:19. *Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,*

5:20. *idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,*

5:21. *envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

The hand which is fastened by a viper also means that one cannot do the good deed. If we do not do the good deed, we will surely have the works of the flesh and sin. The Word needs to be repeated, because many people fall into sin. The shepherd and congregation may not loathe the Word. Do not let a viper fasten the ear and hand!

Exodus 29:9

29:9. *"And you shall gird them with sashes, Aaron and his sons, and put the hats on them. The priesthood shall be theirs for a perpetual statute. So you shall consecrate Aaron and his sons.*

'you shall consecrate Aaron and his sons' means that the viper wants to fasten our hand, so the hand of the priests become empty. It means that one cannot return the tithe and special offerings. He becomes a thief who is stingy and greedy. He cannot become the blessing, but ministers to get the physical blessing.

The true service is sacrificing, not asking; even sacrificing all of our life to God. If we just ask, we will become of all men the most pitiable.

1 Corinthians 15:19

15:19. *If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.*

He cannot be lifted up when Jesus comes a second time, but he is left and destroyed forever.

For example, Judas Iscariot died and he burst open in the middle. All his decay gushed out. His life became more pitiable than the criminals who were crucified with Jesus. That is why we must be shepherded well. In the Holy Place there is the Golden Candlestick. It refers to the perseverance in committing the General Service and fellowship. We attach to Holy Spirit God in His anointing and gifts

Acts 28:4-6

28:4. *So when the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live."*

28:5. *But he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm.*

28:6. *However, they were expecting that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.*

In the shepherding we always receive the increasing anointing of Holy Spirit, so we are not influenced by the winter. We can give for God and others who are in need. We can do the true and good deeds. We can minister in humility and willingly suffer or bear the cross with Jesus until the finish line, namely our death or Jesus' second coming [2 Timothy 4:7-8], even

forever in heaven. Becoming the priest is a perpetual statute [Exodus 29:9].

Acts 20:22-24

20:22. *"And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there,*

20:23. *"except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.*

20:24. *"But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*

2 Timothy 4:7-8

4:7. *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*

4:8. *Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.*

3. The crisis of love.

Psalm 140:1-3

140:1. *<<To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.>> Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men,*

140:2. *Who plan evil things in their hearts; They continually gather together for war.*

140:3. *They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; The poison of asps is under their lips. Selah*

The victims of the world war can be counted, but the victims of war in the marriage cannot. The household and shepherding should be the place of love. Do not let infidelity and quarrel happen! The war is caused by the lips which are bitten by a serpent, so one cannot produce good words but just the meaningless ones, namely lie, gossip, slander, *et cetera*. He cannot say: "*Abba, Father*". It means that he cannot become obedient and honest. He does not want to cast out Satan. We may not let ourselves commit sins. We must cast out Satan by the power of the blood of Jesus.

The peak of the meaningless words is that one cannot worship Jesus as the King of kings by saying: "*Alleluia*" on the glorious clouds. He is destroyed forever in the hell where he just groans.

That is why we must be shepherded well and correctly in the Holy Place. There is a tool, namely the Golden Altar of Incense. It refers to the perseverance in committing the Prayer Service. We can experience the love of God up to the abundance. We love God and others even those who make hostility toward us. By the love, we can feel that it is better to be harmed than to harm others. Love makes us obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore. We worship Jesus delightfully by saying: "*Alleluia*" and we always struggle with Jesus.

The example and result are as follows:

- Jacob struggled to face Esau (the fleshly or worldly man or the one of Satan), namely the Antichrist who wants to destroy the true shepherding.

Genesis 32:24,28

32:24. *Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day.*

32:28. *And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."*

A husband needs to struggle, so he can be shepherded well and correctly (sitting down on the grass). As a result, wife, child, son-in-law, grandson, *et cetera* can sit down in the shepherding too. We can be shepherded well and correctly until we can say: "I shall not want." It means that all things are finished. There is no punishment or judgment in Goshen (shepherding).

We struggle until the breaking of day. It means that we must keep struggling until Jesus comes a second time and we receive a new name. Jacob (a thief) becomes Israel. It means being honest, strong and of good courage. We do not give up regardless of anything that happens. God's power is with an honest man. We keep believing and hoping God regardless of anything that happens.

- A woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years. It refers to the impossibilities, cleavage, and divorce in the marriage.

"If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well" means that we must hold one garment, namely one true teaching Word or Bride Tidings.

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.

Let us place Jesus as the Head no matter happens in our marriage. We hold one true teaching Word. He is the Head who is responsible until He dies in the Place of a Skull to do everything for us and unify our marriage.

- Daniel kept the true service and ministry, so God provided all things he needed. God gave the beautiful future. If we struggle with God, He will do the best for us. It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to become as perfect as He is. We greet Him on the glorious clouds.

God blesses us.