

General Service in Surabaya, April 27, 2014 (Sunday Evening)

Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Good evening and happy Passover, let us hear the Word of God. Let the peace, grace, and joy of God be in the midst of us abundantly.

Revelation 1: 13-16 = the appearance of Jesus Himself in four real manifestations (It has been explained since *Bible Study Service in Surabaya, February 3, 2014*):

1. **Revelation 1: 13**= Jesus appears in His glory as **The High Priest**, being clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band (It has been explained since *Bible Study Service in Surabaya, February 3, 2014*).
2. **Revelation 1: 14**= Jesus appears in His glory as **The King of all kings**, whose head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire (It has been explained since *General Service in Surabaya, February 23, 2014*).
3. **Revelation 1: 15**= Jesus appears in His glory as **The Just Judge**, whose feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters (It has been explained since *Bible Study Service in Surabaya, March 17, 2014*).
4. **Revelation 1: 16**= Jesus appears in His glory as **The Heavenly Bridegroom**, the peak. We will never be separated from Him, but we are with Him forever. (It has been explained since *General Service in Surabaya, March 30, 2014*).
The husband = the head = the Heavenly bridegroom.
The wife = the body = the Heavenly bride.

The head cannot be separated with the body forever.

These are the appearances of Jesus as the High Priest, the King of all kings, the Just Judge, and the Heavenly bridegroom so we will never be separated with Him forever.

Tonight, we still discuss the fourth part, namely **JESUS APPEARS IN HIS GLORY AS THE HEAVENLY BRIDEGROOM.**

Revelation 1: 16

1: 16. He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

The signs of Jesus as the Heavenly Bridegroom are as follows.

1. He had in His right hand seven stars (It has been explained since *General Service in Surabaya, March 30, 2014*),
2. Out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword (It has been explained since *General Service in Surabaya, April 06, 2014*),
3. His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength (It has been explained since *Passover Service in Surabaya, April 20, 2014*).

Tonight, we still discuss the third sign, that is **His countenance is like the sun shining in its strength.**

His countenance is like the sun shining in its strength = His countenance is shining in the light of glory (**Shekinah Glory**).

Where can we see the countenance of Jesus that is like the sun shining in its strength?

Matthew 17: 1-2

17:1. Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 17:2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

In the past, Peter, James, and John went up on a high mountain with Jesus. There they could see the countenance of Jesus that shone like the sun.

Now it means that we can see the countenance of Jesus that is like the sun shining in its strength **in a worship prayer.**

We must be careful because there is a true worship and a false one.

Revelation 13: 11-13

13:11. Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

13:12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to

worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13:13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

like a lamb and spoke like a dragon = false teacher with false teachings.

the first beast = **Revelation 13: 1** a beast rising up out of the sea = antichrist.

The signs of a false worship are as follows.

- Being driven by false teaching (false teacher).
- Leading to worshipping antichrist with the mark 666.
- False worship yields physical signs **without** life renewal (whose deadly wound was healed).

The dead is raised refers to life renewal. Jesus has died as flesh man, but when He is raised, He is in the body of glory or spiritual body.

Being without life renewal(without spiritual signs) means keeping being flesh man with the mark 666 (the body, soul, and spirit are flesh) that will be destroyed. The figure 6 refers to the flesh (man is created on the sixth day).

Let us now worship God without being forced, but with pleasure or joy. If one feels forced to worship God, later he will be forced to worship antichrist.

The signs of a true worship are as follows.

- a. Being encouraged by the true teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Luke 9: 28

9:28. Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

Peter, John, and James went up on the mountain to pray after receiving the teaching.

The Word says Father is seeking for worshippers in spirit and truth = the true teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit or the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword sanctifies our heart.

We must not hear the Word that only contains jokes, but we must hear the Word as the sword that pierces our heart.

Matthew 5: 8

5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

If the heart as the store of sins is sanctified from evil desire (envy, revenge, anger) and unclean desire (adultery), the eyes will see God.

The eyes see God means worshipping Him, or **seeing His countenance that is like the sun shining in its strength**.

- b. It must direct to worshipping Jesus as the King and Heavenly bridegroom (the peak of worship in the world).

Revelation 19: 6-7

19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

= Jesus is the King of kings or Heavenly bridegroom and we are the bride.

In the Old Testament (the book of Genesis), the Bible is started with physical marriage between Adam and Eve. In the book of Revelation, the Bible is closed with spiritual marriage between Christ and the congregation.

Thus, the true worship must direct to worshipping Jesus as the King and Heavenly bridegroom with the saying Alleluia.

