General Service in Malang, April 11, 2021 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 13:2

13:2. Now the beast which I saw was like a <u>leopard</u>, his feet were like the feet of a <u>bear</u>, and his mouth like the mouth of a <u>lion</u>. The dragongave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

The Antichrist is the combination of four beasts as follows:

- 1. He is like a leopard (it is explained in Bible Study Service in Malang, April 06, 2021).
- 2. His feet are like the feet of a bear.
- 3. The mouth is like the mouth of a lion.
- 4. The dragon gives him his power.

ad. 1. A leopard.

Jeremiah 13:23-24

13:23. Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Then may you also do good who are accustomed to do evil.

13:24. "Therefore I will scatter them like stubble That passes away by the wind of the wilderness.

The pride or peculiarity of a leopard is its spots.

The speed is also its peculiarity.

Thus, the leopard refers to the Antichrist whose speed is very super or high for catching and preying the church or God's servants until the everlasting perdition.

Hebrews 5:11-13

5:11 of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milkand not solid food.

5:13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

While the leopard has the high speed, the churches or God's servants are very slow in hearing the Word. They only hear and obey the Gospel Word. It means that they only drink the milk, so the spiritual quality is only like a child or there is no spiritual maturity.

Ephesians 4:14

4:14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

Consequently, they are always tossed to and fro by the false teachings until they worship the Antichrist or have the false worship.

Revelation 13:12-14

13:12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13:13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

13:14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

Worshiping the Antichrist is the same as being pounced on by the Antichrist or being the same as the Antichrist who will be destroyed.

Therefore, we must have the higher speed than the Antichrist so that we do not become his prey and we do not perish forever.

James 1:19

1:19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

Hebrews 5:14

5:14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

The church or God's servants must be swift to hear and obey the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword, the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, or the Bride Tidings. It is the same as eating the solid food, so we grow up to the

The meanings or signs of the spiritual maturity are as follows:

1. The church or God's servants can eat the solid food or hear and obey the teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword.

In the Tabernacle, it refers to the Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing the Bile Study Service and the Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.

As a result, the true teaching Word is ingrained in our life, so we get the well-trained five senses or the good ones.

Be careful! Not being able to control the five senses or not having the good senses, one will be like Adam and Eve who fell in sins.

- Eve had the bad or untrained ears, namely willingly hearing the voice of the serpent which was different from God's.
 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'?"
- Eve had the bad or untrained mouth, so she lied and added and took away the Word.

Genesis 3:2-3

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

o Eve had the untrained or bad eyes, so she looked at something which had been forbidden by God.

Genesis 3:6

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.

- Eve had the untrained or bad nose, so there was misunderstanding or the mind was corrupted because she wanted to be the same as God through committing sin or false worship.
- Eve had the false or negative feelings and fear of the Lord. It means being fearful of hearing the true teaching Word because of keeping sin, so one is far away from God.

Genesis 3:9-10

3:9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

3:10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

Consequently, one commits sin, gets naked, and judges one another until being driven out of Garden Eden and entering the atmosphere of curses.

Genesis 3:23-24

3:23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.
3:24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

The door of Garden Eden has been shut and guarded by the flaming swords, so there is no possibility for men to return to Garden Eden. Nevertheless, Jesus willingly dies on the cross for being pierced by the sword of the judgment of God and opening the door of Garden Eden.

How can we enter the Garden of Eden?

We must get the sanctification by the sword of the teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword through the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion.

The sanctification to the five senses, so they become trained and good.
 The ears only hear the voice of God that is based on the Bible. The eyes only see the things which are in line with the Word. The mouth says the righteous words and testifies. The nose worships God until there is life renewal. The feelings only fear the Lord positively, namely the fear of doing sins.

• The sanctification to the door of the heart. We can firmly distinguish between the true teaching Word and the false one or the Antichrist up to all right things and the false ones.

