Bible Study Service in Malang, November 21, 2024 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 22:6-17 is about the time is near.

Revelation 22:6

22:6. Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.

God has spoken the faithful and true words, namely the true teaching Word or the Bride Tidings that reveals something that has not happened yet but will happen for sure in the future, especially about Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds in the glory as the King of kings and the heavenly Bridegroom. It is preached to the congregation by the prophets, John the apostle, and all pastors who are sent by God.

Who is the pastor who is sent by God? One who is entrusted in the three things as follows:

1. The revelation of the Word of God or the true teaching Word, namely a verse explains another verse in the Bible.

1 Corinthians 4:1

4:1. Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

The pastor must hear and practice the Word first, and then he preaches to the congregation, so there is the blood sign that cannot be charged against by anything.

The congregation must hear and obey the true teaching Word.

1 Peter 1:22

1:22. Since <u>you have purified your souls in obeying the truth</u>through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, <u>love one</u> anotherfervently with a pure heart,

As a result, we experience the purification of the body, soul, and spirit, so we live in holiness as well as love one another.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11. And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 4:12. for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

We are equipped with the ministry of the Son of God, so we are used in the ministry of the building of the body of Christ.

There are nine ministries of the Son of God.

1 Corinthians 12:28-30

12:28. And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles(1), second prophets(2), third teachers(3), after that miracles(4), then gifts of healings(5), helps(6= the evangelist), administrations(7= the shepherd), varieties of tongues(8). 12:29. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? 12:30. Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?(9)

These ministries can be explained into many other ministries.

Ephesians 4:11

4:11. And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

It can be compacted into the five main ministries as follows:

- The prophets--the thumb.
- The prophets--index finger.
- The evangelists--the middle finger.
- The pastors--the ring finger.
- The teachers--the little finger.

It is the same as having the hand of God in the congregation.

It means that if the servant of God ministers to God according to the ministry and gift that God gives to him, the hand of God or His power will work in the congregation. As a result, the physical and spiritual building--the body of Christ--happens.

2 Chronicles 26:5, 16-19

26:5. He sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper.

26:16. But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

26:17. So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the LORD--valiant men.

26:18. And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the LORD God."

26:19. Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the incense altar.

On the contrary, if one does not minister according to his ministry, the hand of Satan will come to destroy the body of Christ.

Ministering without holiness and the right ministry is the same as getting arrogance. He feels able. It means a leper, namely one who uses self-truth for his own interest. It is the stupid and reckless act.

2 Chronicles 26:23

26:23. So Uzziah rested with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which belonged to the kings, for they said, "He is a leper." Then Jotham his son reigned in his place.

Consequently, one cannot enter the body of Christ, but be destroyed forever.

2. Holy Spirit that is unlimited.

John 3:34

3:34. "For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.

Holy Spirit gives His gifts to those who are sent by God.

Holy Spirit's gift is the miraculous ability of Holy Spirit, so we can minister to God according to the ministry that He gives to us.

There are nine gifts of Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

12:8. for to one is given the word of wisdom(1) through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge(2) through the same Spirit,

12:9. to another faith(3) by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings(4) by the same Spirit,

12:10. to another the working of miracles(5), to another prophecy(6), to another discerning of spirits(7), to another different kinds of tongues(8), to another the interpretation of tongues(9).

It can be divided as follows:

(1) The gift of <u>revelation</u> (eating), namely the word of wisdom--the apostle--, the word of knowledge--the teacher--, and discerning the spirits--the shepherd. The shepherd can discern between the true teaching Word and the false one to feed the congregation.

(2) The gift of worship (the breath), namely prophecy--the prophet--, different kinds of tongues, and the interpretation of tongues.

(3) The gift of the <u>power (the health)</u>, namely faith--the servant--, the gifts of healings--the healer--, and the working of miracles. It is owned by the evangelist.

3. God's mercy.

Acts 18:27

18:27. And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace;

It is God's love to those who are not worthy to receive it, so one who was useless can greatly help others.

There are nine acts of the love of God.

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

13:1. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

13:2. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

13:3. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing(1= love is the most important thing).

13:4. Love suffers long(2) and is kind(3); love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

13:5. does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

13:6. does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth(4);

13:7. bears all things(5), believes all things(6, hopes all things(7), endures all things(8).

