

General Service in Malang, October 30, 2022 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 17:11-14

17:11 *"And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.*

17:12 *"The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.*

17:13 *"These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.*

17:14 *"These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."*

The beast has seven heads. They refer to the seven kings that consist of five kings (five senses), one king (the foolish heart), and one king (the cursed mind).

The ten horns refer to the ten kings.

The beast refers to the eight one king.

The total is eighteen or the triple six, namely the stamp of the Antichrist.

[verse 13] They are in one voice to submit their power to the Antichrist. It refers to the union of the countries in finance or economy of the world or market in one hand, namely the hand of the Antichrist.

[verse 14] The purpose is to make war against Jesus or the King of all kings with His army, namely those who are called, chosen, and faithful or always victorious.

1. **Being called.**

All men have committed sins and cannot return to God.

Being called, the sinful men are justified and saved through the following things:

- Having faith or believing in Jesus.
- Repenting or stopping sinning and returning to God or being dead to sin.
- Being baptized of water and Holy Spirit or reborn on water and Spirit. We live in righteousness or we are saved.

2. **Being chosen or shepherded for being sanctified.**

We are equipped with the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit or appointed as priests and kings.

Thus, ones who are called and chosen refer to the priests and kings who are used for serving and ministering to God.

3. **Being faithful.**

The priests and kings who are victorious with Jesus are the faithful priests and kings. Not being faithful is the same as being defeated.

There are three kinds of faithfulness that must be shown by the priests and kings as follows:

1. **The core of faithfulness, namely the simplicity that is in Christ as the only Fiance we have or the one true teaching Word.**

2 Corinthians 11:2-4

11:2 *For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.*

11:3 *But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

11:4 *For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted--you may well put up with it!*

The engagement time is the last step before entering the marriage.

We must be faithful to one Man, namely Jesus Himself, the true teaching Word, or the revelation of God's Word through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible.

If we are faithful to God Himself, we will have the atmosphere of paradise, namely eating the fruits freely or all things become easy and light.

Genesis 2:16

2:16 *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freelyeat;*

Genesis 3:1-2

3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"

3:2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;"

Eve was deceived by the serpent until taking away the word 'freely' and adding the word 'touch.'

Genesis 2:17

2:17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 3:3

3:3 "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

It is the same as changing the true teaching Word. Consequently, they were driven out of Eden to enter the world. It means losing the Paradise and entering the atmosphere of curses, weariness, heavy burden, and toil.

Revelation 22:18-21

22:18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

22:19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

On the last days, the fiery red dragon tries to drag and swallow the Church, so the Church takes away the word 'freely'. It means having no anointing of Holy Spirit. Preaching or hearing the Word without the anointing of Holy Spirit, one is bound by the time (it must not be too long) and the content (it must not show the sins), so the congregation keeps on being bound by sins or never gets the deliverance from sins.

Adding the word 'touch' is the same as adding the Word with knowledge and illustration which is not in line with the Word, joke, and so on. The house of God becomes like the temple of Dagon or idolatry. Only the emotion of the congregation is touched, but not the heart, so there is no life renewal, but they keep on being the flesh and blood men.

Consequently, they are cursed or weary, heavy-laden, and sorrowful. They are not ready for welcoming Jesus' second coming as well as returning to Paradise.

The church can hold fast one true teaching Word and obey it only because of the mercy of God. As a result, we get the sanctification and life renewal until we are as perfect as Jesus is.

James 3:1-2

3:1 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

3:2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

The measure of perfection starts from not lying. We can be honest, especially about God or the true teachings and all things until we do not stumble in words, but only shout for joy saying "alleluia" or the voice of the bride for returning to Paradise.

2. Faithfulness in the marriage or household.**Malachi 2:15-16**

2:15 But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.

2:16 "For the LORD God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the LORD of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously."

Be careful! Many servants of God or priests are hard-hearted, so they are unfaithful. They betray the marriage. It happens from the beginning of the friendship.

The facts found in it are violence in the marriage, sexual affairs, mix marriage, and divorce-remarrying. Do not solve the problems of marriage through divorce because it is not accompanied by God; even He hates the divorce. The divorce is the same as separating the head with the body like what the Antichrist does. Getting married again, it is rotten and produces worms until marrying-being given in marriage happens.

