

Bible Study Service in Malang, August 29, 2017 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 6:5-6

6:5 *When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.*

6:6 *And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."*

The opening of the third seal is the same as the third judgment of Holy Spirit God to the world, namely the revival of the black horse, so the famine happens physically and spiritually, especially of the Word of God. Consequently, men, including the sons or servants of God who do not prioritize the true teaching Word will experience the physical and spiritual famine or dissatisfaction, so they look for the pseudo-satisfaction in the world, fall and rise in sins up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. They fall and never rise again. It means that they live and enjoy in sins. They do not want to repent and cannot repent, but perish forever.

The solutions are in verse 6 as follows.

1. We must have a denarius or the wage of working in the vineyard. It refers to the service and ministry which are brought up by the Bride Tidings.
2. *"Do not harm the oil."* It means that we must live in the anointing oil of Holy Spirit.
3. *"Do not harm the wine."* It means that we must have the sweet wine or the heavenly joy and satisfaction, so we will not be dry, thirsty, or hungry spiritually, but keep righteous and holy until we are perfect.

How can we get the sweet wine? Through working in the vineyard or the service and ministry which are brought up by the Bride Tidings, being shepherded to the true teaching Word, and actively ministering to God in the edification of the body of Christ. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the one perfect body of Christ between Israel and the Gentiles.

Matthew 20:1-7

20:1 *"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.*

20:2 *"Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.*

20:3 *"And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,*

20:4 *"and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went.*

20:5 *"Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise.*

20:6 *"And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?'*

20:7 *"They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.'*

The Lord called and chose the laborers to work in the vineyard. It happens through the preaching of the Word that He gives a burden in the hearts of the people who are called and chosen to work in the vineyard according to the stirring of God through His Word.

The calling and election of God to work in the vineyard have happened from age to age as follows.

1. The beginning age or the one of Father God which is counted from Adam to Abraham for about two thousand years. The representative is Abraham.

Genesis 12:1-3

12:1 *Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.*

12:2 *I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.*

12:3 *I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

God called and chose Abraham to serve and minister to Him or work in the vineyard. The proofs are as follows.

- Abraham had to willingly leave his country. It means leaving the friendship of the world or worldliness and not being bound by the influences of the world such as the activities, amenities, and sorrows.
For example, Peter left his net after Jesus called him. It happened because of the authority of the Lord.

James 4:4

4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Being set free from the world, we can be faithful and fervent in spirit in serving and ministering to God until the end line.

- **Abraham had to willingly leave his family.** It means being set free from the friendship of the flesh with all of its wills and lusts.

Romans 8:6-7

8:6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

The fleshly wills only cause disobedience.

The proof of the calling of God is our obedience until the flesh does not speak anymore.

- **Abraham had to willingly leave his father's house.** It means being set free from the old sins, namely lie and hatred.

The proof of the calling of God is our righteous life.

Thus, the proof of receiving the calling of God is faithfulness, obedience, and righteousness in our life although we must sacrifice. Nevertheless, God will give us the results which are more than what we have sacrificed. He changes the atmosphere of curses in the world into the one of paradise, namely the physical and spiritual blessings as well as the ones in the marriage and children.

The secrets of the blessings of Abraham are as follows.

- **Remembering God as the giver of the blessings by returning the tithes and offerings to Him.** It refers to the vertical line.

Genesis 14:19-20

14:19 And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

14:20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

- **Remembering the other people who are in need.** It refers to the horizontal line.

Genesis 12:2

12:2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

We can be blessings for other people who are in need. We are also used in the ministry for edifying the body of Christ.

Both the vertical and horizontal lines form a cross. Thus, the secret of the blessings of Abraham is the cross.

- **Enjoying the blessings of God.**

Genesis 24:1

24:1 Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

As a result, we are blessed up to our descendants until we get the eternal life, namely meeting the Ancient of Days or God on the heavenly throne.

Daniel 7:9

7:9 "I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;

2. The middle age or the one of the Son of God which is counted from Abraham to the first coming of Jesus, for about two thousand years.

There are two times of the calling of God as follows.

- [Matthew 20:1-2] Laborers early in the morning or 6 a.m. who worked according to the promise, namely for the house of Israel or the chosen people of God in the days of the Law or the Old Testament. Nevertheless, many

people of Israel transgressed the Law or rejected the promise of God, so a part of Israel was lost. They lost the promise of God.

- [Matthew 20:3-5] Laborers who worked at 9 a.m., 12 noon, and 3 p.m.

Mark 15:25, 33-34, 37

15:25 Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him.

15:33 Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

15:34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

15:37 And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.

Matthew 15:24

15:24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Jesus willingly died on the cross with four main wounds, namely two in hands and two at feet. It refers to His love to look for the lost Israel who lived in the days of the New Testament and save or lift them up to be the laborers in His vineyard.

The representative of the middle age is four disciples, namely **Simon, Andrew, James, and John**.

Mark 1:16-20

1:16 And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

1:17 Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

1:18 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

1:19 When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets.