Revelation 19: 1, 3-4

19:1. After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, Alleluia! Salvation and glory and

honor and power belong to the Lord our God!

19:3 Again they said, *Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!*

19:4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God who sat on the throne, saying, Amen! Alleluia!

Why do we worship with the saying *Alleluia*? Because the worship in the Heaven also uses the saying *Alleluia*.

The true worship in the world must be the **reflection** of the worship in the Heaven. The true ministry in the world must also be the **reflection from the Heaven**.

In the past, Moses went up on the Mount of Sinai and saw the kingdom of Heaven. Afterwards, God commanded Moses to make the kingdom of Heaven in the world, that is the **Tabernacle (Exodus 25)**.

The Tabernacle consists of:

- the Court, that refers to righteousness,
- the Holy Place, that refers to holiness,
- the Most Holy Place, that refers to perfection.

We learn from Tabernacle how life in the world can be the same as life in the Heaven. Thus, we minister and worship God as in the Heaven (the reflection of the Heaven). **We learn everything from the teaching of Tabernacle and Bride Tidings.**

c. It is marked with life renewal (it is marked with death and resurrection).

We die from old life and resurrect in new life, meaning we experience life renewal from flesh man to become spiritual one as Jesus.

We will experience life renewal **through worship** (seeing the countenance of Jesus that is like the sun shining in its strength). The sunshine will enter our life and the bad things will be thrown out. We will be renewed little by little until we are perfect as God.

In the true worship, we can see the countenance of Jesus that is like the sun shining in its strength, so we experience **renewal starting from the five senses** (face). There are five senses in the face, that is eyes, ears, nose, mouth, and skin.

The practices of the renewal of five senses are as follows.

(tonight we only discuss three senses: ears, eyes, and mouth)

1. **Renewal of the ears.**

John 10: 27-28

10:27 *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.*

10:28 *And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.*

My sheep hear My voice = *hear* refers to the ears; *My voice* refers to the voice of the Shepherd or the shepherding Word.

The practice of the ears being renewed is hearing the Shepherding Word and obeying it (practicing the Word in our daily life).

Hearing = the first ear (the right ear). Being obedient = the second ear (the left ear).

Hearing and obeying the shepherding Word means **being a shepherded sheep**. If the ears have been renewed, it will not be difficult to become a shepherded sheep. If the ears have not been renewed (like to hear gossips, *et cetera*), it will be difficult to be shepherded.

The position of the shepherded sheep (the one who hears and obeys the Word) is in the embrace of the Great Shepherd's hands.

If we live inside the embrace of the Great Shepherd's hands, **the results are as follows.**

- *I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish* means there is certainty guarantee from the Great Shepherd to care our life now, in the future, up to eternal life.

Diploma and riches cannot give guarantee to our life.

God never fools us! The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep (**John 10: 11**), to give certainty guarantee for us.

- neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand means the hands of the Great Shepherd give us victory over the enemy, solve our problems even the impossible one right on His time.

The most important thing is our position as the sheep, not how heavy our problem is.

One of the examples of shepherded lives is **King David**.

About God's caring, King David says The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. David does not say I am a king, I shall not want.

David won the battle with Goliath. David also won over a lion when he was a shepherd (it is the power of the shepherding). David did not fight with his own hands when he was in the battle with Goliath, but with the hands of the Great Shepherd.

The ears that did not want to hear the Word, being sleepy when hearing the Word, and being disobedient to the Word, must be renewed so we can hear and obey the Word.

We have two ears (to hear and obey). The Word consists of 10 laws. Hearing the Word = 10, being obedient = 10. Hearing and obeying the Word = 10 X 10 = 100 (pass).

If one only hears (10), but does not obey (0) --> 10 X 0 = 0 (fail).

If one hears (10), but disobeys (-1), and disobeys again (-2) --> more disobediences mean going lower.

Do not be unserious when hearing the Word! It decides the destiny of our life. If we hear and obey the Word, our destiny is clear in the hands of the Great Shepherd.

When we face difficulties in the world, we must repair our ears. We ask God to illuminate our ears so we can hear and obey the Word.

2. Renewal of the eyes.

John 10: 31-32

10:31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

10:32 Jesus answered them, Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?

I have shown you = it can be seen. It refers to the eyes.

Many good works I have shown you from My Father = Jesus does not kill or harm the others. He even raises the dead and heals the sick.

If the eyes are not renewed, one will keep blaming Jesus although He heals the sick, *et cetera*.

The light of glory from His countenance illuminates our eyes (the flesh sight), so our eyes will be renewed, that is being able to see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ (the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword).

