

Bible Study Service in Malang, July 20, 2021 (Tuesday Evening)

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

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.

Verse 11-18 = the beast coming up out of the earth, namely the false prophets.

Verse 13-15 = the signs of the false prophets. The false prophets perform the great signs until making fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. It is the same as the demonstration of the power with the physical signs such as the healed disease, the riches, and so on until making fire come down from heaven on the earth.

The fire from heaven refers to the one of the trinity of Satan as follows:

1. The fire of Satan. It refers to sins up to the peak, namely 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 the fornication through the sight and so on, false marriage, mix marriage, divorce-remarrying, and marrying-being given in marriage.
2. The fire of the Antichrist as follows:
 - The fire of the fleshly lust, especially the lust of money which causes the stinginess and greediness.
The stinginess means not being able to give.
The greediness means stealing the possession of others, especially God's, namely the tithes and offerings.
 - The fire of hatred.
3. The fire of the false prophets, namely the fire of the world with all of its falsities, especially the false teachings, gossips, and slanders.

The demonstration of the power of the false prophets without the spiritual result is for the following purposes:

1. Verse 14 = deceiving men and the church to enter the edification of the false body, namely Babylon's.
Being burnt by the fire of Satan, men will be the brick for building the supply cities of Pharaoh.

Exodus 1:11,13-14

1:11. Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses.

1:13 So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor.

1:14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage -- in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor.

Pithom means being surrounded as with a shield or bound by Satan.

The brick is also used for building Babel or the false church.

Genesis 11:3-4,9

11:3. Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.

11:4 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

11:9 Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

2. Deceiving men and the church to worship the Antichrist or enter the false worship and become the same as the Antichrist

and to be possessed by him and destroyed forever.

Our eyes must be set upon the fire of God or the heavenly one, so we are not influenced by the great physical signs up to the fire coming down from heaven.

Exodus 3:1-3

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."

The book of Exodus contains the journey of the Israelites out of Egypt. Now, it refers to our journey out of the world to the New Jerusalem.

'was tending the flock' = perseverance.

'the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed' means that the fire comes from heaven. It is a great sight. We must set our eyes on it.

Moses had had the great signs in the world, namely intelligence, riches, and position, but he left them all to go to Midian. The eyes of Moses turned from all physical signs to see the fire of God.

Nowadays, what fire do we want to see? Seeing the fire of God, we will be attracted. On the last days, we must be attracted to see the fire of heaven than the great physical signs.

Where can we see the fire of God? We can see it in the shepherding pen or the Holy Place, namely the perseverance in doing the three main services to God as follows:

- The Golden Candlestick or the perseverance in doing the General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts.
We experience the flame of the fire of Holy Spirit.
- The Table of Showbread or the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the teaching Word and sacrifice of Christ.
We get the work of the flame of the fire of the true teaching Word.
- The Golden Altar of Incense or the perseverance in doing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love.
We get the work of the flame of the fire of God's love.

Being burnt by the fire of the trinity of Satan, men who are clay will become the brick. Being shepherded well and correctly, they will be burnt by the fire of the Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love to be the living stones.

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.

The living stone refers to the priests and kings who are used in the ministry for the edification of the perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride.

A priest must have the following three things:

1. The good characteristics or heart.

Matthew 11:28-30

11:28. "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

11:29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

11:30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

In the shepherding, we get the good characteristics as follows:

- **Humbleness.** It means as follows:

- a. The ability to confess the sins. Being forgiven, we must not repeat the sin.
 - b. The ability to confess the goodness of others without being jealous. It also means prioritizing the interest of others or not insisting.
- **Meekness.** It means as follows:
 - a. The ability for receiving the true hard teaching Word for the spiritual growth.
 - b. The ability for forgiving and forgetting the sin of others.
- **Patience.** It means as follows:
 - a. The patience in suffering for helping others.
 - b. The patience in suffering because of Jesus.
 - c. The patience in waiting for God's time.