1:20 And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.

Why were only four people called while Zebedee or the father was left? Only four people were called because there were also four living creatures around the throne.

Revelation 4:6

4:6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

It means that our service and ministry to God must be in line with the heavenly kingdom or Tabernacle.

God calls and elects us to work in the vineyard to move us from the atmosphere of the curses in the world to the one of the heavenly throne.

Luke 5:4-5

5:4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

5:5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."

The atmosphere of the world without the calling and election of God or the preaching of the Word is in the weariness, heavy burden, and failure, although one has used his experience, intelligence, power, capital, and so on. For example, a rich young man did not want to follow or minister to Jesus, so he went with his disappointment and total failure in the midst of his success and all things were useless. The world is in the atmosphere of egoism or self-interest, dissatisfaction, and spiritual dryness and death.

Matthew 11:28-30

11:28 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

11:29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

11:30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

The four disciples willingly received the calling of the Lord. The proofs are as follows.

- **Being humble and gentle.**

The humble heart is able to confess sins to God and others. Do not repeat the sins after being forgiven. The humbleness also refers to the ability to receive the reality.

The gentle heart is able to receive the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword, no matter how hard it is. It means that we can hear, understand, believe, and obey the Word, so our life fully relies on the true teaching Word which is able to pass through all impossibilities.

Luke 5:8-9

5:8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

5:9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken;

Our attitude towards the true teaching Word will determine our destiny, If we are obedient, the Word is able to pass through physical impossibilities, namely from no fish to many fish. It is also able to pass through the spiritual impossibilities, namely we can get the salvation up to the perfection.

- **Being brave to leave the net, namely egoism or self-interest to become the fisher of men or be used in the ministry for edifying the body of Christ.**

Romans 14:17-18

14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

14:18 For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.

The results are as follows.

- Being blessed. Our life is easy and light. We get the sweet wine.
- The merciful hands of God are able to restore all destroyed things to be good.

3. The last age or the one of Holy Spirit God which is counted from Jesus' first coming to the second one, for about two thousand years.

Matthew 20:6

20:6 "And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?'"

The laborers worked at 5 p.m. The figure five refers to the fifth wound of Jesus who has already died, namely in His side. It is the biggest and deepest wound as the mercy of God to the Gentiles. The laborers who worked at 5 p.m. refer to the ones in the last age who work based on the mercy of God to the Gentiles.

Exodus 19:6

19:6 'And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

Actually, only the native of the house of Israel may become priests and kings.

1 Peter 2:9-10

2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2:10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Nevertheless, a part of them had rejected it, so the opportunity was opened for the Gentiles through the way of God's mercy.

2 Corinthians 4:1

4:1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

The proof of receiving the calling and election of God is through not being disappointed, but being strong and of good courage. We are not doubtful. We keep on holding fast and obeying one true teaching Word. We are not disappointed or hopeless, but faithful and fervent in spirit in serving and ministering to God. We keep on worshiping God.

Ezekiel 13:3-5

13:3 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing!"

13:4 "O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts.

13:5 "You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the day of the LORD.

One who is doubtful and receives the false teachings will be like a wall that breaks down or falls.

Proverbs 24:30-31

24:30 I went by the field of the lazy man, And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding;

24:31 And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down.

The meanings of the wall of the vineyard are as follows.

- The condition of prosperity or abundant preservation until we can give thanks.

Psalm 122:7

122:7 Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces."

- The wall of fire or the protection from the fiery dart of the wicked, namely the dart of love and sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

Zechariah 2:5

2:5 'For I,' says the LORD, 'will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.'"

- The glory of God, sanctification, and renewal, up to the perfection.
If the wall falls, one will be ashamed to live in curses up to perdition.

The ways to keep the wall, so it will not fall, are as follows.

- **Praying or watching with God.**

Nehemiah 4:7-9

4:7 Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the gaps were beginning to be closed, that they became very angry,

4:8 and all of them conspired together to come and attack Jerusalem and create confusion.

4:9 Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night.

It happens through praying for one hour, fasting, praying all night long, and being the member of chain prayer team.

- **We become like a baby who only cries to God and fully relies on His love and great grace.**

Isaiah 49:14-17

49:14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, And my Lord has forgotten me."

49:15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you.

49:16 See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.

49:17 Your sons shall make haste; Your destroyers and those who laid you waste Shall go away from you.

The process happens through the water baptism to result in the new life. We become like a newborn baby who has a sincere heart and only needs the pure spiritual milk. We can be strong and of good courage. We are not disappointed or hopeless, but we fully hope in God only. As a result, the hands of God are stretched to embrace us. He always remembers us. The merciful hands of God are able to preserve our life in the midst of the difficulties in the world, help us from all impossible problems, and protect us from disasters and accidents. The merciful hands of God are able to sanctify and change us to be perfect. We do not stumble in words. We can welcome Jesus' second coming and pass through the wall of the New Jerusalem to enter the eternal heavenly kingdom.

God blesses you.