Why does one betray or become unfaithful in the marriage? It is because of only fulfilling the desire of the flesh which has no spiritual value.

Genesis 6:4

6:4 There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

The betrayal in marriage will result in giant or the fleshly lusts which cannot be controlled. It destroys the godly descendants. God wants that a priest is faithful in the marriage, so it results in the godly descendants that aim at the perfection of the heavenly bride.

Ephesians 5:31

5:31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

The true marriage according to the will of God is signified by the following things:

- Being blessed by the parents and pastor as the spiritual parents.
- Being blessed or legalized by the government.
- Being affirmed or blessed by God.

The formula of marriage is 1 husband + 1 wife = 1.

Between husband and wife there must be **only the cross (+) or God's love.**

The facts found in it are as follows:

- Confessing and forgiving sin one another. As a result, the blood of Jesus washes away all sins, so the heart is peaceful. All things become easy and light.
- Serving one another.

Galatians 5:13

5:13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

The husband loves the wife like his own body and does not do bitterly toward her.

The wife submits to the husband in all things.

The children obey the parents.

The parents do not make the children lose heart. They must not agree with the wrong things.

- Giving honor one another.

Romans 12:10

12:10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

Do not hurt one another. Be honest in the marriage! It begins from the honesty about the bed and finance.

As a result, there is oneness in the marriage and it becomes the house of prayer. The marriage is blessed by God, always victorious over all problems, and joyful (home sweet home).

Ephesians 5:31-32

5:31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

5:32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

It continues until reaching the marriage supper of the Lamb.

3. Faithfulness in the service and ministry to God.

Matthew 25:21

25:21 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

A priest must serve and minister to God according to the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit which God has entrusted well, faithfully, wisely or obediently, and righteously.

Matthew 25:26

25:26 *"But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.'*

Not being faithful, one must be disobedient, unrighteous, and bad or he is lazy and evil. Beating other servants of God may happen through gossiping, slandering, choking, persecuting, and being unjust.

Matthew 25:30

25:30 *'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

The evil and lazy servant is unprofitable. He only destroys the body of Christ. His life is dark and without any control until entering the outer darkness and perishing forever in the hell.

Isaiah 11:5

11:5 *Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.*

The faithful and righteous priest serves to God by girding his waist.

Luke 17:8

17:8 *"But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'?"*

It is the same as always being ready for ministering to God in good time or bad time with offering anything.

It is the same as giving Jesus food and drink to satisfy His heart.

The results are as follows:

- The matter of food and drink is God's concerning. Do not concern the physical need until being unfaithful in the service and ministry to God.
- God satisfies us, so we always give thanks.
- We are made ruler over many things or used in the ministry of the edification of the perfect Christ's body.

Matthew 25:21

25:21 *"His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'*

Jeremiah 2:32

2:32 *Can a virgin forget her ornaments, Or a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten Me days without number.*

It continues until the belt becomes the adornment of the bride.

For example, Peter had the faithfulness to one true teaching Word or Jesus Himself regardless of any risk he had to take.

Acts 5:28-29

5:28 *saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!"*

5:29 *But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men.*

Peter was faithful in the service and ministry although he had to face the storm and waves.

Matthew 14:28-29

14:28 *And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."*

14:29 *So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.*

Matthew 14:30-31

14:30 *But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"*

14:31 *And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"*

Nevertheless, he started to be doubtful and drown or fall in sins up to the peak when he faced the wind of the false teachings that hit his deepest feelings. It means physical and spiritual deterioration, spiritual dryness, failure, and perdition.

God lets us face a great thing to make us return to the simplicity that is in Christ or the true teaching Word and the faithfulness in the marriage and the service and ministry to God. We can confess all our weaknesses and deteriorations until we can fully surrender, stretch out our hands to Him, and cry His name.

As a result, He stretches His hands to lift us up from drowning. One who has fallen can be restored. The failure is changed into success and beauty.

It continues until we are lifted up to the glorious clouds for welcoming Jesus' second coming and returning to Paradise until entering the New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.