

General Service in Malang, October 29, 2017 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 6:9-11

6:9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.

6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

6:11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed..

The opening of the fifth seal is the same as **the fifth judgment of Holy Spirit**, namely the revenge of God to the people in the world who have killed His innocent servants (the martyrs).

Dying because of God has happened from age to age as follows.

1. The age of Father God or the beginning one which is counted from Adam to Abraham. The representative is Abel, who was killed by Cain.
2. The age of the Son of God or the middle one which is counted from Abraham to the first coming of Jesus. The representative is Zechariah, who was killed by King Joash.
3. The last age or the age of Holy Spirit God which is counted from Jesus' first coming to the second one. The representative is the church that will be killed by the Antichrist who reigns over the world for three and a half years.

AD. 3. THE LAST AGE

Do not become disappointed and desperate if we suffer in the world because there will be suffering in antichrist's age. The most important thing is being set free from the antichrist.

Do not forget God if we are successful because all things will be blocked by the antichrist.

We work our jobs in the world, but in these days we must be alert, so we are not killed by the antichrist or become the same as him.

Who is the antichrist?

1 John 2:18-19

2:18. Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

2:19. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

Antichrist is the church of God (the servant or children of God) who are not of us, so they go out from the true church.

The meanings of not being of us or going out from the true church are as follows:

1. A faithless servant or son of God.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

2:1. Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,

2:2. not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

2:3. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

2:4. who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

The facts of being faithless are as follows:

- o Being linked with the ministry, namely habitual and intentional sin especially in the ministry.

Hebrews 10:25-27

10:25. not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

10:26. For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice

for sins,

10:27. but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

Habitual sin means that one does not regret although he becomes unfaithful in the ministry to God.

If it continues, it will be an intentional sin, namely he does not want to serve God although there is a chance until he cannot serve God.

1 Timothy 4:8-10

4:8. For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

4:9. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

4:10. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

We have to exhort and pray for one another to minister to God earnestly, so we are not killed by the antichrist or become the same as him. We minister to God faithfully and fervently. We suffer reproach for our ministry more than anything in the world, whatever we have to sacrifice.

The thing we sacrifice for the ministry is not comparable with Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

The results are as follows:

- The guarantee of certainty from God for double preservation. We are taken care of from now in the midst of difficulties of the world up to the age of the Antichrist who reigns for three and a half years.
 - The guarantee of certainty for for eternal life.
- Worshipping antichrist= arrogance, pride, namely depending on money, so one is bound by the will of money, and he becomes stingy and greedy.

2 Thessalonians 2:4

2:4. who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Stinginess means that one cannot give for the work of God and others in need.

Greediness means that one robs God's and others'.

Judas Iscariot felt that he lived from money, not God, so he stole God's and he became stingy when a woman anointed Jesus' feet with a pound of very costly oil of spikenard.

If one worships the antichrist, he will become the same as him who will be destroyed.

That is why in every ministry, we must prioritize the preaching of the true teaching word that is sharper than any two-edged sword. This is useful to purify our heart from the bond of money (evil), uncleanness, and bitterness.

Our deed and word are sanctified, so we can ascend into the hill of the LORD to worship Him.

Psalm 24:3-4

24:3. Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?

24:4. He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

Through prayer (on the mountain), we will experience the rain of blessing from God, namely physical and spiritual blessing as well as the one for our household.

Proverbs 10:22

10:22. The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.

We confess that we live from God, not the world, so we always remember the blessing Giver, and return the tithe and special offerings to Him.

We also remember others, so we can give to others in need. It is the secret of the blessing of Abraham.

Genesis 14:19-20

14:19. And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

14:20. And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

Genesis 12:2

12:2. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

Abraham is blessed up to the descendants even with eternal life.

2. The servant or son of God who becomes the falling away or departs from faith.

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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,

The facts found in falling away are as follows:

- Disbelieving in Jesus anymore= changing the religion because of mate, work, *et cetera*.

Acts 4:12

4:12. "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Disbelieving in Jesus is the same as losing the salvation up to perdition.

- Leaving the true teaching word.

The true teaching word means as follows:

- The word that is written in the bible. We know it because we read it.
- The Word whose secret is revealed through one verse explains the other verses in the Holy Bible.
- [Hebrews 4:12] the word that is sharper than any two-edged sword to purify us.

Why does one leave the true teaching word?

