

Bible Study Service in Malang, May 11, 2017 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 5:5-6, 9

5:5 *But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."*

5:6 *And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.*

5:9 *And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,*

Who is worthy to reveal the Word of God?

1. Jesus as the Lion of the tribe of Judah or the Root of David who has prevailed.
2. Jesus as the Lamb who has been slain or dead on the cross to reveal the Word and redeem or set us free from sin.

Thus, every time we hear the revelation of the Word, let it encourage us to get the redemption and deliverance from sins.

Revelation 5:9-10

5:9 *And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,*

5:10 *And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."*

The blood of Jesus redeems us from these three things.

1. Tribe and nation.

It means as follows.

- a. There is no difference because of tribe and nation for all of us are brothers in Jesus. We have one blood of Jesus.
- b. We are redeemed from the world which is dominated by Babylon.

James 4:4

4:4 *Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

The influence of the world makes us unfaithful in the service and ministry to God. In such condition, we become the enemy of God.

The proof of being redeemed from the world is faithfulness and fervency in the service and ministry to God.

2. People or family. It means that we are redeemed from the flesh with all of its lusts and wills.

Romans 8:6-7

8:6 *For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

8:7 *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.*

The flesh with all of its lusts and wills makes us disobedient to the Word.

The proof of being redeemed from the flesh is our obedience to the Word.

3. Tongue or language.

The tongue has many mistakes or sins; even the most. We are redeemed from the tongue means that we are redeemed from sins up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

The proof of being redeemed from sin is our righteous and holy life.

One who has been redeemed by the blood of Jesus is holy, faithful, and obedient. Such life is appointed to be priests and kings [Revelation 5:9-10], namely the servants of God who serve and minister to Him according to the gifts of Holy Spirit and the ministry which God has entrusted.

Exodus 19:6

19:6 *'And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."*

Actually, only the house of Israel and the descendants are worthy to become the priests and kings. According to the genealogy, the

Gentiles cannot become the priest and kings, but the servants of sin or Satan who will be destroyed.

1 Peter 2:9-10

2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2:10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

The Lord opens the way through His mercy which costs the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, so the Gentiles can be the priests and kings. Thus, the service and ministry of the Gentiles to God cost the blood of Jesus. Leaving the service and ministry to God is the same as trampling the blood of Jesus. Consequently, one is cursed and destroyed forever.

Therefore, the Gentiles must try hard to keep on serving and ministering to God according to the ministry which has been entrusted by God until the end line, namely we die or Jesus comes a second time. We fully serve and minister to God, so we get the full right to enter the heavenly kingdom and be glorified with the Lord.

The duty of priest is to proclaim the praises of Him who called him out of darkness into His marvelous light [1 Peter 2:9]. It is the same as **bearing witness.**

Mark 5:18-19

5:18 And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him.

5:19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."

The direction of the testimony starts from the marriage or household, shepherding, friendship, up to being the light of the world.

There are three levels of testimony according to Tabernacle as follows.

1. **Testifying what God has done through the work of the Word or good news and His mercy.** It is the same as the testimony in the Court of Tabernacle.

Mark 5:19-20

5:19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."

5:20 And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

For example, we have been helped or cured physically by God, our problems are solved, and so on. We can also testify the spiritual help in our life, namely formerly we were demon-possessed or crazy by sinning up to the peak, but now we have our right mind or live in righteousness. The process is that the good news or the Gospel Word encourages us to do these things.

- a. Believing or having faith in Jesus as the only Savior.
- b. Confessing our sins to God and other people by our mouth. After being forgiven, we do not sin anymore. We die to sin or repent.
- c. Being baptized of water and Holy Spirit. We live in righteousness.
As a result, we are saved and blessed by God up to our descendants. We can also become blessings for others.

2. **Testifying the right and good shepherding.** It is the same as the testimony in the Holy Place.

Mark 5:14-15

5:14 So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened.

