

Bible Study Service in Malang, June 29, 2017 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 6:3-4

6:3 *When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."*

6:4 *Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.*

The opening of the second seal refers to the revival of the red horse, namely the peace is taken from the earth. Consequently, all men in the world including the servants of God hate one another without a cause, slander, kill, and experience the great sword of judgment in the hell.

There are two witnesses of the revival of the red horse as follows.

1. The Lamb who has been slain, namely Jesus as the reconciliation offering.

1 John 4:10

4:10 *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

2. The second living creature like a calf, namely Jesus as the reconciliation offering.

Revelation 4:7

4:7 *The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.*

Leviticus 4:1-3

4:1 *Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,*

4:2 *"Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If a person sins unintentionally against any of the commandments of the LORD in anything which ought not to be done, and does any of them,*

4:3 *if the anointed priest sins, bringing guilt on the people, then let him offer to the LORD for his sin which he has sinned a young bull without blemish as a sin offering.*

God has prepared the reconciliation offering before the peace is taken from the earth.

We must quickly use it to reconcile with God and others or finish the sins because there will be no opportunity to do that when the revival of the red horse happens and only the great sword of judgment will come.

The process of reconciliation is as follows.

1. Putting the hands on the head of the bull.

Exodus 29:1,10-14

29:1 *"And this is what you shall do to them to hallow them for ministering to Me as priests: Take one young bull and two rams without blemish,*

29:10 *" You shall also have the bull brought before the tabernacle of meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands on the head of the bull.*

29:11 *"Then you shall kill the bull before the LORD, by the door of the tabernacle of meeting.*

29:12 *"You shall take some of the blood of the bull and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour all the blood beside the base of the altar.*

29:13 *"And you shall take all the fat that covers the entrails, the fatty lobe attached to the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and burn them on the altar.*

29:14 *"But the flesh of the bull, with its skin and its offal, you shall burn with fire outside the camp. It is a sin offering.*

It means that there must be the fellowship or contact with the sacrifice of Christ. We must always have the appreciation to the sacrifice of Christ.

The fact found in it is that **we always reconcile through confessing sins to God and other people completely**. It means that our confession is encouraged by the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword showing us our sins. We have the self-awareness in confessing our sin, not because of being forced, encouraged, or pressed by others.

For example, Achan sinned by stealing after the victory over Jericho in the journey of Joshua to Canaan. Achan confessed his sin, but not completely.

Joshua 7:1,16-21

7:1 But the children of Israel committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed things; so the anger of the LORD burned against the children of Israel.

7:16 So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel by their tribes, and the tribe of Judah was taken.

7:17 He brought the clan of Judah, and he took the family of the Zarahites; and he brought the family of the Zarahites man by man, and Zabdi was taken.

7:18 Then he brought his household man by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

7:19 Now Joshua said to Achan, "My son, I beg you, give glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession to Him, and tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me."

7:20 And Achan answered Joshua and said, "Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I have done:

7:21 "When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it."

Joshua 6:24

6:24 But they burned the city and all that was in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

Be careful of Achan stealing the possession of God or tithes and offerings in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain. Achan did not confess sin completely because of being pressed and encouraged by others. Consequently, his sin was not forgiven.

Joshua 7:24-25

7:24 Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the garment, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had, and they brought them to the Valley of Achor.

7:25 And Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day." So all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.

Achan was brought to the Valley of Achor, namely the one of difficulties, weariness, heavy burden, sorrow, tear, up to eternal perdition.

We are honoring God and appreciating the sacrifice of Christ when we confess our sins completely because of the encouragement of the sword of God's Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit. As a result, we get the forgiveness of sin. Moreover, we are not embarrassed, but honored and glorified by God as well as used to glorify His name.

1 John 1:7,9

1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we confess our sins completely, the blood of Jesus will actively do these things.

- Forgiving us from our sin until there is no remnant of it anymore as if we had never done such sin.
- Pulling out the roots of sin, so we do not sin anymore. We live in righteousness and light, so we can have the fellowship with God and others. It begins from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the one perfect body of Christ.

1 John 1:8,10

1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

The consequences of not confessing sin are as follows.

- Deceiving oneself.
- Not being able to repent.
- Being empty of the true teaching Word. Such life is like the chaff which will be burnt. The chaff means magnifying outer or physical things, but being empty of the Word.