2 Corinthians 4: 3-4

4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4:4 whose minds the god of this age has **blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

If one is blind, he will not be able to see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.

Paul the apostle divides the preaching of the Word into two parts as follows.

- The gospel of salvation (**Ephesians 1: 13**) = the gospel Word = Good News, that is the gospel that preaches Jesus' first coming to the world to die on the cross and save sinful lives.

It is important for the people who have not believed Jesus yet. For us who have believed Jesus, we must firm the salvation.

The signs of being saved are believing, repenting, and being baptized in water and Holy Spirit, so we receive new life, that is **living in righteousness**. After being saved and living in righteousness, one still can fall in sins, therefore we need the sword that sanctifies us up to perfection.

Paul the apostle calls the gospel of salvation as milk/baby's food. If we have become Christians for a long time but still drink milk, the growth will be abnormal. Therefore, there is the second type.

- The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ(2 Corinthians 4: 3-4) = solid food= the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword= Bride Tidings, that is the gospel that preaches Jesus's second coming in glory as the King and Heavenly bridegroom to sanctify the saved one up to perfection, being as glorious as Him and becoming the bride of God.

If our eyes have been renewed, we will be able to see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ. It means we can receive and understand the true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword, so our eyes can see the form of holiness up to perfection.

The more we understand the Word, the more we will be sanctified. Our sins are sanctified little by little until there is no more sin and we are perfect on His second coming.

Being saved means living in righteousness. But it must be continued with living in holiness, that is our eyes can see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ. If we live in holiness, our eyes can see the work of God(His field).

John 10: 32

10:32 Jesus answered them, Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?

"Many good works I have shown you from My Father" = the work of God = God's field.

John 4: 35-36

4:35 Do you not say, There are still four months and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

4:36 And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest" = the work of God = God's field.

If our eyes can see the true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword, or if we are sanctified, our eyes will directly see the work of God. **It means** we can be active in ministry.

For those who have not served God, you must pray so the eyes can see the sword of the Word (being sanctified) and His field.

There are two types of ministry in His field as follows.

- Sowing.
Sowing is the work of the gospel of salvation. We testify and preach about the gospel of salvation to bring sinful lives to believe Jesus and be saved.

The sown seed will grow fast. In a while, the quantity will increase.

If it is sown continually but not reaped, there will be no meaning.

- Reaping.
We testify and preach the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ (the true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword) that **chooses** saved lives to be sanctified until as perfect as God.

Thus, our tasks are sowing and reaping. If there are many people within our house, it is not by accident, but it is the trust from God so we can testify.

Proverbs 20: 12

20:12. The hearing ear and the seeing eye, The Lord has made them both.

â[?] The Lord has made them bothâ[?] = both are created or made by God. It refers to **the servant of God who is consecrated**.

If there are two senses (**EARS** and **EYES**) that are renewed, it is already incredible.

In the book of Isaiah, God complains â[?] Hear, you deaf; And look, you blindâ[?]. It refers to the servant of God whose ears and eyes are disabled and not renewed.

The renewed ears and eyes= the servant of God who is consecrated. It means we are created specially by God to be used in the ministry of building the perfect body of Christ or the bride of God (the ministry of sowing and reaping).

The field of God is as follows.

- It is started from within marriage. If one is holy, he/she will be able to minister well.
 - a. The husband and the wife who are holy, will be able to minister one another well.
 - b. Children who are holy will obey the parents.
- In the shepherding.
- Between shepherding.

The servant of God who is consecrated will be equipped by God with the creation power.

- It is to create the things that have not existed yet, as God created the heaven and earth with all its contents.

The creation power from having no fish to having fishes is to care our life (for **financial** problem). For the servants of God, there is creation power from having no congregation to having many people as the congregation.

- It is to create sweet wine from having no wine. It is about **marriage**.

The marriage in this world generally has honeymoon period (it is only sweet for one month). Afterwards, it is tasteless and even bitter. It is the condition of marriage that needs to be helped.

John 2: 1-3

2:1. On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

2:2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

2:3 And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, â[?] They have no wine.â[?]

The fact of marriage in the world is running out of wine (the feast has not finished yet, but the wine is finished). It refers to tasteless even bitter marriage, so there is violence inside the marriage, dishonesty, even divorce.

Divorce means the head (husband) is separated from the body (wife), so the marriage is dead and there are victims (husband, wife, children).

If one still marries the other after divorcing, it becomes an adultery (the marriage is rotten and will be destroyed).

The victims of the first and second world war can be counted, but the victims of tasteless, bitter, and broken marriage cannot be counted by anyone.

