

Bible Study Service in Malang, May 18, 2021 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 13:3-4

13:3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

13:4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

The sign of the Antichrist is that one of his heads was as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. It is the same as the false death, so there is no resurrection, glory, or life renewal. One keeps on being the man of flesh and blood that perishes forever.

We must be careful because many churches or God's servants on the last days marveled at the sign of the Antichrist. It means only looking for the miraculous physical signs such as being healed from disease and getting rich in the service and ministry to God without the sanctification and renewal or without the death, resurrection, and glory. It means worshiping the dragon or the Antichrist and being the same as the Antichrist or the beast. One cannot be lifted up to heaven, but perishes forever in the hell.

The sign of Jesus Christ is the death on the cross, the resurrection, and the ascension to sit at the right side of the throne of Father God.

Therefore, the church or God's servant on the last days must marvel at the sign of Jesus Christ, namely the sanctification and life renewal or the death, resurrection, and glory.

Mark 1:21-23

1:21 Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught.

1:22 And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

1:23 Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out,

Being astonished at the death, resurrection, and glory of Jesus Christ is the same as being astonished at His teaching or the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword which is powerful for sanctifying and renewing until being as perfect as Jesus is and worthy to ascend to heaven and get the eternal life.

There are two attitudes of the church or God's servant towards the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword as follows:

1. **The negative attitude**, namely rejecting the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword as follows:

- Being astonished at the true teaching Word, but leaving Jesus. It means confessing the truth of the true teaching Word, but not receiving it because of keeping the self-truth, seeking for the mistakes of others, and blaming at the righteous, God, and the true teaching Word.

Matthew 22:16,22

22:16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men.

22:22 When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

- Avoiding the true teaching Word which shows the sins. It is the same as lying.

Matthew 26:23-25

26:23 He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me.

26:24 "The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

26:25 Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."

It means not being able to receive the true teaching Word because of not being willing to confess the sin, but hiding or covering it through lying.

Jeremiah 9:5

9:5 Everyone will deceive his neighbor, And will not speak the truth; They have taught their tongue to speak lies;

They weary themselves to commit iniquity.

One who covers the sin with other sin wearies himself to commit iniquity. It means not being willing to repent until not being able to repent like Satan or the Antichrist that will perish forever.

- Murmuring and walking with Jesus no more. It means rejecting the true teaching Word. Murmuring, grumbling, and getting angry in the time of hearing the Word are the symptoms of the shaken faith. If it continues, he will depart from the faith.

John 6:60-61,66

6:60 *Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"*

6:61 *When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you?"*

6:66 *From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.*

The main sign of the coming of Jesus is not the war or temptation, but many deceptions, up to four times at the four corners of the earth.

Why do they murmur? They murmur because of keeping the sins up to the peak and enjoy or live in it.

Consequently, they walk with Jesus no more or reject the true teaching Word and follow the false teachings and gossips that cause the sins, agree with sins, and live in sins up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage, and get no sanctification and renewal like the Antichrist.

For example, King Herod put John to prison and beheaded him when his peak of sin was rebuked, namely his wrong or illegal marriage before God. There were no sanctification and renewal, but the man of blood and flesh or the beast for being destroyed forever.

2. **The positive attitude**, namely receiving the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword.

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1:21 *Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught.*

1:22 *And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*

1:23 *Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out,*

1:24 *saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are--the Holy One of God!"*

1:25 *But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!"*

1:26 *And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.*

1:27 *Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."*

1:28 *And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.*

1:29 *Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.*

Being astonished at the true teaching Word means feeling happy in hearing the true teaching Word and obeying it. As a result, there is power of sanctification and renewal from the evil spirit or foxes and unclean spirit or birds which control and corrupt the sons or servants of God as well as the church or the service and ministry to God, the worship to Him, and the household.

If one, the household, and the church reject the true teaching Word, they must be controlled by the foxes and birds, so they enter the revival of the Babylon or the bride of Satan that will be destroyed forever.

There are two forms of the evil and unclean spirit as follows:

- The evil and unclean spirit which is out of the tombs. It refers to the lengthened hands of the death, namely the cinema, discotheque, pornography, including the service and ministry, the church, or the fellowship which are without the true teaching Word. It causes the church or God's servant to be wild like the beast or the Antichrist.

