

General Service in Malang, December 20, 2020 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 12:4b-6

12:4b. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

12:5. She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

12:6. Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Revelation 12: 3-18 is about the clear and complete appearance of Satan or dragon with his activities as follows:

1. [Revelation 12:4a] His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven.
2. [Revelation 12:4b] Devouring.
3. [Revelation 12:7] Fighting.
4. [Revelation 12:13] Persecuting or catching up fast.
5. [Revelation 12:15] Causing the woman or the church of God to be carried away by the flood.
6. [Revelation 12:17] Making war or persecuting.

The target is the flesh and blood men.

ad. 2. The mouth of the dragon swallowed the male Child who was born by the woman or the church.

The male Child refers to the deliverer. Moses delivered the Israelites. Jesus delivered His people from sins and someday the male Child will deliver the church.

The dragon or Satan wants to swallow the male Child. It means hindering the deliverance of the church and fouling up as well as destroying the shepherding system or the heavenly one to make the church perish.

Therefore, the church or God's servants must be shepherded well and correctly to get the continual deliverance and run away to the wilderness when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years and to the heavenly throne when Jesus comes a second time to get the eternal life.

Who can run to the wilderness or the heavenly throne?

The perfect church or God's servants can.

Philippians 3:12-14

3:12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

3:13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

3:14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Paul said that escaping the dragon, running to the wilderness, or running to the heavenly throne is the same as pressing toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus, entering the eternal heavenly kingdom, or the perfection.

The process is as follows:

1. [Philippians 3:13] **Forgetting those things which are behind.**

It means as follows:

o The sanctification of the heart from the following two things:

- a. The heart of man contains the seven evil, unclean, and bitter wills which cause one not to be able to reach the perfection or the lamp to be quenched.

Matthew 15:19

15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

Therefore, the heart must be sanctified from the seven evil, unclean, and bitter wills which cause the bond of sins up to the peak as follows:

- i. The sins of uncleanness or the sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse as well as the ones concerning marrying-being given in marriage such as fornication, wrong marriage, mix marriage, divorce-remarrying, and marrying-being given in marriage.
 - ii. he sins of bitterness such as the spiritual killing through the hatred without a cause, lies, slander, and the physical killing on the days of the Antichrist.
 - iii. he sins of evil the deeds which harm others and resist against God up to the peak, namely the lust of money, especially stealing the possession of God (the tithes and offerings).
- b. The heart is sanctified from the seven physical things of which we are proud.

Philippians 3:4-6

3:4 though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:

3:5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;

3:6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

Philippians 3:7-8

3:7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

3:8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

The bond of sins, namely the evil, uncleanness, and bitterness as well as the physical pride are the same as the rubbish which causes the servants of God to look back like Lot's wife or the tasteless salt which is trampled by the Antichrist, swallowed by the dragon, and not able to escape to the wilderness.

Therefore, the rubbish of Sodom and Gomorrah must be cleansed or sanctified so that our heart always becomes like the heart of a little child who has the seven loaves and some small fish. We can be humble and sincere.

How is the way? It is through the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion. The true teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit are able to sanctify our heart from the rubbish, so we do not look back, but always look upon God and we are not swallowed by the dragon.

For example, Saul became Paul, the apostle.

1 Timothy 1:13-16

1:13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

1:14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

1:15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

1:16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

Paul the apostle could be set free from the bond of sins, pride, and the root of evil, the will of money, or the last bond.

Acts 20:28, 33-35

20:28 "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

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.'"

He confessed that he lived by the grace and mercy of God. It starts from returning the possession of God, giving for His work and others who are in need, and giving our whole life to God.

Keeping the bond of sins or rubbish is the same as living outside the grace and being devoured by the dragon to perish forever.

○ **The sanctification to the mind.**

Philippians 3:18-21

3:18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

3:19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame--who set their mind on earthly things.

