

Bible Study Service in Malang, February 01, 2024 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 21:1-8 can be divided into three parts as follows:

1. [verse 1] The new heaven and earth.
2. [verse 2-3] The new man.
3. [verse 4-8] The new atmosphere.
 - a. [verse 4] The atmosphere without death.
 - b. [verse 5-6] The atmosphere of heavenly satisfaction.
 - c. [verse 7] The atmosphere of victory.
 - d. [verse 8] The atmosphere of the truth, holiness, and perfection.

As a result, we can enter the New Jerusalem.

We learn about the new atmosphere, namely the fourth.

Revelation 21:8

21:8 "But the cowardly(1), unbelieving(2), abominable(3), murderers(4), sexually immoral(5), sorcerers(6), idolaters(7), and all liars(8) shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

The eight sins which drown men to the hell are as follows:

- (1) *the cowardly*, (2) *unbelieving*--> are resisting against the truth.
(3) *abominable*, (4) *murderers*, (5) *sexually immoral*, (6) *sorcerers*, (7) *idolaters*--> are resisting against the holiness.
(8) *liars*--> is resisting against the perfection.

We are learning about the sexually immoral.

Revelation 17:5

17:5. And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Revelation 18:2

18:2. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

Babylon or the harlot or the false church is the dwelling place of demons--the foxes--and unclean spirit--the bird. Why? It is because of not placing Jesus as the head.

Matthew 8:18-20

8:18. And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side.

8:19. Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."

8:20. And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

John 1:1,14

1:1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1:14. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

It means that one does not prioritize the true teaching Word in his ministry and his whole life.

The foxes--the evil spirit--and the birds--the unclean spirit-- become the head.

The foxes have holes and the birds have nests for breeding. It means that the spirit of evil and uncleanness increases from era to era as follows:

1. The early age that is counted from Adam to Abraham is represented by the people in the age of Noah.

Genesis 6:5,1-2

6:5. Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6:1. Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

6:2. that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

The spirit of evil and uncleanness controls human's heart, so every intent of the thoughts of his heart is only evil and uncleanness continually. They only have the fleshly mind and sight, so they willingly sacrifice the spiritual thing to get the physical one.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- The mixed-marriage. It destroys the righteousness and unity of the marriage.
- The divorce-remarrying. It destroys the holiness of marriage.
- Marrying-giving in marriage and sin of eating-drinking. It destroys the holiness of marriage.

So, Babylon destroys the marriage, namely its righteousness, holiness, unity, and happiness, so it is in the atmosphere of the hell up to perishing in the hell forever.

The way out is that Noah and his family entered Noah's ark.

1 Peter 3:20-21

3:20. who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

3:21. There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

It means entering the true water baptism, namely one who has died to sin or repented must be buried in the water with Jesus and come out or rise from water with Him to receive new life or the heavenly one--the heavens are opened. We experience the renewal of the heart from the one that tends to be evil and unclean--being controlled by foxes and birds--to a good conscience which is controlled by Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 6:11-14

6:11. O Corinthians! We have spoken openly to you, our heart is wide open.

6:12. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your own affections.

6:13. Now in return for the same (I speak as to children), you also be open.

6:14. Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

The heart is wide open to receive the true teaching Word.

The two kinds of the preaching of the Word are as follows:

- The gospel of salvation or milk or the good news for those who have not believed in Jesus yet or those who are the newcomers in the church.
- The teaching Word or solid food or the Bride Tidings.

It starts from a shepherd who must have the wide open mouth and heart to dare to preach the true teaching Word sincerely and purely, so the congregation can open their heart widely to receive the true teaching Word. It means hearing and obeying the Word, so they experience the purification. As a result, they can enter the righteousness, holiness, and unity of the marriage up to the perfect marriage.

The requirements of the unity of the marriage are as follows:

- One faith or one true teaching Word.
- One true water baptism.
- One shepherding.
- One prayer.

As a result, the marriage can become one. The heart experiences peace. All of problems have been reconciled

Matthew 18:19-20

18:19. *"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.*

18:20. *"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."*

The marriage will become the house of prayer. The prayer is answered by God, and the marriage is happy.

Ephesians 5:31

5:31. *"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."*

It continues until the marriage becomes one flesh or one body of Christ, so the purpose of the marriage is reached.

Ephesians 5:32

5:32. *This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.*

It continues up to one perfect body of Christ. We become one with Jesus as the head. We enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God or the perfect marriage on the glorious clouds.

Revelation 19:9

19:9. *Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."*

2. **The middle age** that is counted from Abraham to Jesus' first coming is represented by the Scribe and Pharisees.