Having the good characteristics, we will have the power from God for bearing and doing the yoke or burden which God has entrusted to us, so all things become easy and light and our ministry can be directed according to God's will. We are used for releasing others from their burdens. We do not become burdens for others anymore.

2. **The potential or ability.**

The potential of a priest comes from God, namely the gifts of Holy Spirit. It does not come from the world.

The gifts of Holy Spirit are the miraculous ability from God which is more than anything in the world so that we can do the ministry which God has entrusted to us well and it can be acceptable to Him.

For example, the gift of a pastor is discerning the spirit, namely distinguishing firmly between the true teaching and the false one so that the congregation can get the true food and grow to the perfection.

If we have the good characteristics, we will be the dwelling place of Holy Spirit, Therefore, we must have the good characteristics first, namely the humbleness, meekness, and patience.

The right attitude towards the gifts of Holy Spirit is faithfulness, righteousness, and fervency in spirit. It is the same as wearing the belt.

2 Timothy 1:6

1:6. Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Isaiah 11:5

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

The ministry in the faithfulness and righteousness will satisfy God.

Luke 17:8

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'?"

Ministering to God in the ministry which He has entrusted to us faithfully, correctly, and fervently in spirit is the same as giving Jesus food and drink to satisfy Him. As a result, our food and drink in the world will be God's business. It means that we become the living stone or we live by His mercy, so we can live anywhere, anytime, and in any circumstances up to the eternal life. God will never break His promise.

Wearing the belt means that all things start to be made tidy by God in the shepherding.

The belt also refers to the power or strength of God for covering our weaknesses. The important thing is our faithfulness.

Psalms 18:33-34

18:33. It is God who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect.

18:34 He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places.

The power of God is able to flatten the way, so we will not stumble in sins. We will not be deceived by the false teachings. One will start being fervent in the lusts soon after he is unfaithful, so he stumbles in sins through the sight up to the deeds.

'my feet like the feet of deer' = the speed for hearing the teaching because we are competing with Jesus' second coming.

'sets me on my high places' = the power of God to defeat the challenge and obstacle, so our ministry can increase. The more we serve to God, the obstacles will increase more. Therefore, we need the faithfulness and righteousness, so we are preserved by God more and our life becomes tidier.

3. **The true ordination.**

Matthew 7:21-23

7:21. *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.*

7:22 *"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?"*

7:23 *"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"*

The measurement of the true ordination is the obedience. We must obey God or the true teaching Word.

It is the ordination of the bride. The bride must be obedient to the Bridegroom.

Obedying the truth, we will be sanctified and able to love one another.

1 Peter 1:22

1:22. *Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,*

Resisting against the Bible, one must not be holy.

The obedience, holiness, and loving one another cannot be separated each other.

Loving one another means not harming others; even we can repay good for evil.

Being able to love others who make hostility towards us, we will be able to love God more than anything for sure.

The proof of the true ordination is only answering '*Here I am*' for every work which God entrusts us.

Exodus 3:4

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."*

'*Here I am.*' has the relationship with the name of God, namely the Alpha and Omega.

Thus, if we have the true ordination, we will be used by God from the beginning until the end line of our life; even until we reach the eternal life in heaven. The doors are opened for us.

The great sight in the shepherding refers to men who are shepherded and become the living stones. It also refers to '*the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed*'.

Exodus 3:2-3,5

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."*

3:5 *Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."*

The bush refers to the fleshly men who judge, blame at, and hurt each other (not serving one another).

Being shepherded well and correctly or burnt by the fire of the Word, Holy Spirit, and love, we will take off the sandal.

Taking off the sandal is the same as experiencing the sanctification or the full redemption until being the heavenly bride.

