

General Service in Malang, October 28, 2018 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation chapter eight and nine refer to the two tablets of stone or the perfect love.

Revelation 8:2

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

The seven angels are given seven trumpets, so each of them gets a trumpet.

The angel refers to the pastor.

The trumpet refers to the shepherding word, namely the true teaching word which is hard and sharper than any two-edged sword. It is entrusted by God to a pastor to be preached to the congregation faithfully, continually, sequentially, and repetitively to become food for them. So, the congregation do not fall in sins but grow to the spiritual maturity. The shepherding word also becomes a command for the congregation, so they know the things that they must or must not do.

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 the 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 quietness, silence, or worship prayer.

The people who hear and obey the voice of trumpet or the shepherding word will experience the love of God, so they experience the silence and peace which increase up to the silence for about half an hour in heaven forever.

2. [Revelation 8:5] The people who reject the voice of trumpet, the shepherding word, or have no the love of God will experience the shakings which increase and the seven condemnations of the trumpet that make them perish forever in hell.

So, our attitude to the voice of the trumpet or the shepherding word determines our life whether we live in silence and peace up to eternal life or we live in shakings, condemnation, destruction, or doomsday forever.

Moreover, from now, we must hear and obey the voice of the trumpet or the one of the shepherd.

Numbers 27:15-17

27:15 Then Moses spoke to the LORD, saying:

27:16 "Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation.

27:17 "who may go out before them and go in before them, who may lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the LORD may not be like sheep which have no shepherd."

God sets a shepherd to blow the trumpet loudly to the congregation that will determine their life.

The functions of the voice of the trumpet or the shepherding word are as follows:

1. The journey of Israel was led by the two trumpets from the mount of Sinai to the border of Canaan. The two trumpets refer to the Old Testament and the New Testament, Bible, or the true teaching word.

Numbers 10:1-10

10:1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

10:2 "Make two silver trumpets for yourself; you shall make them of hammered work; you shall use them for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps.

10:3 "When they blow both of them, all the congregation shall gather before you at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

10:4 "But if they blow only one, then the leaders, the heads of the divisions of Israel, shall gather to you.

10:5 "When you sound the advance, the camps that lie on the east side shall then begin their journey.

10:6 "When you sound the advance the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall begin their journey; they shall sound the call for them to begin their journeys.

10:7 "And when the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but not sound the advance.

10:8 "The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and these shall be to you as an ordinance forever throughout your generations.

10:9 "When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies.

10:10 "Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God: I am the LORD your God."

The functions are as follows:

- To call Israelites to gather.
- To call Israelites to move.
- To call Israelites to war.
- To celebrate the feasts.
- The sign of the beginning of the months.
- To burn the offerings.

Number six refers to the number of the flesh.

So, the voice of the trumpet is to repress and kill the flesh with all of its lusts, desires, ambition, emotion, and characters, so that we can obey the voice of the trumpet until the flesh does not speak anymore like Abraham.

The results are as follows:

- We are easily led to enter the shepherding pen or the Holy Place.

Ezekiel 20:37

20:37 "I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.

In the shepherding pen, there are three instruments which refer to the perseverance in doing three main services to God as follows:

- The Golden Candlestick refers to the perseverance in doing General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts of Holy Spirit.
- The Table of Showbread refers to 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 Golden Altar of Incense refers to the perseverance in doing Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love.

We are fond of and firm in the shepherding pen.

In the shepherding pen, the body, soul, and spirit attach to the trinity of God, so we cannot be touched by the trinity of Satan. A hair of us cannot be made fall because we are counted by God. [Ezekiel 20:37]. It means as follows:

- We are preserved miraculously and abundantly although we are only like a hair which is powerless and cannot do anything. So, we can give thanks to God.
- We are protected and defended by God so that we are not scattered. We are neither deceived by the false teaching nor lost in sins up to the peak. We are in peace. All things are easy and light until God owns us and we become His forever.

- **John 10:3,16**

10:3 "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

10:16 "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

We are led to go out from the shepherding pen to the other shepherding or to enter the revival of Holy Spirit at the later rain or the revival of edifying the perfect body of Christ. It begins from marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding pen, until Israelites and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

2. To perform two forms as follows:

Revelation 1:10,12-13

1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet.

1:12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands.

1:13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

○ **The seven golden lampstands, the perfect church, the light of the world, or the heavenly bride.**

The voice of the trumpet that we hear and obey will sanctify and change us from the fleshly man to the perfect spiritual one like Jesus is.

What must be sanctified and changed?

Colossians 3:5-9

3:5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

3:6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

3:7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

3:8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

3:9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds.

The voice of the trumpet sanctifies us from the six sinful deeds in our outward man [Colossians 3:5] and six sins of the inward man [Colossians 3:8-9]. So, we can leave the old life with the deeds. The proof is that there is no more lie.

What must be renewed?

Colossians 3:10-14

3:10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.

3:11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

3:12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering.

3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

3:14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

- The tender mercy, namely we do neither judge the sinful man nor agree to sin, but we bring him to God through our prayer and invitation to go to the church.
- The kindness, namely being generous and liking to give to the work of God and other people who are in need.
- The humility, namely the ability to confess sin. After being forgiven, do not do it anymore.
- The meekness, namely the ability to receive the true teaching word which is hard and sharper than any two-edged sword as well as the rebuke and advice which are in line with the true teaching word. We can accept other people in their weakness and superiority. It begins from the marriage.
- The longsuffering, namely being patient in suffering by giving thanks and waiting the time of God by not looking for other way outside the word. If we look for the way outside the word, we will be in failure, nakedness, shame, and perdition.
The heavenly system begins from nothing to something and small things to the big ones, but the system of the world begins from big things to the small ones until falling like the tower of Babylon.
- Forgiving and forgetting sin one another.
- The Love.
The proof that we have been renewed by God is that we have the love of God.

For example, Peter had denied God and lied or he did not have the love, but there were still three questions of Jesus to him, namely the voice of the trumpet in the three main services.

John 21:15-17

21:15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

21:16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

21:17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

Peter was a great servant of God. Nevertheless, outside the system of shepherding, he still lied and had no sanctification, love, and renewal, but through the perseverance in hearing the word which was preached in the three main services, he could be sanctified and changed until there was no lie. He became grieved, regretted, confessed his sin, and received the love of God, so he could love God more than anything.

John 21:18-19

21:18 "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."

21:19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

The proof is that Peter stretched his hands to God and obeyed the word of God until the flesh did not speak anymore. He surrendered and cried out only to God.

○ **Jesus as the High Priest and the Great Shepherd who sits on the right side of the throne of Father God.**

Revelation 1:13

1:13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

Jesus as the High Priest watches us from the high place. It means that He cares, struggles, and stretches His merciful hand for all of us.

The results are as follows:

- Jesus as the High Priest stretches His faithful and just hand to forgive all of our sins.

1 John 1:9

1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- Jesus as the High Priest stretches His faithful and merciful hand to help us in time of need and finishes all of impossible problems.

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.

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.

- Jesus as the High Priest stretches His faithful hand and does His promise to preserve us physically and spiritually for successful and beautiful future life and sanctify and perfect us until we become as glorious as Him to be worthy to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-25

5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

5:24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

5:25 Brethren, pray for us.

At the last trumpet, the ones who were died on Christ will be raised in the glorious body and those who still live will be changed in the glorious body too. Both of them will become one perfect body of Christ on the glorious clouds.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

God blesses you.