

General Service in Malang, August 20, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 19:17 to Revelation 20 refers to the second coming of Jesus as the righteous Judge.

Revelation 19:17-21

19:17. *Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,*

19:18. *"that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."*

19:19. *And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.*

19:20. *Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.*

19:21. *And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.*

Who will enter the party of the slaughter?

1. Those who do not believe in Jesus, including the churches of God who reject the sword of the Word. Both of them keep committing sins up to the peak.
2. Those who do not believe in Jesus, including the churches of God who are controlled by the Antichrist and worship him, so they are marked with the triple six. They do not experience the renewal of life but keep becoming the sinful flesh and blood man, so they become the same as the beast which does not have mind and feeling.
3. [verse 20] Those who do not believe in Jesus, including the church of God who is deceived by the false prophet with the false teachings and the ones of Satan.

1 Timothy 4:1-5

4:1. *Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,*

4:2. *speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,*

4:3. *forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.*

4:4. *For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;*

4:5. *for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.*

The contents of the false teaching or the one of Satan are as follows:

1. **Forbidding people to eat the food that God creates, but considering the common and uncommon foods.** It means returning to the Law.

Romans 3:20-22

3:20. *Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

3:21. *But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,*

3:22. *even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;*

Doing one of the Law but breaking one of them will be considered as committing sin that must be punished.

Mark 7:18-19

7:18. *So He said to them, "Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him,*

7:19. *"because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?"*

In the New Testament, the Law has been fulfilled by Jesus on the cross, so all foods are purified with the terms as follows:

- Receiving the food with thanksgiving.
- Being purified from the curse and poison by the prayer and the Word, because the earth has been cursed.

1 Corinthians 10:23-32

10:23. All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify.

10:24. Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.

10:25. Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience' sake;

10:26. for "the earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness."

10:27. If any of those who do not believe invites you to dinner, and you desire to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no question for conscience' sake.

10:28. But if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for conscience' sake; for "the earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness."

10:29. "Conscience, " I say, not your own, but that of the other. For why is my liberty judged by another man's conscience?

10:30. But if I partake with thanks, why am I evil spoken of for the food over which I give thanks?

10:31. Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

10:32. Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God,

All foods are purified but it must be signified with the cross, namely the crucifixion of the flesh or freedom, so we do not become stumbling-block before others. Do not eat the food that is useless even destroys our body!

Romans 14:19-21

14:19. Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

14:20. Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense.

14:21. It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.

1 Corinthians 8:13

8:13. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Let us eat the food which makes peace and grows our spirituality. Do not make others stumble because of food!

The example is Paul the apostle. He becomes the pattern, namely he will never again eat meat, lest he makes his brother stumble. He does not want to become guilty because of food.

Jesus willingly experiences the flesh suffering to the point of death on the cross, so His body and blood become the real food and drink that give the true satisfaction or the heavenly bliss to us.

Be watchful especially about the spiritual food! There are many pastors who forbid the sons of God to eat the true spiritual food because of keeping the Law and the false teaching.

Luke 13:10-14

13:10. Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

13:11. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

13:12. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."

13:13. And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

13:14. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."

Mark 3:1,6

3:1. And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand.

3:6. Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.

The Pharisees keep the teaching of divorce-remarrying or the false marriage up to marrying-giving in marriage like Herod.

2. Forbidding people to get married legally, so the false marriage and divorce-remarrying happen.

The requirements of the true or legal marriage are as follows:

- Being blessed by their respective parents.
- Being blessed by God through the shepherd who has the gift of considering the spirit, so the marriage is affirmed and blessed by God.

The requirements are as follows:

- a. The truth according to the true teaching Word or the Bible.
- b. The oneness, namely one faith and one baptism.
- c. The holiness.

Falling into sin, the marriage cannot be blessed but lifted first. The marriage is the glorious gift of God to men, so it must be kept.

- Being legalized by the government (it is recorded in civil registry).
- Getting married once forever except one of them dies.

