

General Service in Malang, September 13, 2020 (Sunday Morning)

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

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

The seventh trumpet shows the following three things:

1. Verse 15-17 = Jesus, who comes a second time on the glorious clouds in the glory as the King of all kings and the heavenly Bridegroom for establishing the heavenly kingdom on earth, namely the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace (the future Paradise) up to the New Jerusalem forever (it has been explained).
2. Verse 18 = Jesus as the righteous Judge who gives punishment to the world and the people who deserve to get it as well as the reward to those who deserve to get it (it has been explained).
3. Verse 19 = the Ark of the Covenant, the perfect church, or the heavenly Bridegroom.

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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.

The temple or Tabernacle refers to the place of the Ark of the Covenant.

Without the Ark of the Covenant, the Tabernacle has no meaning, but emptiness.

On the contrary, the Ark of the Covenant without the temple has no place.

Thus, there is a very close relationship between the Ark of the Covenant and the temple which cannot be separated. If there is the temple, there must be the Tabernacle and vice versa.

The Ark of the Covenant was seen in the temple in heaven. It is the same as a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars or the heavenly bride.

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.

It refers to the perfect church or heavenly bride as the light of the world.

Thus, the Ark of the Covenant in the temple is the same as the heavenly bride. The seventh trumpet shows the church that is placed in the temple in heaven.

We are dwelling in the temple on earth as follows:

1. Our perishable body (it has been explained).
2. The place where we serve and minister to God, namely the house of the Lord and our own house where we are serving to God now.

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Someday we will be the heavenly bride in heaven for sure, but now the Ark of the Covenant in the temple on earth refers to the Bride Tidings.

The Bride Tidings refers to the true teaching Word.

The Ark of the Covenant cannot be separated from the place where we serve and minister to God.

It means that we must prioritize the Bride Tidings or the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword every time we serve and minister to God like the example of Jesus Himself. All things are useless without the Bride Tidings.

Jesus entered the synagogues bringing the teaching Word.

Matthew 9:35-38

9:35. Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

9:37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

9:38 "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

If there is the Bride Tidings, the seven demons will go away. If there is no Bride Tidings, the seven demons will come in our body and the place where we serve and minister to God, so there will be impossibilities.

Jesus preaches the Word in two forms as follows:

1. The Gospel Word for bringing the sinful to believe Jesus and be saved.
The Gospel Word produces the status like the newborn baby who cannot become the bride. Therefore, there must be the second preaching.
2. The true teaching Word for sanctifying the saved people, so there is the close relationship with God until being as perfect as He is or the perfect bride who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds and enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace or the Future Paradise, and the eternal heavenly kingdom or the temple in heaven.

The preaching of the teaching Word in Matthew 9:35-38 brings the congregation to experience **three close relationships with God** as follows:

1. **The relationship between students and the Teacher.**

Matthew 9:35

9:35. Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

The students refer to the life who always longs for and needs the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword.

Many people long for the teaching, but after the preaching they cannot endure and finally walk with Him no more.

John 6:60,66

6:60. Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"

6:66. From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

The students also refer to the life who can be humble and meek for receiving the hard teaching Word or hearing and obeying it although it is not in line with the will and lust of the flesh.

Keeping the fleshly lust, one cannot endure like Judas Iscariot. He kept the will of money and was lost.

If we hear and obey the true teaching Word, we will experience the sanctification power continually, so we get the closer relationship with God because He is the holy Lord. The holier we are, the closer is our relationship with God until someday we become perfect.

The sanctified student will get the ministry (Ephesians 4:11-12). It means being appointed as priests and kings who are used in the ministry of the edification of the perfect body of Christ.

The results of being used by God are as follows:

- The power of healing. It means the salvation of the body, soul, and spirit as well as the blessings from God.

Matthew 9:35

9:35. Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

The salvation for the body means being healed from dangerous diseases.

The salvation for the soul and spirit refers to being healed from the disease of sin so that we do not perish.

- The power for removing the weakness or reproach until we are perfect or blameless like Jesus. We will not be ashamed, but glorify God from now on in the world.

John 6:66

6:66. From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

Be careful! The hard-hearted student cannot hear and obey the hard teaching Word. He does not want to get the

sanctification, so he becomes a traitor like Judas Iscariot and perishes forever.

Be careful! The relationship between student and the Teacher has been good, but separation still can happen.

2. The relationship between sheep and the Shepherd.

Matthew 9:36

9:36. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

The preaching of the true teaching Word increases our relationship with God, namely we can be the sheep that are shepherded well and correctly.

The success of the preaching of the Word is when the life can be shepherded. There is fruit of perseverance in doing the three main services to God as follows:

- The Golden Candlestick or the perseverance in doing the General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts. The sheep are given drink so that they can be fresh.
- The Table of Showbread or the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ. The sheep are given food so that they can be full and satisfied.
- The Golden Altar of Incense or the perseverance in doing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love. The sheep breathe with the love of God up to the eternal life.

