

Bible Study Service in Malang, August 23, 2018 (Thursday Evening)

To Coincide with Priests and Priests To Be Upgrading Service II

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

Revelation 7:15-16

7:15. *"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.*

7:16 *"They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat.*

The activity of God on the throne of heaven is dwelling or spreading His wings.

It means as follows:

1. Dwelling among or covering us with His wings in the midst of barren wilderness of the world up to eternal covering in the kingdom of heaven.
2. Shepherding and leading us to living fountains of waters or the throne of heaven.

John 10:3-4

10:3 *"To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.*

10:4 *"And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.*

God wants to lead us, so **we must follow the guidance of His hands through the Shepherd's voice or the true shepherding Word, and run away from strange voice.**

The strange voice is the one of the flesh, gossips whose truth cannot be accounted, also the one that is not in line with the true shepherding Word.

The strange voice tries to mislead us, so we do not aim at the living fountains of waters, but experience the desolation and withered spirituality in the wilderness of the world up to the destruction in the world and perdition in the hell.

The steps of our following are as follows:

1. **We are purified, so we have the sign of freedom from sin.**

Matthew 9:9

9:9. *As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.*

Matthew = Levi, which means attaching. Matthew sits at the tax office. It means that he attaches to or loves money, not God.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

5:10. *He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity.*

If we attach to or love money, we will never be satisfied, and our life will become in vain. All things in the world that we get without the word of God or the one of purification will never satisfy us, even our life will become in vain, suffer, and be destroyed forever.

I Timothy 6:3-6

6:3. *If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness,*

6:4. *he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions,*

6:5. *useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.*

6:6. *Now godliness with contentment is great gain.*

One who dares to change the true word actually knows nothing. He cannot think healthily. He just hates others and assumes that the ministry is the place to get physical advantages like the tax office.

On the last days, the false teaching will aim the house of God to become the place for finding physical advantage. Consequently, God will whip and chasten it.

Where there is the healthy teaching, we can think healthily.

The fact of the house of God that becomes the tax office or the den of thieves is just prioritizing the entertainment and greatness of the world but without purification. The servant of God will fall into sins up to the peak like Hophni and Phinehas. We are often deceived. We do not aim at heaven, but the tax office. The shepherds are responsible to take the congregation to the heaven, not to the tax office. If they do not do that, they will be guilty of blood that cannot be paid by anything.

The other fact found in the tax office or the den of thieves is that the servant of God becomes greedy and stingy. It means that one cannot give for the work of God and others in need, even he steals God's and others'.

The shepherd and priests must keep the church, so it does not become the den of thieves through the strange voice, sin, or the binding of money.

Psalm 17:15

17:15. As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

We can see God's face and experience heavenly satisfaction through the true teaching word. That is why we must prioritize the true teaching word in our ministry. The word will pierce and purify us up to the depth of our heart that contains evil and unclean desire, and bitterness, so we can see God. It means that we can worship Him.

As a result, we experience satisfaction. We can give thanks to God (spiritual satisfaction). We are also full physically, so we give thanks to God.

I Timothy 6:6

6:6. Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

In the true godliness, we will experience satisfaction. Moreover, we receive a great gain, namely the two wings of a great eagle. We are evacuated from the extension of death in the world, namely cinema, discotheque, and hand phone that become the source of sin.

Moreover, we will be flown to the wilderness. We are taken care of by God with the word and Holy Communion. We are protected from the antichrist.

The Bible Study Service is the exercise for the evacuation from the antichrist.

2. The following in the sign of surrendering like Peter (stretching out our hands to God).

John 21:18-19

21:18. "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."

21:19. This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

Peter stretches out his hands to God three times as follows:

o Matthew 16:21-23

16:21. From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

16:22. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

16:23. But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

Peter stretches out his hands to take Jesus aside when He talks about the cross.

Peter put Jesus in front of him when He broke five loaves and two fish.

The forms of cross are different one another such as sickness or the problem about mate for youth.

Peter does not want to follow Jesus with His cross or suffering in the flesh without any sin.

How is our attitude when we are expelled because of the true teaching word? Peter rejects the cross until he denies God because of using fleshly mind or logic, not faith.

Fleshly mind will always reject the cross. Parents, do not support your child if he chooses to reject the cross!

Philippians 1:29

1:29. For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

Actually there is glory behind the cross that cannot be blocked by anything.

○ **Matthew 26:51**

26:51. And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

Peter stretches out his hand to cut the ear of Malchus. It is the same as not loving others.

Peter is the great servant of God, but he is selfish and without love. He is full of self-will, self-interest, self-desire, and self-truth. He defends himself for the false thing.

The fact found in this life is living in doubt and fear. He cannot look at the right thing, but the false one.

