

Bible Study Service in Malang, November 14, 2017 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 6:12-17

6:12 *I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.*

6:13 *And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.*

6:14 *Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.*

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?"*

The opening of the sixth seal is the same as the sixth judgment of Holy Spirit God, namely the great physical and spiritual earthquake which causes these things.

1. Darkness (the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, the moon became red like blood, and the stars of heaven fell to the earth).
2. Shakings (every mountain and island was moved out of its place).
3. Fear (the kings of the earth and the great men are fearful)

ad. 1. Darkness.

There are three kinds of darkness as follows.

1. **The darkness in Egypt for three days.**

Exodus 10:21-22

10:21 *Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt."*

10:22 *So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.*

It means that the light of God's love does not work anymore. The sun does not work anymore means that God's love does not work anymore.

2. **The darkness for three hours when Jesus was on the cross.**

Matthew 27:45-47,50

27:45 *Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.*

27:46 *And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*

27:47 *Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!"*

27:50 *And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.*

It means that the light of the Son of God does not work anymore. The moon does not work anymore or the work of redemption has been fulfilled.

3. **The darkness for three and a half years when the Antichrist reigns over the world.**

It has not happened yet, but will happen for sure.

It means that the light of Holy Spirit God does not work anymore. The stars do not work anymore. In such condition, the edifying of the perfect body of Christ has been finished.

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.*

The edifying of the perfect body of Christ has been finished means that the bride has been formed. The perfect church appears as the light of the world, namely the clothes of the sun, the moon under the feet, and twelve stars upon the head.

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.*

The perfect church is given the two wings of a great eagle to fly to the wilderness for three and a half years. The sun, moon, and stars will be brought to the wilderness, so the earth is dark; even in the darkest darkness because there is no sun, moon, and stars spiritually. There is no more love, redemption by the blood of Jesus, Holy Spirit, and the edifying of the body of Christ. The earth will be ruled over by the Antichrist.

There will be two possibilities as follows.

1. The servants who live in the darkness, namely keeping hatred, envy, and sins as well as not entering the edification of the body of Christ will be left in the world. They will not fly to the wilderness, but get the persecution from the Antichrist until being beheaded because of worshiping Jesus, not the Antichrist. Nevertheless, they will be resurrected in the body of glory to welcome Jesus when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds.
2. The servants who live in the darkness will be left in the world and depart from faith by denying Jesus or worshiping the Antichrist. They are not persecuted physically, but will be the same as the Antichrist who will be destroyed when Jesus comes a second time. They will enter the outer darkness in the hell forever while the church is in the city of light or the New Jerusalem.

There are three causes of the darkness as follows.

1. Wrong position in the marriage.

- The relationship between children and the parents.

Proverbs 20:20

20:20 Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.

The children do not obey the parents, so their future is gloomy up to the outer darkness.

Colossians 3:20

3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

The right position or structure in marriage happens when the children obey the parents. The children refer to the limbs or hands and feet to lighten the burdens of the parents. Do not become burdens for your parents!

The obedient child who lightens the burdens of the parents will live in the light and have the beautiful future.

Colossians 3:21

3:21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

The parents must not make the children lose hearts through permitting and agreeing the mistake of the children. Permitting and agreeing the mistake of the children will cause them to lose heart and live in the darkness. The parents will also live in the darkness. The parents also must not force the children to do their own will, especially when such will is not according to the Word.

The right position of the parents is in bringing up the children according to the Word. As a result, the children and the parents live in the light. The household is in the light, success, and beauty.

- The relationship between husband and the wife.

The wrong position of the wife happens when she becomes the head over the husband.

Mark 4:21

4:21 Also He said to them, "Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand?"

In such condition, the lamp is put under the lampstand, so it is quenched. It is the same as putting the lamp under the basket or bed. It means the darkness in economy and sins concerning eating -drinking such as sexuality sin with all of its kinds, mix marriage, and divorce-remarrying.

Colossians 3:18

3:18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

The right position of the marriage is that the wife becomes as the body or ribs, namely as the helper. The meanings are as follows.

