

Bible Study Service in Malang, July 09, 2019 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 9:13-21 tells us about the sixth trumpet or the sixth judgment of the Son of God to the people in the world, so a third of them will die. Their body, soul, and spirit die. They perish in the hell. It happens because of the great war which is triggered by the four angels of war, namely Satan, the Antichrist, false prophets, and false servants of God who are controlled by the trinity of Satan.

Revelation 9:15

9:15 So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

The four angels of war are ready to use every year, month, day, and hour to create a great war to destroy the men in the world. Therefore, we must use every year, month, day, and hour of the lengthening of God's patience to do the following things:

1. Repenting or stopping sinning and returning to God.
2. Working in the vineyard.

Matthew 20:1-6

20:1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

20:2 "Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

20:3 "And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

20:4 "and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went.

20:5 "Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise.

20:6 "And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?'

There are three opportunities which are opened by God for our working in the vineyard as follows:

1. **Early in the morning.**

It refers to the opportunity for the tribe of Levi from the house of Israel in the age of the Law. The base is the wage.

2. **9 a.m., 12 noon, and 3 p.m.**

It refers to the time of Jesus' crucifixion as the opportunity for all tribes of the house of Israel in the age of the New Testament. The base is Jesus who has died with four main wounds.

3. **5 p.m.**

Matthew 20:12

20:12 "saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.'

It refers to the opportunity for the Gentiles to work. The base is the fifth wound of Jesus on the cross. The side of Jesus was pierced by a spear, so blood and water came out of it to save the Gentiles.

The time to work is only one hour. Thus, the Gentiles must use the opportunity in every hour of the lengthening of God's patience to enter the spiritual war or actively minister to God in the edification of the perfect body of Christ. The edification of the body of Christ begins from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding or fellowship, until the house of Israel and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

Mark 11:1-2,11

11:1 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples;

11:2 and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it.

11:11 And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the edification of the perfect body of Christ can be illustrated as the last journey of Jesus to Jerusalem by sitting on a young donkey. The donkey refers to the Gentiles. The young donkey refers to the following things:

1. Youth.
2. One who has just received the Bride Tidings.
3. One who always gets the renewal by the Bride Tidings.

Ephesians 2:13-22

2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

2:14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

2:15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,

2:16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

2:17 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

2:18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

2:19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

2:20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

2:21 in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

2:22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The foundation of the edification of the body of Christ is as follows:

1. Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone or the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.
2. The apostles and prophets.
The apostles refer to the New Testament. The prophets refer to the Old Testament.
Thus, they refer to the Bible or the true teaching Word.

The requirement of the Gentiles' being used by Jesus to Jerusalem is receiving the sacrifice of Christ and the true teaching Word.

Exodus 13:13

13:13 "But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

The Gentiles must be redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ so that they can live in righteousness and be saved.

Genesis 49:11

49:11 Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes.

The Gentiles must be bound in the true Vine. It means being shepherded to the true teaching Word. We must pay attention to the sheepfold or perseverance in doing the three main services to God. We must also consume or hear and obey the shepherding Word. As a result, we will get the sanctification by sanctification until our teeth are as white as the milk. It means that we are more joyful to give than to receive. The things we sacrifice will not vanish away. God will preserve our life abundantly until we can always give thanks to Him.

The foundation of the edification of the body of Christ is His sacrifice and the true teaching Word.

It refers to the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion. This is a strong foundation.

Ephesians 2:19

2:19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

The requirement of entering the edification of Christ's body is being no longer strangers and foreigners. It means as follows:

1. There must be one Head, namely Christ or the true teaching Word. If we want to be no longer strangers and foreigners in the marriage, we must be one in the true teaching Word.
2. Do not hear the strange voices or the false teachings, gossips, and so on. Such strange voices will only make us doubtful and confuse and our faith weak.
3. We must make peace by confessing and forgiving sin one another. As a result, the blood of Jesus justifies us and forgives all of our sins. We get the peace. We are able to unite with others. Keeping the false things, there must be no peace and unity.

