

General Service in Malang, November 25, 2018 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 8:1-5

8:1 *When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.*

8:2 *And I saw these seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.*

8:3 *Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.*

8:4 *And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.*

8:5 *Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.*

There are two contradictory conditions as follows:

1. [Revelation 8:1-4] The silence.

It was the atmosphere of silence in heaven for about half an hour or the one of the worship prayer. The smoke of incense ascended before God.

2. [Revelation 8:5] The shaking.

The shakings in all aspects happened in the world physically, namely job, study, *et cetera* and spiritually, namely sins up to the peak, as well as in marriage, children, service, and ministry to God.

Why does God permit the shaking to happen on earth?

Hebrews 12:26-29

12:26 *whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven."*

12:27 *Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.*

12:28 *Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.*

12:29 *For our God is a consuming fire.*

The shaking happens to divide between ones who are shaken and the other who are not shaken, but in peace. Ones who are shaken will disappear with the world until perishing forever in hell, but ones who are not shaken will experience the silence which increases up to the peak, namely the silence for about half an hour in heaven. It means that we inherit the heavenly kingdom which cannot be shaken forever.

The facts found in the people who are not shaken are as follows:

1. [Hebrews 12:28] We are neither disappointed nor hopeless. We do neither leave God nor righteousness in everything that we face, but we always give thanks to God in all things and circumstances.
2. [Hebrews 12:28] Serving and ministering to God acceptably.

Romans 14:17

14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

There are many services and ministries which do not please God, namely the service and ministry which only look for the physical or worldly things.

The service and ministry which are acceptable to Him are signified by the things as follows:

- The righteousness.
In Tabernacle, it refers to the Table of Showbread or the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching word and sacrifice of Christ. The true teaching word will ingrain in us, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.
- The joy in the Holy Spirit, so the service and ministry are done orderly and regularly.
In Tabernacle, it refers to the Golden Candlestick or the perseverance in doing General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts of Holy Spirit. We can be faithful and fervent in spirit to serve and

minister to God. Holy Spirit also makes the heavenly joy orderly and regularly.

- The peace.

In Tabernacle, it refers to the Golden Altar of Incense or the perseverance in doing Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love. The love of God covers up all of our sins, so we do not feel anything that flesh feels, but only peace.

The service and ministry which please Him are done in the shepherding system. In the shepherding pen or the perseverance in doing three main services to God, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the trinity of God, so the trinity of Satan cannot touch us. We are still in righteousness, joy, and peace. All things become easy and light like Moses have experienced.

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."

The bush refers to the sinful fleshly man. When all things are calm and good, or there is no shaking, men seem to be good. But when there is shaking or wind, so they will stab, judge, hurt one another.

Men who are only the bush must be shepherded well and correctly through the perseverance in doing three main services to God to experience the work of the fire from heaven, namely the fire of the word or the Bible Service, the fire of Holy Spirit or the General Service, and the fire of the love of God or the Prayer Service.

Such great thing happens when one who is great, busy, or wicked can enter the shepherding pen and willingly be sanctified by the sword of the word.

In the shepherding pen, we experience the work of the fire of the word, Holy Spirit, and the love of God to sanctify our body, soul, and spirit and erase our sins until we are perfect and blameless.

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 until we become the light of the world like Jesus and there is no darkness in us. It is called the perfect body of Christ, the perfect church of God, or the heavenly bride who is ready to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

One who is outside the shepherding or the fire of the word, Holy Spirit, and the love of God does not want to be sanctified. In consequence, there is only the fire of the condemnation of God.

3. [Hebrews 12:28] Being with reverence and godly fear.

The meanings are as follows:

- We work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. It means serving and ministering to God with fear, trembling, fervency in spirit, faithfulness, and responsibility to God.

Philippians 2:12-15

2:12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

2:13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

2:14 Do all things without complaining and disputing.

2:15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

- [Philippians 2:13] We serve and minister to God with a willing heart. We willingly sacrifice everything to Him because He has sacrificed everything first for us on the cross.

Ephesians 6:15

6:15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

Deuteronomy 29:5

29:5 "And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet.

Forty years refers to the forty years of Jubilee.

Forty multiplied by fifty equals to two thousand. It means the two thousand years of the age of the last church.

If we serve and minister to God with a willing heart or sacrificing, we will do it until the end line, namely we pass away or Jesus comes for the second time.

- [Philippians 2:14] We do neither complain nor dispute in serving and ministering to God, but always give thanks to Him.

[Philippians 2:15] If we serve and minister to God in fear, trembling, willing heart, and thanksgiving to Him, we will appear as the shining stars. Our life is successful and beautiful in due time. Our life becomes testimony wherever we are until we become the light of the world someday.

Philippians 2:16

2:16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

As the stars, we must hold fast the true teaching word which has become the experience in our life. We hope fully to God.

Revelation 14:7

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."

Being fearful and respectful to God is the same as glorifying and worshiping Him as the Creator. It means that we confess that we are only the clay. We have many weaknesses physically and spiritually and easily fall in sins up to the peak. We only cry out and hope to the mercy of God.

For the example, King Hezekiah only cried to God. So, God the High Priest stretched out His merciful hand to do the reconciliation for him.

The results are as follows:

- The High Priest makes propitiation for our sins. We can confess and forgive sins one another, so the blood of Jesus cleanses our sins. We feel peaceful and all things are easy and light.

Hebrews 2:17-18

2:17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

2:18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

- After the sins are finished, the problems are finished too. God helps and finishes all of our problems in time of need.

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.

1 Peter 5:6

5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.

- The faithful and merciful hand of God exalts, sanctifies, and renews us from fleshly man to the spiritual one. We are exalted up and used by God, so everything beautiful in its time.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

It continues until the time when Jesus comes for the second time that we are changed to be as perfect as Him, so we are worthy to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds. We enter the heavenly kingdom forever.

God blesses you.