Christmas Service in Malang, December 24, 2017 (Sunday Evening)

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

Matthew 2:12
2:12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

The theme is the new way or the way without Herod.

Revelation 6:12-17 tells about the opening of the sixth seal or the sixth condemnation of Holy Spirit God to the world, namely the great earthquake physically and spiritually.

Revelation 6:12-13
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

The spiritual earthquake refers to the influence of the world with all of its business, joy, disaster, difficulties, wickedness, uncleanness, *et cetera* which cause these things:

1. Spiritual darkness.
   The sun becomes black as sackcloth, the moon becomes like blood and the stars of heaven fall to the earth. It means that there are no more the love of God and redemption by the blood of Jesus or forgiveness to the sin, and Holy Spirit does not work anymore. So, men including the servant and the minister of God live in the darkness of sins or wickedness and uncleanness, namely the sin of eating- drinking, marrying-being given in marriage and the bitterness or hatred without any cause, *et cetera*.

2. The physical shakings such as in economy, sickness, and household as well as the spiritual shaking, namely being moved from faith, disappointment, hopelessness, being moved from the service and ministry, even leaving it.
   Revelation 6:14
   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.

3. Fear, worry and stress which attack all over the world.
   Revelation 6:15-17
   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?"

   Luke 21:25-26
   21:25 "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;
   21:26 "men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

   It is the same as the main murderer of men physically, moreover in spirituality, namely spiritual dryness, and dissatisfaction. One is not excited to the spiritual things; even he dies in spirituality or there is no relationship with God.

The darkness, shaking, and fear will aim to the second death or the perdition in hell forever.

The atmosphere of the sixth condemnation of Holy Spirit is the same as the one which happened in Christmas because of Herod.

Matthew 2:16
2:16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.

King Herod wanted to kill Jesus, but he could not do it. He was angry and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem from two years old and under. So, the darkness happened, namely hatred without any cause, shaking and atmosphere of fear or stress. It means that the sixth condemnation of Holy Spirit with causes the darkness, shaking, fear, even the perdition in hell attacks men including the servant and the minister of God who are like Herod or Satan, so they are in the way of Herod or Satan.

There are three kinds of the way of Satan or Herod as follows:

1. **Matthew 2:2-3**
   2:2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."
   2:3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

   When Jesus was born, King Herod and all Jerusalem were troubled, because they heard about the birth of Jesus as the King or the first coming of Jesus to the earth. It refers to the Gospel of Salvation or the Gospel Word.

   Revelation 19:6-7
   19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!
   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."

   On the last day, Jesus will come for the second time as the King of all kings or the Bridegroom of heaven

   Long ago, many people were troubled when they heard the first coming of Jesus. Nowadays or on the last day, the news about the second coming of Jesus as the King of all kings and the Bridegroom of heaven or the Bride Tidings will trouble all people in the world including the servant and the minister of God who are ruled over by Satan.

   Being troubled means as follows:

   - **1 Corinthians 3 :1-3**
     3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.
     3:2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able;
     3:3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

     Envy, strife, and divisions, even hatred without any cause happen when the Bride Tidings or the true teaching word which is sharper than any two-edged sword sanctifies and prepares us to be ready to welcome the second coming of Jesus on the glorious clouds or the second Christmas.

     For example, the brothers of Joseph were envious toward him. Joseph refers to the servant or the minister of God who receives the bride Tidings. His brothers hated him without any cause.

   - **Genesis 42 : 1**
     42:1 When Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons, "Why do you look at one another?"

     Looking each other means being suspicious, blaming, slandering, and gossiping one another.

   In such condition, one is on the way of Satan or ruled over by Herod will be destroyed forever.

   Matthew 2:4-6
   2:4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.
   2:5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:
   2:6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel."

   The new way or the way of God means that the children of God must gather and do fellowship to look for the true teaching word. The opening of the true teaching word happens through one verse explains other verses in the Bible or we must return to the Bible and obey it in all aspects of our daily life. We will be led to the place of Jesus and meet Him, namely in the shepherding pen. So, the way of God means returning to the Bible and the way of shepherding.

The shepherding pen refers to the perseverance in doing three main services to God as follows:

- The Golden Candlestick refers to the perseverance in doing General Service. We have the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts of Holy Spirit. The sheep are given drink so they are not dry in spirituality, but always fresh continually in the wilderness of the world.

- The Table of Showbread refers to the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion. We have the fellowship with Son of God in true teaching word and sacrifice of Christ. The Sheep are fed to make them strong, so they do not fall and arise in sin, fall down and perish.

- The Altar of Incense refers to the perseverance in doing Prayer Service. We have the fellowship with Father God in His love. We breathe in His love, so we can live eternally forever. Even though we are permitted to die, we will be raised in the glorious body to get the eternal life.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul and spirit attach to the trinity of God, so we cannot be touched by the trinity of Satan or Herod.

