

General Service in Malang, October 25, 2020 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 12 in the arrangement of Tabernacle refers to the *shekinah glory* or the light of glory.

There are two great signs in heaven which are related to Jesus' second coming in the 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.

In conclusion, this is the appearance of the heavenly bride in the journey to the New Jerusalem or the everlasting heavenly kingdom.

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 fulfillment of all works of Satan to hinder the work of God so that the church is left behind when Jesus comes a second time and destroyed forever in the hell. Someday Satan will be defeated by Michael the angel and cast to the earth. He will be chained a thousand years while we are entering the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace or the future paradise. Then, he will be cast to the hell, where the false prophets and the Antichrist have been cast first.

In conclusion, this is the appearance of Satan in the journey to the hell forever.

We, the church, must have the assurance that our life journey has been towards the heavenly kingdom when the second coming of Jesus is drawing near.

Acts 14:22

14:22. strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

The journey towards heaven means as follows:

1. 'continue in the faith' = **the way of faith**.

The process of persevering in the faith is as follows:

- Where can we get the faith? We get it by hearing the Word of God.

Romans 10:17

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

The Word of God means as follows:

- a. The Word which is anointed by Holy Spirit or revealed. It is the true teaching Word.
- b. We hear the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit, so we can be serious, understand, and believe or it becomes faith in our heart. We believe in Jesus.

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."

Having the right faith, we will walk together with Jesus to enter the heavenly kingdom.

Thus, the first step to enter the heavenly kingdom is hearing the Word until it becomes faith in our heart. We are

turned from Satan's way to God's.

- Faith must be with the works so that it will not die.

The works of faith means as follows:

- a. Repenting, stopping sinning and returning to God, or being dead to sin.
Being dead to sin, our faith will be alive. Living in sins, the faith will be dead.

- b. The true water baptism.

The true water baptism means that one who has believed Jesus and repented or died to sin must be buried in water with Him and raised from the water with Him to get the new or heavenly life, namely in faith.

Living in faith = living in righteousness or holding fast the true teaching Word and becoming the instruments of righteousness or the servants of God who serve and minister to Him faithfully and righteously.

- The faith must be tested by the temptations, hindrances, and so on until it can endure like the pure gold.

If we have the tested faith, we will be able to persevere in the faith until the end line, namely our death or Jesus' second coming.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

4:1. Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

4:2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

'*latter times*' = the time towards Jesus' second coming.

Thus, persevering in the faith means not denying the faith until Jesus comes a second time.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- Keeping on believing Jesus regardless of anything we must face. It means not denying Jesus until the end line.
- Keeping on holding fast the true teaching Word which is so painful for the flesh.
Do not be made driven to and fro by the false teachings which are comfortable for the flesh! Many churches sleep because of the false teachings like the five foolish virgins.
- Keeping on living in righteousness in all things or not sinning although facing the compulsion, temptation, advantage, and so on.
One may be strong about the job and study, but how about the marriage partner, money, and so on? Judas could not endure about money.
- Always doing good things to other people. It starts from the household.

1 Timothy 5:8

5:8. But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Remember our family first and then the other people!

Being helped by others, we must receive it well with thanksgiving and without insisting.

On the contrary, do not talk about your help to others!

Then, we do the good deed to God through serving and ministering to Him in faithfulness and righteousness. We give Jesus food and drink and satisfy Him.

Be careful! Committing the service to God in unfaithfulness and unrighteousness, one is practicing lawlessness before Him.

We must only do good things until we can repay good for evil.

1 John 3:7-8

3:7. Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Persevering in faith, we can be as righteous as Jesus is and become the inhabitants of the heavenly kingdom. We have

entered the Court of Tabernacle.

2. **Persevering in the service and ministry to God = the way of the service to God.**

Romans 14:17-18

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

14:18 For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.

'serves Christ in these things'= serving in perseverance, namely the righteousness, peace, and joy by Holy Spirit.

We must be careful because in verse 17 there are two kinds of service and ministry to God as follows:

- The falseservice and ministry which are rejected by God. It means serving and ministering to God only for pursuing the things of the flesh or the world, without the true teaching Word and sanctification. Such service and ministry use the worldly way, so only the entertainment and prosperity are shown.

Such service and ministry cannot aim at heaven, but the edification of Babylon or the bride of Satan who will be destroyed.

- The trueservice and ministry to God. The signs are as follows:
 - a. The righteousness. We get it through the true teaching Word and Christ's sacrifice. It refers to the Table of Show Bread in the Tabernacle. It means the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God.
 - b. The joy of Holy Spirit. It refers to the Golden Candlestick in the Tabernacle. It means the perseverance in doing the General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God.
 - c. The peace. It refers to the love of God. Love covers all things, so we feel peaceful. It refers to the Golden Altar of Incense in the Tabernacle. It means the perseverance in doing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God. We breathe with the love of God.