The results are as follows:

- The door of Paradise is opened. We get the atmosphere of paradise, namely the peace and all things become easy and light.
- We will not be deceived. We do not commit any sin, but live in righteousness and holiness until someday we get the full maturity like Jesus. We can repay good for evil until we are as perfect as Jesus is for truly entering Paradise.

2. The church or God's servant who gets the fullness or anointing of Holy Spirit.

Galatians 4:1-7

- 4:1 Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all,
- 4:2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.
- 4:3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.
- 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
- 4:5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"
- 4:7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

In the Tabernacle, it refers to the Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing the General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts.

Ephesians 4:7,11-12

- 4:7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.
- 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,

The gifts of Holy Spirit determine the ministry. If the church or God's servant lives in holiness, He will entrust the ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit, so we are used in the ministry of the edification of Christ's body. It begins from the marriage, shepherding, and inter-shepherding until Israelites and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

If we persevere in the General Service, the gifts of Holy Spirit will be added. The true fellowship which is based on the true teaching Word becomes the place for fertilizing the seeds of the gifts of Holy Spirit.

The attitudes towards the gifts of Holy Spirit and ministry must be as follows:

• We must stir up the gifts of Holy Spirit which God has entrusted to us until the end line or Jesus comes a second time.

2 Timothy 1:6

1:6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Negligence, unfaithfulness, and not being fervent in spirit in the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit which God has entrusted are the same as sacrificing Jesus for the second time. It is the same as Judas who sold Jesus. Consequently, one will be fervent in the lusts [Romans 1:27] or become the servant of God who is unprofitable and the prey of the Antichrist or the leopard. It means being cast to the outer darkness and perishing forever.

• We minister to God by the encouragement of the love of God.

1 Corinthians 13:2

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.

The driver must be the love of God. Out ministry will be everlasting because love is eternal. Ministering to God without the love is unprofitable, useless, not eternal, but destroyed.

The conclusion of the first and second point is that the church has the sword of the Word and Holy Spirit. It is the same as the two wings of a great eagle which are swifter than the speed of the leopard. We cannot be pounced on; even the Antichrist cannot see us.

3. The church or God's servants that can testify and worship God. John 9:20-21,37-38

9:20 His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

9:21 "but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself."

9:37 And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

9:38 Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

We can testify through what God has done in our life by the saliva, the Word spoken by Jesus, or the Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword that often despises us, but it sanctifies and changes the sinful men to be righteous and holy.

In the Tabernacle, worshiping God refers to the Golden Altar of Incense, namely the perseverance in committing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love.

Thus, the place for growing up the spirituality to the maturity is in the sheepfold, the Holy Place, or perseverance in doing the three main services to God. We get the higher speed than the leopard, so we can neither be touched nor seen by him.

How bad or destroyed our life is, we can still be grown up so that we do not become the prey of the Antichrist if we willingly enter the sheepfold. On the contrary, how great one is, he cannot grow spiritually, but keeps on being the child that is played by the Antichrist until the everlasting perdition if he is outside the sheepfold.

The activities in the worship prayer are as follows:

- Seeing the Lord or Jesus' shining face like the sun. We get the life renewal. It means eye to eye.
- The heart and mind are changed to be obedient like Jesus. We are obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore
 and our face is cheerful. We only stretch out our hands and Jesus also stretches out His hands to us. It means hand
 to hand.
- Saying to God, we confess our physical and spiritual weakness. We cry out the name of Jesus and He answers us.
 It means mouth to mouth.

2 Kings 4:32-37

- 4:32 When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed.
- 4:33 He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the LORD.
- 4:34 And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm.
- 4:35 He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.
- 4:36 And he called Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite woman." So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, "Pick up your son."
- 4:37 So she went in, fell at his feet, and bowed to the ground; then she picked up her son and went out.

The dead will be made alive or the impossible problems will be made possible, the failed things will be made successful, the hopeless will have the new hope, and the stench will be fragrant. It continues until the time when Jesus comes a second time that we are changed until we are perfect and lifted up to the glorious clouds to worship there.

God blesses you.