

General Service in Malang, April 29, 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.

One hundred and forty-four people from Israel received the seal of God on their foreheads and belonged to Him. It refers to the core of the perfect church, the body of Christ, and the heavenly bride who is ready to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds until entering the New Jerusalem.

But, In Revelation 7:6, the tribe of Dan did not receive the seal of God on their foreheads, but he was replaced by Manasseh. Why?

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.

Because Dan changed from the descendants of Abraham to the ones of the viper.

Matthew 3:3,7-8

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."

3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

3:8 "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance.

John the Baptist was used by God to prepare the straight path and heart.

The descendants of viper have bad conscience, which is neither straight nor sincere, but, full of wickedness, unclean, and bitterness.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- One does not believe Jesus. It means that he rejects Him as the savior.
- Rejecting the true water baptism.
- Rejecting the true teaching word which is sharper than any two-edged sword, so he keeps the carnal life which is sinful up to the peak of sins.

If the servant and the minister of God have wicked, unclean, and bitter conscience, they will be used by Babylon, namely the perfection in wickedness and uncleanness to be destroyed forever.

Revelation 18:2

18:2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

Living in this world is determined by heart. Therefore, we need a good conscience.

How do we get it?

1 Peter 3:20-21

3:20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism(not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We get the good conscience through the true water baptism. The true water baptism is only one like the ark of Noah. Our family can

enter one ark or the true water baptism only by the grace of God.

The true water baptism is according to the will of God or the Bible. We must be baptized like Jesus was.

Matthew 3:16

3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

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.

The true water baptism is that one who has believed and repented or died to sin must be buried in water with Jesus and come out from water with Him. So, the heaven is opened and we get the new life or the heavenly one, namely experiencing the renewal from bad conscience to the good, straight, and sincere one. So, we are used in edifying the perfect body of Christ and become the heavenly bride who is ready to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds. We enter the marriage supper of the Lamb [Revelation 19:9]. Jesus as the Head and we as the body cannot be separated anymore. After that, we enter the One Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace [Revelation 20], the New Jerusalem, or the kingdom of heaven forever. [Revelation 21-22].

The processes of edifying the perfect body of Christ are as follows:

1. The building of the Tabernacle of Moses.

Exodus 40:33-34

40:33 And he raised up the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the screen of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

40:34 Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

The building of the Tabernacle of Moses can accommodate the glory and the presence of God.

Exodus 25:1-2

25:1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

25:2 "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering.

The foundation of the building of the Tabernacle of Moses is a heart which willingly gives the offering or the one which is sanctified from the desire or the love of money that makes people stingy and greedy.

Acts 20:33-35

20:33 "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

20:34 "Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.

20:35 "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The proof if our heart has been sanctified from the desire of money is that we can return the tithe and offering that belong to God with a willing heart and joy. We can give to the work of God and to other people who are in need with a willing heart and joy until we can feel more blessed to give than to receive and we can submit our whole life to Him.

Hebrews 13:5-6

13:5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

13:6 So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

We can accommodate the presence or the glory of God and feel His accompanying as our Helper and Defender. He understands, cares, watches, and struggles for us. He protects and defends us when we face the enemies, so we cannot be made fall, defeated, or disgraced, but we are saved, even glorified by God. He helps us means that He finishes all of our impossible problems.

2. The building of the temple of Solomon.

1 Kings 8:10-11

8:10 And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD.

8:11 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of

the LORD.

The temple of Solomon accommodates the presence of God, so the atmosphere of the service is full of joy, but in order and honor to God until kneeling before Him.

1 Kings 6:7

6:7 And the temple, when it was being built, was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built..

The foundation of the temple of Solomon is a peaceful heart. It means that there are no fear, worry, wickedness, and uncleanness, but all of things are calm and quiet. We do not feel anything that the flesh feels We only feel His love. The greatest source of drowning is the heart which is not peaceful. Therefore, we must keep the peaceful heart.