5:15 Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

Formerly, the demon-possessed man dwelt in the tombs day and night. The tombs refer to the places which are the lengthening of the hands of the death. For example, discotheque, cinema, caf   with internet, and so on. The modern tombs refer to the church or fellowship in the false teachings like the fellowship of the prophets with the wild vine that brought the death.

Having his right mind, the man could sit and clothe. Sitting means that we are firm in the good and right shepherding. We have peace and serenity of our life. The death has been defeated. For example, five thousand men sat on the grass. They refer to the husband or the head of the household. If a husband is firm in the shepherding, the wife and children will be firm too. As a result, the Lord broke the loaves. It means that there is multiplication of bread or the revelation of the Word.

Physically, five loaves and two fish could feed five thousand men and there were twelve baskets remaining. It refers to the abundant preservation and we always give thanks to God.

Exodus 3:1-3

3:1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

3:2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

3:3 Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

The great sight refers to the shepherding. We must be shepherded well and correctly so that we can testify about the shepherding. Many Christians are wandering or not shepherded. The things we must testify in the shepherding are as follows.

a. [Exodus 3:1] **The perseverance in doing the three main services in the shepherding as follows.**

- i. Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Serviceto have the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts. The sheep is given the drink to be fresh.
- ii. Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communionto get the fellowship with the Son of God in the Word and the sacrifice of Christ. The sheep is given the food to be strong and able to serve and minister to God until the end line, without stopping on the way.
- iii. Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Worship Prayer Serviceto get the fellowship with Father God in the love and get the eternal life.

Leviticus 21:12

21:12 'nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.

If we persevere in the shepherding pen or the Holy Place of Tabernacle, there will be the anointing oil of Holy Spirit. It means that we can be faithful and fervent in spirit in serving and ministering to God. Our service and ministry have the spiritual value as well as the atmosphere of the heavenly kingdom.

Psalms 133:1-3

133:1 <<A Song of Ascents. Of David.>>Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!

133:2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.

133:3 It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing--Life forevermore.

We can dwell together in unity and God commands the blessings to come. All things become good and beautiful.

b. **Holiness.**

Exodus 3:2

3:2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

The holiness which is done by the fire of the Word or the Bride Tidings results in the light of the moon under the feet.

The holiness which is done by the fire of Holy Spirit results in a garland of twelve stars.

The holiness which is done by the fire of the love of God will become the clothes of the sun.

Revelation 12:1

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.

We appear as the light of the world or the Bride of God. Nevertheless, we must face the dragon.

Revelation 12:3-4, 14

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.

12:4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

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 Lord will give us the two wings of a great eagle to flee us to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the antichrist.

3. **Testifying the cross, the sprinkling of blood, or the suffering in the flesh because of Jesus.**

It can happen through many problems in all aspects of life; even the impossible ones, false teachings, being slandered, and so on.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

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,

The purpose is that we get the renewal from the fleshly man to the spiritual one like Jesus is. It begins from being strong and of good courage.

Joshua 1:9

1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

We are neither disappointed nor hopeless. We do not leave God regardless anything we must face. We also keep on holding fast the true teaching Word, living in righteousness, being faithful and fervent in doing the service and ministry to God, believing and hoping in God, and worshiping Him. As a result, God will accompany us. It is more than anything. He never leaves us. He pays attention to, cares for, pleads, and struggles for us. His accompanying to us cannot be charged against by anything.

Romans 8:31

8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

The results are as follows.

- a. The Lord is able to preserve our life and provide us with all things we need through the cross of Jesus. The cross refers to positive mark or sufficiency, not negative one or deficiency.

Romans 8:32

8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

- b. We are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain for edifying the body of Christ[Joshua 1:9].

1 Chronicles 28:20

28:20 And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God--my God--will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

The Lord is able to solve all impossible problems. He gives us beautiful and successful future life. Our marriage and children are restored by God.

1 Samuel 18:14

18:14 And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the LORD was with him.

It continues until we are changed to be as perfect and glorious as Jesus is when He comes a second time. We can welcome His second coming.

God blesses you.