

Bible Study Service in Malang, October 12, 2023 (Thursday Evening)

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

In the Tabernacle, Revelation 21 refers to the shekinah glory.

The three lights in the Tabernacle are as follows:

1. The light of the Altar of Burnt Offerings in the Court of the Tabernacle.

John 3:16

3:16. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

Revelation 2:4

2:4. *"Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love."*

It is the same as the light in Christ's sacrifice or the Lamb of God on the cross. It is the first love.

Galatians 5:6

5:6. *"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love."*

The first love is about faith working through love. It is the base of the true and stable spiritual building.

If we minister with the first love, namely righteousness, there will be a hope to be built up to perfection.

Revelation 19:7-9

19:7. *"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."*

19:8. *"And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints."*

19:9. *"Then he said to me, 'Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."*

It continues up to the peak, namely we may enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

Revelation 2:4-5

2:4. *"Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love."*

2:5. *"Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place--unless you repent."*

Working without the first love is like the church of Ephesus. It is exceedingly deep fall up to losing the lampstand. It means having no light, so one ministers in the darkness of sins up to the peak, even the outer darkness in the hell forever.

If we repent and live in righteousness, we will be helped.

2. The light of the Golden Candlestick in the Holy Place.

Romans 12:11

12:11. *"not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;"*

Holy Spirit makes us minister to God faithfully and fervently according to the ministry that God gives to us until the finish line, namely our death or Jesus' second coming

The results of the burning lamp--Holy Spirit lights--are as follows:

- The Table of Showbread can surely be seen. It means that the preaching of the true teaching Word gets clearer. We understand and believe in the Word more and more, so it becomes faith in our heart. It is the brake to not commit sin. We can become obedient to the Word, so we live in holiness.
- The Golden Altar of Incense can surely be seen. It means that we delightfully worship God in the true worship.

John 4:23-24

4:23. *"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.*

4:24. *"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*

The true worship is encouraged by the truth--the true teaching Word--and spirit--the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Mark 7:21-23

7:21. *"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries⁽¹⁾, fornications⁽²⁾, murders⁽³⁾, thefts⁽⁴⁾, covetousness⁽⁵⁾, wickedness⁽⁶⁾, deceit⁽⁷⁾, lewdness⁽⁸⁾, an evil eye⁽⁹⁾, blasphemy⁽¹⁰⁾, pride⁽¹¹⁾, foolishness⁽¹²⁾.*

7:23. *"All these evil things come from within and defile a man."*

The teaching Word purifies our heart and mind from the twelve evil desires, unclean desires and bitterness, so we can be filled with the twelve loaves that are set in two rows, six in a row. It refers to the sixty-six books in the Bible. We can live in holiness, so we can see or worship God.

Matthew 5:8

5:8. *Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.*

Romans 8:26-28

8:26. *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

8:27. *Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

8:28. *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

Holy Spirit helps us to worship God with a broken heart. We feel that we are unworthy and unable. We worship with the tongues. We worship God, so we are always in His will. As a result, He makes all things well in our journey of life.

3. The light of glory or the shekinah glory in the Most Holy Place.**1 Peter 4:12-14**

4:12. *Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;*

4:13. *but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.*

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.*

If we willingly suffer with Jesus--the fiery trial--, we will receive the Spirit of glory.

The usefulnesses of the Spirit of glory are as follows:

- Giving the heavenly bliss in the midst of sufferings, so we do not grumble and leave God, but keep giving thanks.
- Renewing our life from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus, starting from the hard heart that is changed into the gentle one.

One who hardened his heart feels that the following three things are above others:

- Feeling smarter than God and others.

Romans 11:25-26

11:25. *For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.*

11:26. *And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;"*

God's mystery or wisdom is that He also saves the Gentiles because the part of the Israelites has hardened their heart and rejected Jesus. So, all Israel--the Israelites and the Gentiles--will be saved.

But, there is man who feels smarter than God, so he rejects the salvation in Jesus. The fact is not believing Jesus as the Savior. He does not want to confess his sin but blames at others and God. He does not want to repent and reborn in the water baptism, so he keeps committing sin up to perdition.