1 John 3:20-22

3:20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

3:21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

3:22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

The good conscience will know if there is wrong thing in the heart. If it is finished or it does not condemn us, other people and Satan cannot condemn us too. God cannot point our sins. Such heart is the strong foundation to make us the house of prayer. If we become the house of prayer, we can feel the presence of God to answer our prayers.

Isaiah 49:14-16

49:14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, And my Lord has forgotten me."

49:15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you.

49:16 See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.

When we feel that God forsakes us, we must do introspection in our life until we become the house of prayer. We feel that we are not able like a baby.

Jesus as the Great Shepherd will bear the powerless babies for doing the things as follows:

- Preserving and protecting us who are powerless in the midst of difficulties in the world, wrath, and danger which will increase. We are protected until the age of Antichrist who rules over the world for three and a half years. We are preserved by God through the true teaching word and Holy Communion. The Bible Study Service is important as a practice of the evacuation.
- Bearing all of our weariness and burden, so all things become easy and light.
- Doing all things that we cannot do and think. He does the best for us until we are at the walls of the New Jerusalem to reach the kingdom of heaven.

3. The building of the temple in Jerusalem.

John 2:13-15

2:13 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2:14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers doing business.

2:15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables

The temple in Jerusalem cannot accommodate the glory of God, but the whip, because there is the spirit of selling and buying or antichrist. The temple turns to be the market or the den of thieves.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- Serving and ministering only to look for physical benefits in illegal way.
- Looking for the cheap things, no by mercy. It means being without the true consecration, so all people can serve without sanctification, the right process to be the priests, and faithfulness. Therefore, we need the sword of the word.
- Being crowded, namely the joy of the flesh or the world without Holy Spirit.

In consequence, there is no presence of God. There are only the beat, condemnation, even perdition forever.

John 2:19-21

2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

2:20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

2:21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

Therefore, Jesus switches from the physical building of the temple of God to the spiritual one or the edifying of the perfect body of Christ.

Why?

- Because the physical temple has been overpowered by the spirit of selling and buying. It cannot accommodate the presence of God.
- Because the physical temple of God was built for forty-six years by the system of law. So, the Gentiles cannot enter or serve and minister to God.

Therefore, the physical temple must be destroyed and raised up in three days. The number three refers to the death and the resurrection or the mercy of God, so the Gentiles can enter and serve Him.

The foundation is destroying the old temple, namely the renewal of heart. Jesus appears as the Heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify and renew our life.

Ephesians 5:25-27

5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

What must be destroyed?

- The arrogant heart, namely being proud of or relying on the things in the world such as logic, intelligence, riches, and position, so one cannot rely on God.
For example, Moses served two people in Egypt arrogantly. Consequently, He failed and became a murderer but then, he became the shepherd in Midian. He was changed from an arrogant man to the humble one. So, God was with him and used him to set the house of Israel free.
Job relied on his self-truth which is outside the Bible. The self-truth means covering sins by blaming other people, even God or the true teaching word.

Finally, Job experienced the full test until he sat on dust and ashes..

The arrogant heart must be changed into the humble one. It means that we confess that we are only dust and ashes which are not worthy or able.

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."

We confess that we are not able or worthy. We only hope to the mercy of God. Our eyes only look at Him, our mouth only cries and surrenders to Him, and we stretch our hand to Him. So, His presence is able to restore us doubly and perfect our life.

- Four added with six equals to ten. It refers to the ten spies who lost heart, and got disappointed, and hopeless in facing the challenge or obstacles, so they murmured and disobeyed God. Finally, they became carcass. From six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty people, only two could enter Canaan.
Loosing heart must be renewed into being strong and courageous like Joshua and Caleb.

Numbers 14:29

14:29 'The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above.

Being strong and courageous means that we are not disappointed and hopeless. We keep on hoping, surrendering, and crying out to God like Joshua and Caleb.

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.

If we are strong and courageous, Jesus as the King and the Heavenly Bridegroom is present to make all things good, beautiful, and perfect. When He comes for the second time, we are ascended to the glorious clouds with Him to enter the New Jerusalem forever.

God blesses you.