Bible Study Service in Malang, June 12, 2018 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 7:13-15
7:13. Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"
7:14. And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
7:15. "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from? These are the servants of God who come out of the great tribulation.

There are two kinds of the great tribulation as follows:

1. **The tribulation in the age of the antichrist when he reigns over the world for three and a half years**.
   Revelation 12:17
   12:17. And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

   The person who experiences the tribulation in the age of the antichrist is the servant of God who has the testimony of Jesus Christ (the golden candlestick) and keeps the commandment of God (the table of showbread), but not having the golden altar of incense.
   It means as follows:

   - The servant of God who is unfaithful and unwilling to worship God.
   - The servant of God whose worship does not fulfill the measurement.

   They will be forced to worship the antichrist who reigns over the world for three and a half years.

   There are two possibilities that can happen as follows:

   - If the servant of God does not want to worship the antichrist and be sealed with 666, he will experience great tribulation.
     Revelation 20:4
     20:4. And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

     They have to become the martyr to fulfill the measurement of worship, namely the flesh does not sound anymore.
     They have to wash their robes with their own blood, but they will be risen in the body of glory like Jesus when He comes a second time. They become the heavenly bride who is ready to greet Jesus when He comes a second time.
     They enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God, Paradise, and eternal kingdom of heaven. We minister to God day and night.
     Revelation 7:15
     7:15. "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

   - If the servant of God cannot survive against the torment of the antichrist, he will worship the antichrist. He will be sealed with 666. He is not tormented but he will be the same as the antichrist and destroyed with him when Jesus comes a second time.

2. **The tribulation from now on**.
   It means that we willingly experience the sprinkle of blood which is the same as suffering in the flesh without any sin or suffering in the flesh because of Jesus.
   If we experience the sprinkle of blood, we will experience the ministry of the High Priest.

In the Old Testament, once a year Aaron as the high priest entered the Holy of Holiest of Tabernacle and brought blood and incense to sprinkle blood seven times upon the ark of covenant and seven times before the ark of covenant, so the shekinah glory happened.
Now, the High Priest is Jesus, who has entered the Holy of Holiest, namely the throne of the kingdom of heaven. He brings His own blood and incense or the intercession prayer for all of us. Jesus does the ministry of reconciliation for all of us.

There are two kinds of the ministry of reconciliation of the High Priest as follows:

- The ministry of reconciliation through launderer's soap.
  Malachi 3:1-3
  3:1. "Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts.
  3:2. "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderer's soap.
  3:3. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.

  Launderer's soap refers to the repeated true teaching word that is sharper than any two-edged sword to clean the stains in the tunic of ministry, namely the ones of wickedness and laziness.

  Matthew 25:26
  25:26. "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

  Jude 1:11-12
  1:11. Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaamfor profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.
  1:12. These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;

  The stains of wickedness are as follows:

  - The ones of Balaam.
    2 Peter 2:15-16
    2:15. They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;
    2:16. but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet.

    The stain of Balaam is the same as the teaching of Balaam or the false one. It teaches the servant of God to look for physical wage in the ministry to God or become the person who loves the money.

    1 Timothy 6:9-10
    6:9. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.
    6:10. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

    If one loves the money, he will not love Jesus.

    The facts found in the love of money are as follows:

    a. Ministering God just for money or physical thing.
    b. Looking for money until leaving the service and ministry to God.
    c. Looking for money in illegal ways.
    d. Stinginess and greediness.
       Stinginess means that one cannot give to others.
       Greediness means that one robs God's, namely the tithe and special offerings.

The love of money is the same as piercing himself through with many sorrows, and he surely drowns [1 Timothy 6:9].

- The stain of Cain. Cain was angry when his sacrifice was not accepted by God, but Abel's was accepted. Cain was also envious because of the blessing and usage from God to others.

  Envy happens because one does not appreciate the mercy of God. Envy causes hatred without a cause.

- The stain of Korah.
  Numbers 16:8-11
  16:8. Then Moses said to Korah, "Hear now, you sons of Levi:
  16:9. "Is it a small thing to you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, to do the work of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to serve them;
  16:10. "and that He has brought you near to Himself, you and all your brethren, the sons of Levi, with you? And are you seeking the priesthood also?
  16:11. "Therefore you and all your company are gathered together against the LORD. And what is Aaron that you complain against him?"

  The stain of Korah is grumbling in the ministry because of demanding the right.

  James 3:5-6
  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.

