

General Service in Malang, December 10, 2017 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 6:12-13

6:12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

6:13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

This is the opening of the six seal or the sixth condemnation of Holy Spirit God to the world, namely the great earthquake. Physical earthquakes have happened. Moreover, the spiritual earthquake will happen. The spiritual earthquake is the influence of the world with all of its business that makes man depart from God such as, difficulties, joy of the world, troubles, wickedness, and uncleanness. It causes the spiritual darkness, namely the sun becomes black, the moon becomes like blood, and the stars fall.

1. The sun became black as sackcloth of hair means that there is no love of God anymore or being unfaithful in the service and ministry until leaving God.
2. The moon became like blood means that there is no redemption and forgiveness of God anymore. So, men only live in sin up to the peak, namely the sins of eating-drinking such as smoking, being drunk, drugs abused and the sin of marrying-being given in marriage.

3. The stars of heaven fell to the earth.

The star refers to the Holy Spirit. The stars fell means that the Holy Spirit does not work anymore.

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The revival of Holy Spirit at early rain is for saving the sinful man.

The revival of Holy Spirit at later rain is the revival for edifying the perfect body of Christ. The body refers to the wife or the perfect bride of heaven who is ready to welcome the second coming of Jesus on the glorious clouds.

If Holy Spirit does not work anymore, one will enter the edifying of Babylon, the bride of Satan, or the perfection in wickedness and uncleanness which will be destroyed forever.

Revelation 17:4-5

17:4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.

17:5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH

The facts found in the edifying of Babylon are as follows:

1. Prioritizing the physical things, not the preaching of the word of God which is sharper than any two-edged sword in the Service and ministry to God. Consequently, one does not experience the sanctification, but lives in sin up to the peak.
2. Being unfaithful. Babylon means the harlot.

Therefore, as long as the Holy Spirit works we must be active in edifying the perfect body of Christ. It means that we must become the priests and kings or the star.

The priest means as follows:

1. One who is holy.
2. One who has the ministry.
3. One who serves and ministers to God according to the ministry that God has entrusted.

The priest and king become the star of God forever.

Genesis 15:5

15:5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

Actually, only the physical descendants of Abraham can become the priest and king. We, the Gentiles cannot, but God opens the opportunity for us.

Exodus 19:6

19:6 'And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

1 Peter 2:9-10

2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2:10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

According to the genealogy, the Gentiles cannot become the servant and the minister of God or the priest, king and star, but God gives opportunity through His grace, namely the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. So, the Gentiles can be the stars, priests, and kings.

The steps to be the stars are as follows:

1. Receiving and keeping the salvation that we have received through the grace of God or the sacrifice of Christ.

Titus 2:11

2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

The ways to receive and keep the salvation are as follows:

Acts 19:3-6

19:3 And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism."

19:4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

19:6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

- Believing, and trusting God as the one savior through hearing the word of Christ, namely the word which is anointed by Holy Spirit. So, we can repent, stop sinning, return to God, and die to sin. Especially, we are set free from Satan, namely there is no lie anymore. One has not repented yet when he still lies. There must be no hatred also.

John 4:39-41

4:39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did."

4:40 So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

4:41 And many more believed because of His own word.

The faith because of testimony, for example, the sickness is healed, is good, but such person may not repent. It must be increased to the faith because of hearing the word of God. It makes us repent.

- The water baptism.
True water baptism is that one who has repented and died to sin, must be buried in water to rise with Jesus and receive new life or be set free from sin. Many times, one who has repented returns in sinning, but by the water baptism, we are set free from sin. We do not sin anymore although there are temptation, threat, profit, *et cetera*.

For example, Joseph did not want to be persuaded by Potiphar's wife although there was an opportunity, and he was forced and would be imprisoned.

- The Holy Spirit baptism. When Jesus came out from water, there was the Spirit like a dove coming down. We can also receive the anointing or the fullness of Holy Spirit. So, we can live in righteousness and receive the salvation. Living in righteousness means that we live by faith. After we have received the salvation, we must keep on living by faith and not sinning anymore.
It is the descendant of Abraham physically who can be the instruments of righteousness and become the priest and king or the star.

Galatians 3:7

3:7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.

As a result, we are surrounded as with a shield by God.

Psalms 5:13

5:12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

The righteous will be surrounded and embraced by the great merciful hand of God. We receive the blessing and grace of God, so we can be the blessing for other people. We are moved from the atmosphere of curse to the one of paradise. There are no labor and heavy burden, and Satan cannot touch us anymore. We return to the hand of God.