Matthew 15:1-2,7-9,19

15:1. *Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying,*

15:2. *"Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread."*

15:7. *"Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:*

15:8. *'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.*

15:9. *And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'"*

15:19. *"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts(1), murders(2), adulteries(3), fornications(4), thefts(5), false witness(6), blasphemies(7).*

It refers to the servant of God whose heart is controlled by the seven spirits of evil and uncleanness, so he becomes hypocrite. Why? Because he does not prioritize God or the true teaching Word in the ministry but just tradition and man's order that contradicts the Word. He just looks for the physical advantage, so he becomes the same as Judas Iscariot who sells Jesus. It means becoming greedy and stingy.

Stinginess means that one cannot give for doing the work of God and to others who are in need.

Greediness means that one steals the possession of God, namely the tithe and special offering, and the one of others who are in need, and the one of others through not paying the debt, *et cetera*. In every blessing we received, there are the belongings of the others.

The consequences are as follows:

- His ministry is in vain. It does not please God, so it is rejected by Him.
- The ministry is destroyed by the spirit of evil and uncleanness, so it becomes profession, not ordination or dedication.
- Not experiencing the renewal of life.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3:1. *But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:*

3:2. *For men will be lovers of themselves(1), lovers of money(2), boasters(3), proud(4), blasphemers(5), disobedient to parents(6), unthankful(7), unholy(8),*

3:3. *unloving(9), unforgiving(10), slanderers(11), without self-control(12), brutal(13), despisers of good(14),*

3:4. *traitors(15), headstrong(16), haughty(17), lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God(18),*

3:5. having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

One keeps the flesh and blood man with the eighteen characters of flesh, so he is marked with the triple six by the Antichrist. He becomes the same as the Antichrist or the beast that just does the evil thing up to repaying evil for good like Satan.

Luke 5:1,3

*5:1. So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,
5:3. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.*

Luke 4:43-44

*4:43. but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."
4:44. And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.*

The main purpose of ministering is hearing and obeying the gospel word and the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

*3:16. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
3:17. that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

The first sharp edge teaches or sanctifies us. The second sharp edge renews our life.

So, we can become the servant of God who just does the true and good deed up to repaying good for evil.

As a result, God is able to make all things well. The thing that has been destroyed can be good.

Revelation 19:8

19:8. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

It continues until we receive the robe of the bride

3. **The last age** that is counted from Jesus' first coming to the second one.
These days refer to the end of the last days. It is the time of God's long suffering.

Revelation 17:4-5

*17:4. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.
17:5. And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

The spirit of evil and uncleanness controls the church of God on the last days, so the marriage and ministry are destroyed, even aim at the building of Babylon or the false church, namely Satan's bride who is perfect in evil and uncleanness.

There are two great mysteries in the Bible, namely the one of marriage [Ephesians 5:32] and the one of ministry [1 Timothy 3:16]. The church of God is built to become the perfect body of Christ.

Babylon makes the servant of God become wicked, unclean, and unfaithful.

Revelation 18:6-7,10

*18:6. "Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her.
18:7. "In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'
18:10. "standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'*

The false church just pursues the physical prosperity and entertainment, but without the purification.

Consequently, it will be destroyed in one hour.

The way out is that we must worship for one hour.

The usefulnesses of one hour prayer are as follows:

- Not entering into the temptation.

Mark 14:37-38

14:37. Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour?"

14:38. "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

It means that we experience the renewal of life to become strong and of good courage. It means not getting desperate and disappointed as well as leaving God in facing the impossible problem. We keep living in righteousness and holiness. We do not sin anymore. We keep trusting and worshiping God, so He will help us to finish all of impossible problems in due time.

- Keeping surviving the vineyard to receive a denarius.

Matthew 20:10-11

20:10. "But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius."

20:11. "And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner,

We are faithful and fervent in the ministry that is brought up by the true teaching Word until the finish line.

Revelation 6:6

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."

We receive a denarius to face the upcoming famine on the last days. We are taken care of in the midst of the difficulties of the world until the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

- We are set free from Babylon--the spirit of evil and uncleanness. We become the apple of God's eye.

Zechariah 2:6-8

2:6. "Up, up! Flee from the land of the north," says the LORD; "for I have spread you abroad like the four winds of heaven," says the LORD.

2:7. "Up, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon."

2:8. For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye."

We live in the wilderness of the world. A grain of sand cannot touch the apple of God's eye. God protects us, so we experience peace. All things become easy and light until we are changed to become as perfect as Jesus is to greet His second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses us.