Ruth 4:5-8

4:5. *Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also buy it from Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance."*

4:6 *And the close relative said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I ruin my own inheritance. You redeem my right of redemption for yourself, for I cannot redeem it."*

4:7 *Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging, to confirm anything: one man took off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was a confirmation in Israel.*

4:8 *Therefore the close relative said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself." So he took off his sandal.*

Boaz refers to Jesus.

The close relative refers to the Law.

Taking off the sandal means that one is unwilling and unable to redeem.

John 1:27

1:27. "It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

Jesus does not want to take off His sandals. John the Baptist could not loose the strap of His sandal. Moreover, he could not take off His sandal.

It means that Jesus willingly humbles Himself for redeeming the Israelites and Gentiles fully until they become His bride like Ruth who became the bride of Boaz.

Moses took off his sandals in the shepherding.

It means that he humbled himself for being fully redeemed to become the bride of God.

If the Gentiles are willingly shepherded well and correctly, they will also be able to humble themselves for being fully redeemed to be the bride of God.

The process of the redemption is as follows:

- **Being justified for living in righteousness.**

Hebrews 10:4-7

10:4. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

10:5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me.

10:6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure.

10:7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come--In the volume of the book it is written of Me--To do Your will, O God.'"

Romans 3:23-24

3:23. for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

3:24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Living in righteousness, we will be surrounded as with a shield of the mercy of God for protecting and preserving our life in the midst of the difficulties in the world.

Psalms 5:12

5:12. For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

- **Being sanctified from the sins until hating them.**

Hebrews 10:10

10:10. By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hating sin is the same as having the fear of the Lord.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

It means that if we live in holiness, we will receive the wisdom of heaven for our life in the world and protection from the stamp of the Antichrist, so we are sealed by the name of Jesus.

Revelation 13:18

13:18. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

- **The full redemption, namely being perfected.** We become the heavenly bride.

Hebrews 10:14

10:14. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Exodus 4:24-26

4:24. And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the LORD met him and sought to kill him.

4:25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at Moses' feet, and said, "Surely you are a husband of blood to me!"

4:26 So He let him go. Then she said, "You are a husband of blood!" -- because of the circumcision.

Verse 24 = being negligent and sinful, one will be killed by God.

Verse 25 = the wife is useful.

The great Moses had the negligence in the ministry, fall, and so on. He should have been dead, but he was reminded by the wife. It means that we must remind, advice, confess, and forgive one another.

A sharp stone refers to the repeated teaching Word for helping us.

As long as the Word and the sacrifice of Christ still last, the redemption up to the perfection still last also.

The fact found in experiencing the full redemption by the blood of Jesus and the teaching Word is taking off the sandals. It means being as a newborn baby.

Matthew 21:15-16

21:15. But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant

21:16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?"

The sign of a baby is nursing. It means enjoying the shepherding Word until being full and calm. And then, he can praise and worship God. It is the true worship, not worshipping the Antichrist.

Psalm 8:2-4

8:2. Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

8:3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

8:4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

Worshipping God, He will pay attention to, care for, and struggle for us. The faith which is added by the mercy will result in miracles.

The results are as follows:

1. The power of victory over enemies, so we can live in righteousness and holiness and we cannot be deceived.
2. The power of the preservation of God physically up to the abundance in the midst of disasters.

Exodus 2:6

2:6. And when she had opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

Jesus gives us the breath of life.

He also gives the beautiful and successful future life and we are used in the edification of the perfect body of Christ.

3. The pleading of God, namely evacuating us to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the Antichrist, who reigns over the world for three and a half years.

Mark 10:13-14,16

10:13. Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them.

10:14 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

10:16 And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

He also blesses us and moves us from the atmosphere of curse to the one of Paradise.

4. When Jesus comes a second time, we will be changed to be as perfect as He is for getting the crown of the bride and being worthy for welcoming His second coming on the glorious clouds.

Psalm 8:2,4,5

8:2. Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

8:4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

8:5. For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

We are with Jesus forever until we enter the New Jerusalem or the last shepherding pen.

God blesses you.