If the great Peter can be like that, how much more we are. We must be watchful on the last days because there is no more time to fix ourselves.

Building the body of Christ without love, we are destroying it and building the one of Babylon.

Do not be selfish in the marriage! If we build the body of Babylon, we look like happy, but actually not. We will be destroyed forever.

The ministry in the body of Christ starts from marriage, shepherding, and inter-shepherding with love. We sacrifice the flesh with all of its interests.

If we have love, we will not fear anymore. We must be watchful. There is no happiness more than a happy marriage, but there is no suffering more than the one caused by an unhappy marriage.

○ **Matthew 14:28-32**

14:28. And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

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.

Peter stretches out his hands to Jesus when he **begins** to sink. Peter doubts to the true thing. If it continues, he will be firm in the false thing or Satan as long as he gets worldly thing.

That is why God allows Peter to face wind and waves. Peter stretches out his hands automatically when he begins to sink. He trusts and cries to Jesus. He surrenders his care to God.

I Peter 5:7

5:7. casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Peter believes in God, and he is helped or lifted up. We do not need to wait until we become doubtful and sink like Peter. It is dangerous! There are two possibilities like two criminals who are crucified beside Jesus. One is lifted up, but the other is destroyed.

When we "begin" to sink, to whom do we lift up our hand and cry?

John 21:15-19

21:15. So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

21:16. He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

21:17. He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

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Our following Jesus is in the sheepfold (Jesus asks Peter three times)= perseverance in committing the three kinds of main service.

In the sheepfold, Peter experiences the increase of love to Jesus. Peter does not stretch out his hands to ask for help, but to willingly sacrifice and surrender himself to God. We believe that God will help us if we live in righteousness, even we can surrender ourselves to Him.

As a result, Peter is used by God to glorify His name. Peter can be used to preach the Word before three thousand people. God wants to use us to preach the teaching word (the Bride Tidings) that is able to perfect the body of Christ. Where there are the cross and the true teaching, there is surely plus sign, so we do not need to find or ask for sponsorship for the work of God. Do not come in the false fellowship, or else you will be lost.

Peter experiences miracle because nothing is impossible for God.

Acts 3:6-8

3:6. *Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."*

3:7. *And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.*

3:8. *So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them--walking, leaping, and praising God.*

Peter can stretch out his hands to help others who are physically and spiritually lame (physical and spiritual miracle). One who has been weak and weary to minister can return to minister to God delightfully.

Do not do the opposite, namely others become weak because of our gossip.

3. We follow Jesus through the Holy Communion; His body becomes the true food and His blood the true drink.

John 21:20-22

21:20. *Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"*

21:21. *Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"*

21:22. *Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."*

We can find the true satisfaction through the Holy Communion. We will never fall into the sins of eating-drinking. Moreover, we can unify with God through the Holy Communion.

When we eat and drink the Holy Communion, we experience the things as follows:

- We find and experience the true satisfaction.
- We can lean on Jesus' breast. It means that we live in Jesus.

John leans on Jesus' breast twice as follows:

○ John 13:21-28

13:21. *When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."*

13:22. *Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke.*

13:23. *Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.*

13:24. *Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.*

13:25. *Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"*

13:26. *Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.*

13:27. *Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."*

13:28. *But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him.*

John leans on Jesus' breast when Judas Iscariot leaves Jesus. John is the illustration of a faithful and fervent servant of God in the ministry until the finish line.

Judas Iscariot leans on others namely money, so he is not faithful to God, but against Him. Consequently, he becomes the antichrist.

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John leans on Jesus' breast for the second time. It means that he submits to or obeys God as the bride that cannot be charged against by anything.

Leaning on God= being obedient and faithful. We love God more than anything. We totally depend on God. We live in the hug of God. It means that we just depend on God's mercy and goodness in every pulse or step of our life. We are like a baby in the hug of God's mercy and goodness.

The results are as follows:

- a. The hands of God's mercy and goodness are able to take care of us who are small and powerless until the antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years in the world.

We experience peace. All things become easy and light day by day. On the contrary, being outside of the hands of God, one will not experience the peace and all things in his life will not be easy and light.

- b. God will finish all of our problems up to the impossible ones.

2 Chronicles 14:9-11

14:9. Then Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million men and three hundred chariots, and he came to Mareshah.

14:10. So Asa went out against him, and they set the troops in battle array in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

14:11. And Asa cried out to the LORD his God, and said, "LORD, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O LORD our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O LORD, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!"

Our life and death are in the hands of God.

God fights for us.

- c. We cannot be snared. It means that we are purified and changed continuously up to perfection like Jesus. We become the perfect heavenly bride who is worthy to greet Jesus when He comes a second time. We are with God forever.

Proverbs 3:26

3:26. For the LORD will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught.

God blesses us.