The results are as follows:

- We can live in holiness and anointing of Holy Spirit. So we are given the ministry to be used in the edifying of the perfect body of Christ. It starts from the marriage. The difference between the spiritual or Christian marriage and the worldly one is that the spiritual one has the holiness and anointing of Holy Spirit, so we get the atmosphere of heaven.

- **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..

  When there are holiness and anointing of Holy Spirit, there is unity. It means one heart, namely one true teaching word and one voice or one worship with saying Alleluia. Having the heart and mind of Christ means that we are in unity and peace or all things become easy and light. God commands the physical, and the spiritual blessing as well as the ones in the household for us until the eternal life forever.

2. **Matthew 2:8, 13**
   2:8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."
   2:13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him"

   Pretense or hypocrisy refers to the false service and ministry or the worship to kill Jesus as the Head or scatter the body of Christ.
   2 Timothy 3 : 1-5
   3:1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:
   3:2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
   3:3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,
   3:4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
   3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!!

   The false ministry refers to rejecting its power, namely the true teaching word, the Bible, and the cross. They only prioritize and boast the physical things such as entertainment and prosperity without sanctification.

   Consequently, they do not experience the life renewal or still become man in flesh and blood with eighteen characteristics. So, they are stamped with 666 or become the same as antichrist or Satan who will be condemned and destroyed by God forever. It may also happen to the servant and the minister of God who are not serious.

The way of God is as follows:
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From Canaan to Egypt means the way of Jesus from Heaven to the earth. It is called as the way of cross or the death experience with Jesus.

Genesis 46:1-3
46:1 So Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.
46:2 Then God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob!" And he said, "Here I am."
46:3 So He said, "I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there.

Why did Jacob go out from Canaan to Egypt?
Because there was grain or Joseph, so the twelve of Jacob`s son can be gathered or re-united.

So, the true service is signified by the cross experience. It is not good for our flesh, but we will get two things as follows:

- The grain refers to the opening of the word or the Bride Tidings to sanctify and preserve us in the midst of famine, shaking, and fear in the world, and also to preserve our spirituality, namely giving the satisfaction of heaven for us. We are full spiritually, so we always give thanks. We do not look for the satisfaction in the world anymore, so we do not fall in sins up to the peak, namely the sin of eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

- It directs to the unity of the perfect body of Jesus or to make Jesus as the Head. He is responsible to every step in our life and every beat of our heart. He willingly dies on the cross as the proof of His responsibility and He gives the best things for us.

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Herod killed all male children, from two years old and under.
killing means the hatred without any cause. It refers to the Antichrist.

Revelation 12:17
12:17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

The way of Satan through Antichrist will rule over the world for three and a half years to kill the children of God.

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 way of Jesus escapes the church of God to the wilderness through the power of the wings of great eagle or the word and Holy Spirit. We are nourished directly by God through the true teaching word and Holy Communion. The Bible Study Service and Holy Communion become our practice to escape to the wilderness.

The people who become the victim of the Antichrist are the servant, the minister, and the children of God who have spiritual life as a child who still needs milk or the Gospel Word. They are not mature in spirituality, so they do not want to receive, but reject the solid food or the Bride Tidings and they cannot worship God.

Therefore, we must receive the true teaching word or the solid food, so we can be mature in spirituality. We are in silence more, introspect ourselves and worship God like the wise men who brought offering to God.

Matthew 2:11-12
2:11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and

worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 2:12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

The way of God or the way of worship prayer
The worship refers to the process to tear our flesh, so we can experience the life renewal.

- Gold or the characteristic of God refers to the love. We can love God more than everything. We are obedient until our flesh does not speak anymore. We can love other people as ourselves, even our enemy.

- Myrrh refers to the blood of Jesus that redeems us, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.
- Frankincense refers to worship as the sweet smelling aroma.

So, if we are holy and obedient, we are as the same as the sweet smelling aromato attract the presence of Jesus and His power as the King of all kings.

Zechariah 14 : 17
14:17 And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

If we worship Jesus in holiness and obedience, God will pour out Holy Spirit abundantly.

The results are as follows:

- Holy Spirit as the living water is poured out to the spiritual dry land, namely dissatisfaction and unfaithfulness to God, also to the physical one, namely distress and difficulties.
  Isaiah 44:3
  44:3 For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring.

- Holy Spirit as a strong east wind.
  Exodus 14:21
  14:21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.

  Holy Spirit as a strong east wind divided the sea. It means that all of our impossible problems are finished, so there is successful and beautiful future life which is provided by God. We are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at later rain or the edifying of perfect body of Christ.

- Holy Spirit as the divided tongues as of fire to burn the dog and swine or the characteristic of the Gentiles.
  Our tongue is changed, so there is no lie anymore. We must be honest to confess our weakness and Holy Spirit will help all of us.

  When Jesus comes for the second time, all of us are changed to be as perfect as Him. We do not stumble in word anymore, but only cry out "Alleluia". We are worthy to welcome His second coming and we can be together with Him forever.

God blesses you.