

General Service in Malang, April 08, 2018 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 7:4-8

7:4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed.

7:5 of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed;

7:6 of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed;

7:7 of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed;

7:8 of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.

The people who receive the seal of God on their foreheads or the people who become the Bride of God are one hundred and forty-four thousand from the tribes of Israel.

In Revelation 7:6 the tribe of Dan was not sealed, but replaced by the tribe of Manasseh.

Genesis 49:17

49:17 Dan shall be a serpent by the way, A viper by the path, That bites the horse's heels So that its rider shall fall backward.

Why?

Because the tribe of Dan changed from the descendants of Abraham to the one of the viper. So, they cannot become the Bride of God or inherit the kingdom of heaven.

The characters of the viper which destroy man from age to age are as follows:

1. The early age or the age of Father God. It is counted from Adam to Abraham for two thousand years.

Genesis 3:1

3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"

The serpent is cunning but not sincere. The facts found in it are as follows:

- Always doubting the true teaching word or the voice of God because of using the fleshly mind or logic, not the faith.
- Adding and reducing the true teaching word or the voice of God.

Genesis 2:16

2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

Genesis 3:2

3:2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

Taking the word "free".

The word "free" refers to the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Taking the word "free" means limiting the anointing of Holy Spirit or being without Holy Spirit, so one is bound by time and limits the content in the preaching of the Word. Consequently, he is bound by the sins.

Genesis 2:17

2:17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 3:3

3:3 "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'

Adding the word "touch" means preaching the word by adding joke, knowledge, illustration, fairy tale, *et cetera*. Consequently, it only touches emotion and does not become faith in heart, so one does not change, but still becomes the flesh and blood man with eighteen characteristics. He is stamped with 666. His life is the same as a woman who was bent over for eighteen years in the temple of God.

Genesis 3:6-7

3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Eventually, he rejects the voice of God or the true teaching word and eats the forbidden fruit. Until being naked, namely enjoying sins up to the peak or the sins of eating drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. As well as sewing fig leaves or the self-truth. The self-truth means covering sins by blaming other people, the Word, and God. The consequence is closing the atmosphere of paradise, being cursed, until perishing forever.

Where do we get the sincere heart?

2. Through true water baptism.

Matthew 3:2-3

3:2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

3:3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight."

The requirement of the true water baptism is believing Jesus and repenting or being dead to sin.

The implementation of the true water baptism is one who has died to sin must be buried in water with Jesus to arise from water with Him, so he gets new life or the heavenly life, namely getting the sincere heart.

The sincere heart is the place where Jesus performs miracle.

The heart which is not sincere is the place where the serpent destroys life until the perdition.

3. Through the shepherding which is well and correct like Moses.

Exodus 3:1-3,5

3:1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

3:2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

3:3 Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

3:5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.

Moses was tending the flock.

The term "tending" means the perseverance in the shepherding pen or the Holy Place. It refers to the perseverance in doing three main services.

- The Golden of Candlestick or the perseverance in doing General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts. We experience the sanctification by the fire of Holy Spirit.
- The Table of Showbread or the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching word and Holy Communion to bring us to the true life. We experience the sanctification by the fire of the true teaching word.
- The Golden Altar of Incense or the perseverance in doing Prayer Service to get the fellowship with the Father God in His love. We experience the sanctification by the fire of the love of Father God.

The matter of a sinful man's being shepherded in doing three main services until his body, soul, and spirit experience the sanctification by the fire of the Word, Holy Spirit and the love of God is a great sight.

The result is taking the sandals off [Exodus 3:5]. It means that we experience the sanctification to our inward and outward or the body, soul, and spirit. So, we are the same as a newborn baby who has sincere heart. The newborn baby refers to the

man who does not do sin until he cannot do it anymore. We live in holiness and light up to the perfection like Jesus.

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.

We become the light of the world like Jesus or the heavenly bride who is ready to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

Revelation 19:8

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.

We wear the fine linen, clean and bright, namely the dress of the bride.

4. The middle age or the age of Son of God. It is counted from Abraham to the first coming of Jesus to die on the cross for two thousand years.

