

Bible Study Service in Malang, January 14, 2020 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation chapter 10 in the arrangement of Tabernacle refers to the mercy seat with the seven sprinklings of blood, the Son of God, or Jesus.

Revelation 11 refers to the two cherubim which were made of pure gold as follows:

1. The first cherub refers to Father God or the Lord.
2. The second cherub refers to Holy Spirit God or Christ.

Combining them, the mercy seat refers to the Lord Jesus Christ in the glory as the King of all kings or the Heavenly Bridegroom.

Exodus 25:17-18

25:17 "You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits shall be its length and a cubit and a half its width.

25:18 "And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat.

The mercy seat was put upon the ark.

Exodus 25:10-11

25:10 " And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits shall be its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height.

25:11 "And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and shall make on it a molding of gold all around.

The ark was made of acacia wood which was overlaid with pure gold inside and out.

The color of acacia wood is black. It refers to the sinful fleshly men. Thus, the ark refers to the sinful fleshly men who are overlaid or sanctified by the Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love until being as perfect as Jesus is and the heavenly bride.

Exodus 25:21a

25:21 "You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark,

The mercy seat was put on the ark. It means that the Lord Jesus Christ as the heavenly Bridegroom covers the Church that is in the midst of the dry wilderness of the world until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years and the Church is as perfect as Jesus.

There must be a molding of gold all around so that the mercy seat cannot move from the ark. It means that the Church truly gets the full covering of Jesus, the Heavenly Bridegroom, until the perfection.

The spiritual meanings of the molding of gold which the Church must have are as follows:

1. The fear of the Lord.

Psalm 25:14

25:14 The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.

Proverbs 8:13

8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

It means hating sins up to lies or living in righteousness.

The results are as follows:

- God gives the revelation of the Word or the true teaching Word as the spiritual food, so we are preserved. We do not enter the double famine or the physical and spiritual one when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.
- God blesses us up to our descendants and we become blessings for others.

Psalm 37:25-26

37:25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

37:26 He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.

It continues until we get the blessing of the eternal life.

The true inheritance for our descendants must be the righteousness or the righteous life and the true teaching Word.

2. **Honesty.**

Proverbs 3:32

3:32 For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD, But His secret counsel is with the upright.

Titus 2:7

2:7 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,

The beginning of honesty is being honest in the true teaching or holding fast the true teaching Word and firmly rejecting the false teachings or not giving any chance for hearing the false teachings. Eve heard the voice of the serpent only once and fell in sin.

Being honest in the true teaching is the same as being on the Lord's side or putting on the sword. Do not support nor be on the side of the false although they are our family. As a result, we can be the example in doing good deeds. We only do good deeds until we can repay good for evil.

We can be hoped or there is a certainty for being honest in all things.

Hebrews 13:4

13:4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Being honest in the marriage must be from the beginning, in the time of friendship and engagement, and during the marriage. The purpose of having girlfriend or boyfriend is to get married. The broken relationship with the boyfriend or girlfriend will cause pain. The broken relationship with the fiancée will cause destruction. The divorce will cause death. If there is remarrying, there will be rottenness.

The darkness of basket (economy or the sins concerning eating-drinking) and bed (the sins of adultery) is threatening to destroy the marriage.

Hebrews 13:5

13:5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

We must also be honest in finance. There are God's possession, namely the tithes and offerings, as well as the blessings for others who are in need in every blessing we have received from Him. The rest will be ours. Do not falsely use the blessings from God.

Then, the mercy seat does not move from the ark. God is with us. He never leaves us.

Malachi 2:7,6

2:7 "For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, And people should seek the law from his mouth; For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

2:6 The law of truth was in his mouth, And injustice was not found on his lips. He walked with Me in peace and equity, And turned many away from iniquity.

Then, we must be honest in our words and all things.

As a result, we keep peaceful although we are facing the storm and waves in the sea of the world. All things become easy and light. We can be the witness for bringing the sinners to come to God.

Proverbs 15:8

15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight.