13:8. Love never fails(9). But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

All of the ministries and gifts must be done by love. The motive power or the ministry is the love. The resultsare as follows:

- The ministry will be eternal up to the throne of heaven. We become the priests and kings forever on the throne of heaven.
- The flesh does not speak anymore, so we do not fall into arrogance. The arrogance is caused by the treasure, woman, position, and lie.
- $\circ~$ Resulting the nine fruits of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23

5:22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love(1), joy(2), peace(3), longsuffering(4), kindness(5), goodness(6), faithfulness(7),

5:23. gentleness(8), self-control(9). Against such there is no law.

It can be divided as follows:

- a. 'love, joy, peace' is the image of God the Father.
- b. '*longsuffering, kindness, goodness*' is the image of the Son of God.
- c. 'faithfulness, gentleness, self-control is the image of Holy Spirit God.

We return to the image of the Trinity of God.

We may not play around in the ministry to God, because it determines whether our life is in the hand of God or in the hand of Satan.

If we are in the hand of God, we will be built and returned to the image of the Trinity of God up to perfection. We become the heavenly bride.

But, if we are in the hand of Satan, we will be broken and destroyed.

So, God's bride must have the nine ministries, the nine gifts of the Spirit, the nine acts of love of God the Father, and the nine fruits of the Spirit.

It means four times nine that equals thirty-six.

Joshua 7:3-5

7:3. And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not let all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not weary all the people there, for the people of Ai are few."

7:4. So about three thousand men went up there from the people, but they fled before the men of Ai.

7:5. And the men of Ai struck down about <u>thirty-six men</u>, for they chased them from before the gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them down on the descent; therefore the hearts of the people melted and became like water.

In the past time, the thirty-six of the Israelites were struck down by the men of Ai.

Ai means small or ruins.

Now, it means that Satan wants to destroy the four times nine that belongs to the church of God. <u>Satan destroysitthrough the ruins</u> because of the small matter as follows:

1. The tongue. It is a little member but it often speaks the meaningless words such as lie, gossip, and slander. It overthrows the physical and spiritual things.

Proverbs 11:11

11:11. By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

2. The money.

Joshua 7:20-21

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.

It means stealing the smallest possession of God namely the tithe and special offerings. Consequently, one loses heart. He gets desperate and disappointed as well as grumbles.

Deuteronomy 3:11

3:11. "For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants. Indeed his bedstead was an *iron bedstead*. (Is it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?) <u>Nine cubits is its length and four cubits its width</u>, according to the standard cubit.

It continues up to falling into an iron bedstead whose measurement is four times nine. It means the destruction in marriage and children in the sin of uncleanness up to perdition forever.

The example of the servant of God who is overthrown and destroyed is Judas Iscariot.

1 John 2:18-19

2:18. Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

2:19. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

'*they were not of us*' means one who is not faithful and fervent in the ministry, the preaching of the Word, and the holy communion. He always avoids the Word.

Matthew 26:23, 25

26:23. He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. 26:25. Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."

He does not judge himself. His life is not changed but he keeps becoming the thief and liar.

John 13:26-27, 30

13:26. Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

13:27. Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

13:30. Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

The perseverance in committing the bible study service and holy communion really determines our life. If we do not have seriousness, we will be demon-possessed. If we have seriousness, we will lean on Jesus' breast.

God does not see our weakness or greatness, but our seriousness in the ministry.

2 Chronicles 16:7-9

16:7. And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him: "Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on the LORD your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand. 16:8. "Were the Ethiopians and the Lubim not a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you

relied on the LORD, He delivered them into your hand.

16:9. "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars."

As a result, God gives the extra power to defeat all enemies. God will finish all of impossible problems in due time.

Deuteronomy 8:15-18

8:15. "who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock;

8:16. "who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end -

8:17. "then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'

8:18. "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for <u>it is He who gives you power to get wealth</u>, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

God gives the strength to gain the wealth. God is able to take care of us in the midst of the difficulties of the world.

1 Thessalonians 3:13

3:13. so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

God gives the strength, so we become strong and of good courage. We do not get desperate and disappointed as well as leave God regardless of anything that happens. We keep trusting, hoping, and worshiping God. We keep waiting Jesus' second coming. We are purified and changed up to perfection.

God blesses us.