

Bible Study Service in Malang, June 09, 2022 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 16:8

16:8. Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.

16:9. And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

The fourth bowl of the wrath of God is poured out on the sun to scorch men on the earth with fire. Actually, the sun is the image of the love of God that is great, righteous, and perfect. It is radiated to the sinners, so we can be saved as well as become the heavenly bride, namely the perfect life who is ready to greet Jesus when He comes a second time until we enter the eternal kingdom of heaven. But, if one rejects God's love, the punishment fire of God will scorch him up to perdition forever in the hell.

There are five things that are punished by the scorching fire as follows:

1. The sins up to the peak like Sodom and Gomorrah.
2. The servants of God who minister to Him with the profane fire.
3. The people who yield to intense craving.
4. The people who leave the ministry.
5. The people who like to oppress others.

ad. 3. **The punishment for those who yield to intense craving.**

Numbers 11:1-6

11:1. Now when the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp.

11:2. Then the people cried out to Moses, and when Moses prayed to the LORD, the fire was quenched.

11:3. So he called the name of the place Taberah, because the fire of the LORD had burned among them.

11:4. Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat?"

11:5. "We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic;

11:6. "but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!"

The mixed multitude who yielded to intense craving were in the midst of the Israelites. They were the Gentiles, but they followed the Israelites out of Egypt. They were the priests or servants of God who did not long for and appreciate manna or the shepherding Word as the real spiritual food or the repeated teaching Word. They prioritize more to find the fleshly need.

Exodus 12:37-38

12:37. Then the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children.

12:38. A mixed multitude went up with them also, and flocks and herds -- a great deal of livestock.

The three groups of the sons of God who went out of Egypt are as follows:

1. The children of Israel who kept the Passover. It refers to the son of God who lives in Christ's sacrifice (Passover), namely the Lamb of God or Jesus.
2. A mixed multitude. It refers to the son of God who does not repent.
3. The flocks and herds. It refers to the son of God who totally lives in his own lust or desire.

The children of Israel had kept the Passover, but only Joshua and Caleb could enter Canaan, and the others died in the wilderness.

The facts found in the true son of God who keeps the Passover earnestly are as follows:

1. **Repenting.**

1 Peter 2:1

2:1. Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,

Repenting means laying aside the sin or being dead to sin, especially five major sins, namely malice (greediness and stinginess), deceit, hypocrisy (pretending to do good things to cover the sin), envy (hatred without a cause), and evil speaking (blaming the true thing and justifying the false one). One has not repented yet when he keeps one of those sins.

2. **Being newly born from water and the Spirit.**

1 Peter 2:2

2:2. as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

After repenting we must enter the water baptism (being buried in the water) and the Spirit baptism. If one has repented (being dead to sin) but he is not buried, he will become decay. His condition can be worse than before.

The fleshly men are suitable to live in the world with the worldly things. But if we have experienced the new birth, we will receive the new heart that desires the heavenly thing. We become as newborn babes who desire the pure milk of the word (the repeated true teaching Word, manna, or the shepherding one). The shepherding Word is our spiritual food, so we can live in salvation, righteousness, and God's blessing. By the shepherding Word, we can taste that the Lord is gracious.

3. **Experiencing the spiritual growth from the salvation**, so we are purified and appointed as the priests and kings or the living stone to be used in the building of the perfect body of Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-5

2:4. Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,

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.

We receive the ministry from God. The examples are shepherd, sunday school teacher, choir, prayer team, *et cetera*. We are used in the ministry of the building of the body of Christ. It starts from marriage, shepherding, inter shepherding up to one perfect body of Christ, namely the Israelites and Gentiles become one.

So, the priests and kings are the servants of God who minister to Him faithfully and correctly according to the ministry and Holy Spirit's gift that God gives to us until the finish line, and we enter the eternal kingdom of heaven. The priests and kings are the inhabitant of Paradise (the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace) and eternal kingdom of heaven.

Numbers 11:4

11:4. Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat?"

The mixed multitude are one who yields to intense craving, namely one who does not repent and experience new birth. He is the servant of God who lives in the midst of the abundant revelation of the Word (each man receives three point six liters of manna), but he demands the fleshly or worldly thing.

Romans 1:17

1:17. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

One who repents and experiences new birth is the priest or servant of God who lives by faith, manna, or the shepherding Word. The true priest does not have faith because of seeing but hearing the Word of God.

Hebrews 12:16

12:16. lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

Having intense craving is the same as Esau who is profane person, so he likes to hunt the flesh. He prefers the flesh or world even depends on it than being in the temple of God with the true shepherding Word. At last, Esau did not have any chance to repent. It will happen again on the last days. Men cannot repent even though they have experienced the punishment fire.

Revelation 16:9

16:9. And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

Numbers 11:33-34

11:33. But while the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was aroused against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great plague.

11:34. So he called the name of that place Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had yielded to craving.

Consequently, they got the meat, but while it was between their teeth, before it was chewed (the demanded thing has not yet been enjoyed), the scorching fire of God had come, so they all died in Kibroth Hattaavah (the grave of the people who had yielded to craving).