If a marriage has been unsteady and tasteless, even leads to bitterness (there is no happiness), we must repair our ears and eyes, so our ears obey the shepherding Word and eyes see the sharp Word (we return to sanctification and ministry).

If we serve God with the aim to become holy and repent, it is wrong. The true one is our eyes must see the sword first (sanctification), and then we can see the field of God. Do not turn it over!

Let us be specially used by God in the building of the body of Christ, so that tasteless, bitter, and unclean marriage that leads to Babylon can be helped and recovered by Him, until it reaches the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

We marry not only in this world, but also until Jesusâ[?] second coming.

The entrance gate to the world (the book of Genesis) is physical marriage. It is as Adam and Eve got married, and

then men were born. It is also as our father and mother got married, so we were born to this world. We do not stay forever in this world, because it will be destroyed and we must go out. The exit gate from the world is through the marriage supper of the Lamb of God. It is the spiritual marriage between Christ and the congregation.

We must keep the entrance and exit gate, meaning we must keep the holiness and unity of the marriage, starting from the beginning of marriage, the journey, up to the end of marriage (until we enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God).

3. Renewal of the mouth.

John 10: 35-36

10:35 *If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),*

10:36 *do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, "You are blaspheming, because I said, "I am the Son of God"?"*

"because I said" refers to the mouth.

If the ears are not renewed, the eyes will not be renewed, and the mouth will also not be renewed. Thus one will get **deaf and dumb** (spiritual epilepsy).

Mark 9: 21-22, 25

9:21 *So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.*

9:22 *And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."*

9:25 *When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"*

"How long has this been happening to him?" = how long has he suffered from epilepsy and his body become rigid?

The epilepsy refers to uncleanness.

'From childhood' means epilepsy attacks since childhood (children and youth) up to the old ones. It also attacks the healthy and the disabled one. Therefore, we must pay attention to the children and bring them to Sunday School. We must also pay attention to the youth so they are serious in ministering God. The courtship period is the time to be filled with the Word (the time to be active in ministry).

Mark 9: 18

9:18 *And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."*

The signs of suffering from epilepsy are as follows.

- *"he foams at the mouth"* = dirty, evil, and unclean words, also lies.

If a Christian starts to lie, everything that is dirty and unclean will be there. Lie is the entrance door for everything that is dirty and unclean. Therefore, we must keep our mouth not to lie.

If one does not lie, it is as closing the door for evil and unclean things.

In **James 3**, it is said *"If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body"*. If the words are unclean, the whole body will be unclean (the deeds are also unclean) until **doing the peak of sins**.

- Sins concerning eating-drinking: smoking, getting drunk, consuming drugs.
- Sins concerning marrying-being given in marriage: sexuality sin with all its variety, sexuality deviation (homosexual, lesbian, sexuality to oneself), wrong marriage.

It means wallowing in sins, as a sow that has been washed but keeps returning to her wallowing in the mire.

- *"it throws him down"*. It is painful to be thrown down. It means experiencing physical suffering.

- gnashes his teeth refers to spiritual suffering.
- becomes rigid means hardening the heart, and cannot be advised anymore.

The example is Pharaoh who hardened his heart to forbid the Israelites leaving Egypt. As a consequence he received the judgment from God until nothing left.

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.*

of those in heaven = Satan with evil and unclean spirit = the red dragon in heaven (**Revelation 12**).

of those on earth = false teaching = wild beast on earth (**Revelation 13**).

of those under the earth = antichrist = wild beast from the sea (**Revelation 13: 1**).

In order to renew our mouth, Jesus must be obedient until He dies on the cross, so He receives the name which is above every name to beat Satan the Trinity that binds our mouth. **The mouth decides everything.**

The bond of Satan the Trinity makes mouth say lies, slanders, scorns, *et cetera*.

If our mouth is set free from Satan the Trinity, **it will be used to confess our sins, testify, and worship God (cry out His name)**.

Mark 7: 37

7:37 *And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the **mute** to speak.*

If **THE EARS** and **THE MOUTH** are good, **God will make everything good in His time.** God will give beautiful and successful future in His time.

James 3: 2

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.*

We have many faults from the top of our head to the sole of our feet, but the most faults are from the tongue.

If the mouth is renewed, **it will be renewed until it does not stumble in word** when Jesus comes a second time. We will become perfect as the bride who is ready to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds where there is only shout for joy with saying **Alleluia**.

The left ones in the world (whose senses are disabled) will groan in suffering and blaspheme God, while we will say **Alleluia**.

Let us keep our ears, eyes, and mouth, because they decide the destiny of our life.

God blesses us.