If we enter the true marriage and we are shepherded well and correctly, we will have a hope to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God, namely the spiritual and perfect marriage between Jesus and the congregation.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

4:1. Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

4:2. speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

'in latter times' means the last days until the end of the age when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years. In latter times, the false prophet is really great to teach the false teaching to sear the conscience of men who hear his teaching, so the mark is hard even impossible to be taken away.

Consequently, one departs from faith or falls from faith, so he follows the false teaching and blasphemes God. He will enter the party of the slaughter up to perdition in the hell with the Antichrist and the false prophet.

Revelation 19:20

19:20. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

That is why we must have the firmness that comes by good conscience which is anointed by Holy Spirit.

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,

The true water baptism [Romans 6:2, 4] results in a good conscience, namely the obedience that can discern both true and false especially the true teaching and the false one. We can reject the false teaching firmly. We do not give any chance to hear the false teaching. We just hear, hold fast, and obey the true teaching Word.

1 Peter 1:22

1:22. Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

As a result, we experience the purification of the body--deed and word--, soul--mind--, and spirit--heart--, so we can live in holiness and love one another. It means having Jesus' mind.

The results of being holy and loving one another are as follows:

1. **We are equipped with the ministry and gift to be used in the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain or the building of the perfect body of Christ.**

Ephesians 4:11-12

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 building of the body of Christ starts from marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, and so on. We can emit the true

teaching Word--the holiness--and God's love--loving one another.

The ministry and the gift are the tunic of many colors, so our life becomes more beautiful.

2. We may ascend into the hill of the Lord.

Psalm 24:3-6

24:3. Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?

24:4. He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

24:5. He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

24:6. This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah

We can worship God. We struggle like Jacob. We worship with a broken heart. We confess that we are unworthy and unable, so we just ask for God's mercy.

Hosea 12:3-6

12:3. He took his brother by the heel in the womb, And in his strength he struggled with God.

12:4. Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed; He wept, and sought favor from Him. He found Him in Bethel, And there He spoke to us--

12:5. That is, the LORD God of hosts. The LORD is His memorable name

12:6. So you, by the help of your God, return; Observe mercy and justice, And wait on your God continually.

We (Jacob) struggle for the two things as follows:

- We can keep the faithfulness and righteousness in the ministry to God.

Isaiah 11:5

11:5. Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

It is the same as keeping the belt of our waist.

Jeremiah 13:4-7

13:4. "Take the sash that you acquired, which is around your waist, and arise, go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole in the rock."

13:5. So I went and hid it by the Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.

13:6. Now it came to pass after many days that the LORD said to me, "Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take from there the sash which I commanded you to hide there."

13:7. Then I went to the Euphrates and dug, and I took the sash from the place where I had hidden it; and there was the sash, ruined. It was profitable for nothing.

Do not become the ruined belt because of the influence of the Euphrates!

The Euphrates refers to the Babylon, namely the sins of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage. Not having faithfulness and righteousness is the same as becoming the wicked and lazy servant, so one will be cast into the outer darkness.

Luke 17:7-8

17:7. "And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'?"

17:8. "But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'?"

Being faithful and true means giving meal and drink to Jesus or satisfying God, so one pleases Him.

As a result, our meal becomes God's business. We experience the heavenly bliss and satisfaction, so we can give thanks and become God's witness.

Jeremiah 13:11

13:11. 'For as the sash clings to the waist of a man, so I have caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling to Me,' says the LORD, 'that they may become My people, for renown, for praise, and for glory; but they would not hear.'

Our life is for renown, for praise, and for glory for God's glory.

Jeremiah 2:32

2:32. Can a virgin forget her ornaments, Or a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten Me days without number.

It continues until we become God's perfect bride.

- [Hosea 12:7b] Struggling to wait for Jesus' second coming.

Psalm 27:14

27:14. Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!

The requirement is being strong and of good courage. We do not get disappointed and desperate as well as leave God in facing anything. We keep trusting and hoping God. As a result, God is able to finish all of impossible problems. The thing that has been destroyed can be good. Failure becomes success and beauty up to perfection.

God blesses us.