

General Service in Malang, August 15, 2021 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 14 refers to the seven sprinklings of blood in front of the Ark of Covenant.

There are two times seven sprinklings of blood in the Most Holy Place, namely the seven sprinklings of blood on the mercy seat that refer to the suffering of Jesus, and the seven sprinklings of blood in front of the Ark of the Covenant that refer to the suffering of the church of God.

The sprinkling of blood refers to the suffering in flesh with Jesus. It is the last purification, so we become as perfect as Jesus. We become the heavenly bride who is ready to greet Jesus when He comes a second time, and we enter the New Jerusalem or Mount Zion.

Revelation 14 can be divided as follows:

1. Verse 1-5, namely the church of God's following Jesus.
2. Verse 6-13, namely the judgment.
3. Verse 14-20, namely the harvest in the world.

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Revelation 14:1

14:1. Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

The journey of Jesus from Golgotha to Mount Zion is signified by the sprinkling of blood or suffering, so we must follow His step.

Philippians 1:29

1:29. For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

The church of God does not only believe in Jesus, but also suffers for His sake.

The church of God's following Jesus is signified by the suffering or cross, so we can reach Mount Zion, namely the eternal New Jerusalem or kingdom of heaven.

In the book of Matthew 8:1-17, the church of God's following Jesus experiences suffering in the three things as follows:

1. The church of God faces the **leprosy**. It is about the body or our life.

Matthew 8:1-3

8:1. When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him.

8:2. And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

8:3. Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

The spiritual meanings of leprosy are as follows:

- Having self-truth, namely the truth that is outside the Bible. It causes the true teaching to become the false one, and vice versa.
Having self-truth also means covering sin by blaming others.
- One who does not give thanks but grumbles, blasphemes, gossips, *et cetera*.
- The wickedness sin like Gehazi's, namely stinginess and greediness.
- The uncleanness sin in deed, mind, word, *et cetera* (Leviticus 13).

The consequence is that one will dwell alone or be away from the body of Christ. He is in the body of Babylon, so he becomes Satan's bride who will be destroyed forever.

The way out is as follows:

- Jesus willingly dies on the cross, but He is risen, so He can heal the leprosy.
Jesus rises to justify us. It is the same as healing us from leprosy.

- As for us, we must die to sin, namely confessing sin and repenting, and we live for righteousness.

2. The church of God faces the **paralysis**. It is about the soul or blood circulation and marriage.

Matthew 8:5-13

8:5. *Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him,*

8:6. *saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."*

8:7. *And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."*

8:8. *The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed."*

8:9. *"For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."*

8:10. *When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"*

8:11. *"And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven."*

8:12. *"But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*

8:13. *Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.*

The meanings of paralysis are as follows:

- Lying at bed. It means the destruction in marriage and children. The marriage does not become one, but quarrels and has the violence. Husband and wife do not do their duty but demanding the right. Child does not obey his parents but demanding the right.

The destruction in marriage is also about the false marriage, mixed-marriage, and infidelity.

There are many problems in the marriage, but the biggest one is that marriage does not become one.

Consequently, Jesus cannot become the Head in the marriage, and the small problem can cause the destruction in marriage.

On the contrary, if the marriage becomes one, Jesus will become the Head, so all problems can be finished.

- One who suffers a lot up to perdition. The marriage that cannot become one will not have the happiness, but suffering and experiencing the atmosphere of the hell.

The way out is faith and obedience. It is the same as placing Jesus as the Head, so the marriage becomes true, holy, and one.

3. The church of God faces the **fever**. It is about the spirit or ministry to God.

Matthew 8:14-17

8:14. *Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever.*

8:15. *So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.*

8:16. *When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,*

8:17. *that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses."*

The fever is a disease that cannot be seen, but can be felt. It happened to Peter's mother in law.

Mother in law prepares the bride. It refers to the pastor in the Bride Tidings who prepares the church of God to become the perfect heavenly bride.

Revelation 3:15-17

3:15. *"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot."*

3:16. *"So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth."*

3:17. *"Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' --and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked--"*

The spiritual meanings of fever are as follows:

- Being spiritual lukewarm or being neither cold nor hot. It means that the ministry just looks for and is satisfied with the physical thing, so one never experiences the warmth of Holy Spirit and the true teaching Word. He is sleepy

when or lazy for hearing the Word even he insults it.

- Being neither dead nor raised. It means that one does not experience the renewal of life although he ministers to God, because he keeps the fleshly man with eighteen characteristics.
Why is it so? Because he denies the power of godliness, namely the true teaching Word and cross.
Consequently, he becomes the same as a woman who was bent over in the synagogue for eighteen years (being marked with 666).
- The ordination in the curse atmosphere.

Deuteronomy 28:22

28:22. "The LORD will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish."

Jeremiah 48:10

48:10. Cursed is he who does the work of the LORD deceitfully, And cursed is he who keeps back his sword from blood.