All of those tools were in the Holy Place. Now, they refer to the perseverance in doing the three main services to God, the perseverance in the sheepfold, and the perseverance in the service and ministry to God. It is the same as being shepherded well and correctly.

If we persevere in faith, we must persevere in the service and ministry to God or enter the Holy Place.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God like a branch that attaches to the True Vine. We get the intensive sanctification until we do not think about food and drink (*'for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking'*). It means that we get the sanctification from the fleshly will and interest, so we return to be a baby who only longs for the pure spiritual milk or the Shepherding Word.

All of our needs for our life in the world, the future, and eternal life have been included in it. At least, we can be full and calm although we are in the midst of shakings. Then, miracle will happen in the shepherding.

We can live in holiness like Jesus.

Being shepherded but not eating, one will scream always like Judas. He screamed when someone had done a good thing. He was never full and quiet. This is the danger of forcing oneself to be in the shepherding.

A branch is small and powerless, but will bloom beautifully if it is sanctified intensively. It means being used by God and having the beautiful life. After that, it can produce the sweet fruits. It means that we get the joy of heaven.

Yielding the sweet fruits is the same as being acceptable to God and being blessings for others.

Persevering in faith, we have entered the Gate of the heavenly kingdom.

Now, persevering in the service and ministry to God, we experience the atmosphere of heaven.

3. **Persevering in the sufferings = the way of the cross or the sprinkling of blood.**

Acts 14:22

14:22. strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

The sprinkling of blood means the suffering in the flesh because of and with Jesus, without any sin. We have entered the Most Holy Place and experience *shekinah glory*.

Formerly, Aaron once a year entered the Most Holy Place for sprinkling the seven sprinkling of blood twice, namely seven times on the Ark of the Covenant (the suffering of Jesus) and seven times in front of the Ark of the Covenant (the suffering of the church). After that, *shekinah glory* happened. There will be no *shekinah glory* without the suffering.

There must be the way of the cross. Why?

- We must experience the way of the cross for ensuring our life journey to heaven.

2 Thessalonians 1:3-5

1:3. We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,

1:4 so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,

1:5 which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer;

- We must experience the way of the cross so that we experience *shekinah glory*. It means the renewal of life from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones. It is the same as the sweet grape which must be pressed to produce wine to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The sweet wine refers to the sweet saying.

Song of Solomon 7:9

7:9. And the roof of your mouth like the best wine. THE SHULAMITE The wine goes down smoothly for my beloved, Moving gently the lips of sleepers.!

The sweet saying means being honest, testifying, worshiping to God, crying out, and surrendering to Him.

The examples and results are as follows:

- a. The disciples of Jesus. They refer to the men or husbands. The sweet saying is needed for facing the storm in the sea of the world in all aspects ('*Lord, save us! We are perishing!*').

Matthew 8:23-25

8:23. Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.

8:24 And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

8:25 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

Face all things with the sweet saying!

Many times, Jesus is sleeping when we are facing the waves because we use our own power and ignore Him. Consequently, there are many drowning.

The sweet saying is able to make Jesus wake up.

Jesus' sleeping means that He dies for bearing all of our sins and weariness as well as defeating Satan.

Jesus' waking up means that the power of His resurrection is able to stop the storm in the sea of the world.

'*Lord, save us! We are perishing!*' = confessing the weakness, especially the doubt until ignoring the Lord.

Where there is sin, there are Satan and storm there. Finish the sins first and do not blame at others! Confess the weakness! As a result, we will get the power of resurrection.

When we confess our sin, Jesus is very fervent for giving the power of resurrection. All problems are finished. All things become calm, easy, and light.

- b. A woman whose child was demon-possessed.

Matthew 15:25

15:25. Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

'*Lord, help me!*' not '*Lord, help my child!*'

The woman refers to the mothers or wives who face many problems in the marriage and children. They need

the mercy of God.

The wife first needs to realize the physical and spiritual weakness.

As a result, there is the power of resurrection to restore the marriage, heal the disease, and give joy.

- c. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego faced the furnace of fire which had been heated seven times more than the usual or the increasing temptations up to the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world. The honesty and sweet saying are needed here.

Daniel 3:16-18

3:16. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

3:17 "If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.

3:18 "But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

'nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up' = sweet saying.

The young people face many difficulties until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world. Face it with the sincere heart! We keep on believing and loving God more than all things. As a result, He will accompany us to finish all things, give the beautiful successful future life, and use us in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain until we are changed and do not stumble in words when Jesus comes a second time. We have the sweet saying, namely *Alleluia*. We enter the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace or the future Paradise and the heavenly kingdom forever.

Daniel 3:24-25

3:24. Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king."

3:25 "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

We sit with Jesus forever.

Face all things with sincerity and cry out with the language of faith!

God blesses you.