The student is used by God as well as specialized.

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 who perseveres in the sheepfold will always be anointed by Holy Spirit, so he is always faithful and fervent in spirit until the finish line. He always says the good and righteous words. He will not say dry words or be dry spiritually.

This priest is specialized by God.

There will be the following consequences if a priest is not shepherded:

- Being weary, heavy-laden, and in toil as if one must bear the burden by himself.
- Being scattered. It means that none pays attention to his life, beginning from the food, so he enters the physical and spiritual famine as well as the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world.
- Being far away from God and near the lion of the devil that walks about or having no close relationship with God until being pounced by the devil and perishing forever.

The facts found in being pounced by the devil are as follows:

- a. Fulfilling the self will until getting lost and finishing problems with the own way which is in line with the flesh, not God's will.

Isaiah 53:6

53:6. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

- b. Falling into a deep pit; even the pit of a harlot or the sins up to the peak.

Matthew 12:11

12:11. Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out?"

Proverbs 23:27

23:27. For a harlot is a deep pit, And a seductress is a narrow well.

- c. Getting lost on the high mountain or falling into the idolatry (idolatry often happens on the high hills).

Ezekiel 34:5-6

34:5. *"So they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered.*

34:6 *"My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching for them."*

The idolatry is the same as arrogance or relying on something in the world more than God, so there is unfaithfulness.

The results of being shepherded are as follows:

- Silence in the midst of dryness and shakings in the world.

Psalm 23:1-2

23:1. *<<A Psalm of David.>> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

23:2 *He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.*

We get the peace and all things become easy and light.

- 'I shall not want' = the abundant preservation of God until we become as perfect as He is.

3. The relationship between servant and the Master or the one of ownership which cannot be charged against by anything.

Matthew 9:37-38

9:37 *Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.*

9:38 *"Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*

John 12:20-28

12:20. *Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. 12:21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."*

12:22 *Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.*

12:23 *But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.*

12:24 *"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.*

12:25 *"He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.*

12:26 *"If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.*

12:27 *"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.*

12:28 *"Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."*

'*there were certain Greeks*' = the opening of the door for the Gentiles' being filled by the Bride Tidings, so they can be the priests, shepherded sheep, and the possession of God.

'*where I am, there My servant will be also*' = the relationship of the bride. Jesus refers to the bridegroom and the servant refers to the bride.

Verse 20 = the Gentiles must long for and need for serving and ministering to God; even the service and ministry to Him must be the main need for the Gentiles because actually only the native of Israel are worthy to serve and minister to Him.

The Gentiles get the mercy and grace of God which cost the blood of Jesus, so they can serve and minister to Him. Being unfaithful or not serving and ministering to God is the same as trampling the blood of Jesus.

Verse 21 = we must long for hearing the teaching Word in our service and ministry to God.

The requirements of the true service and ministry to God which result in the ripe fruits for entering the barn of the heavenly kingdom are as follows:

- The grain must fall into the ground. It means the humble heart which confesses that we are only the clay, so we can confess our sins to God and others. Do not repeat the sins after being forgiven!

John 12:24

12:24. *"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if*

it dies, it produces much grain.

Many times God lets us be humiliated (being blamed although we are not wrong, other people act the bad things to us, and so on) to hasten the process of being humble.

- Being dead is the same as denying our life. It means as follows:
 - a. Saying "no" to something which is not in line with the Bride Tidings although it gives profit. For example, Joseph did not want to lay with the wife of Pothiphar. If he had laid with her, he would have the position and so on. Nevertheless, He did not want to do that. He chose to be in prison.
 - b. Repaying good for evil. We have yielded many fruits.

Genesis 49:22

49:22. "Joseph is a fruitful bough, A fruitful bough by a well; His branches run over the wall.

- Loving God more than anything or being obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore. Jesus is obedient until He dies on the cross.

John 12:25

12:25. "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

After being obedient, we must love other people; even we can love our enemy.

As a result, we can yield fruits which are firm and ripe as well as ready to be reaped. We become the perfect heavenly bride.

Thus, our relationship with God is the one of husband-wife or Head-body that cannot be separated or the closest one.

The relationship between the Head and the body is in the neck. It refers to the worship.

Let us worship God much more.

The relationship in the worship prayer is of the love for the Israelites and the grace for the Gentiles.

If there is the grace, we can be broken-hearted and bow down at Jesus' feet to confess that we are only the baby who has many weaknesses.

Psalm 34:18-20

34:18. The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.

34:20 He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken.

If we worship God with the broken heart and only long for His grace, we will experience the power of the bone which cannot be broken or the resurrection power.

The results are as follows:

- The ruined things are restored to be good and the failure becomes success and beauty.
- The dead can be resurrected or there is renewal to become sincere and honest. The physical miracles also happen. Impossible things become possible.
- When Jesus comes a second time, we will be changed to be as perfect as Jesus is for being worthy to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds. We enter the temple in heaven forever. We are not separated from God anymore.

God blesses you.