That is why we must become gentle to receive God's wisdom, namely the Gentiles are saved by God.

Romans 10:9

10:9. that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

The process is believing in Jesus as the Savior and confessing sin to God and others. Do not sin anymore after being forgiven! We repent. We are dead to sin.

Romans 6:4

6:4. Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

We are buried in the true water baptism, and raised to receive the new life or the heavenly one, namely life in righteousness. We are saved and blessed by God.

Proverbs 12:26a

12:26. The righteous should choose his friends carefully

We can be shepherded well and correctly.

In the sheepfold, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God, so we cannot be touched by the trinity of Satan. We cannot be made fall into sin and deceived by the false teaching. We keep on living in righteousness and holding fast the true teaching Word, so we are firm in the shepherding, righteousness, and salvation.

Psalms 37:25-26

37:25. I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

37:26. He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.

As a result, God is with us. It is not difficult to live in the world. We are blessed up to our descendants; even we become blessing for others. It means being stable in God's blessing that cannot be charged against by anything.

- Feeling greater than others.

Mark 10:41-45

10:41. And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

10:42. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

10:43. "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

10:44. "And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

10:45. "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

It means that one wants to be served, not to serve, so the quarrel, anger, and hatred happen up to murder like the Antichrist that torments and kills the servant of God.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

2:3. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

2:4. who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Mark 10:45

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That is why we must imitate Jesus who serves to the point of death. It means as follows:

- a. Ministering not to get physical advantage. Not demanding the right but doing the duty by sacrificing anything

such as time, strength, money, feeling, *et cetera*. All things must be sacrificed except the true teaching Word--Jesus as the head.

- b. Ministering with being lowly in heart and gentle.

Being lowly in heart means that we can confess our sin to God and others, so we are forgiven. Do not sin anymore after being forgiven!

Being gentle means that we can forgive others' sin and forget it.

As a result, the blood of Jesus takes away our sin, so we experience peace. All things become easy and light.

- c. Being patient in suffering. We do not grumble in suffering because of ministering to God, but give thanks. We are patient in waiting the time of Jesus and do not look for other way outside the Word but keep on being in the will of God or the true teaching Word although it is difficult and painful for the flesh. As a result, we will surely be successful.

- o Feeling more righteous than God and others. It is the self-truth.

Job 1:1,3

1:1. There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.

1:3. Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

Job 32:1-2

32:1. So these three men ceased answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

32:2. Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was aroused against Job; his wrath was aroused because he justified himself rather than God.

Job was great physically and spiritually, but he still used the self-truth, namely the truth that was not in line with the Bible or covering the sin by blaming at others and God or the true teaching Word. Consequently, he was separated from others and experienced the total test.

Job 42:5-6

42:5. "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You.

42:6. Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes."

God allows the total test to happen to give us a chance to fix our ear, so we can hear the true teaching Word earnestly and obey it. Our mouth can confess that we are just mortar that is unworthy, unable, and worthless. We have many weaknesses and infirmities, and we are just trampled. We just depend on God's mercy. Our eyes only see God. We worship Him. We stretch out our hand of faith to God.

As a result, God stretches out His merciful hand.

The results are as follows:

- a. God's merciful hand is able to restore doubly.

Physically, He takes care of our life in the midst of the difficulties of the world until the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

Spiritually, we are forgiven and justified, so we live in righteousness and holiness.

- b. All things become good, successful, and beautiful in His time.

Mark 7:37

7:37. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

- c. God's hand forms the mortar into the vessel of glory. It means that we are appointed as the priests and kings to be used in the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain or the building of the body of Christ to glorify God.

- d. God's hand makes us become the first creation. It means that He changes us, starting from honesty.

Ecclesiastes 7:29

7:29. Truly, this only I have found: That God made man upright, But they have sought out many schemes."

We become the house of prayer, so the physical miracle happens. The impossible thing becomes possible. It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to become as perfect as He is.

God blesses us.