

Bible Study Service in Malang, July 04, 2024 (Thursday Evening)

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

The state of the New Jerusalem city is as follows:

1. **From the outside, she emits the glory, and her light is like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.**

Revelation 21:11

21:11. having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

A jasper stone shines like the flaming fire.

It means as follows:

- Becoming as lighthouse in the darkness.
- The burning yearning in the spiritual thing.

Exodus 2:11

2:11. Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.

Moses had the burning yearning in his heart to see his brothers, namely the Israelites who were enslaved by the Egyptians, even to release them from the bondage of Egypt.

Exodus 2:12-15

2:12. So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

2:13. And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, "Why are you striking your companion?"

2:14. Then he said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" So Moses feared and said, "Surely this thing is known!"

2:15 When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.

By having the burning yearning only, Moses indeed became a killer who was full of hatred.

James 3:5-8

3:5. Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles!

3:6. And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

3:7. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind.

3:8. But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

The tongue is an unruly evil like the flaming fire that judges, slanders, and destroys the body of Christ.

Exodus 3:1-4

3:1. Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

3:2. And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

3:3. Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

3:4. So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

That is why the burning yearning must be increased in the sheepfold. The tongue which is an unruly evil like the flaming fire must be shepherded, so our yearning becomes reality.

God brings the burning yearning to His flaming fire in the shepherding, so we experience the purification of heart from envy and hatred. We can love God and others. We also experience the purification of tongue, so we just say: 'Here I am.' It means becoming honest and obedient.

Exodus 3:11

3:11. But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

We can confess our sin, weakness, and infirmity.

Exodus 3:7-10

3:7. And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.

3:8. "So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

3:9. "Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.

3:10. "Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

So, we can be sent by God according to our burning yearning like Moses who is used as the deliverer of the Israelites.

Isaiah 6:5-10

6:5. So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."

6:6. Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.

6:7. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged."

6:8. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

6:9. And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'

6:10. "Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed."

God also purified Isaiah the prophet with a live coal or the flaming fire of heaven, so the unclean tongue became true and holy. As a result, he could be sent to the Israelites who hardened their heart. He could minister to those who did not want to be ministered until they willingly received the ministry.

Acts 2:1-4,14,22-24

2:1. When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2:2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

2:3. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

2:4. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

2:14. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

2:22. "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know--

2:23. "Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;

2:24. "whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

Peter experienced the purification of tongue by the flaming fire of Holy Spirit, so he was changed from lying and denying Jesus to preaching about Jesus bravely.

Acts 1:8

1:8. "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

As a result, Peter was used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the first rain to preach the Gospel Word or good news from Jerusalem Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the world.

Philippians 2:8-11

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.

2:9. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

2:10. that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

2:11. and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus became obedient to the point of death on the cross, so He received the power of His name to defeat the trinity of Satan. He set our tongue free from the trinity of Satan, so we could confess His name. We were saved. We could exalt and glorify God.

Philippians 2:12-15

2:12. *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;*

2:13. *for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.*

2:14. *Do all things without complaining and disputing,*

2:15. *that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,*

We must have the fear of God by working out our own salvation until the finish line. As a result, God will give the burning will or yearning to be used by God. We can willingly minister to God. We do not complain and dispute. Our heart and tongue are purified, so we always give thanks. We can shine as lights in the world up to shining like the jasper stone. We become the lighthouse to bring the sinners, so they can believe in Jesus and be saved.

2. From the inside, the New Jerusalem is full of the glory of God, so there is no more darkness.

Revelation 21:23-24

21:23. *The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.*

21:24. *And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.*

How can we receive the glory of God to enter the New Jerusalem?

- Receiving the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword, namely the Bride Tidings.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3. *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,*

4:4. *whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.*

It is the gospel that preaches God's second coming in the glory of the King of kings and the Heavenly Bridegroom to purify and change us up to perfection, namely the heavenly bride.

God entrusts the Bride Tidings to the Gentiles through His revelation to Rev. van Gessel.

The Gentiles must hear and obey the Bride Tidings, so we experience the light of the glory of God or the one of the purification and renewal of life from the tongue of dog to the one of sheep or son of God who just says: 'Abba, Father.' It means becoming honest and obedient.

- The test or the sprinkle of blood. Revelation 21 refers to the mercy seat with the seven sprinklings of blood.

1 Peter 4:12-14

4:12. *Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;*

4:13. *but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.*

4:14. *If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.*

We must experience the test, the sprinkle of blood, or the cross, namely suffering in the flesh with Jesus.

Why is it so? To receive the Spirit of glory, so we are happy in the midst of the sufferings. We become strong and of good courage. We can be used to preach the Bride Tidings from the end of the earth - western countries - Samaria -

Judea - Jerusalem, so the Israelites can enter the oneness of the body of Christ. It is the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain or the building of the body of Christ. It starts from marriage, shepherding, inter shepherding until the Israelites and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ. We put Jesus as the Head who has been responsible over our life until He dies on the Place of a Skull.

The relationship between the Head and the body is in the neck. It refers to the prayer. We must worship God many times in facing the sprinkle of blood. The more we are used by God, the test we experience will be bigger.

Through the prayer, we surrender our weakness and infirmity physically and spiritually. We just depend on God's mercy.

The examples of the Gentiles are as follows:

- a. Rahab, a harlot, could be used by God to save her family through the scarlet cord. It refers to Christ's sacrifice or God's mercy.
- b. A woman of Canaan whose daughter was entered by Satan. It means the destruction in marriage and children, impossible disease, and not being calm. It could be restored by God's mercy.
- c. A widow of Zarephath faced the crisis of economy. She became honest and obedient, so God was able to take care of and raise the thing that has already been dead. He finished all of impossible problems.

It continues until we are changed to become perfect. We can enter the New Jerusalem in which there is the light of the glory of God.

God blesses us.