

General Service in Malang, February 03, 2019 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 8:12

8:12 Then the fourth angel sounded; And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.

The fourth trumpet is sounded. It is the fourth condemnation of the Son of God to the world with all of creatures in it who reject the sound of the trumpet nowadays, namely the preaching of the shepherding word or the true teaching word which is hard, sharper than any two-edged sword, and repeated to sanctify us continually until we are as perfect as Jesus is.

The sound of the fourth trumpet is signified by a third of the sun, moon, and stars that are dark. It is great physically, but greater spiritually.

Spiritually, it means ones who live in darkness and become the stumbling block.

John 11:10

11:10 "But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

The stumbling block means that one easily stumbles or becomes offended, so he does the sin and gets disappointed until he leaves God and becomes the stumbling block for other people which makes them sin and not want to come to Jesus or the true teaching word.

Matthew 18:6

18:6 "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

The stumbling block is related to the millstone or the hard stone.

So, the cause of the stumbling block is the hard heart.

Job 41:15 the painting of crocodile or the great monster.

41:15 His heart is as hard as a stone, Even as hard as the lower millstone.

The great monster refers to Pharaoh.

Ezekiel 29:3

29:3 "Speak, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O Pharaoh king of Egypt, O great monster who lies in the midst of his rivers, Who has said, 'My River is my own; I have made it for myself.'"

The cause of the stumbling block is the hard heart like Pharaoh.

The daily facts found in being hard in heart are as follows:

1. Disobedience or being unwise. He is like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

Exodus 7:16

7:16 "And you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness"; but indeed, until now you would not hear!'"

Matthew 7:26-27

7:26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:"

7:27 "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

He cannot stand fighting against the rain or Satan with the evil and unclean spirit. It means easily doing sins up to the peak, namely the sins of eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

He cannot stand fighting against the wind or the false prophet with the false teachings, so he is easily deceived and lost.

He cannot stand fighting against the floods or the Antichrist with the power of money. So, he is easily disappointed, hopeless because of economic difficulties, or proud until he forgets God.

In consequence, the house falls or gets the destruction and great is the fall. It means losing the atmosphere of paradise or everything.

2. Hard heart. One does not want to repent, but keeps the lies.

Exodus 9:27-28, 34-35

9:27 And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "I have sinned this time. The LORD is righteous, and my people and I are wicked.

9:28 "Entreat the LORD, that there may be no more mighty thundering and hail, for it is enough. I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer."

9:34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain, the hail, and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet more; and he hardened his heart, he and his servants.

9:35 So the heart of Pharaoh was hard; neither would he let the children of Israel go, as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

Jeremiah 9:5

9:5 Everyone will deceive his neighbor, And will not speak the truth; They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves to commit iniquity.

Romans 2:5,4

2:5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.

2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

One who does not want to repent, but keeps lies and rejects the mercy of God is treasuring up the wrath of God.

If he does not want to repent, he cannot repent sometimes and he will be the same as Pharaoh or Satan.

3. Unfaithfulness until leaving the ministry. He usually does not serve and minister to God. He does not feel guilty; even he does it purposely.

Exodus 7:14,16

7:14 So the LORD said to Moses: "Pharaoh's heart is hard; he refuses to let the people go.

7:16 "And you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness"; but indeed, until now you would not hear!

God redeems us to be His house or the place to serve and minister to Him. It starts from now in this world to the heaven forever. The main aim of being redeemed and having the long life is to serve and minister to God.

Malachi 3:18

3:18 Then you shall again discern Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him.

Malachi 4:1

4:1 "For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch.

How great a man in the world is, when he is wicked or unfaithful or he does not serve and minister to God, he is useless. He is only like the chaff that will be burnt.

If we serve and minister to God, although we are empty or nothing, we will be filled by the word, Spirit and the love of God, so we will be the ripe wheat that is useful for God and other people.

1 Timothy 4:8-10

4:8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

4:9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

4:10 For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

All of physical things profit a little. The maximum is only up to the tomb and it has no relation to the heaven. But, the godliness is profitable for our life now, beautiful future, up to the eternal life forever like the ripe wheat that enters the barn of the heavenly kingdom forever.

Therefore, we must advise and pray one another to suffer reproach in the service and ministry more than everything in the world.

Matthew 18:6

18:6 "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

The consequence to one who becomes the stumbling block is that the millstone are hung around his neck and he is drowned in the depth of the sea.

It means as follows:

1. He does not want to hear the hard word, so he is empty. Consequently, there are seven demons who are more wicked entering him.
2. The curse atmosphere, weariness, heavy burdens, difficulties, tears, and sufferings.
3. The neck is the closest relation with God. If one's neck is hung with the millstone, he cannot worship God anymore. He dries in mouth, so he starts to lie, gossip, slander, and blaspheme God.
4. Finally, he is drowned in the depth of the sea.

Revelation 18:21

18:21 Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore.

Being drowned in the sea means decreasing in physical life. Spiritually, he is drowned in the sins of Babylon until the sea of the fire and brimstone or hell forever.

Matthew 3:7-9

3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

3:8 "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance.

3:9 "and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

Be watchful! The Gentiles are the hard stone. They easily become the stumbling block and drown in the sins of Babylon and the sea of the fire and brimstone.

The solution is through the true water baptism.

The hard stone must be drowned in water so that it turns to be the gentle one. After being gentle, it cannot drown in the sins of Babylon and the sea of fire and brimstone anymore. It does not perish.

Matthew 3:14-16

3:14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

3:15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

The true water baptism is according to the Bible or the will of God.

We are baptized like Jesus.

Actually, Jesus is a sinless man, so he does not need to be baptized. But, because of the will of God, He must be baptized to give example about the true water baptism and fulfill the will of God.

Romans 6:2,4

6:2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

The requirement to enter the true water baptism is believing Jesus, repenting, and being dead to sin.

The true water baptism means that one who has died to sin must be buried in water with Jesus and he will arise from water with

Him. So, the heaven is opened, and we get the new life or the heavenly one.

The true water baptism is only one like the ark of Noah is only one.

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 result of the true water baptism is the good, gentle, correct, and sincere conscience. The good conscience becomes place of Jesus to walk and there is the presence of God and Holy Spirit.

The functions of Holy Spirit are as follows:

1. Holy Spirit is like the fire that burns the dog and swine, namely sanctifying the Gentiles until they become the sweet smelling aroma before God. The heart, mind, word, deed, and whole life are righteous, holy, and good.

Romans 8:1-2

8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 15:16

15:16 that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

2. Holy Spirit makes us faithful and fervent in spirit to serve and minister to God until the end line, namely we pass away or Jesus comes for the second time.

Romans 12:11

12:11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

3. Holy Spirit changes us from fleshly man to the spiritual one like Jesus is.

Romans 8:15

8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

The great miracle is that we are changed to be obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore. The physical miracle also happens; the impossible things become possible.

Zechariah 4:6-7

4:6 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.

4:7 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"

The impossible problem is finished, so there is successful and beautiful future life. It continues until the time when Jesus comes for the second time that we are changed to be perfect and worthy to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.