

Bible Study Service in Malang, February 27, 2018 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 7 is about the golden pot which has manna or the perfect faith.
One who has the perfect faith is perfect.

Revelation 7 can be divided into two parts as follows.

- Revelation 7:1-8, namely the core of the bride of God from the house of Israel.
- Revelation 7:9-17, namely the Gentiles who complete the bride of God.

Both will be one perfect body of Christ.

Revelation 7:1

7:1 After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.

The spiritual meanings of the wind are as follows.

1. One who is reborn by water and spirit, namely the water and Holy Spirit baptism.

John 3:5-8

3:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

3:6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

3:7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

3:8 "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

As a result, we receive the new life as follows.

- Living in righteousness.
- Having something but being nothing or we make ourselves of no reputation.
- Being obedient.

2. The messenger or servant of God whom He uses.

Psalm 104:4a

104:4 Who makes His angels spirits,

Thus, the perfect bride of God consists of the priests and kings or the servants of God.

After the water baptism, we must become the priests and kings whom God sends, or else Satan will send us in the edification of Babylon.

The example of the wind is Jesus. He is the first messenger of God.

Philippians 2:5-8

2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

2:6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

2:7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Jesus makes Himself of no reputation and becomes obedient to the point of death on the cross, so He becomes the messenger of God from heaven to the world to blow the coolness or freshness for the people in the world.

John 20:19-21

20:19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."

20:20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

20:21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

When the disciples from the house of Israel locked the door because of being afraid and distressed, and not having peace, but facing the hatred without a cause, persecution, and murder, Jesus came as the wind blowing from heaven to bring peace from

heaven and set them free until they felt joy. Then, they could be sent wherever God wanted.

How about the Gentiles?

Luke 7:1-7

7:1 Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum.

7:2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die.

7:3 So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant.

7:4 And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving,

7:5 "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue."

7:6 Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof.

7:7 "Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

The centurion who belonged to the Gentile had high position. He was rich. Moreover, he loved his servant as well as the enemy. He was great physically and spiritually.

Nevertheless, he could not solve his problem, namely his servant was sick and almost dead. He was in fear, sorrow, distress, and sadness. Such condition will continue to spiritual death or everlasting perdition.

Therefore, the Gentiles need the visitation of Jesus, the wind from heaven, through a word of Jesus.

The Word of Jesus refers to a verse that explains other verses in the Bible or the true teaching Word.

Appreciating a word of Jesus refers to our highest appreciation to the true teaching Word. We can hear it seriously like a dog licking the crumbs until we can obey it.

Obedying the Word of Jesus is the same as obeying the Trinity of God.

The facts found in obeying the true teaching Word or 'a word' are as follows.

1. The work of Father God, the general.

He sends His only Son to the world to die on the cross and save the sinful. Why?

- Because all things in the world such as riches, intelligence, position, and so on cannot finish sins; even such things encourage men to commit sins.
- Because men in the world, including the spiritual ones, apostles, teachers, prophets, and priests have sinned, so they cannot finish the sins of men.

Only Jesus is the sinless man who is able to save the sinners through His sacrifice on the cross.

John 3:16

3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

We must believe in Jesus as the only Savior, so we do not perish, but have everlasting life.

2. The work of the Son of God, the centurion.

Luke 7:7

7:7 "Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

Jesus said a word as follows.

- "It is finished" after He drank the sour wine.

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.

It means that Jesus bears or finishes all sins and the curses.

The sin which cannot be finished is the sin of not believing in Jesus and the sin which is not confessed.

We, the Gentiles, must also say "it is finished" to sins up to the peak.

John 19:31-34

19:31 Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they

might be taken away.

19:32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

19:33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

The mercy of God to the Gentiles is through the fifth wound out of which blood and water come.

The sign of blood means repentance.

We can confess to God and other people by the encouragement of the Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword. After being forgiven, do not sin anymore. Do not judge others. We must also forgive and forget the sin of others.

The sign of water refers to water baptism.

One who has repented must be buried in water with Jesus to be raised with Him in the new life, namely the life in righteousness. The life in righteousness is the same as being saved and blessed by God.

○ "Go" and "Come"

Luke 7:8

7:8 "For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

John 16:7

16:7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you."

"Go" means that Jesus must go, die on the cross, rise, and ascend to heaven to pour Holy Spirit. Jesus becomes the Baptist of Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:44-45

10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.

10:45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

By the grace of God, Holy Spirit can be poured to the Gentiles.

"Come" means that Holy Spirit comes to anoint and fill us up until overflowing in our life, so we can cry out "Abba, Father".

Romans 8:15

8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We can be obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore.

We get the serenity and peace. All things become easy and light.

3. **The work of Holy Spirit God, the soldier.**

Luke 7:8

7:8 "For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

"Do this!" means that Holy Spirit actively works in the life of the Gentiles to help and fight against the weakness and defeat of the flesh as follows.

- The flesh is always defeated by sins and the peak until there are spiritual death and everlasting perdition.

Romans 8:13

8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Holy Spirit is able to kill the virus and bacteria of sin, so the Gentiles can live in righteousness and holiness up to the eternal life.

- The flesh always hinders man to serve and minister to God, so he does not appreciate the service and ministry to

Him. Moreover, he will be unfaithful until leaving the service and ministry to God.

Revelation 22:3

22:3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

Consequently, he will be dragged from the heavenly throne to enter the hell.

Romans 12:11

12:11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

Holy Spirit makes us able to be faithful and fervent in spirit in serving and ministering to God according to the ministry which He has entrusted to us until the end line.

- The flesh cannot pray and worship God, especially in the time of disappointment and hopelessness because of facing temptations and impossible problems.

Romans 8:26

8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Holy Spirit helps us, so we can worship God with groaning which cannot be uttered or the broken heart. We can fall at Jesus' feet and feel not worthy in many weaknesses. We confess that we are nothing or not precious. We only fully rely on the mercy and power of God. As a result, God will stretch out the hands of mercy and power of Holy Spirit to us.

The results are as follows.

- a. A father or pastor can stretch out the hands to God. All impossible problems can be solved in time of need.
- b. A woman or widow.

A woman of Canaan faced the crisis in marriage and children because of her dry saying like the vomit.

Mark 7:25,27-29

7:25 For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet.

7:27 But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

7:28 And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."

7:29 Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

The woman can fall at Jesus' feet. God is able to unite our marriage until entering the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

- c. Youth.

John 11:32

11:32 Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." "

Mary was let face the death of Lazarus for four days that refers to the rottenness and peak of sin, the destruction of the future life, and perdition. God lets it happen to make us kneel at His feet. As a result, He will restore our life. The destroyed things can be made good. We have the beautiful and successful future life.

God blesses you.