

Bible Study Service in Malang, May 02, 2019 (Thursday Evening)

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

Matthew 14:27

14:27. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." "

Fear, anxiety, and distress become the main killer of men, both physically with the scarce diseases which cause the bodily death and spiritually, namely one is dead spiritually, not active anymore in doing spiritual things or the service and ministry to God and reading the Bible, and unable to pray because of the fear or distress; even he commits sins up to the peak and gets the second death or the everlasting perdition in the hell.

The fear, anxiety, and distress happen to all men, including the servants of God from age to age as follows.

1. The age of Father God or the beginning one. It is counted from Adam to Abraham for about two thousand years. It is represented by Adam and Eve who were in fear in Garden Eden because of committing sin and getting naked. Consequently, they were driven out of Eden to enter the world and get the curse of God.
2. The age of the Son of God or the middle one. It is counted from Abraham, who sacrificed Isaac, to Jesus' first coming to die on the cross for about two thousand years. It is represented by Peter who was afraid in the sea of the world because of the wind and wave, so he doubted the Lord or the true teaching Word and started to sink.
3. The age of Holy Spirit God or the last one. It is counted from Jesus' first coming to the second one for about two thousand years. It is represented by all of us. It has not happened yet. We will learn about it now.

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Revelation 6:15-17

6:15. And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

6:16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"

6:17 "For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

This is about the fear to see Jesus, who comes a second time in the glory as the King of all kings and the Heavenly Bridegroom, on the glorious clouds. This is the last and greatest fear.

Jesus also appears as the just Judge to reveal the wrath of God to the world. All men will run to hide themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains.

Thus, everything in the world will be useless; even being a king and a clever or rich man is a useless thing if one cannot see Jesus or he is afraid of seeing Him in the glory as the King or the Heavenly Bridegroom who comes a second time on the glorious clouds. He will be left when Jesus comes a second time, so he gets the wrath of God in the world, the doomsday, up to the hell forever.

We who live on the last days can take a lesson that we must not be proud of the blessings of God, intelligence, riches, and so on. Do not rely on such things, but we must try hard to see Jesus in His glory always. On the contrary, do not get disappointed when we are not rich or clever, but we must try hard physically as well as try hard to see Jesus in His glory so that all things will not be in vain.

Whatever our condition in the world is, we must use the lengthening of God's patience to learn to look at Him in His glory as the King of all kings and the Heavenly Bridegroom.

How can we learn to look at Jesus in His glory? We learn it from Moses and John the Apostle who have seen the glory of God.

1. **Moses.**

Exodus 33:18-23

33:18. And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."

33:19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

33:20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."

33:21 And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock."

33:22 *"So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.*

33:23 *"Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."*

Moses had looked the glory of God from His back, so he could write the first five books in the Bible, namely Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. It is especially the book of Genesis, that tells us about the things which had happened far away before Moses was born. The glory of God has helped him.

2. John the apostle.

Revelation 1:13-14

1:13. *and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.*

1:14 *His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;*

In Patmos island, John the apostle had looked at Jesus from the front (he had looked at His eyes), so he could write the last five books in the Bible, namely the gospel according to John, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, and Revelation. It is especially the book of Revelation, which tells us about the future or something which will happen for sure far away after he died.

We learn the process of looking at Jesus' face in His glory from John the apostle as follows.

1. Looking at Jesus' mouth out of which a sharp sword goes.

Revelation 1:16b

1:16b. *out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword,*

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3. *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,*

4:4 *whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.*

Matthew 25:6

25:6. *"And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'"*

The sharp two-edged sword refers to the true teaching Word. It is sharper than any two-edged sword. It is said as the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the Bride Tidings.

Thus, we must hear and obey the Bride Tidings so that we are sanctified little by little (from the heart as the root of sins to the mouth or tongue as the fruit of sins or the death) and we can see the face of Jesus in the glory. If the mouth or tongue is sanctified, our whole life will be sanctified too and we live in the holiness.

Matthew 12:36-37

12:36. *"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.*

12:37 *"For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."*

We must be sanctified from idle words such as lie, gossip, slander, and blasphemy. Blaspheming God means that the true teaching is blamed and the false one is justified. Peter, a great servant of God, could blaspheme Him. We must be careful. The idle words will bring the judgment and everlasting perdition.

If we are sanctified from the idle words, we will be able to say the good and righteous words or the ones that become blessing for others. We can also speak honestly. We say "yes" if "yes" and "no" if "no". The honesty or sincerity is the same as the holiness which comes from inside the heart.

1 Peter 3:10

3:10. *For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit.*

If we can say the good, righteous, and honest words, God will be able to make all things good. The destroyed things can be made good. We have the beautiful successful future life.

2. Seeing Jesus' eyes which are like a flame of fire.

Revelation 1:14

1:14. *His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;*

It means that we get the anointing or the flame of Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit has been poured out like the tongues of fire at the upper room in Jerusalem. We are encouraged to be faithful and fervent in spirit in serving and ministering to God until the end line, namely we pass away or Jesus comes a second time.

All workers in the world will and must retire because they only use the strength of the flesh. Nevertheless, there is no retirement in the service to God. Why? It is so because of not using the fleshly strength, but the flame of the fire of Holy Spirit, so we can keep on burning until the end line.