- She submits to the husband in everything. She must not teach or have authority over men.
- She must keep silent to do the introspection through the sharpness of the sword of the Word. Having sin, she must confess it. Not having any mistake, she must keep silent. She must not judge the husband.
- She must actively finish the matters in the house, not add problems in it.
- She must actively worship God as the function of the rib, namely giving defense or overcoming the weaknesses of the husband and children.

The right position of a wife is by placing the husband as the head.

Colossians 3:19

3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

The wrong position of a husband happens when he does not love the wife; even he does bitterly towards her. The right position is that the husband becomes the head over the wife as follows.

- Loving the wife as his own body and not doing bitterly towards her.
- Being responsible for the body or wife and limbs or children physically and spiritually. Spiritually, he must be the example of righteousness and holiness as well as the one in serving and ministering to and worshipping God.
- Bringing up the wife and children according to the Word.
- Deciding all things in the household according to the will of God and the Bible.

If the wife is submissive and the husband loves the wife, the household will have the lamp on the lampstand. There is the light of unity and joy.

As the conclusion, if the structure of the marriage or the position of the husband and wife as well as the children and the parents is right, the household will be in the light, unity, success, beauty, and joy. The household becomes the house of prayer to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb or the perfect spiritual marriage.

2. Not entering through the narrow gate.

Luke 13:22-28

13:22 And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

13:23 Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them,

13:24 "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

13:25 "When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,'

13:26 "then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.'

13:27 "But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'

13:28 "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.

Matthew 25:30

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

The narrow gate refers to the one of the heavenly kingdom or the New Jerusalem.

The true teaching Word will bring us to enter through the narrow gate that will lead to the New Jerusalem.

The wide door where we can satisfy the flesh will only lead to the outer darkness, namely the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world up to the hell forever.

John 10:1,9-10

10:1 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

10:9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

The narrow gate also refers to the door of the sheepfold.

Thus, the true teaching Word brings us to enter through the door of the sheepfold in the world up to the last shepherding

pen in the eternal New Jerusalem forever.

Matthew 9:35-36

9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

If one does not want to enter through the narrow gate or he is not shepherded, he will be weary and scattered. Being weary means that he is in heavy burden, labor, tears, and bitterness. Being scattered means that no one is responsible for the salvation of the soul, so he goes towards the outer darkness.

Therefore, all of us must willingly enter through the narrow gate, namely the door of the sheepfold.

A pastor first must enter through the narrow gate to do the main duties of a shepherd as follows.

- Feeding the sheep with the Shepherding Word. If the spiritual food is provided, the physical one will be too.
- Lifting up the intercession prayer. It becomes the covering of protection, so the congregation is protected by God from all disasters. They are saved and not destroyed.
- Being the example in righteousness, holiness, and faithfulness.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, has willingly offered His soul. The pastor on earth must also willingly offer anything.

The sheep must also enter through the narrow gate. The duty of a sheep is only eating the Shepherding Word, namely hearing and obeying it as well as fleeing from the strange voice. As a result we will get all things we need. Not eating the Shepherding Word, but hearing the strange voice, the sheep will lose all things in the world and heaven; even the salvation.

Do not be deceived by the hireling, who is not the shepherd. He does not feed the sheep, but only looks for physical profit.

John 10:12

10:12 "But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

The Shepherding Word brings us to enter through the narrow gate of the sheepfold, namely the Holy Place. There are three kinds of equipment there which refer to the perseverance in doing three main services to God as follows.

- Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts. If we persevere in doing General Service, we will get the increase in the anointing and gifts of Holy Spirit.

1 John 2:27

2:27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

The anointing of Holy Spirit is useful to face the false prophets.

In the anointing of Holy Spirit, we have a sensitive heart to distinguish the true and false teachings.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

4:2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

In the anointing of Holy Spirit, we can firmly hold fast the true teaching Word and reject the false ones.

Every time one hears the false teachings, his conscience will be stamped by the false prophets until he cannot return to God anymore, except by His mercy.

- Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ. The Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword and the Holy Communion sanctify us from the bond of sin up to the last bond, namely the one of money. The bond of money causes stinginess and greediness, so one is stamped by and worship the Antichrist. Stinginess means that one cannot give to God and others. Greediness means that one robs the possession of God and others.

Being delivered from the bond of money, we will be able to return the possession of God, namely the tithes and offerings as well as the possession of others. We can give to the work of God and other people who are in need. It begins from giving our money, time, energy, and so on up to our whole life to God.

- Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love. It is useful to face the murderer or Satan.

John 10:10

10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

In the Prayer Service, we get the love of God, so we can love one another. We can love others like we love ourselves; even we can love our enemy. It means that we should love our household.

John 10:9

10:9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."

If we willingly enter through the narrow gate as well as we are shepherded well and correctly, God will give us the abundance in our life. The Good Shepherd has died on the cross for the sheep to give us abundant life as follows.

- We can always give thanks to God.
- God provides every time we need something like the sheep for Abraham was provided by God Jehovah Jireh when he offered Isaac.
- The abundant life relates to Canaan which is full of milk and honey. It refers to a revival. It means that we are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain for the edifying of the perfect body of Christ.
- We can reach Canaan, namely the New Jerusalem or the city of light where there is no more darkness.

3. Because of not having on the wedding garments, but the other garments.

Matthew 22:11-14

22:11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment."

22:12 "So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless."

22:13 "Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

22:14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

There are three other garments as follows.

- Filthy garments, namely the dirty, evil, and unclean mind, deed, and saying.

Zechariah 3:1-3

3:1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.

3:2 And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

3:3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel.

It also means the unfaithfulness in serving and ministering to God; even leaving them.

- Foreign apparel.

Zephaniah 1:8

1:8 "And it shall be, In the day of the LORD'S sacrifice, That I will punish the princes and the king's children, And all such as are clothed with foreign apparel."

It means giving many reasons and cheating.

- The leprous garments.

Leviticus 13:45-47

13:45 "Now the leper on whom the sore is, his clothes shall be torn and his head bare; and he shall cover his mustache, and cry, 'Unclean! Unclean!'"

13:46 "He shall be unclean. All the days he has the sore he shall be unclean. He is unclean, and he shall dwell alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp."

13:47 "Also, if a garment has a leprous plague in it, whether it is a woolen garment or a linen garment"

It refers to the self-truth or the truth which is not in line with the Bible and covering sin by blaming others.
The physical leprous garments refer to the torn ones, so the flesh is not covered.

Matthew 22:12

22:12 *"So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless."*

The king refers to Jesus as the King of all kings. He asked first, not judging directly. The preaching of the Bride Tidings does not judge first although it is so hard and sharp. The Word asks or invites the sinners who are weary and heavy-laden to give them relief. He wants to give us the wedding garments instead of the other ones.

It depends on our attitudes. Being speechless, namely keeping the hard heart and sins or not confessing sins, one must be condemned. **The right attitude is keeping silent as follows.**

- **Being humble and meek.**

Matthew 11:28-29

11:28 *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

11:29 *"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*

Humbleness is the ability to confess sins. Do not sin anymore after being forgiven.

Meekness is the ability to forgive and forget the sins of others.

As a result, the blood of Jesus removes our sins. All things become easy and light.

Isaiah 61:10

61:10 *I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels."*

He will give us the wedding garments instead of the other ones.

- **Worshipping God or giving our life to Him.**

Psalms 37:5-7

37:5 *Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.*

37:6 *He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.*

37:7 *Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass."*

We humble ourselves under the foot of Jesus to confess our condition which is in difficulty, impossibility, weakness, and powerlessness. We trust and fully entrust our life to Him. As a result, He will stretch out His great merciful hand to work and finish all impossible problems right in His time.

The great merciful hand of God also sanctifies and changes our life little by little from the darkness into the light up to the light of the sun, moon, and stars to be worthy to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.