  The tongue is a world of iniquity. The facts found in it are grumble, provocation, lie, gossip, slander, up to the blasphemy to God.
  The blasphemy to God or the word means blaming the true teachings and justifying even supporting the false ones.

  Revelation 13:5-6
  13:5. And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.
  13:6. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

The stain of wickedness equals to the one of uncleanness, namely sin of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage.

Matthew 25:26
25:26. "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

Proverbs 20:6
20:6. Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, But who can find a faithful man?

The stain of wickedness means unfaithfulness.
Unfaithfulness is the attitude of a harlot, Babylon, or false church.

Revelation 17:5
17:5. And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Proverbs 18:9
18:9. He who is slothful in his work Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.

The lazy servant of God will destroy and falsify the body of Christ, and aim at the building of Babylon.

Matthew 25:30
25:30. 'And cast the unprofitable servantinto the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

If one is wicked and lazy, he will become an unprofitable servant. Consequently, he will be cast into the outer darkness. He lives in curse atmosphere, namely laboring and being heavy laden, and tears up to the outer darkness in the hell forever.

Matthew 25:21
25:21. "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

On the contrary, if from now on we are willingly purified by the launderer's soap or the true teaching word, especially through perseverance in committing bible study service and Holy Communion, we will become the faithful and good servants of God.

Being faithful and good means having good conscience. We always realize if there is something which is wrong.
As a result, the deed, words, and ministry become good. It is the same as the servant of God who is clothed in white robe.

The results are as follows:

- God will make you ruler over many things, namely the building of the perfect body of Christ, starting from marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the Israelites and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

- Experiencing the heavenly bliss in the middle of curse atmosphere in the world.

The more we are holy, the more we are faithful and good, the more we are used by God, and the more we are happy.

- The ministry of reconciliation through a refiner's fire.
  Malachi 3:2
  3:2. "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderer's soap.

  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.

  The refiner's fire refers to the sprinkle of blood, namely the fiery trial or suffering in the flesh with Jesus.
  God allows us to experience the sprinkle of blood, so we receive the Spirit of glory or shekinah glory.
  We experience the renewal of life from fleshly men to spiritual ones to become as glorious as Jesus is.

  What must be changed?

  - The heart.
    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.

    The hard heart that easily gets disappointed and proud is changed into the tender one, namely one does not lose heart but being strong and of good courage. Our faith comes forth as gold.

Malachi 3:3
3:3. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as goldand silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.

We keep holding fast the true teaching word. We are not doubtful because of false teaching.
We do not get disappointed and desperate against anything.

There are three things that often make us disappointed as follows:

a. Temptations.
b. The ministry.
c. Marriage.
   We must survive in marriage whatever happens.
   Divorce will not solve the problem but add the problem.

- The sight.
  2 Corinthians 4:18
  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.

  The sight is changed from fleshly one to spiritual one, namely the one of faith which is like gold.
  We prioritize spiritual thing more than fleshly one until we only see the lovingkindness of the Lord that is worth the blood of Jesus.

  Psalm 107:43
  107:43. Whoever is wise will observe these things, And they will understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

- The mouth.
  The mouth is changed to become the choice silver.

  Proverbs 10:20
  10:20. The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little.

The servant of God who has the skillfully woven tunic of fine linen thread is the one who becomes strong and of good courage, sees the lovingkindness of the Lord, and experiences the renewal of mouth.
As a result, Jesus as the High Priest is also clothed in the skillfully woven tunic of fine linen thread. His eyes look unto us. He heeds, regards, deeply understands, and struggles for us.

The results are as follows:

- Jesus heeds our spiritual life.
  Hebrews 4:14-15
  4:14. Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
  4:15. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

  Jesus takes up our sins and the peak.
  Jesus takes up our labor, heavy burden, and tears, so we experience peace. All things become easy and light.

- Jesus heeds our physical life.
  Hebrews 4:16
  4:16. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

  Jesus finishes all of our problems up to the impossible ones in His time, especially the ones about marriage and children.

There are many problems in the marriage, but the heaviest one is divorcement.

- God heeds every step of our life because there is but a step between us and death.
  Job 31:4
  31:4. Does He not see my ways, And count all my steps?

  It means that our life and death are in the hands of God.
  He leads us in the miracle steps.

- God heeds us who belong to the Gentiles. He changes our life up to perfection like Him.
  Psalm 8:4-5
  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 worthy to greet Jesus when He comes a second time. We enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God, Paradise until we stand before the throne of heaven. We see Him forever.

  Haggai 2:8
  2:8. 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts.

  The gold and silver are God's forever.

God blesses us.