General Service in Malang, February 04, 2018 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 6: 12-17

6:12 I looked when He opened the <u>sixth seal</u>, and behold, there was a great earthquake; <u>and the sun became black as sackcloth</u> 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.

6:14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

6:15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

6:16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

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The opening of the sixth seal refers to the sixth condemnation of Holy Spirit God or the physical and the spiritual great earthquake which causes these things:

- 1. The darkness [Revelation 6:12-13].
- 2. The shakings [Revelation 6:14].
- 3. The fear or stress attacks the world [Revelation 6:15-17].

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The Stress becomes major murderer physically until the death in spiritually or perishing.

The spiritual great earthquake refers to the influence of the world with all of its business, difficulties, trouble, wickedness, uncleanness, *et cetera* which cause fear or stress to face Jesus who comes for the second time. It means being left when He comes for the second time and experiencing the doomsday with the world or the condemnation in the hell forever. Therefore, we must learn to face Jesus in glory as the King of all kings and the Bridegroom of heaven from now on.

Seeing Jesus is through two things as follows:

1. Through the light of the glory which refers to the image of God or the true teaching word which is sharper than any twoedged sword or the Bride Tidings.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

The gospel word or the good news is to welcome the first coming of Jesus, but to face the His second coming, it must be increased to the solid food or the teaching word.

There are two attitudes to the teaching word which is sharper than any two-edged sword, the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the Bride Tidings as follows:

- Negative attitude is receiving the true teaching word or the Bride Tidings in bad conscience. The facts found in it are as follows:
 - a. Being hard-hearted, an idol, namely the golden calf as follows:
 - i. Keeping the sins of wickedness or loving money that makes one stingy, namely he cannot give to the work of God and other people who are in need and greedy, namely he steals the possessions of God.

- ii. Keeping the sins of uncleanness or the sins of eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, drugs abused, and fornication.
- iii. Keeping the sins of bitterness such as envy, hatred, and revenge.
- iv. Keeping lies.

So, one cannot hear and obey the true teaching word or the Bride Tidings. It means that he cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or becomes blind spiritually. His life is without any control, namely living in the darkness of sins, enjoying the sins up to the peak, and wallowing in the sins up to the darkest one in the hell.

b. <u>Being double-minded or having a doubtful heart means hearing the other teaching or the false one which is</u> not in line with the Bible. It makes people doubtful to the true teaching word.

For example, Eve heard the voice of the serpent and God, so she was doubtful. Finally, one must choose the wrong or the false one because it is good for the flesh while the correct one is the crucifixion to the flesh which is not comfortable to the flesh.

The other example is Eutychus who sat in the window.

The position of the double-minded or doubtful man is very vulnerable like Eutychus who fell from the third floor. In such condition, one does not increase, but dies physically and receives nothing. He is empty-handed and in total failure. He cannot do anything. Moreover, he faces the deadlock. He also dies spiritually. He is not excited to the spiritual things. His life is not calm, but exhausted and heavy-laden until being drowned in the lake of the fire of brimstone.

• The positive one is receiving the true teaching word or the Bride Tidings in good conscience. The man is born from a mother in flesh and blood with bad conscience that tends to do evil.

Genesis 6:5

6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.,

Where do we get the good conscience? We must reborn by God through the true water baptism.

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,

On the days of Noah, only eight persons had the good conscience and obeyed God. Now, we enter the ark of Noah or the true water baptism. Only the ark of Noah could save man on that time although there were others transportation.

So, there is only one true water baptism according to the will of God. We must be baptized like the baptism of Jesus.

Noah and his family had the gentle, faithful, and good conscience, so they could enter the ark. They were not drowned in the flood and did not perish. The true water baptism means that the whole family must believe Jesus, repent, and die to sin, so our whole family is buried or drowned in water together with Jesus and comes out with Him. The heaven is opened and we get the new life and good conscience. We are not drowned in the lake of fire and brimstone or the hell forever.

Matthew 3:16

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 good conscience refers to being obedient to the true teaching word. Our whole family is in one heart, baptism, and teaching.

Matthew 15:19

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

The peak of the bad conscience is blaspheming God or the true teaching word and justifying the wrong one.

If we can hear and obey to the true teaching word, our whole family can be sanctified from the seven desires of wickedness, uncleanness, and bitterness. So, our heart will be filled with Holy Spirit with the seven manifestation.

Isaiah 11:1-3

11:1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

11:2 <u>The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel</u> and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

11:3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears.

Fearing God means that we fear to sin and lie regardless of any risk we must take. Fearing God also means seeing God and experiencing the satisfaction from heaven, so we always give thanks and testify. We do not pursue the satisfactions in the world anymore.

Be watchful, because Satan always tries to pounce us. Therefore, we must always fear God. We are strong and of good courage, not disappointed or hopeless, and do not leave God whatever we face. We keep faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry and being faithful and obedient regardless of any risk we must face. So, God will give us the key of David to open the doors in the world until the door of heaven is opened for us.

Revelation 3:7-8

3:7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": 3:8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

2. Through the worship prayer.

Matthew 17:1-2

17:1 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 17:2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

There are twelve disciples of Jesus, but only three of them are invited to the mountain. It means that not all of worship prayers, sacrifice, service and ministry are acceptable to God, but only the correct and worthy ones.

The signs of the service, the ministry, and the worship prayer which are acceptable before God are as follows:

- [Matthew17:1] The true worship prayer is the process to tear the flesh with all of its lusts and desires.
- $\circ~$ The true worship prayer must be encouraged by the true teaching word.
 - Luke 9:28

9:28 Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

The worship prayer is lifted up with faith which refers to Peter, hope which refers to James, and love which refers to John.

- By saying "Alleluia".
 - Revelation 19:6-7

19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.".

The results of the true worship prayer are as follows:

 Matthew 17:2] We experience the power of glory or the power of the renewal from fleshly man to the spiritual one like Jesus is. It is the greatest miracle.

The proof is that our face shines like the sun. The hard heart becomes gentle to radiate the love. So, one can prioritize God more than everything, love other people as himself, not harm others, not repay evil for evil; even he can love the enemy and repay good for evil.

The face refers to the five senses which are renewed. Our mouth tells right and good things, and we become the blessing for other people.

The garment refers to the deeds which are changed to the righteous, holy and good one.

Ephesians 5:8-9

5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light. 5:9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth).

 $\circ~$ The power of glory to face the storm of death.

Matthew 17:14-15

17:14 And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, 17:15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

The epilepsy refers to the moral destruction that makes man fall to the fire of the lusts of the flesh and the sins up to the peak or being drowned in water, namely the freshness of the world or business which makes an unfaithful in the service and the ministry to God.

The epilepsy also refers to the destruction in marriage and children or suffering and impossibilities.

Mark 9:22-24

9:22 "And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

9:23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

9:24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!".

Let us believe God and do not be doubtful. We surrender to God and He will help us.

The miracle happens until the time when He comes for the second time that we are changed to be as perfect as Him and worthy to see Him face to face on the glorious clouds.

God blesses us.