

Bible Study Service in Malang, August 04, 2020 (Tuesday Evening)

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 or punishment to the world, namely three times seven punishments, doomsday, up to the hell forever.

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 the 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, namely three times seven punishments by the Trinity of God up to the doomsday.

The world will be destroyed up to the hell forever.

Who experiences God's wrath in the world from now up to the hell forever?

1. People who have not known Jesus or believed in Him. They do not experience the redemption and remission of sin. The wage of sin is death or perdition.
2. General people including the servants of God who live like in the age of Noah and Lot. They live for sins up to the peak, namely the sins of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage (the sins of Babylon), including the sin of unfaithfulness (the servant of God who is wicked and lazy).
If one is not faithful in the ministry, he will not enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb on the glorious clouds.
3. Five foolish virgins. When the bridegroom comes, the door is closed.

We learn about the five foolish virgins.

Foolishness means that one does not have the heavenly wisdom. It is the same as being on the left side.

Ecclesiastes 10:2

10:2. A wise man's heart is at his right hand, But a fool's heart at his left.

The place on the left is the place for goats, not sheep (Matthew 25).

So, the five foolish virgins are the church of God who appears like goats.

The facts found in appearing like goats are as follows:

1. **One is not firm in the shepherding until not being shepherded.**

It means as follows:

- One is not shepherded earnestly and faithfully. He does not persevere in the sheepfold.
Why? Because he does not want to enter into the narrow door. The door of the sheepfold is the narrow one. It refers to the way of the cross or the tearing of flesh.

Rejecting the tearing of flesh is the same as egoism. He has become the servant of God but he has egoism because

he does not want to be in the sheepfold.

Being outside the shepherding is the same as being outside Goshen, so one experiences weariness and there is none who is responsible for his life and death until he experiences God's punishment. In the past time, Egypt experienced the punishment of God because of being outside Goshen.

The sheep must be in the sheepfold or perseverance in committing the three kinds of main service to God, namely the General Service, Bible Study Service and Holy Communion, and Prayer Service. As a result, we receive the guarantee of certainty for God's protection and preservation.

- Not obeying the voice of a shepherd.
Why?

- a. Giving an opportunity to hear strange voice.
The strange voice means as follows:

- i. As for inside, the voice of the flesh that is not in line with the shepherding Word or the repeated true teaching word (the voice of a shepherd).
- ii. As for outside, false teaching and exhortations that make us doubt.

Hosea 8:12

8:12. I have written for him the great things of My law, But they were considered a strange thing.

If one hears the strange voice, he will feel strange to the voice of the shepherd or the sheepfold until he rejects the true teaching word. The true thing is rejected.

Hosea 8:1

8:1. "Set the trumpet to your mouth! He shall come like an eagle against the house of the LORD, Because they have transgressed My covenant And rebelled against My law.

- b. Just relying on carnal mind and feeling (which are egocentric). He does not use the mind and feeling of Jesus, the Great Shepherd.
The example is Saul.

1 Samuel 13:10-13

13:10. Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him.

13:11. And Samuel said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered together at Michmash,

13:12. "then I said, 'The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the LORD.' Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering."

13:13. And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.

'You have done foolishly' means appearing like goats. Saul relied on his own mind when he was under pressure.

1 Samuel 15:14-15,22-23

15:14. But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?"

15:15. And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed."

15:22. Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.

15:23. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."

Verse 22 means that it is better to become obedient even though we are not great.

Saul was not obedient when he was blessed. He just relied on his own feeling.

Disobedience is the same as falling into idolatry that hurts God.

Consequently, Saul lost his kingdom. It means losing the kingdom of heaven up to perdition forever.

If we are not obedient and faithful in all things, we will hurt God's heart although we are great.

These are the people who are not shepherded, namely having egoism as well as not being obedient and faithful.

2. **The love of money (being materialistic).**

Luke 12:15,18-21

12:15. *And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."*

12:18. *"So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.*

12:19. *'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."*

12:20. *"But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?"*

12:21. *"So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."*

If one loves money, he will not love God and others. It is the same as having no love.

One is bound by money because he feels that his life depends on it.

We must not depend on money even though we need it.

Do not be bound by money until not loving God!

Being bound by money is signified with the following things:

- Looking for money in illegal ways which are not in line with the true teaching word.
For example, one uses shaman, cheats, *et cetera*.
- Ministering to God just for looking for physical things. It is the same as selling Jesus like Judas.
- Being unfaithful as well as leaving the ministry because of physical thing.
- One falsely uses the blessing, namely only for self-interest and further self-pleasure. It is the same as falling into sins up to the peak.
Do not forget! Our life is in the hand of God, not money.
- Covetousness, stinginess and greediness.
Stinginess means that one cannot give for doing the work of God and to others who are in need.
Stinginess is the same as being offended or having no faith.

