

General Service in Malang, October 11, 2020 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 12 refers to *shekinah glory*(the light of glory) in the Tabernacle.

There are two signs in heaven in the book of Revelation 12 as follows:

1. 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.

The first is 'a great sign appeared in heaven', namely the appearance of the perfect church that becomes the light of the world in the light of glory or the heavenly bride who is ready to be evacuated to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the Antichrist who rules over the world for three and a half years. She is also ready to be lifted up on the glorious clouds and meet Jesus who comes a second time as the Heavenly Bridegroom. We enter the spiritual marriage, the Paradise, and the New Jerusalem forever.

2. Revelation 12:3

12:3. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

The second is 'another sign appeared in heaven', namely the appearance of Satan who blocks and destroys the church.

The growth of the church towards the perfection is always blocked by Satan so that the church cannot be perfect, but left when Jesus comes a second time and destroyed forever like Israelites when they grew fast and faced the deliverance from Egypt to Canaan. They faced the obstacle from Pharaoh or Satan so that they could not have gone out of Egypt.

In Exodus 1:8-22, there are three ways of Satan to destroy Israelites or the church of God as follows:

1. The cunning through the temptation and persuasion to make ones go out of the plan of God (it has been explained in *Bible Study Service in Malang, October 6, 2020*).

Exodus 1:10

1:10. "come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land."

2. The rigor or forced labor to make God's servants unable to serve and minister to Him [Exodus 1:11-14] (it has been explained in *Prayer Service in Malang, October 8, 2020*).

Exodus 1:13

1:13. So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor.

If God's servants are not faithful; even they leave the service and ministry to Him, they have been in the hands, rigor, and forced labor of Satan. He cannot get anything, but perdition.

3. The murdering [Exodus 1:15-22].

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Exodus 1:15-22

1:15. Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah;

1:16 and he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live."

1:17 But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive.

1:18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?"

1:19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them."

1:20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty.

1:21 And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.

1:22 So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive."

Pharaoh commanded that only the male babies of Israel were killed.

Why?

1. To create the mix or wrong marriage to happen. Without the male of the Israelies, the female must look for the men of Egypt. After the mix marriage, there will be the divorce-remarrying and marrying-being given in marriage.

Thus, Satan wants to destroy the physical marriage of the church so that they cannot reach the spiritual marriage or the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The marriage supper of the Lamb is the entrance to Paradise and heavenly kingdom. If it is destroyed, one cannot enter the heavenly kingdom. Therefore, we must be careful about marriage.

2. Men deserve to get the inheritance right. The male babies were killed so that they could not get the inheritance right of the heavenly kingdom, but the everlasting perdition.

There are two kinds of murdering as follows:

1. **At the birth time.**

Spiritually, it means that Satan hinders the new birth of the sons of God.

John 3:3-5

3:3. Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

3:4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

3:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Verse 4 = relying on the knowledge, one cannot understand the heavenly kingdom as well as the new birth.

The process of the new birth is as follows:

- The baptism of blood (the Altar of Burnt Offerings) = believing Jesus and repenting or stopping sinning.
- The water baptism (the Brazen Laver) = the deliverance from sin.
- The baptism of Holy Spirit (the Door of Tabernacle) = obedience, so one can live in righteousness and holiness and inherit the heavenly kingdom.

There are three kinds of mistake about the new birth or the murdering of babies as follows:

- The mistake in the water baptism, namely the servant of God creates many kinds of water baptism according to the logic while actually God has said that there is only one true baptism.

Ephesians 4:5

4:5. one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

Such servant of God does not realize that he has killed the babies.

The true water baptism is according to the Word and we are baptized as Jesus is.

Matthew 3:16

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.

Romans 6:4

6:4. Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

It means that one who has believed Jesus and repented or died to sin must be buried in water with Jesus and raise from the water with Him to get the new or heavenly life, namely being set free from sins and baptized of Holy Spirit. We become obedient, so we can live in righteousness and holiness like Jesus.

Thus, Satan hinders the life renewal through the wrong baptism as follows:

- a. Not being buried in water, but in the way of Satan which is in line with human logic.

Not being buried, one has not been baptized yet, but he keeps on being the fleshly man who cannot inherit the heavenly kingdom.

