

General Service in Malang, September 06, 2020 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 11:15-19 is about the sound of the seventh trumpet or the last one.

The seventh trumpet presents three things as follows:

1. Verse 15-17 is about Jesus, who will come a second time on the glorious clouds in the glory as the King of all kings and the Heavenly Bridegroom for establishing or restoring the heavenly kingdom in the world, namely the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace (the upcoming Paradise) and the heavenly kingdom or the eternal New Jerusalem (it has been explained).

2. God's wrath to the world

Revelation 11:18

11:18. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

3. The ark of covenant that refers to the perfect church or the heavenly bride.

Revelation 11:19

11:19. Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

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The seventh trumpet presents God's wrath to the world and those who deserve to be destroyed by the three times seven punishments, doomsday up to the hell forever. But He also gives reward to those who are worthy to receive it, namely the one in the world up to eternal life in heaven.

So, the seventh trumpet presents God as the righteous Judge and firm separation between the servant of God who is worthy to receive eternal life in heaven and the one who deserves to receive eternal punishment in the hell.

When does the firm separation happen?

1. From now on in the preaching of the trumpet or the true teaching word.
If we hear it earnestly, we will receive the reward of eternal life in heaven.
Otherwise, we will be destroyed in the hell forever.

The thing that we hear and our way in hearing the word determine whether we enter into heaven or hell. The congregation and the preacher must be earnest.

2. The time of pre-persecution of the Antichrist when the world and the servant of God face the crisis or difficulties, distress, sorrow, impossibility, and persecution. There are many people who deny God, so they are punished. But many people survive to receive the eternal life in heaven.
3. The time of the Antichrist who reigns over the world for three and a half years. There are servants of God who may fly into the wilderness far from the eyes of the Antichrist, but there are servants of God who are left in the world.

This is the double separation because the separation still happens in the age of the Antichrist, namely there are many servants of God who deny God and experience the eternal punishment, but only few servants of God willingly become the martyr because of keeping worshipping God, so they will be risen and receive the eternal life when Jesus comes.

4. Jesus comes a second time on the glorious clouds when the last trumpet sounds. It is the last separation, namely there are servants of God who are lifted up to greet His coming and receive the eternal life, but there are people who are left in the

world to experience the doomsday up to eternal perdition in the hell.

The firm separation when Jesus comes a second time on the glorious clouds is the same as the separation between the heaven and the hell. It is determined by our attitude to the trumpet now, namely the thing that we hear and our way in hearing the word. The trumpet refers to the true teaching word that is sharper than any two-edged sword, solid food, or the shepherding word to grow our spirituality until we are mature.

There are two kinds of separation that is linked with the attitude to the trumpet sound as follows:

1. **The separation between a rich man and Lazarus.** It refers to the separation between the heaven and the hell where there is a great gulf fixed.

Luke 16:19-26

16:19. "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.

16:20. "But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,

16:21. "desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

16:22. "So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

16:23. "And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

16:24. "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'

16:25. "But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.'

16:26. 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

'fared sumptuously' refers to sinning.

'sores' refer to the weakness.

'the dogs' refer to the Gentiles.

This separation is determined by the attitude to the true teaching word, spiritual food, or the king's food (the purple robe refers to the king) as follows:

- The rich man refers to the servants of God who do not appreciate the preaching of the true teaching word or solid food.

It means as follows:

- The attitude is like a child when hearing the true teaching word, namely being sleepy, bored, in daydream, *et cetera*, so he experiences spiritual famine or dissatisfaction. This thing makes him enjoy in sumptuousness, namely sinning up to the peak because there is no break. Only the teaching word can become the break, so we do not sin.
- In verse 24: '*dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue*' means that one just wants to receive the word which is like water drops. He does not want to be washed or purified by the abundant teaching word, so his tongue produces meaningless words such as lie, gossip, and slander, *et cetera*.

Consequently, he is separated to be punished in the hell forever.

Do not play with the attitude in hearing the word!

- Lazarus was full of sores which were licked by the dogs. It refers to the servant of God who has many weaknesses physically and spiritually.

The attitude is as follows:

- Hearing the word like a dog which licks the crumbs. It means that we humble our life and need the true teaching word more than anything. It is okay if we hear the word to finish our problem. But, it is not enough. We must hear the word until we enter into the eternal tent. We hear the word to be purified, so we experience satisfaction. We are happy and taken care of in the midst of sorrows.

- We willingly receive the Gospel word which is like cold water from heaven, so we want to dive into the true water baptism. We also willingly receive the teaching word which is like showers, so we experience the purification until the tongue speaks good and true words as well as testifies and worships God. It continues until we do not stumble in word.

As a result, Lazarus was in Abraham's bosom.

The Gentiles can be in Abraham's bosom, but many of the Israelites are rejected.

Matthew 8:11-12

8:11. *"And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.*

8:12. *"But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*

'*the sons of the kingdom*' refers to the Israelites.

This is the separation between the rich man and Lazarus that was caused by food.