1 Timothy 5:8

5:8. *But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

A young man must remember his parents although they do not hope it.

Greediness means that one steals the possession of others, especially Gods', namely the tithe and special offering.

Becoming covetous means that one has done the idolatry. He cannot worship God.

Previously, becoming unfaithful and disobedient also makes one unable to worship God.

Ephesians 5:5

5:5. *For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.*

God comes to establish the heavenly kingdom in the world, but the covetous man (who is materialistic) is punished, so he cannot enter into Paradise and heaven.

The fact of being set free from money is that we feel more blessed to give than to receive. We love others and God.

3. Not confessing God (atheist).

Psalm 14:1

14:1. <<To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.>> The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good.

Being the atheist means worshiping idol.

Romans 1:21-32

1:21. because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

1:22. Professing to be wise, they became fools,

1:23. and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

1:24. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

1:25. who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

1:26. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

1:27. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

1:28. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

1:29. being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,

1:30. backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

1:31. undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;

1:32. who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Saying: 'There is no God' consists of two things as follows:

- One does not know and confess God from the beginning.
- A Christian who has known and ministered to God but worships idol, human, shaman, animal, *et cetera*, not God.

Consequently, he commits the sins up to the peak. He lives for sin and enjoys in sins up to the peak. He does not only sin but also approves those who practice it or he does not exhort them. It is the fact that he is an atheist and he will be destroyed forever.

The way out to face the five foolish virgins is that Jesus as the Good Shepherd must surrender His life to die on the cross.

1 Corinthians 1:22-23

1:22. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom;

1:23. but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

'the Greeks' refer to the Gentiles.

So, the foolish refers to the Gentiles.

John 10:11

10:11. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

The Gentiles are the same as dog and swine, but we can become the sheep by Christ's sacrifice.

Crucified Jesus is foolishness, so the Gentiles can get the heavenly wisdom, not being fool anymore.

We can be shepherded well and correctly. We become obedient and faithful, love God, not money, and enter into the building of the perfect body of Christ.

John 10:16

10:16. "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

'other sheep' refers to the Gentiles.

Actually, the sheep of God is only the Israelites. The Gentiles are just foolish dog and swine that do not have the heavenly wisdom and Holy Spirit.

That is why Jesus sacrifices Himself, so the Gentiles can become the sheep.

As a result, the Israelites and the Gentiles become one flock with one shepherd or one body with one Head.

One of the forms of Christ's sacrifice is the Holy Communion.

1 Corinthians 10:14-17

10:14. *Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.*

10:15. *I speak as to wise men; judge for yourselves what I say.*

10:16. *The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?*

10:17. *For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.*

The functions of the Holy Communion are as follows:

1. Taking away all of foolishnesses, namely egoism, egocentric and materialistic behavior, and atheist.
2. Unifying us to become one perfect body of Christ, starting from the unity of the marriage.

We must keep the unity and faithfulness of the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding up to the perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride. We become one body with one voice of worship: "*Alleluia*" to worship Jesus as the Head, King of kings, Great Shepherd, and Heavenly Bridegroom. There is no more idolatry. We just worship and totally surrender to Him. He remembers, cares, and struggles for all of us until He dies on the cross.

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.*

Not worshipping by saying: "*Alleluia*" means worshipping other. It is our foolishness, namely we do not want to have the one Head with one voice.

We must prove that our attention is just for Him by worshipping, surrendering, and crying out to Him.

Our effort in the world is limited, but He does everything for us.

Do not doubt! The King is able to do anything.

The results are as follows:

- a. The King protects and takes care of us miraculously in the midst of the difficulties in the world. He fulfills all of our need.

Matthew 25:35-36,34

25:35. *'for I was hungry and you gave Me food⁽¹⁾; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink⁽²⁾; I was a stranger and you took Me in⁽³⁾;*

25:36. *'I was naked and you clothed Me⁽⁴⁾; I was sick and you visited Me^(5: health); I was in prison and you came to Me^(6: freedom).'*

25:34. *"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*

The fleshly men need six things above and God knows that, including happiness up to freedom from sin and the world.

- b. The King's merciful hands are able to fix the things that have not been fixed yet.

Matthew 18:26-27

18:26. *"The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'*

18:27. *"Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.*

The sin debt is fixed, so we live in righteousness and holiness. The money debt is fixed. Surrender all things that have not been fixed yet in marriage, children, and ministry to God! On the cross, He drinks sour wine and He says, "*It is finished!*"

John 19:30

19:30. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

- c. The King is able to purify us up to perfection.

Ephesians 5:25-27

5:25. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

5:26. that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

5:27. that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

We are purified doubly by water baptism and the teaching word until we are without blemish.

We become perfect like Jesus and when He comes a second time, we cry out: "*Alleluia*". We are with Him forever while the world is destroyed.

God blesses us.