- b. The mistake of the congregation is that they have died to sin, but they do not want to be baptized in the true water baptism, so they are rotten and cannot enter the heavenly kingdom.
 - c. The baptism has been true, but the servant of God baptizes one who has not repented yet, so he resists against God.
- The mistakes in the baptism of Holy Spirit are as follows:
 - a. The servant of God only emphasizes the physical anointing oil like in the age of the Law. Actually, the anointing oil has come down directly from heaven since the days on the upper room in Jerusalem. Because of the mistake, ones who have bought the anointing oil suppose that they have been filled up by the anointing of Holy Spirit.
 - b. Imitating or teaching the tongues. It is made in physical ways. The oil is made physically and the tongues are too.

Acts 2:4

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

'*as the Spirit gave*' = the true thing is that the tongues are given by Holy Spirit. Formerly in the Old Testament, one who imitated the anointing oil would be dead.

The baptism of water and Holy Spirit must be received by the true faith, namely from hearing the true teaching Word.

- Hindering others for entering the baptism of water and Holy Spirit through being the stumbling-block.

Matthew 18:6

18:6. "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

'*causes one of these little ones*' = being the stumbling-block for others who will get the new birth.

Being the stumbling-block or easily stumbling is the same as a millstone's being hung around the neck. It means that the life is not beautiful, but drowns and perishes.

Why does Satan or Pharaoh hinder the new birth of the sons of God?

- Satan hinders the new birth so that the sons of God cannot look at the heavenly kingdom. They cannot prioritize God anymore, but the physical things. All things may be righteous, but the final result is disobedience.

John 3:3

3:3. Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

- Satan hinders the new birth so that the sons of God always commit the sin and enjoy in it.

1 John 3:9

3:9. Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

The servants of God become unrighteous like Satan and perish forever.

2. The murdering after the birth, namely the babies were cast into the river.

Exodus 1:22

1:22. So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive."

It means that the servants of God who have experienced the life renewal, repented, and lived in righteousness can drown because of the stream of the river in the daily life as follows:

- The stream of the world, namely the business, amenities, sorrow, bad friendship, and so on in the world which cause the servants of God to be unfaithful in the service and ministry to God. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, and inter-shepherding. They become the enemy of God.

James 4:4

4:4. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Being the enemy of God means that one is near Satan that is the source of destruction, so the problems start to come.

Being faithful, we will be near God, who is the source of all good things.

- The stream of sins as follows:

- a. The sins of Babylon which drown men.

Revelation 18:21

18:21. Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore."

The sins of Babylon mean as follows:

- i. The sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse as well as the ones concerning marrying-being given in marriage such as mix marriage, divorce-remarrying, sexual affairs, and marrying-being given in marriage.
- ii. The sin of stumbling. It means easily stumbling and being the stumbling-block.

- b. The evil sin or the bond of money.

1 Timothy 6:9-10

6:9. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- i. Looking for money in illegal ways.
- ii. Stinginess and greediness.
The stinginess means that one cannot give.
The greediness means stealing the possession of others, especially God's, namely the tithes and offerings.

- c. The doubt as follows:

- i. The doubt to the true teaching Word because of keeping sins until being deceived by the false teachings.
- ii. The doubt to the power of God until looking for the other god.

- The stream of the fleshly lusts which make disobedience.

We must be obedient to God through our obedience to the true parents (the Court of the Tabernacle). Resisting against the true parents means being in the wilderness.

After obeying the parents, we must obey the true pastor although it is not in line to the logic. We have entered the Holy Place and had the curtains of protection.

Finally, we obey God and enter the Most Holy Place. The door of heaven is opened and the doors in the world must also be opened.

The wild flesh which is disobedient can be seen through the mouth, namely judging the righteous and the true teaching Word, murmuring, and so on.

Not being helped, one will drown in the Nile up to the lake of fire and brimstone or the hell.

Who were used for murdering the babies? The midwives who were not like Shiphrah and Puah were used for murdering the babies.

Exodus 1:15-17

1:15. Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah;

1:16 and he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live."

1:17 But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive.

The spiritual midwife refers to one who is close to the spiritual birth.

The midwives who were not like Puah and Shiphrah refer to God's servants whose ordination, life appearance, words, and deeds are not true or not acceptable to God.

Puah means joy.

Shiphrah means the lovely appearance.

Combining both of them, Puah and Shiphrah refer to the servants of God who have the true ordination or the life which is acceptable to God.

The joy and lovely appearance refer to having the cheerful face or the ray of the sunshine of God's love.

God's servants who are used for murdering the babies have no cheerful face or love as follows:

1. The face is sad as follows:

- a. The sad face in the service and ministry like Cain's.

