

General Service in Malang, February 26, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 19:1-5 is about Heaven Exults over Babylon. The first "*Alleluia!*" is related to the salvation, glory, and power of God.

The second "*Alleluia!*" is related to the smoke that rises up forever and ever or the flesh burning to be the life that can be well-pleasing to God.

Revelation 19:4

19:4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"

The third "*Alleluia!*" is related to the twenty four elders who worshiped God, saying "Alleluia."

The twenty four elders consist of the twelve apostles of the early rain who lead the Church towards the salvation and the twelve apostles of the latter rain who lead the Church towards the perfection.

The apostle refers to the servant of God who has the ministry.

Mark 3:13-15

3:13 And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him.

3:14 Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach,

3:15 and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons:

We are called, chosen, and appointed as the servant of God who has the ministry only because of the mercy of God (Jesus' going up on the mountain is the same as His death on Golgotha) and His will. Do not ever regret the calling and election of God because all of those things are His mercy and will. If something is according to God's will, it will aim at the New Jerusalem.

Being called is the same as being justified and saved for living in righteousness.

Being chosen is the same as being taken from among many to be sanctified, so we can live in holiness.

Being appointed is the same as being given the ministry for being appointed as the servant of God.

After being the priest, we must pay attention to the following two things:

1. We must keep on being in the will of God which is real in the preaching of the Word.

The process is through hearing and obeying the Word. If we can obey the Word, we will live in the railway of the will or plan of God which never falls in destruction.

Be careful in the preaching of the Word!

- Do not get sleepy! Getting sleepy in the preaching of the Word is the same as being outside the will of God and destroyed.
- Do not insist the things which are outside the will of God because such things are very heavy like a train which is outside the railway, namely it cannot go and one will get disappointed.

If we are in the railway of God's will, whatever we are facing will always be easy and light because God has borne all things. We live in the hand of God.

2. We must always experience the increase in spirituality towards the better one like Jesus who went up on the mountain, namely the increase which is accompanied by sacrifice.

If the spirituality increases, we will get the results as follows:

- Our spiritual life sight is getting further ahead.
It is so important for a pastor. The pastor as the overseer of the congregation can blow the trumpet of the shepherding Word when there is attack from far place for warning the congregation to be ready always.

We can pray and worship God, cry out and surrender to Him, so Jesus as the Great Shepherd can stretch out His merciful hands for the congregation.

- The physical things are meaningless or not seen like the things under the airplane which we cannot see when the airplane is taking off.
Still magnifying and fighting for the physical things, the spirituality has not increased yet like an airplane which is still parking.

On the contrary, we cannot be seen by others, but we are ignored. Do not get angry when others do not look at you, but insult you because it means that the spirituality is still far away! We must pray for such people. For example, almost every day the congregation blamed at Moses.

Be careful when the congregation praises the pastor much more because the people who said "Hosanna" finally cried out "Crucify Him!"

The more our spirituality is increased, the more we will be used by God.

God called, chose, and appointed the twelve disciples to be the twelve apostles. Why must it be twelve?

Revelation 21:12,21

21:12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

21:21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

It must be twelve because the New Jerusalem is full of number twelve. Thus, the direction of the calling, election, and God's appointing toward us is to make us His full time and eternal servant and bring us to enter the New Jerusalem. Do not ever go back from the calling and election of God!

If we long for being the full time servants of God eternally to enter the New Jerusalem, we must have the number twelve spiritually. It means as follows:

1. The twelve disciples.

The student refers to ones who receive the lesson or the true teaching Word. The signs of the true teaching Word are as follows:

- Being written in the Bible.
- Being spoken or revealed by God through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible.
- Being obeyed.

The teaching Word which is obeyed becomes the life experience or the seal of God in our life which cannot be charged against by anyone. As a result, the Antichrist cannot stamp us with the triple six.

If we obey the Word, we will get the sanctification. It begins from our heart that is sanctified from the root of evil or the love of money, uncleanness, and bitterness. Our eyes are sanctified, so we have the spiritual or holy sight. Our hands or deeds are sanctified. Our mouth is sanctified, so we can say "yes" is yes and "no" if no or we are honest and firm in the true teaching.

For example, the ten spies added the Bride Tidings with the voice of the flesh until it became the bad news. Consequently, the stars become the animal.

The tongue or mouth is the same as the rudder that determines the direction of our life journey, whether we go to the New Jerusalem or the hell.

Malachi 2:7-8

2:7 "For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, And people should seek the law from his mouth; For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

2:8 But you have departed from the way; You have caused many to stumble at the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi," Says the LORD of hosts.

If a servant of God obeys the Word, people will come to look for the true teaching Word from his mouth.

If a servant of God does not obey the Word because he is only busy with the physical things in the world, he himself will stumble and make others stumble from the true teaching Word and lose the direction to the New Jerusalem to go to the hell and perish forever.

2. The twelve apostles refer to the ministry.

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,*

The true teaching Word which is obeyed will sanctify our whole life, so we live in the holiness and we are equipped with the ministry. The ministry refers to our place in the body of Christ.

The more we are sanctified, the more we are used by God, so the ministry becomes more firm in our life. As a result, Holy Spirit gives us the gifts, namely the miraculous ability from Holy Spirit to enable us to do the ministry.

God gives His love as the driving motor of the ministry. The love of God is eternal, so our ministry is also eternal up to the New Jerusalem.

3. The number twelve refers to the fellowship.

It consists of two parts as follows:

- The fellowship with others or the fellowship of the body of Christ. We can love others like we love ourselves.

Matthew 7:12

7:12 "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

We only do good deeds to others. We can love the enemies or repay good for evil.

- The fellowship with God or the fellowship of the body with the Head. It refers to the neck or worship prayer. The neck refers to the submission or obedience until the flesh does not speak anymore.

The measurement of the ministry in love or the ministry of the bride is not the greatness, but obedience. God does not look at the greatness or weakness, but our obedience.

Philippians 2:8-11

2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

2:9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

2:11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

If we are obedient, we are appointed by the power of Jesus, the King. We get the power of the name of Jesus.

The results are as follows:

- a. [verse 10] The power of the name of Jesus defeats the trinity of Satan as follows:
 - i. Satan, the source of sins up to the peak, is defeated, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.
 - ii. Satan, the source of temptations or impossible problems, is defeated, so all impossible problems are solved by God.
 - iii. Satan, the source of tears or sorrows, is defeated, so sorrows are replaced by heavenly joys.
- b. The power of the name of Jesus for commanding the blessings to the impossible places.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2,8

28:1 "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

28:2 "And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:

28:8 "The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

We are preserved by God 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.

- c. [verse 9] The power of the name of Jesus is able to lift us up right in His time.

God uses our life in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the edification of the perfect Christ's body. We have the beautiful successful future life. There is power of renewal until we do not stumble in words. We are perfect and worthy for welcoming Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.