We become the house of prayer. Our prayer is answered by God and we get the heavenly joy (home sweet home).

3. **The love and mercy of God.**

Romans 8:35-36

8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

8:36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

How great a man is, his position is only like a sheep for the slaughter which is so powerless and cannot do anything (the distance with the death is only a step). Thus, many servants or sons of God get disappointed or hopeless and leave God or the true teaching Word when they are facing the deterioration in economy, health, and so on.

For example, Elijah was hopeless, facing Jezebel. Moses was also hopeless, facing the Israelites.

What the sheep for the slaughter needs is only God's love and mercy through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

John 10:11

10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

Jesus appears as the Good Shepherd who willingly gives His life as well as His love and mercy for the sheep for the slaughter so that we can keep on enduring and defeating all things until we become more than conquerors.

Therefore, we must be the good sheep for being able to receive the love and mercy of God. We must be shepherded well and correctly like a branch that abides in the true Vine. It means as follows:

- Faithfulness and perseverance in the sheepfold or the Holy Place, namely in doing the three main services to God as follows:
 - The Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing the General Service.
 - The Table of Showbread or the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with Holy Communion.
 - The Golden Altar of Incense or the perseverance in doing the Prayer Service.
- Eating the shepherding Word or hearing and obeying the repetitive true teaching Word.

As a result, we get the intensive sanctification, especially from the sins of Judas Iscariot which make the branches dry and cut or separated from God.

John 15:3

15:3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you."

John 13:10-11

13:10 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

13:11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

The sins of Judas Iscariot are as follows:

- A thief. It means stealing the tithes and offerings or God's possession and the possession of others.
- A liar ('not me, Lord').
- An accuser. It means not doing the correction in life, but only blaming at others.
- Pretense or hypocrisy.
- A trader (selling Jesus). It means serving and ministering to God only for looking for the physical things such as money, position, marriage partner, and so on. It also means serving and ministering to God, but the way of life is not in line with the Word; even he becomes the stumbling-block for others.
- A traitor. It means unfaithfulness.

We are sanctified, so the branch can yield sweet fruits. It means that the life becomes beautiful, joyful, and preserved.

1 Peter 5:8

5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Wandering, not being in the sheepfold, or being in the sheepfold but still hearing the strange voice, one will meet the lion which will devour until he perishes.

John 13:23

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

Having the molding of gold or the righteousness, honesty, faithfulness, obedience, and holiness, our position is like John the apostle who leaned on Jesus' bosom. We are never separated from Him. We receive the great love and mercy of God which never change.

The results are as follows:

1. We are not separated from God, facing all things.

Romans 8:35

8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 8:36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

We do neither get disappointed and hopeless nor leave God, but get strong and of good courage, keep on believing God, and keep faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to Him.

2. Our life and death are God's business.

John 21:20-23

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."

21:23 Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?"

Our business is just having the molding of gold, namely living in righteousness, holiness, faithfulness, obedience, and holiness.

As a result, the love and mercy of God are able to preserve our small and powerless life in the midst of the great difficulties and impossibilities in the world. God is able to give us the beautiful and successful future life.

3. The great merciful hands of God make war instead of us to make us more than the conquerors.

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!"

God finishes all impossible problems and gives us peace. All things become easy and light.

4. The hands of God's mercy are able to sanctify us from the snares of sins. The snares of sins will make one left behind when Jesus comes a second time.

Proverbs 3:26

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

- The snare of the sins of Babylon refers to the sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse as well as the ones concerning marrying-being given in marriage such as adultery and the wrong marriage.
- The snare of the false teachings.
- The snare of the idle words.

Proverbs 18:7

18:7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, And his lips are the snare of his soul.

We are sanctified until we do not stumble in words. We become as perfect as Jesus is.

John 12:26

12:26 "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him

My Father will honor.

The mercy seat does not move from the ark.

Revelation 3:21

3:21 "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

It continues until we sit with Jesus on the throne of heaven forever.

God blesses you.