We will keep faithful and fervent in spirit until Jesus comes a second time if we have the flame of the fire of Holy Spirit, regardless of any kinds of ministry we do. Moreover, we keep on serving and ministering to God forever in the heavenly kingdom.

Hebrews 1:7

1:7. And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire."

The servant of God who is holy or looking at His mouth and faithful and fervent in spirit or looking at His eyes is like the flame of fire.

The eyes of God are like the flame of fire.

Thus, the holy, faithful, and fervent servant of God is the same as the apple of God's eyes.

Psalms 17:8

17:8. Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,

Deuteronomy 32:10

32:10. "He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.

Why do we have to be the apple of God's eye? We must be the apple of God's eye because we live in the world which is like the wilderness where we cannot sow or reap. We also face the beasts, namely the threat, persecution, and the Antichrist who reigns over the world for three and a half years.

The results of being the apple of God's eye are as follows.

- God Himself will cover us with His wings, namely the two wings of a great eagle or His loving hands which always embrace us.
The two wings of a great eagle cover the little young eagles under them. The great merciful hands of God embrace the babies who live in the wilderness. We are not able at all.
- God preserves us who are powerless in the midst of the dry wilderness of the world.
- God protects us from threats, problems, and sins which are as many as the sand and always attack our life. There are so many threats, problems, and sins in the wilderness of the world. Nevertheless, God will always protect us if we become the apple of His eye. A grain of sand cannot enter His eyes.

He protects us until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years that we are given the two wings of a great eagle. We are evacuated to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the Antichrist for three and a half years.

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.

Formerly, the children of Israel were preserved for forty years in the wilderness through manna. Someday, we will get the protection and preservation of God directly through the teaching Word and the Holy Communion for three and a half years.

Therefore, there must be the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion in the church because it will become a training for us for facing the evacuation in the wilderness.

3. Looking at Jesus' face which shines like the sun shining in its strength.

Revelation 1:16c

1:16c. and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

The sunshine is the same as the light of the glory of God or His mercy and goodness for all of us. Looking at Jesus' face which shines like the sun shining in its strength means worshipping Him. As a result, the light of His glory will change us from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus.

The three disciples went up on a mountain with Jesus. In the worship prayer, they saw the face of Jesus that suddenly changed to shine like the sun shining in its strength.

In the worship prayer, we see Jesus' face which shines like the sun shining in its strength and get the renewal to be the spiritual men like Him.

What must be changed? The face is the same as the heart. We must get the renewal of the heart, namely being strong and of good courage. This is a new heart.

Ephesians 3:16

3:16. that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,

Being strong and of good courage, our heart is filled up by Holy Spirit. In the worship prayer, we become strong and of good courage and Holy Spirit will be poured in our heart. The fleshly men need Holy Spirit because they have many weaknesses and cannot do anything. Holy Spirit will help all of us.

The functions of Holy Spirit are as follows:

- Holy Spirit is the Comforter.

John 15:25-27

15:25. "But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'

15:26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

15:27 "And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

John 16:1-2

16:1. "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.

16:2 "They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

It means as follows:

- a. Holy Spirit gives us extra power so that we are neither disappointed nor hopeless and do not leave God regardless of anything are facing.
- b. Holy Spirit makes us keep on holding fast and obeying the true teaching Word regardless of anything are facing, so we can keep on living in righteousness and holiness or we do not sin.
- c. Holy Spirit makes us keep faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God until the end line regardless of any obstacles we must face. We never leave God, but keep on believing and hoping Him, regardless of anything we must face. We never deny Him.

The work of the Spirit of Comforter was experienced by Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, so they kept on being with God regardless of anything they had to face.

- Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Glory.

1 Peter 4: 14

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.

Holy Spirit performs the miracles in the midst of us. It is especially the spiritual miracle, namely the renewal of life from the fleshly men to the glorious ones like Jesus. We only cry out "*Abba, Father!*"

Romans 8: 15

8:15. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

Saying "*Abba, Father!*" is the same as being honest and obedient.

The physical miracles will also happen as follows:

- a. Holy Spirit is able to create something that does not exist yet.

For example, Peter and his friends did not catch any fish all night long. In the morning, the Lord came to them and asked them whether they had any fish. They answered honestly and obeyed Him when He commanded them to throw the net for a catch in the morning.

Peter was honest and obedient. It is the same as stretching the hands to God. As a result, God also stretched out the hands of Holy Spirit, so there were many fish although there had been no fish before.

The fish also refers to the people. If we become the honest and obedient servant of God, not our hands but the ones of God or Holy Spirit will 'catch' the people.

We must try hard in our job in the world as well as be honest and obedient. Our own hands are so limited, but the hands of Holy Spirit will help us.

- b. Impossible things will be made possible. All impossible problems can be finished by the hands of Holy Spirit.

When Jesus comes a second time, we will be changed to be as perfect as He is to be worthy to welcome Him on the glorious clouds. We will get the last miracle, namely being changed to be as perfect as Jesus is by the Spirit of glory. We are not afraid and ashamed to see Jesus in His glory, but we have the confidence to see Him face to face on the glorious clouds. We are with Him forever and there is no tear at all.

1 John 2: 28

2:28. And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

God blesses you.