Isaiah 27:1-2

27:1 In that day the LORD with His severe sword, great and strong, Will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; And He will slay the reptile that is in the sea.

27:2 In that day sing to her, "A vineyard of red wine."

A vineyard of red wine refers to the shepherding service which is led by the Bride Tidings or the word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

The character of the serpent makes the vineyard is not lovely until not bearing fruit. .

John 15:1-5

15:1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser."

15:2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."

15:3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you."

15:4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me."

15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

From these verses, we can conclude that the vineyard does not bear fruit because of the things as follow:

- The branch does not attach to the true vine, namely being unfaithful in the service and ministry to God. If one is not faithful in the service and ministry, he cannot do anything or being failed and naked.
- Being unclean and unholy.

John 13:10-11

13:10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

13:11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

The feet of Judas Iscariot were not clean, but full of the evil desires, namely the desire of money or stinginess and greediness and the unclean desires, namely the sins concerning of eating drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abused and the sins of marrying-being given in marriage or fornication as well as the desires of bitterness such as envy, revenge, hatred, *et cetera*.

Consequently, he could not receive the true teaching word, but rejected the work of the sword of the word. So, he only accused other people and God. He kept on being unclean until perishing forever. If one is not faithful, he is not clean or holy for sure. The dry branch will be burnt and destroyed.

The solution is that there must be the sword of true teaching word in the shepherding to kill leviathan. It means sanctifying us from evil, unclean, and bitter desires.

The branch refers to the children of God who are powerless but want to be sanctified by the sword of the word. So, they

attach to the true vine and bloom for sure. If they have bloomed, they will bear sweet fruit in due time, namely being lifted up to be the priest and king who are used in edifying the perfect body of Christ.

"My father is the vinedresser" means that God preserves our life in the age of difficulties, the age of antichrist rules over the world until eternal life forever.

5. The last age or the age of Holy Spirit God. It is counted from the first coming of Jesus to the second one on the glorious clouds for two thousand years.

The two thousand years have passed but He has not come yet. It is the lengthening of the patience of God who gives us opportunity, so we can have the sincere heart and live in faithfulness and holiness until we are used to be the bright stars.

Revelation 12:3-4

12:3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

12:4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

The character of the serpent which has become the dragon drew a third of the stars of heaven.

Isaiah 9 : 14

9:14 The elder and honorable, he is the head; The prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail.

The tail of the dragon refers to the false teachings which deceive people. There is reproduction organ on the tail of dragon. It refers to the sins up to the peak.

Why are the stars dragged and made fall by the tail of dragon?

Philippians 2:15-16

2:15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

2:16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

Because they do not hold fast and not obey the true teaching word like Eve. So, they reject and resist against the true teaching word.

The solution is that we as the star do not depend on anything in the world, but we must hold fast to the true teaching word and obey it. It means that we stretch out our hand to God, so we are in His right hand.

Revelation 1:16-17

1:16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

1:17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

The hand of God is the same as His love which is as strong as death.

The proof is that we kneel down more on His feet, surrender, and cry out to Him.

The results are as follows:

- The hand which is as strong as death of the Redeemer is able to set us free from the bondage of sins, so we can live in purity and righteousness or Passover feast. We are preserved abundantly and experience the heavenly joy.

Deuteronomy 7:7-8

7:7 "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples;

7:8 "but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

- The hand which is as strong as death of the High Priest is able to lift us up from drowning and failure. He is able to make all things become calm, peaceful, easy and light.

Matthew 14:29-32

14:29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to

Jesus.

14:30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

14:32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

- The hand which is as strong as death of Jesus as the King is able to renew us from fleshly man to the new one, so we become strong and of good courage. He will act in His time.

Zephaniah 3:17-19

3:17 The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

3:18 "I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, Who are among you, To whom its reproach is a burden.

3:19 Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, And gather those who were driven out; I will appoint them for praise and fame In every land where they were put to shame.

When He comes for the second time, we are changed to be as perfect as Him. We do not stumble in words anymore, but rejoicing on the glorious clouds until in the New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.