2. The separation between wheat and chaff as follows.

Matthew 3:12

3:12. *"His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."*

- The chaff refers to the servant of God who just pursues the physical thing. He is satisfied with it but does not want to be filled with the repeated true teaching word. It is the same as not being shepherded.

1 John 1:9-10

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

1:10. *If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*

If we do not want to be filled by the word, we will not want to confess our sin; even we are unable to confess the sin.

The proof that we are filled by the word is confessing the sin.

- The wheat refers to the servant of God who uses all physical blessings to prioritize the word, especially to be filled with the repeated true teaching word. It is the same as being shepherded earnestly.

How to separate the wheat from the chaff? By experiencing the winnowing or shock two times as follows:

- By Satan.

The purpose is to make the servant of God fall from faith, and become the same as the chaff.

Luke 22:31-32

22:31. *And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat.*

22:32. *"But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."*

The winnowing by Satan happens through the things as follows:

- The sins up to the peak, so one lives for and enjoys sins.
- The impossible temptation, so the servant of God leaves God and the ministry.
- The false teachings, so the servant of God doubts and leaves the true teaching word. He chooses the other teaching which is suitable for the lust of the flesh.

The servant of God who is like the chaff will surely fall from faith. He will be burnt in the hell forever.

The way out to face the winnowing by Satan is that we must be firmly shepherded, namely perseverance in committing the three kinds of main service to God. It cannot be bargained!

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In the shepherding, we experience the things as follows:

- *'I have prayed'* refers to double intercession prayer, namely by Jesus as the Great Shepherd to lift us up, so we do not fall from faith, and by pastor who watches over our salvation or upholds us, so we do not fall from faith.
This is the function of the shepherding.
- The filling of the wheat by the repeated true teaching word, so we are affirmed even purified.
As a result, we keep living in righteousness and holiness. We do not fall from faith, but keep trusting and hoping God regardless of anything that happens. We keep holding fast and obeying the true teaching word until we become the affirmed wheat that is brought into the barn.

○ By Jesus.

The purpose is to purify us, so we become the heavenly bride who is the same as the virgin [Revelation 14].

Matthew 3:11-12

3:11. *"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

3:12. *"His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."*

What is purified? The conscience. This is the main purpose.

1 Peter 3:20-21

3:20. *who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.*

3:21. *There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism(not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

The last separation depends on the conscience or water baptism.

If we are not in one baptism, we will not be able to become one.

The winnowing or separation of the bride (husband and wife, child and parents, brother and sister) happens in the true water baptism.

The true water baptism is that one who has died to sin or repented must be buried in the water with Jesus and come out or rise from water with Him to receive new life or heavenly one, namely good or obedient conscience.

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.*

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.*

If we are not buried in the water baptism, the heavens will not be opened.

The facts found in the good conscience are as follows:

- We always prioritize and obey the true teaching word, so we experience the purification continuously up to perfection.
The chaff has the heart that tends to do evil continually because of the false implementation of baptism (not being buried) or the false term of baptism, namely being baptized without repentance.

The heart that tends to do evil continually just chases the physical thing to the point of sacrificing the true teaching word. It is the same as being empty.

If we are agree although we do not do it, we will also be empty.

- The strong base to receive Holy Spirit baptism. We are filled and anointed by Holy Spirit until He overflows in us.

Revelation 22:1

22:1. *And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.*

The functions of Holy Spirit are as follows:

- Holy Spirit is able to change the wilderness to become the Paradise.

Ezekiel 34:25-29

34:25. "I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

34:26. "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing.

34:27. "Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

34:28. "And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make them afraid.

34:29. "I will raise up for them a garden of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, nor bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore.

If there is Holy Spirit, we do not need to be afraid.

Holy Spirit is able to protect and take care of our physical life abundantly in the midst of barrenness and difficulties in the world until the Antichrist reigns over the world.

Spiritually, Holy Spirit gives us peace. All things become easy and light. We are not weary and heavy laden.

Holy Spirit gives the right direction to the New Jerusalem.

Holy Spirit also blesses us, so we become the blessing for others.

- Holy Spirit is able to satisfy and beautify a woman of Samaritan (the Gentiles). It means that He sets us free from the sins of eating-drinking. He restores the destroyed marriage, so it returns to the righteousness, holiness, and unity. We enter the building of the perfect body of Christ as well as we are set free from Babylon. The fact of satisfaction is testifying and worshipping God.

- Holy Spirit is able to perform the spiritual miracle, namely changing us personally from fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus. It starts from being clear as crystal. It means being honest, believing, and being obedient.

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Being honest, believing, and being obedient are the same as becoming the house of prayer, and the physical miracle also happens.

Matthew 8:5-13

8:5. Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him,

8:6. saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

8:7. And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

8:8. The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.

8:9. "For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

8:10. When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!

8:11. "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

8:12. "But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

8:13. Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Those who are sick will be healed. The thing that is dying or has already been dead will be raised. The impossible thing becomes possible.

It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to become as perfect as He is. We become the well-done wheat to enter the barn of the kingdom of heaven.

God blesses us.