- Because of hearing other teaching that is not in accordance with the bible, but his flesh or desire. Remember, every teaching has its spirit. If one hears other teaching, his heart is being stamped by Satan, and it cannot be removed by anything.
- Because of retaining sins.

Judas retained sin of stealing. Judas also had fellowship with the Lawyers and Pharisees who contradicted Jesus' teaching.

Consequently, one always uses self-truth. He never does introspection in his life, but always blames others. He is unwilling and unable to repent anymore.

We must be shepherded to face the falling away.

Leviticus 21:12

21:12. 'nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.

A priest must not go out of the sanctuary. God ordered Moses to make Tabernacle, so on earth as it was in heaven.

There are three rooms in the Tabernacle, namely the court or salvation area, the holy place, and the most holy place or perfection.

We have been saved but we have not been perfected yet, so our place now is in the Holy Place.

There are three tools in the Holy Place that refer to three kinds of main service as follows:

- Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His gifts. We are given drink.
- Table of Showbread refers to perseverance in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We have fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ. We are fed.
- Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love. We breathe with eternal love of God up eternal life.

In the perseverance in committing three kinds of service (in the sheepfold), our spiritual life is taken care of well up to eternal life. Moreover, in the sheepfold our body, soul, and spirit are purified by God the Trinity through the true teaching word, so we live in the anointing of Holy Spirit. The more we are holy, the more we are anointed.

1 Timothy 4:1

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

If we live in holiness and are anointed by Holy Spirit, we will be able to firmly hold fast the true teaching word. We firmly trust Jesus, whatever we face. We firmly refuse other teaching.

The more we are holy, the more we are anointed and firmly hold fast the true teaching word.

3. **The servant or son of God who does not experience the renewal of life** although he ministers to God. It happens because of denying the power of goodliness, namely the true teaching word and Jesus' cross.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3:1. But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

3:2. For men will be lovers of themselves⁽¹⁾, lovers of money⁽²⁾, boasters⁽³⁾, proud⁽⁴⁾, blasphemers⁽⁵⁾, disobedient to parents⁽⁶⁾, unthankful⁽⁷⁾, unholy⁽⁸⁾,

3:3. unloving⁽⁹⁾, unforgiving⁽¹⁰⁾, slanderers⁽¹¹⁾, without self-control⁽¹²⁾, brutal⁽¹³⁾, despisers of good⁽¹⁴⁾,

3:4. traitors⁽¹⁵⁾, headstrong⁽¹⁶⁾, haughty⁽¹⁷⁾, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God⁽¹⁸⁾,

3:5. having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

The true teaching word will purify and show our sin. This is the one that is often rejected.

Rejecting the cross means rejecting something that suffers the flesh.

Consequently, his ministry just makes the flesh comfortable or becomes suitable for the flesh.

The facts found in it is keeping the flesh and blood men with the eighteen characteristics whose peak is disobedience to God. Consequently, he will be marked with 666 and become the same as the beast or antichrist.

Philippians 2:8-11

2:8. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

2:9. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

2:10. that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

2:11. and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

God does not will if human He has created becomes the same as the antichrist. That is why, Jesus willingly becomes obedient to the point of death on the cross to receive the name which is above every name that is able to defeat Satan the trinity, so we can become obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore.

If we have already become obedient, there will be no more other seventeen characteristics.

The tongue is the unruly part of the body. If we become disobedient, our tongue will be wild. If we become obedient to God, our tongue will be tame. The tongue just glorifies God, speaks true word (there is no more lie), speaks good word, testifies, and worships God.

Being obedient is the same as saying: 'Up to you, Lord.' We lift up our hands to God.

Abraham obeyed God when he was ordered to offer Isaac. The widow of Zarephath obeyed the prophet when she was ordered to make bread for God first.

Obedience is the same as stretching hands to God, and He will stretch out the hand of His great mercy to us.

Deuteronomy 28:2,8

28:2. "And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:

28:8. "The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

The result is that the hand of God's great mercy is able to pour out the blessing that cannot be blocked by anyone, including the one of God's helping to finish all impossible problems.

Jeremiah 29:11

29:11. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

We live in the plan of God as follows:

- The thoughts of peace or serenity, so all things become easy and light.
- The thoughts of successful and beautiful future.

Let us check our ministry and tongue when our life has not become beautiful yet. If all things are true, we just need to wait the time of God. He will make all things beautiful in His 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.

God blesses us.