Hebrews 12:17

12:17. *For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.*

Further, Esau found no place for repentance. He lost his birthright forever, so he wept forever. He was destroyed in the scorching fire forever. It will happen again on the last days [Revelation 16:9].

John 6:54-56

6:54. *"Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.*

6:55. *"For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed.*

6:56. *"He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.*

That is why Jesus provides the true food. He surrenders His flesh and blood on the cross, so we can receive the certainty in the Holy Communion for daily life in the world up to eternal life in heaven. We are set free from the scorching fire.

The Gentiles who eat and drink the Holy Communion are using the opportunity. Actually, the Gentiles are just dog and swine. **We are not God's people, but we can use the opportunity in the Holy Communion for the two things as follows:**

1. **Being shepherded correctly and well.**

Matthew 15:21-28

15:21. *Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.*

15:22. *And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."*

15:23. *But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."*

15:24. *But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."*

15:25. *Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"*

15:26. *But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."*

15:27. *And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."*

15:28. *Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.*

Actually, God's sheep is just the Israelites. The Gentiles are just dog and swine, namely one who is demon-possessed by the unclean and evil spirits, so he has no peace. Let us fight all through the Holy Communion. Do not give any chance to Satan!

Actually, Jesus is sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. But, a part of the Israelites has rejected Jesus (it is the same as rejection to being shepherded well and correctly), so there are opportunity and mercy for the Gentiles to eat the crumbs, namely the revelation of the true Word and Holy Communion.

Thus, the Gentiles are purified from the attitude of paganism as follows:

- a. The character of dog, namely lying, evil speaking, blaspheming God and the true teaching Word. It is changed to become the true and good words. There is no lie, but only testifying and worshipping God.
- b. The character of swine, namely the sinful deeds up to the peak, including the fornication sin by our sight and mind, false marriage, *et cetera*. It is changed to become good and holy deeds, so we become the blessing for others.
- c. The character of anxiety.

Matthew 6:31-34

6:31. *"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"*

6:32. *"For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things."*

6:33. *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."*

6:34. *"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."*

The anxiety of the daily life and the future makes us unable to live in righteousness. We do not prioritize God and the ministry, so we become unfaithful and disobedient. If we are purified from the anxiety, we will become the priests and kings who are faithful, true, and obedient, namely the sheep who are shepherded by God. We are always in the sheepfold, namely the perseverance in the three kinds of main service to God. We can obey the voice of the shepherd. We stretch out our hands to God, and He stretches out His hand to lead us to the throne of the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 7:17

7:17. "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

We are led to living fountains of waters in the New Jerusalem (the last sheepfold). We do not fall into sin. We are not deceived by the false teaching. We experience the satisfaction of heaven. We always give thanks to God. We are led by God to the beautiful and successful future.

2. Entering the ministry of the building of the perfect body of Christ.

John 2:19-21

2:19. Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

2:20. Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

2:21. But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

Why does God turn from the physical building of the temple of God to the spiritual one (the body of Christ)?

- a. The temple of God was built for forty-six years. It refers to the Law system, so it is just for the Israelites, while the Gentiles may not enter into it. But, through Christ's sacrifice (Holy Communion) the Gentiles receive the opportunity and mercy of God to enter the ministry of the building of the temple of God spiritually, namely the perfect body of Christ.
- b. The physical temple of God had been filled by the spirit of selling-buying, so it must be destroyed to be filled by Holy Spirit.

Not entering the building of the body of Christ is the same as insulting or trampling Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We have the debt of blood which cannot be paid by anything.

Entering the ministry of the building of the body of Christ is the same as placing Jesus as the Head. The fact found in it is that we do not worry anymore, but we have peaceful heart. Do not become like a daughter who was demon-possessed and unable to sleep! Having peaceful heart means that there are no envy, hatred, anxiety, *et cetera*. We just feel God's love that is great, righteous, and perfect which is radiated to us. We do not feel anything that flesh feels.

The peaceful heart is the strong base to receive the unlimited power of God.

The results are as follows:

1. We experience the power of God to defeat the trinity of Satan.

Romans 16:20

16:20. And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Satan is the source of sins up to the peak. If Satan is defeated by the power of Jesus, we will be able to live in righteousness and holiness in the midst of the crooked on the last days. Satan is the source of impossible problems. If we win over the trinity of Satan, all of problems will be finished by the power of God in His time.

2. We experience the power of God to defeat the world and all of its influences. We can pass the pre-persecution of the Antichrist and the persecution of the Antichrist for three and a half years in the world.

John 16:33

16:33. "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

The fact of winning over the world is that we experience the renewal of life to the perfection, namely we become strong and of good courage. We are not disappointed and desperate, but we keep ministering God faithfully and fervently until the finish line. We keep trusting and hoping God. We keep being in line with the will of God. We keep holding fast the true teaching Word. We are just like sheep that bleats to God regardless of anything that happens.

3. We experience the power of God to defeat the flesh with all of its lusts.

Isaiah 48:17-18

48:17. Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go.

48:18. Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, And your

righteousness like the waves of the sea.

The fact of defeating the flesh is that we can obey the true teaching Word. We win. God's power is able to take away the impossibility. He creates something that does not exist; even He makes us perfect until we become His bride to enter the New Jerusalem forever.

God blesses us.