

Bible Study Service in Malang, July 24, 2018 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 7:15b-16

7:15b And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

7:16 "They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat.

The activity of God on the throne of heaven is dwelling, spreading His wings, or giving His covering for us.

Isaiah 54:2-3

54:2. "Enlarge the place of your tent, And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes.

54:3. For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations, And make the desolate cities inhabited.

Actually, the true covering of God is only given to the house of Israel, but a part of them rejects it, so there are opportunity and mercy for the Gentiles to receive it.

God gives His covering to us, so we enter the building of the perfect body of Christ. It starts from marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the Israelites and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

We need to sacrifice in order to be able to enter the building of the perfect body of Christ. All things must be sacrificed for the building of the body of Christ, except the true teaching word, because it is Jesus as the Head.

The term "*Do not spare*" [Isaiah 54:2] means that we must not become stingy in the ministry of the building of the body of Christ. Stinginess means having too much calculation with God. It is like Judas Iscariot. Consequently, he is not counted by God.

Proverbs 11:24

11:24. There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty.

We have to use God's blessing especially for the building of the perfect body of Christ.

There are three kinds of the covering of God as follows:

1. The covering of the wings of a hen.
2. The covering of the wings of a dove.
3. The covering of the wings of a great eagle.

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Revelation 12:14

12:14. But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

The two wings of a great eagle protect us from the antichrist who will reign over the world for three and a half years.

Intelligence, riches, and position are unable to protect us from the antichrist, because all of them will be controlled by him. The only thing we need is the two wings of a great eagle.

The process of receiving the two wings of a great eagle is as follows:

1. The mercy of God.

Genesis 6:8

6:8. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

1 Peter 3:20-21

3:20. who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

3:21. There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

In the past, Noah found the grace to enter the true ark, so he was saved from floodwaters.
For us now, we and our family find the grace to enter the true water baptism.
The true water baptism comes from heaven in accordance with God's will. We are baptized as Jesus is.

Romans 6:1-2,4

6:1. *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?*

6:2. *Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?*

6:4. *Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

The term of the true water baptism is that we find the grace to repent or stop sinning and return to God. We are dead to sin.

The implementation of the true water baptism is that by the mercy of God, one who has died to sin or repented must be buried in the water with Jesus and come out or rise from water with Him to receive new life.

The new life means having a good conscience. It means that one can firmly differentiate between the true thing and the false one. We can live in righteousness and become the instrument of righteousness.

2 Peter 2:5

2:5. *and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;*

If we live in righteousness and obedience, we will become the preacher or instrument of righteousness.

The instrument of righteousness means one who ministers to God faithfully and truly according to the ministry that God gives to him.

Isaiah 11:5

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

Luke 17:7-8

17:7. *"And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'?"*

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 faithfully and truly is the same as girding ourselves. It means having no purpose to get physical advantage but only doing the duty.

It is the same as giving Jesus food and drink or satisfying Him.

The results are as follows:

- We experience the heavenly satisfaction that is not influenced by anything in the world. We always give thanks to God.
- Our meal becomes God's business. God takes care of our life.
- We receive the two wings of a great eagle.

1 Timothy 6:6

6:6. *Now godliness with contentment is great gain.*

Believing in Jesus, repenting, and entering into water baptism are the same as entering into the court of Tabernacle.

2. We have to live in the light or our holiness must increase up to being the light of the stars, moon, and sun.

Revelation 12:1-3,6,14

12:1. *Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.*

12:2. *Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.*

12:3. *And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.*

12:6. *Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.*

12:14. *But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.*

Where can we receive the increasing holiness and light? Where can we receive the sun, moon, and stars? In the Holy Place.

It means the sheepfold that is brought up by the word of purification or the Bride Tidings.

There are three tools in the Holy Place. They refer to the perseverance in committing three kinds of main service as follows:

- Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His anointing and gifts.
- Table of Showbread refers to perseverance in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We have fellowship with the Son of God in the teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
- Golden Alter of Incense refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love.

In the sheepfold or the Holy Place, we will receive three things as follows:

- Continuous or increasing purification up to being spotless.
- We experience the increasing light. It starts from becoming the light in the household. A husband loves his wife. A wife submits to her husband. A child obeys his parents.

The light in the household is useful to face the darkness of basket and bed.

The darkness of basket refers to the problem of economy and sin of eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse).

The darkness of bed refers to sexual sin (sexual deviation and false marriage).

The light in the household will become the one before men (at school, in the office, *et cetera*) up to the one of the world (the sun, moon, and stars).

- The two wings of a great eagle.
The two wings will be greater until being the two wings of a great eagle.

3. We must experience a shock/trial/the cross/the sprinkling of blood.

Deuteronomy 32:11-12

32:11. As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings,

32:12. So the LORD alone led him, And there was no foreign god with him.

1 Peter 2:19

2:19. For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

For this is commendable, if we experience the sprinkling of blood. It happens in flesh/feeling suffering because of the true teaching word, hunger, shortage or being slandered (we are not wrong but being blamed). It is the exercise to make the wings bigger.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

4:16. Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

4:17. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,
4:18. while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

We are allowed to experience the cross, so we experience the renewal of life from fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus. The fleshly sight is changed into the spiritual one, namely we only see God. It means as follows:

- Prioritizing God or ministry more than anything.
- One willingly sacrifices the physical thing to receive the spiritual one.
- Totally believing and hoping in God, not the others.

The more we are changed, the bigger our wings are. It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to become as perfect as He is, and we have the two wings of a great eagle.

The usefulnesses of the two wings of a great eagle are as follows:

1. Passing the tempest of the world = taking care of and protecting us who are small and powerless in the midst of the difficulties of the world, and finishing all problems until evacuating us to the wilderness, being far away from the eyes of serpent.

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2. Giving extra power to us to wait Jesus' second coming, so we become strong and of good courage.

Isaiah 40:29-31

40:29. He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.

40:30. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,

40:31. But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

Being strong and of good courage means as follows:

- We are not disappointed or desperate and do not leave God whatever risk may come.
- We are not weary and heavy laden but experiencing peace. All things become easy and light.
- We do not fall and rise in sin, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.
- We do not stumble, especially in ministry. We keep ministering faithfully and fervently according to the ministry that God gives to us until the finish line.

3. Lifting us up or continuously renewing us to become as perfect as Jesus is. We are lifted up to the glorious clouds. We enter the Paradise and the Jerusalem, until we experience the covering of God forever.

God blesses us.