

Bible Study Service in Malang, April 17, 2018 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 7:4-8

7:4 *And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:*

7:5 *of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed;*

7:6 *of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed;*

7:7 *of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed;*

7:8 *of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.*

One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed. They are the core of the heavenly bride.

Genesis 49:17

49:17 *Dan shall be a serpent by the way, A viper by the path, That bites the horse's heels So that its rider shall fall backward.*

The tribe of Dan did not receive the seal of God because they had changed from the descendants of Abram to the ones of viper.

Genesis 3:14

3:14 *So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life."*

The way of life of the viper is only eating the dust. It means **the worldly life** as follows.

1. **Setting the mind on earthly things.**

Philippians 3:18-19

3:18 *For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:*

3:19 *whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame--who set their mind on earthly things.*

The facts found in it are as follows.

- a. **Being the enemy of the cross of Christ.** It means not being willing to suffer in the flesh in serving and ministering to God or always looking for the pleasant things for the flesh.

2 Timothy 3:12

3:12 *Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.*

Acts 14:22

14:22 *strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."*

To be able to serve and minister to God correctly, we must willingly pay the price, namely we willingly suffer in the flesh. Nevertheless, such service and ministry will have the clear direction that is to the heavenly kingdom.

- b. **The belly becomes the god.** It means that the service and ministry are only to look for physical things or prosperity.
Consequently, the service and ministry become a profession.
- c. **Their glory is their shame.** It means living in sins up to the peak.

2. **Being the fornicator and profane person like Esau.**

Hebrews 2:16-17

12:16 *lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.*

12:17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

It means sacrificing heavenly things to get the worldly ones. It is the same as selling the birthright. Consequently, Esau lived in tears and gnashing of teeth until he perished forever.

Acts 1:17-18

1:17 "for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry."

1:18 (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out.

The example in the New Testament is Judas Iscariot.

He fell headlong. His back was toward the heaven like a serpent creeping with its belly. Consequently, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. His life was rotten and ashamed or cursed up to the everlasting perdition.

Esau lost the seal and was replaced by Jacob.

Judas Iscariot lost the seal and was replaced by Matthias.

Dan also lost the seal and was replaced by Manasseh.

Acts 22:25

22:25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who stood by, "Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman, and uncondemned?"

The true way of life is being recumbent. It means that our back is toward the earth and we only look at the heavenly kingdom.
The facts found in it are as follows.

1. Undergoing the death experience with Jesus.

Colossians 3:3

3:3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

It means as follows.

- Not being bound by the worldly things, which cause anxiety. We can serve and minister to God faithfully.

Galatians 6:14

6:14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

- Being dead to sin. It means not sinning until we do not lie. We do not repay evil for evil, but good for evil.

1 Peter 2:21-24

2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

2:22 "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";

2:23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.

- Being dead with Jesus or our life is hidden in the blood of Jesus.

It means that Satan cannot accuse us. We cannot accuse ourselves as well as others.

2. Undergoing the resurrection experience with Jesus.

Colossians 3:1-2

3:1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

3:2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

1 Peter 2:24

2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.

The resurrection experience means as follows.

- Living for righteousness. We become the instruments of righteousness, namely the priests or God's servants.
- Setting the mind on things above more than the ones on the earth. We look for the heavenly things more than the earthly ones.

Matthew 6:31-33

6:31 *"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"*

6:32 *"For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things."*

6:33 *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."*

We can serve and minister to God in faithfulness and righteousness, so there is no more worry about the worldly things. All things will be added by the Heavenly Father through the sacrifice of Christ. We do not lack of anything anymore. We always give thanks to God. Every time we need something, God provides it by His own way.

Romans 8:32

8:32 *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*

3. Undergoing the experience of glory with Jesus.

Colossians 3:4

3:4 *When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*

We get the renewal of life from the fleshly man who is like the clay pot to the spiritual one like Jesus or the golden pot that had the manna.

Colossians 3:9-14

3:9 *Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,*

3:10 *and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,*

3:11 *where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.*

3:12 *Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;*

3:13 *bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.*

3:14 *But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.*

The beginning of the renewal is by throwing away lies.

There are seven signs of the new man as follows.

- Tender mercies. It means neither judging nor agreeing the sinful people.
- Kindness. It means loving to give.
- Humility. It means the ability to confess sins.
- Meekness. It means that one can receive the Word, how hard it is. He can also firmly hold fast to the true teaching Word and reject the false.
- Longsuffering. It means the patience in suffering so that we can always give thanks to God. It also means the patience to wait for the time of God, so we do not take our own way which is not in line with the Word.
- Forgiving and forgetting the sins of others. We can repay good for evil.
- Love. We can love God more than anything. We can love others like we love ourselves; even we can love our enemy.

The appearances of the new man are as follows.

- Living in peace. We do not feel anything that our flesh feels.

Colossians 3:15

3:15 *And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.*

- The saying and deeds are good and righteous to glorify God.

Colossians 3:17

3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

- Advising one another and always giving thanks to God in everything.

Colossians 3:16

3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Giving thanks means always remembering the mercy and goodness of God.

Psalms 136:1-2

136:1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

136:2 Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever.

The priests are the same as the stars. Not keeping the saying, they will be animals because the term 'carcass' is used for animals.

The meanings of the carcass are as follows.

- Murmuring. It means that the heart is not peaceful and the deeds and saying are not holy.

Numbers 14:29

14:29 'The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above.

- Self-truth. Knowing the truth but resisting it means that the faith cannot endure.

2 Timothy 3:7-8

3:7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;

- Keeping sins; even one intentionally commits sins up to the peak.

Isaiah 66:24

66:24 "And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

Mark 15:27-28

15:27 With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left.

15:28 So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with the transgressors."

Jesus willingly died on the cross. He was made equal to the disobedient. He willingly becomes the carcass on the cross so that our life, which is like the carcass, can be lifted up to be the stars again.

Matthew 24:27-28

24:27 "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

24:28 "For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

Our duty is to wait for Jesus' second coming like the eagles around the carcass. It means that we must appreciate the mercy and goodness of God.

Psalms 23:1,6

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

23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

We can worship God with a broken heart to submit all of our weaknesses and blemishes to Him.

Psalms 136:4

136:4 To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever;

Jesus alone means as follows.

- Do not hope in others, but only Jesus.
- We are not left alone. He will always come to us.
- He is able to stretch out His great hands of mercy and goodness to us.

Matthew 27:46-50

27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

27:47 Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!"

27:48 Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink.

27:49 The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him."

27:50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

Jesus alone drank the sour wine mingled with gall. It means that He bears the sins of men and replaces them with the new wine. As a result, men do not become carcasses.

- Jesus alone was able to help the sinful woman.

John 8:9-11

8:9 Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

8:10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"

8:11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

- Jesus alone was able to lift up Peter who started drowning. He refers to one who decreases until having total failure in physical and spiritual life.

Matthew 14:23,29-32

14:23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

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.

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?"

14:32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

The hands of God's mercy and goodness are able to lift us up, so we can return to the righteous, holy, obedient, successful, and beautiful life.

- Jesus alone is able to do great wonder in our life.

Psalms 136:4,13

136:4 To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever;

136:13 To Him who divided the Red Sea in two, For His mercy endures forever;

Exodus 14:15

14:15 And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward."

We experience the life renewal from crying to surrendering and crying out to God. If the spiritual miracle happens, the physical one will happen too for sure.

Psalms 136:5

136:5 To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, For His mercy endures forever;

The destroyed things are made good until we are changed to be perfect when Jesus comes a second time.

God blesses you.