3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

3:21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

The mind must be sanctified from the fleshly and the worldly one, namely the mind which is set only towards the worldly things; even it happens in the service and ministry to God. It is the same as being the enemy of or rejecting the cross of Christ, so one must reject the sword.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- a. Not being willing to suffer in the flesh nor sacrifice for the spiritual or heavenly things, namely the service and ministry to God.
- b. One sacrifices the spiritual things for the physical ones.
- c. Prioritizing the physical things more than the spiritual ones.
- d. Serving and ministering to God, but rejecting the power, namely the true teaching Word and the cross. Consequently, there is no life renewal. One keeps the flesh and blood man with the eighteen characteristics of the flesh. He is stamped with the triple six of the Antichrist and swallowed by the dragon.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3:1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

3:2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3:3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

3:4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

What is the solution?

The mind is sanctified through the perseverance in doing the Prayer Service.

The Prayer Service refers to the process for tearing or crucifying the flesh with all of its desires and lusts as well as the fleshly mind, so we get the life renewal from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones or the citizen of heaven like Jesus. We get the spiritual mind like Jesus, namely prioritizing the spiritual or heavenly things more than the physical ones. We willingly sacrifice the physical things for the spiritual ones until we can love God more than anything and be obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore. We will not look back nor down. We always look straight forward. We do not return to the old man, so we cannot be swallowed by the dragon. The light of the renewal refers to the testimony or being the example.

1 Timothy 1:16

1:16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

2. [Philippians 3:14] **'press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.'**

It means as follows:

- The sanctification to the life journey or the conduct, so we have the righteous and good one.
- Not lingering in the service and ministry to God, but making serious efforts and not being willing to be hindered by anything. We are firmer in doing the service and ministry to God.

2 Peter 1:10

1:10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

It means that we do not decrease in the service and ministry to God. We do not stumble. We also do not leave the service

and ministry to God, but keep faithful and fervent in spirit in the ministry according to what God has trusted to us.

Where can we get the sanctification to our feet?

We get it through the perseverance in doing the General Service.

In the General Service, we get the anointing of Holy Spirit that sanctifies us, so we do not stumble because of sins. We can serve and minister to God according to the ministry He has entrusted to us faithfully and fervently in spirit with all of our heart until the end line, namely until Jesus comes a second time. We get the full right for entering the heavenly kingdom.

2 Peter 1:11

1:11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, the sanctification to the whole life happens in the shepherding pen.

1 Timothy 1:16

1:16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

Thus, in the shepherding pen, there is the patience of God for facing our weaknesses.

The patience of God is limited. Therefore, do not postpone the chance for entering the shepherding. We are set free from the mouth of the dragon to please God's heart, we must be sanctified from the weaknesses and bonds like Paul the Apostle, so we are used by God in the edification of the body of Christ and we become His witness and worshiper. Our life depends on the King.

1 Timothy 1:17

1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Zechariah 14:17-18

14:17 And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

14:18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

If we worship the king, He will open the door of heaven for pouring the heavy rain, namely of Holy Spirit. The hands of the King are invisible, but the power is real.

The results are as follows:

- Holy Spirit is able to give the physical 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. He preserves our life abundantly until we can give thanks and become blessings for others. He also gives us the spiritual life and makes us fervent in spirit in the righteousness, holiness, and the service and ministry to Him.

Ezekiel 47:8-10

47:8 Then he said to me: "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed.

47:9 "And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.

47:10 "It shall be that fishermen will stand by it from En Gedi to En Eglaim; they will be places for spreading their nets. Their fish will be of the same kinds as the fish of the Great Sea, exceedingly many.

- The power of healing or help. Impossible things can be made possible.

Ezekiel 47:12

47:12 "Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine."

- Holy Spirit gives us heavenly satisfaction, so we can give thanks and become the witness.
- The rain of Holy Spirit washes, sanctifies, and renews us from the fleshly men who have been in the mouth of the dragon to the ones in His mouth who can satisfy His heart.

Titus 3:5

3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

The example is the criminal who was crucified besides Jesus.

Luke 23:40-43

23:40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?"

23:41 "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

23:42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

23:43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Mouth to mouth. Our mouth can honestly confess Jesus, the true teaching Word, and all sins. The mouth of Jesus said "It is finished", "today you will be with Me in Paradise". It continues until we are renewed to be as perfect as He is when He comes a second time. We are worthy to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.