2. We become the shining star.

Philippians 2:12-15

2:12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

2:13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

2:14 Do all things without complaining and disputing,

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.

We must work out the salvation through serving and ministering God. So, we can become the shining stars. Not serving and ministering God is the same as being dark stars. They are useless and will fall

The requirements are as follows:

- [Philippians 2:12] serving and ministering to God with fear and trembling means being faithful and trustworthy, being faithful and responsible to the end, and being fearful and trembling not to man but to God.
Let us use the opportunity as long as Holy Spirit works, because we cannot serve and minister Him anymore someday.
- Being without complaining and disputing.
If the husband and the wife murmur and argue, they are like the stars which crash and fall.
We do not murmur means that we always give thanks to God and testify. We testify the life renewal.
- [Romans 12:1] True service does not look for something, but giving.
True service always sacrifices and offers all thing; even our body, but it must be the living body, holy and acceptable to God. The house of Israel brought the best animal offerings. Likewise, we must offer the best one.

How?

Previously, the house of Israel offered the best offerings or the offerings without blemish through shepherding by themselves. Likewise, we must offer the living body, holy, and acceptable to God through the shepherding or the perseverance in doing three main services as follows:

- The Golden Candlestick refers to the perseverance in doing General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts of Holy Spirit.
We offer the living body which is active in the service and ministry to God, not the dead one.
- The Table of Showbread refers to the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion to get the fellowship with Son of God in true teaching word and sacrifice of Christ.
We are sanctified in doubly, inside and outside. So, we can offer the holy body.
- The Altar of Incense refers to the perseverance in doing Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love.
We offer the body which is acceptable to God. We can love God more than anything, so we can be obedient. We can love other people; even our enemy, or repay good for evil. Our service and ministry to God are encouraged by the love of God and becomes eternal.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul and spirit attach to the trinity of God. We are in the great merciful hand of God.

The results are as follows:

- The great merciful hand of God is able to gather or unite us. It starts from marriage, shepherding and inter shepherding until we become one perfect body of Christ.

Isaiah 40:11

40:11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.

- The hand of God embraces us, bears all of our labors, and heavy burdens. So, we are calm, peaceful, easy and light. The lighter our life, the more we are lifted up and the more comfortable life we. There is no hopeless, disappointment, until the lightest one, namely we are lifted up when Jesus comes for the second time.
- The hand of God leads us to the New Jerusalem as the last shepherding pen.

3. The sprinkling of blood.

1 Peter 4:12-13

4:12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

4:13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

We willingly receive the sprinkling of blood or suffer in flesh because of Jesus.

Suffering in the service and minister to God is a correct thing. Why? To make us receive the Spirit of Glory to change our life from fleshly man to the spiritual one as Jesus is. It is the same as receiving the spiritual ornaments.

The life renewal cannot be imitated by Satan. Only man has body, soul and spirit which can be changed through cross, namely the crucifixion of flesh with all of its characteristics.

1 Peter 3:3-6

3:3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel--

3:4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

3:5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,

3:6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

Spiritual ornaments are as follows:

- Being gentle means that one can receive the hard word, so he can accept the weakness of other and pray for them. Also, he can accept others with their superiority and take the example of other people. He also does not envy and gossip.
- Being quiet means doing introspections in our life and not blaming others. We do not judge or speak bad comment.
- Being submissive means being obedient as Sara.

Philippians 2:16

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.

Being obedient is the same as holding fast to the word of life, so one experiences the opening doors.

Being obedient is the same as stretching our hand to God and He stretches out His great merciful hand for us.

Revelation 1:16

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.

The results are as follows:

- The right hand of God is able to give us victory to defeat enemies.

Psalms 118:15-18

118:15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

118:16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

118:17 I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the LORD.

118:18 The LORD has chastened me severely, But He has not given me over to death.

For example, Moses faced the Red Sea and Pharaoh, the hand of God performs miracle to destroy enemy and finishes all impossible problems.

Exodus 15:4-6

15:4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

15:5 The depths have covered them; They sank to the bottom like a stone.

15:6 "Your right hand, O LORD, has become glorious in power; Your right hand, O LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces.

The right hand of God opens the door of beautiful and successful future life and uses our life in revival of Holy Spirit at later rain.

- The right hand of God lifts us up. It means that He lifts us from falling. For example, David was lifted up and forgiven by God. We can live in righteousness and holiness. We are changed continually until we are as perfect as Him to be worthy to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.