2. The bull must be killed to get much blood.

Exodus 29:11

29:11 "Then you shall kill the bull before the LORD, by the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

It was done by the door of the tabernacle of meeting. There are three witnesses as follows.

- The Lord = Father God.
- Moses = Jesus or the Son of God.
- The door = the fullness of Holy Spirit or Holy Spirit God.

Thus, the complete confession of sin is seen by the Trinity of God. Be serious in confessing and forgiving sin. We must completely confess our sins and forgive the sins of others, or else we face the Trinity of God with the great sword of judgment.

Exodus 29:12

29:12 "You shall take some of the blood of the bull and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour all the blood beside the base of the altar.

The treatment to the blood was as follows.

- **Some of the blood was put on the horns of the altar.**
The horn is made of the material of bone. It refers to the power of resurrection.

2 Kings 13:21

13:21 So it was, as they were burying a man, that suddenly they spied a band of raiders; and they put the man in the tomb of Elisha; and when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.

1 Kings 1:50-52

1:50 Now Adonijah was afraid of Solomon; so he arose, and went and took hold of the horns of the altar.

1:51 And it was told Solomon, saying, "Indeed Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon; for look, he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not put his servant to death with the sword.'"

1:52 Then Solomon said, "If he proves himself a worthy man, not one hair of him shall fall to the earth; but if wickedness is found in him, he shall die."

One who holds the horns of the altar is said as a worthy man, namely one who dares to completely confess his sin in his deeds, saying, and heart.

Adonijah got the power of the horn or the resurrection to save him. As a result, "*not one hair of him shall fall to the earth*" or he was saved, not judged or destroyed. We are preserved and protected by God until we are perfect.

- **All the blood had to be poured beside the base of the altar, namely on the sand, dust, or ground.** The confession and forgiveness of sin are like that. It means that the Lord knows, remembers, and has mercy on all of us, His creation. All of us are only like the dust or clay, namely the men in flesh and blood who have many weaknesses.

Psalm 103:11-14

103:11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

103:12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

103:13 As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him.

103:14 For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

Therefore, Jesus willingly becomes a man in flesh and blood, but not sinful, to die on the cross and pour His blood to forgive us from all of our sins and weaknesses. We are not judged and destroyed forever.

Unfortunately, men like to forget that their lives are only like the dust and clay, so they always feel not sinful, but right in their own opinion. Consequently, they forget the Lord and do not want to confess their sins. They keep on sinning up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

Therefore, we must always humble ourselves by the work of the sword of the true teaching Word. We can always remember that we are only the dust and clay. We can also remember the cross of Jesus.

The facts found in confessing that we are only the clay are as follows.

- We confess that we are unworthy and not precious with our weaknesses and sins, so we only deserve to be trampled. In such condition, we are encouraged to always have reconciliation with God and others.

John 4:16-18

4:16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

4:17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,'

4:18 "for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

Through the work of the sword of the Word, we can confess our sins regardless of any risk we have to take. We get the forgiveness from God and leave our sins.

Job 42:5-6

42:5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You.

42:6 Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes."

Job 32:1-2

32:1 So these three men ceased answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

32:2 Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was aroused against Job; his wrath was aroused because he justified himself rather than God.

We often do not realize the sin of self-truth, namely the truth which is not in line with the Word. It comes by blaming others; even God.

Saul pursued and killed the people who were in the way of the Lord. It refers to gossiping, slandering, and blaspheming the servant of God.

- We confess that we are unworthy and powerless. We confess that we are nothing, so we can always be encouraged to submit all of our fears, worries, and problems; even our whole life to God. We can believe, fully entrust our life to God, and rely on His great grace. As a result, He will stretch out His great merciful hands to us. We live in the great merciful hands of God.

The results are as follows.

- The clay is formed as the vessel of God's glory. We are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain for the edifying of the perfect body of Christ.
- The great merciful hands of God are able to make all things good, successful, and beautiful.
- The great merciful hands of God are able to create us as the new men in honesty and obedience.

Ephesians 5:1-2

5:1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

If the spiritual miracle happens, the physical one will also happen until we are changed to be as glorious as Jesus is when He comes a second time. We welcome Him on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.