Why does it happen?

- a. Because of ministering to God deceitfully up to leaving it.
Actually, he does not minister to God but Satan.
- b. Because of not being holy or rejecting the sword of the Word that purifies us.

Being unfaithful and unholy is the same as a branch that does not abide in the true vine, so it does not bear fruits. His life is bitter.

Being faithful and holy is the same as a branch that bears the fruits.

Job 30:30-31

30:30. My skin grows black and falls from me; My bones burn with fever.

30:31. My harp is turned to mourning, And my flute to the voice of those who weep.

Being unholy and unfaithful is the same as the ministry of dry bones. It means not being fervent but desperate.

If it continues, the dry bones will become rotten. It refers to contentions, jealousies, backbitings, *et cetera*.

Consequently, one is not worthy to greet Jesus when He comes a second time.

2 Corinthians 12:20-21

12:20. For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and that I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest there be contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults;

12:21 lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and I shall mourn for many who have sinned before and have not repented of the uncleanness, fornication, and lewdness which they have practiced.

- Infection. It means that there is the thing that has not been fixed yet in marriage, money, *et cetera*.

The way out is that we need the touch of God's hand.

Matthew 8:15-17

8:15. So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.

8:16. When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,

8:17. that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses."

[Matthew 8:15] Jesus touches our hand. It refers to the power of Holy Spirit.

Our ordination must be in the anointing of Holy Spirit, so we can become obedient and please God. God does not look for the great ministry. The most important thing is obedience.

The power of Holy Spirit can finish all of challenges and obstacles, so we can minister to God faithfully and fervently up to the finish line.

We minister to God with the miraculous ability of Holy Spirit, so we can do all of the ministries that God gives to us. We are

used in the ministry of the perfect body of Christ.

In the book of Exodus 25, the ministry of the building of the body of Christ (Tabernacle) is started by giving special offering and returning the tithe that belongs to God.

Only the hand that is touched by Holy Spirit can return the tithe and special offering, namely giving time, power, mind, and whole life to God. We also give to others who are in need. We can do the good thing as well as repay good for evil.

The good deed must be signified by willingness, namely not being forced or forcing, and signified by the blood sign or suffering.

As a result, the good deed will become the fine linen, clean and bright or the robe of righteous acts. It is the robe of the bride.

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.

[Matthew 8:16] Jesus says. It means that God touches us with a Word.

A Word refers to the Word whose secret is revealed through one verse that explains the other verses in the Holy Bible.

The term 'a Word' also refers to the highest appreciation to the Word of God. We appreciate every single Word of God.

Hosea 11:4

11:4. I drew them with gentle cords, With bands of love, And I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck. I stooped and fed them.

God stoops when we eat the true teaching Word. We have to stoop, too. It means that we justify the true teaching Word. We receive it as God's own word. We hear it earnestly until we obey it. A worthless dog will be changed into a worthy sheep who prays, so God hears our voice. He sees our tears.

On the contrary, if we do not appreciate the Word, we will be bent over spiritually. It means living in worry and sorrow.

Watch our attitude in hearing the Word of God! If we appreciate the Word of God, God will appreciate us.

A Word also means that we keep silent or do the introspection in our life as the result of the purification of heart and mouth by the Word until we can confess our sin, testify, and worship God, even we do not stumble in words when Jesus comes a second time. We can greet Jesus with the voice of worship.

[Matthew 8:17] God touches us by His sacrifice on the cross that has borne all of our sin and weakness. We must appreciate Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

Isaiah 53:3-4

53:3. He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

53:4. Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

Jesus bears all of punishment because of our sin on the cross. He bears all of our burdens on the cross. We must appreciate Christ's sacrifice.

The fact found in it is confessing sin and not sinning anymore, and forgiving others' sin and forgetting it.

If the sin is finished, God will bear our whole life. We are in the hands of God.

Isaiah 46:3-4

46:3. "Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, And all the remnant of the house of Israel, Who have been upheld by Me from birth, Who have been carried from the womb:

46:4. Even to your old age, I am He, And even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you.

The results are as follows:

- Jesus bears. It means that He is responsible for our life and death. Do not depend on anyone! When we are sick we may eat medicine, but God determines everything. God is able to protect and take care of us miraculously in the midst of the difficulties in the world up to the age of the Antichrist.
- Jesus carries. It means that He is responsible for our burdens and labors, so all things become easy and light.

Surrender all to God! He wipes our tears, so we are happy.

- Jesus upholds and carries us, so we keep walking. We never fall or stumble during the journey. We keep following Jesus.
Being upheld also means being lifted up. We believe that all things will become success and beauty in due time.
- Jesus delivers. It means that the hands of God save, purify, and perfect us, so we are worthy to greet Jesus when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds until we sit on the throne of God forever.

Let us come to Jesus and worship Him!

God blesses us.