Genesis 4:4-5

4:4. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering,

4:5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

Being very angry refers to the envy and jealousy.

- b. The sad face in the marriage like Hannah which causes the sorrow and depression until she could not eat anything.

1 Samuel 1:15-16,18

1:15. And Hannah answered and said, "No, my lord, I am a woman of sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor intoxicating drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

1:16 "Do not consider your maidservant a wicked woman, for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief I have spoken until now."

1:18 And she said, "Let your maidservant find favor in your sight." So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

- c. The sad face because of the problems in the world like the two disciples going to Emmaus.

Luke 24:17-18,21

24:17. And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"

24:18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"

24:21 "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

The servants of God who are proud of the physical blessings, but disappointed or hopeless quickly when they have not been blessed by God, have the sad face which hinders the edification of the body of Christ.

2. The bad facelike Hophni and Phinehas.

1 Samuel 2:15,22

2:15. Also, before they burned the fat, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who sacrificed, "Give meat for roasting to the priest, for he will not take boiled meat from you, but raw."

2:22 Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

Verse 15 = the bad face because of the evil sin, namely stealing the possession of God.

Verse 22 = the bad face because of the uncleanness sin.

If the face is bad, all things will be bad; even the good things will be bad.

3. The face of Satan like Peter when he rejected the cross.

Matthew 16:21-23

16:21. From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

16:22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

16:23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

Peter only used the fleshly mind that was comfortable to the flesh although it resisted against God. The cross must not be comfortable for the flesh. Nevertheless, it is in line to the Word.

The consequence of using the fleshly mind is not experiencing the renewal of life, but keeping on being the man of flesh and blood who lies like Peter who finally denied the Lord.

Thus, the servant of God whose face is sad, bad, and like Satan is used by him for destroying the body of Christ so that it cannot be perfect and the great sign does not appear in heaven.

The solution is as follows:

1. **As for God**, Jesus whose face is glorious like the sun shining in its strength must willingly die on the cross. He becomes so bad not like human anymore; even He becomes like Satan for radiating the sunshine for all of us whose face is sad, bad, and like Satan so that we can have the cheerful face like the sun and the glorious one like Him.

Isaiah 52:13-14

52:13. Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

52:14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;

2. **As for us**, we must ascend to the mountain of worship much more, especially through the fasting prayer.

Matthew 17:1-2,21

17:1. Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;

17:2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

17:21 "However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

Matthew 6:16

6:16. "Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

The fasting prayer refers to the process of tearing the flesh with all of its lusts and desires, so we get the renewal by the love of God from the sad face to the cheerful one; even our face shines like the sun or Jesus'.

The fasting prayer also refers to the process to hasten the new birth.

Just look at Jesus face when you face anything! What we cannot think and do can be done by Jesus as long as we can look at the sun.

The functions of the sunshine are as follows:

- a. The sunshine refers to the love and promise of God to be the shield for us. It means protecting us from the fiery dart of the evil, sins up to the peak, and false teachings, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.

Psalm 84:11

84:11. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

We are also protected from the disasters, the Antichrist, God's judgment, and the doomsday, so we get the peace.

Facing all things, let us look at the sun until we can live in righteousness, holiness, and peace. All things become easy and light and our face is cheerful.

- b. The sunshine refers to the love and goodness of God to finish all impossible problems and sanctify us from the self-

truth, so we can confess and forgive sin one another.

The love and goodness of God also use us (the Gentiles) in the edification of the perfect body of Christ. We become the witness or physical and spiritual blessing for other people. If we become the witness, our face will be cheerful.

- c. The sunshine refers to the love and glory for changing us from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus. It begins from the honesty or sincerity and obedience.

Exodus 1:17

1:17. But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive.

The honest and obedient have the fear of the Lord.

If we are honest, we will not be separated from God regardless of anything that happens.

Psalm 25:14

25:14. The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.

Proverbs 3:32

3:32. For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD, But His secret counsel is with the upright.

We will not turn from Him because there is the perfect love.

When we will be disappointed, hopeless, or sinful, we must look at the sun. The successful must not be arrogant, but also look at the sun because all things are because of God.

When we are honest and obedient, we become the house of prayer. Then, miracle must happen and we are changed to be perfect when Jesus comes a second time. We appear like the woman in Revelation 12:1. We are evacuated to the wilderness and lifted up to the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.