4. There must be no leprosy. The leprosy refers to the uncleanness, self-truth, and the lust of money.

Jesus willingly gives His soul to make the fellowship of Christ's body happen. Therefore, we must also willingly sacrifice all things for the unity of the body of Christ. There is only one thing that cannot be sacrificed, namely Jesus or the true teaching Word.

Who may enter the edification of the body of Christ? Priests and kings may enter the edification of the body of Christ.

1 Peter 2:5

2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 4:8-12

4:8 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."

4:9 (Now this, "He ascended" --what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?

4:10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Jesus willingly descended into the lower parts of the earth by His death on the cross to do the following things:

1. Defeating the death and releasing us from the captivity of the death, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.
2. Giving us the ministry so that we can be used in the edification of the perfect body of Christ.

A priest refers to one who serves and ministers to God in faithfulness and righteousness as well as faithfulness and fervency in spirit.

If the donkeys are not bound to the true Vine or the Gentiles are not shepherded, they must be wild and unclean. It means that they always want to get the physical profit. Consequently, they are ridden by Balaam to edify the Babylon.

Haggai 1:1-4

1:1 In the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying,

1:2 "Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: 'This people says, "The time has not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built.'"

1:3 Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

1:4 "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?"

We must be careful because there are many priests and kings who are captivated again by the influence of the sins, the flesh, and the world.

It begins from egoism or self-interest, so one always postpones the time to do the work of God. It is better for us to wait for the Lord and actively or quickly do the work of God, so Satan cannot precede us.

Haggai 1:6

1:6 "You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, Earns wages to put into a bag with holes."

The consequences of egoism or always postponing doing the work of God are as follows:

1. Putting the wages into a bag with holes. It means losing everything, both the physical and spiritual ones.
2. The house of the Lord becomes a ruin. It means spiritual dryness. It begins from the dry words or the idle ones which weaken the faith. Moreover, one is not fervent in spirit anymore in doing the spiritual things, but in the lust. The physical life is also dry or he lives in deficiency.

The right attitudes in the edification of the body of Christ are as follows:

1. **Fervency in spirit and faithfulness by the encouragement of the fire of the Word and Holy Spirit until the end line.**

Haggai 1:14

1:14 So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,

Isaiah 50:4-5

50:4 "The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him

*who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.
50:5 The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away.*

We can be fervent in spirit in doing spiritual things. It begins from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the perfect body of Christ.

2. **Being strong and of good courage or keeping on holding fast the true teaching, believing and hoping God, and worshipping Him regardless of anything we must face.**

Haggai 2:4

2:4 'Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' says the LORD; 'and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land,' says the LORD, 'and work; for I am with you,' says the LORD of hosts.

As a result, we get the double wage from God, namely the physical and spiritual ones.

2 Chronicles 15:7

15:7 "But you, be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!"

Haggai 2:23

2:23 'In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD, 'and will make you like a signet ring; for I have chosen you,' says the LORD of hosts."

The spiritual wage means the signet ring or the love of God which is as strong as death and can neither be charged against nor moved by anything.

Song of Solomon 8:5-7

8:5 A RELATIVE Who is this coming up from the wilderness, Leaning upon her beloved? I awakened you under the apple tree. There your mother brought you forth; There she who bore you brought you forth.

8:6 THE SHULAMITE TO HER BELOVED Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame.

8:7 Many waters cannot quench love, Nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love All the wealth of his house, It would be utterly despised.

The signet ring means that we are sealed in the heart and arm of God like a baby in the embrace of the hand of God's love which is as strong as death.

There are two things which we feel in the embrace of God's hands as follows:

1. The heartbeat of God which never changes. He always pays attention to and cares for us. He feels all things we feel. He bears all things on the cross and gives us peace in the midst of storm and waves in the sea of the world. We feel that all things are easy and light and our face is cheerful.
2. The embrace of the hand of God's love which is as strong as death. It means that God is struggling for doing the following things:
 - Giving extra power to us, so we do not want to be separated from Him regardless of anything we must face.

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."

- Giving extra power to make us more than conquerors.

Romans 8:37

8:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

The merciful hands of God are able to finish all impossible problems. It is easier than turning the palm of the hand.

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.

The hands of God which are as strong as death are able to change us until we are as glorious as He is and we sit on the heavenly throne forever.

God blesses you.