

General Service in Malang, December 17, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 21:1-8 consists of the following parts:

1. [verse 1] the new heaven and earth.
2. [verse 2-3] the new man.
3. [verse 4-8] the new atmosphere.

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Revelation 21:4

21:4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

It refers to the atmosphere without the death, sorrow, crying, and pain.

1 John 3:14-15

3:14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.

3:15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

It is the same as the atmosphere in love, namely we only do good things. We do not do evil things. It means the atmosphere without hatred.

There are three places where the hatred attacks as follows:

1. The world.

John 15:18-19,23-25

15:18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you."

15:19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."

15:23 "He who hates Me hates My Father also."

15:24 "If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father."

15:25 "But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'

There are seven times of hatred in the world up to the hatred without a cause or the perfect hatred. It also means hating the righteous and supporting the false.

Consequently, the seven lamps of the golden candlestick are quenched. It means living in the increasing darkness up to the darkest darkness in the world when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years and in the hell or everlasting perdition.

John 15:26-27

15:26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me."

15:27 "And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning."

The solution is that we must be anointed by Holy Spirit, so we are able and must testify for radiating the light in the midst of the darkness in the world.

Mark 5:19-20

5:19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."

5:20 And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled."

The tomb refers to the place of the lengthening of the hands of the death, namely the discotheque, cinema, the church with the false teachings, and so on. It means being controlled by the death.

The contents of the testimony are as follows:

- Telling about what God has done in our life by the work of the Word of God, namely the Gospel Word that saves us and the teaching Word that sanctifies and changes us up to the perfection.
- Telling about how God has had mercy to us and helped us.

Mark 5:14-16

5:14 So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened.

5:15 Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

5:16 And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine.

The result of the testimony is that many people can believe Jesus and get the salvation as well as many people who have believed Jesus can be sanctified and perfected.

The direction of the testimony is as follows:

- "Go home" [verse 19]. It means being the light of testimony that starts from the marriage or household.
- "in Decapolis" [verse 20] (*deca*= 10 or the number of love) = the city of love, the city of light, or the New Jerusalem. We testify until bringing our life and others to reach the city of the New Jerusalem.

Be careful of the two following things about testifying:

- Not being willing to testify, someday one must deny Jesus.
- The negative testimony or gossip like what was said by those who fed the swine.

Mark 5:14,17

5:14 So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened.

5:17 Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region.

Those who fed the swine refer to the pastors who do not feed the congregation with the Word, but only gossip. The swine refers to the congregation who does not want to eat the Shepherding Word or get the sanctification. It means changing towards negative direction or destruction and perdition. It means always belittling the spiritual things or the true teaching to get the physical ones. The facts found in it are murmuring, provoking, and making the faith weak or fall.

Consequently [verse 17], Jesus was driven out or many people rejected Him or the true teaching Word. It means entering the city of the darkness or Babylon.

2. In the shepherding.

Genesis 37:2-7,9

37:2 This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.

37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.

37:4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

37:5 Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more.

37:6 So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed:

37:7 "There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf."

37:9 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."

Joseph persevered in the shepherding or the Holy Place. There are three tools which refer to the perseverance in committing the three main services to God as follows:

- The Golden Candlestick or the perseverance in committing the three main services to God to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts. We are given the drink, so we can always be fresh or faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God.
- The Table of Showbread or the perseverance in committing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the teaching Word and sacrifice of Christ. We are given the food, so we can be strong spiritually or we do not fall in sins, but we can minister to God until the end line.
- The Golden Altar of Incense or the perseverance in committing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love. We are breathing up to the eternal life.

The sheepfold refers to the place for transit, namely for making the salvation or righteousness firm or growing up to the perfection like Jesus is.

[verse 2] It starts from the sanctified words until being honest and obedient.

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,

As a result, we are trusted God with the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit to be used in the ministry for the edification of Christ's body. It is the same as wearing the beautiful tunic or our life is made the most beautiful.

Joseph got the gift of dream or the revelation of the Word as follows:

- The sheaves of Joseph's brothers bowed down to the sheaf of Joseph. It means that all preaching of God's Word must peak on the Bride Tidings (Joseph was born in the old life of Jacob = the Church of the latter rain).
- There were the sun, moon, and stars = the heavenly bride.

Revelation 12:1

12:1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

We become the light of the world or perfect like Jesus is. We become the heavenly bride.

Genesis 37:31

37:31 So they took Joseph's tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood.

Facing the increasing hatred in the shepherding and inter-shepherding, the robe must be dipped in blood. It means that we willingly get the sprinkling of blood or suffering in the flesh with Jesus in the service and ministry to God, worship, and all things.

Acts 20:18-20,24

20:18 And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you,

20:19 "serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews;

20:20 "how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,

20:24 "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Why must the robe be dipped in blood?

- So that Satan cannot strip us. It means that we can serve to Him in humble heart or confessing all our sins. We fight and sacrifice for being faithful always. We are not negligent until the end line.
- So that there is Spirit of Glory that is able to change us.

1 Peter 4:12-16

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.

4:14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

4:15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters.

4:16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

The thief can be the giver. The troublemaker can be the peacemaker. The killer or hater can love one another. The criminal can do good things until repaying good for evil. We get the clean and bright fine linen or the garments 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.

3. In the marriage or household.

Luke 21:16-19

21:16 "You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

21:17 "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake.

21:18 "But not a hair of your head shall be lost.

21:19 "By your patience possess your souls.

A piece of hair can endure if it keeps on dwelling at the head. It means placing Jesus as the Head as follows:

- We always make peace or confess and forgive one another until our heart is peaceful.
- Being active in the ministry for the edification of Christ's body.
- We worship God much more or fall down at His feet, confessing that we are unable and unworthy.

[verse 18] As a result, we will not lose a piece of hair.

The merciful hands of God are able to protect and preserve our small and powerless life in the midst of the difficulties in the world until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years. In the midst of sins, false teachings, temptations, and false teachings, we keep on not committing any sin, but living in righteousness and holiness.

The merciful hands of God are able to protect and preserve our marriage, so we are not scattered, but keep on living in righteousness, holiness, and oneness until being perfect for entering the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Being complete means that we are perfect for welcoming Jesus' second coming.

God blesses you.