

Bible Study Service in Malang, February 13, 2020 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 11:1

11:1. Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there."

It is about the measuring reed, the one of the shepherd, or the shepherding Word, namely the Word which God entrusts to a pastor that he may preach to the congregation faithfully, regularly, continually, and repetitively, so it becomes food for the congregation and command about what to and not to do. It also becomes the measuring rod for measuring our spirituality until the flesh does not speak anymore.

There are two kinds of worship as follows:

1. The true worship.
2. The false worship.

The signs of the false worship are as follows:

1. The idolatry to apīs/oxen (animals, trees, and so on).

Acts 14:11,13-15

14:11. Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!"

14:13 Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes.

14:14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out

14:15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,

Acts 12:22

12:22. And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!"

It is also to the angel.

Colossians 2:18

2:18. Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

It is to Satan or demon too.

Leviticus 17:7

17:7. "They shall no more offer their sacrifices to demons, after whom they have played the harlot. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations." "

2. The worship which is based on the tradition.

John 4:20-21

4:20. "Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

4:21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father."

It is only to get the physical blessings.

Joshua 8:33

8:33. Then all Israel, with their elders and officers and judges, stood on either side of the ark before the priests, the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, the stranger as well as he who was born among them. Half of them were in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

The worship in Jerusalem refers to the one with the heart which is like the den of thieves, namely not in sincerity/honesty, but full of evil and uncleanness.

Matthew 2:8,13

2:8. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

2:13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

3. **The worship to the Antichrist.** It is encouraged by the false teachings and only looks for the physical signs.

Revelation 13:13-15

13:13. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

13:14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

13:15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

The power of the Antichrist is Mammon or the bond of money.

Christians or the servants of God who are bound by money will worship and be destroyed together with the Antichrist forever.

The process of worshipping antichrist is as follows:

- The will of money.

1 Timothy 6:9-10

6:9. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

It will increase to the fleshly lust to get money and it cannot be controlled anymore by the Word.

Then, it will be the love of money or there is no more love to God and others.

The form is hunting or looking for money until departing the faith and righteousness and making all ways legal. Consequently, ones only pierce themselves through with many sorrows until weeping.

- Money is put in the heart (the main place of human).

Thus, there is no more room for God or the Word. One is not faithful and fervent in spirit anymore in the service and ministry to God.

The form of money in the heart is stinginess and greediness.

The stinginess means that one cannot give to the work of God and other people who are in need.

If there is stinginess, one will not be able to unite in the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 5:11

5:11. But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner--not even to eat with such a person.

The greediness is the same as the idolatry or worshipping the Antichrist.

Colossians 3:5-6

3:5. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

3:6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

It means stealing the possession of God, namely the tithes and offerings.

Revelation 9:20-21,16

9:20. But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that

they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

9:21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

9:16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.

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How can God set us free from the bond of money?

It is through the tithes and offerings.

The tithes refer to God's way to set us free from the greediness.

The offerings refer to God's way to set us free from the stinginess.

We can give to others who are in need and God's work. It is the same as giving for edifying the perfect body of Christ.

Exodus 25:1-2,8

25:1. Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

25:2 "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering.

25:8 "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

It is for making Jesus dwell among us, so there is no more room for the wolves and birds.

Exodus 35:5-7

35:5. 'Take from among you an offering to the LORD. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the LORD: gold, silver, and bronze;

35:6 'blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair;

35:7 'ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood;

Exodus 36:6

36:6. So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary." And the people were restrained from bringing,

The true worship is encouraged by the truth and Spirit, namely the true teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

John 17:17

17:17. "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Psalms 24:3-4

24:3. Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?

24:4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

The heart is sanctified from evil, uncleanness, bitterness, and deceit until we have a pure heart.

The deeds are sanctified from sins up to the peak. We can do the righteous, holy, and good deeds until we can repay good for evil.

Psalms 24:5-6

24:5. He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

24:6 This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah

For example, Jacob could fulfill the measurement of worship in the holiness.

Genesis 32:24

32:24. Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day.

He struggled in facing the following two things:

1. Esau = the Antichrist.
2. The breaking of day or the second coming of Jesus on the glorious clouds.

Hosea 12:3-6

12:3. He took his brother by the heel in the womb, And in his strength he struggled with God.

12:4 Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed; He wept, and sought favor from Him. He found Him in Bethel, And there He spoke to us--

12:5 That is, the LORD God of hosts. The LORD is His memorable name.

12:6 So you, by the help of your God, return; Observe mercy and justice, And wait on your God continually.

He struggled while weeping much.

We must struggle until we have a broken heart and confess that we are not worthy, but powerless in our many mistakes. We only hope the mercy of God for the following two things:

1. We can keep our faithfulness and righteousness.

Hosea 12:6

12:6. So you, by the help of your God, return; Observe mercy and justice, And wait on your God continually.

Isaiah 11:5

11:5. Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

We keep on wearing the belt from God. We keep faithful and true in the service and ministry to God until the end line.

Luke 17:7-8

17:7. "And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'?"

17:8 "But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'?"

The sign is not insisting any rights, but only doing the duty. We willingly sacrifice for glorifying God or serving and ministering to Him.

The faithful and true servant of God refers to giving Jesus food and drink to satisfy or please His heart. Then, He will give us food and drink.

Revelation 12:14

12:14. But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

The faithfulness and righteousness will become the two wings of a great eagle to evacuate us to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the Antichrist for three and a half years.

Jeremiah 13:1-7

13:1. Thus the LORD said to me: "Go and get yourself a linen sash, and put it around your waist, but do not put it in water."

13:2 So I got a sash according to the word of the LORD, and put it around my waist.

13:3 And the word of the LORD came to me the second time, saying,

13:4 "Take the sash that you acquired, which is around your waist, and arise, go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole in the rock."

13:5 So I went and hid it by the Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.

13:6 Now it came to pass after many days that the LORD said to me, "Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take from there the sash which I commanded you to hide there."

13:7 Then I went to the Euphrates and dug, and I took the sash from the place where I had hidden it; and there was the sash, ruined. It was profitable for nothing.

Without the belt of faithfulness and righteousness, our life will be useless although we are great.

2. We are able to wait for the second coming of Jesus on the glorious clouds.

Psalms 27:14

27:14. Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!

We can keep strong and of good courage. We do neither become evil, unclean, weak, nor proud. We are not disappointed. We do not leave God, but keep faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God until the end line.

Being strong and of good courage is the same as being silent and quiet. We only surrender and cry out to God, stretch our hands to Him, and worship Him. He will stretch out His powerful hands to us.

The results are as follows:

- The power of God's employment.

Joshua 1:9

1:9. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

We are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the one of the edification of the perfect body of Christ.

- The power of healing from the physical and spiritual diseases.

Mark 9:23-24

9:23. Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

9:24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

- The power of lifting up from the physical and spiritual deterioration.

Mark 6:46-51

6:46. And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray.

6:47 Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He was alone on the land.

6:48 Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by.

6:49 And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and cried out;

6:50 for they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He talked with them and said to them, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

6:51 Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled.

Matthew 14:23,29-31

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?"

The failures are changed into success and beauty.

It continues until the time of Jesus' second coming that we are lifted up on the glorious clouds to be with Him forever.

God blesses you.