Mark 5:1-5

5:1 *Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.*

5:2 *And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,*

5:3 *who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains,*

5:4 *because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him.*

5:5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- Not having the right mind. The mind and faith are corrupted, so one is naked or disobedient to God and he resists against the true teaching Word.

Mark 5:15

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.

- Dwelling among the tombs. It means not liking to dwell at home. One always goes out of the house without a clear right purpose. He may also dwell at home, but without the good relationship with the family. For example, the husband is hard-hearted, so he does not love the wife, but does bitterly towards her or hits her; the wife does not obey the husband, but resists against him; and the children do not obey the parents.

It also means not being shepherded to the true teaching Word or not abiding at the true Vine. It is the same as wandering, not being willing to dwell in the sheepfold, or not persevering in doing the three main services to God in the Holy Place. One may also dwell in the sheepfold, but without the true teaching Word or the true Vine.

- Crying out, speaking rudely, lying, slandering, gossiping, hurting others through the words, and not being able to worship God because there is no peace or satisfaction.

The consequence is being dead together with the two thousand swine or perishing in the hell forever.

Mark 5:12-13

5:12 So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them."

5:13 And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

The power of the true teaching Word is able to sanctify and change us from the paganism or the evil and unclean spirit, so we are brought to the positive number of two thousand, namely the Holy Place. The length of the Holy Place is twenty cubits, the width ten cubits, and the height ten cubits. Thus, the volume is two thousand cubits cube (20x10x10 = 2000). The three kinds of equipment in the Holy Place refer to the perseverance in doing the three main services to God. We consume the repeated shepherding Word, so we are sanctified from the evil and unclean spirit as well as able to live in righteousness and holiness. It is the same as sitting, so we will never fall anymore and we can have on our clothes or be appointed as the priests and kings for being used in the edification of the perfect body of Christ. We have the serenity, peace, and joy. All things become easy and light.

- The evil and unclean spirit from the valley and mountain which causes the church or God's servant to get the epilepsy.

Matthew 17:14-15

17:14 And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying,

17:15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

Mark 9:14-15,25

9:14 And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them.

9:15 Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him.

9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"

It means the destruction of morality, mind, and faith, so one is dragged and made fallen to the fire without realizing it until he dies. The fire refers to the fleshly lust that causes the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. He is also dragged to the water that refers to the freshness of the world, so he rejects the freshness from heaven. He is far away from the friendship with God, but drowns in the freshness of the world until he perishes forever.

Mark 9:18

9:18 And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."

The condition is in suffering in the outward and inward man.

Foaming at the mouth means being dumb, lying, and slandering. Consequently, one cannot be trusted by God and other people.

The ears are deaf or do not want to hear the true teaching Word.

Becoming rigid means not being able to receive the rebuke and advice, the dead conscience, and the unsolvable problems.

The solution is that Jesus rebuked and taught.

2 Timothy 4:1-2

4:1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:

4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

The true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword is able to do the following things:

- Showing the hidden sins to make us realize, regret, and confess our sins so that we are not punished, but healed.
- Rebuking so that we repent or do not repeat the sins.
- Advising to make us live in righteousness and holiness. We are led to the New Jerusalem or the last shepherding.

Proverbs 1:23-26

1:23 Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.

1:24 Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,

1:25 Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke,

1:26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes,

The time when the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword is being preached is the one when Jesus is teaching us, casting out Satan, and stretching out His hands to us.

We must confess our condition, sins, problems, and sufferings. We must obey the true teaching Word and stretch out our hands to Him. We live in His merciful hands.

The results are as follows:

- The merciful hands of God sanctify and change us from the man of blood and flesh to the new one like Jesus, namely being honest, testifying, and glorifying God. All things will be good.
- The merciful hands of God are able to finish all impossible problems. All things become calm, silent, and peaceful.
- The merciful hands of God lead and renew us until we are as perfect as Jesus is and we become the heavenly bride who is ready for welcoming Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds and entering the Paradise and the eternal New Jerusalem forever.

God blesses you.