

General Service in Malang, January 05, 2025 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 22:7-19 is about the seven warnings, rebukes, or advice to the church on the last days to be as perfect as Jesus is.

1. Verse 7, the warning that is related to the joy.
2. Verse 8-9, the warning that is related to the honor and worship.
3. Verse 10, the warning about the seal.
4. Verse 11-12, the warning about the two kinds of streams.
5. Verse 13-16, the warning about the washing the robe.
6. Verse 17, the warning about the duty of the church.
7. Verse 18-19, the warning about not to add to and take away from the Word.

We still learn the second.

Revelation 22:8-9

22:8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

22:9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

We must not worship angel, prophet, pastor, holy man, parents, but we can only honor them.

The worship is only for the Trinity of God in Jesus Himself. The worship that is not for Jesus Himself is a false worship or an idolatry that will go towards the curse and perdition.

John the apostle had the experience of hearing and seeing the Word which was spoken by the angel. It is the same as the experience in the shepherding at Christmas.

Luke 2:20

2:20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

Thus, John the apostle refers to one who is shepherded, but he is still deceived (worshipping angel).

Therefore, God helped him in the following two ways:

1. God warned through the angel so that he only worshiped the trinity of God in Jesus Himself.
2. John the apostle was permitted to get the suffering in the flesh because of Jesus, namely being exiled to Patmos island.

Revelation 1:9

1:9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Suffering in the flesh, John kept on persevering in the shepherding pen and appreciating the shepherding Word or hearing it seriously and obeying it until being able to see the real form of the Word.

Revelation 1:17

1:17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

It is until being able to see Jesus Himself and kneel to worship Him.

Colossians 1:16

1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or

dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Jesus is the Creator of all things.

Revelation 4:10-11

4:10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

4:11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

All inhabitants of heaven worshiped Jesus, the Creator.

Men as the creation of God must worship Jesus as the Creator.

Romans 1:21-23, 25

1:21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

1:22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

1:23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

1:25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

In fact, there are many men whose hearts are foolish and dark and become futile in their thoughts until forgetting the Creator. They do not want to worship Jesus, but His creation, namely the other men, animals, plants, mountains, and so on up to the worship to the Antichrist and being the same as the Antichrist to be destroyed. The facts found in it are as follows:

1. Dishonoring the body.

Romans 1:24, 26-27

1:24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

1:26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

1:27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

It is through the sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse as well as the sins concerning marrying-being given in marriage through the deeds, pornography, and wrong marriage.

2. Doing the things which are not fitting (not according to the Word).

Romans 1:28-31

1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

1:29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,

1:30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

1:31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;

3. Approving of those who practice the things which are not fitting.

Romans 1:32

1:32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Isaiah 57:19

57:19 "I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near," Says the LORD, "And I will heal him."

Hebrews 13:15

13:15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His

name.

God created men with the fruit of lips that praise, glorify, and worship God. **The facts found in the lips that worship Jesus are as follows:**

1. **Always remembering to give to the other people who are in need physically and spiritually.**

Hebrews13:16

13:16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

We give according to the burden that has been put by God in our heart with willingness and joy.

Proverbs19:17

19:17 He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given.

We are lending to God when we do good things to the other people who are in need. God will pay it for sure. He will never deceive us.

2. **Obeying the leader.**

Hebrews13:17

13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

In the household, the wife submits to the husband. The husband obeys Jesus, so he can love the wife as his own body and does not do bitterly towards her. The children obey the parents. The parents must not make the child lose heart through forcing their will that is not in line to the Word and agreeing the child that is wrong.

In the shepherding, the congregation obeys the pastor through hearing and obeying the shepherding Word.

The submission in the shepherding is related to the intercession prayer of a pastor for the covering of protection. Do make the heart of the pastor grieved! It means that we must not resist the shepherding Word, or else there is dissatisfaction.

1 Timothy6:6-8

6:6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

6:7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

6:8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

If we can enjoy consuming the shepherding Word, there is the preservation of God, we will get the heavenly satisfaction, so we can testify and get the great gain.

Revelation12:14

12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

It refers to the two wings of a great eagle or the covering of protection.

Resisting against the Word, one will be dissatisfied and dry spiritually until losing the great gain as well as the salvation.

3. **The congregation prays for the pastor** to have the good conscience and life, and the destroyed things can be made good.

Hebrews13:18

13:18 Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably.

4. **Taking the example of the pastor, especially the example of faith.**

Hebrews13:7-9

13:7 Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

13:9 Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

The example of faith of a shepherd is as follows:

- Not changing true teaching Word.
- Being righteous in all aspects of life.
- Only hoping in God in facing all things.

How can we worship Jesus? We must check our conscience (= the source of water).

2 Kings 2:19-22

2:19 Then the men of the city said to Elisha, "Please notice, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the ground barren."

2:20 And he said, "Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it." So they brought it to him.

2:21 Then he went out to the source of the water, and cast in the salt there, and said, "Thus says the LORD: 'I have healed this water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.'"

2:22 So the water remains healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke.

The source of water or the conscience of man often contains bad things.

Matthew 15:19

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

It is filled by the seven evil, unclean, and bitter things until the lamp is quenched. The heart becomes foolish and dark. The mind is futile. Such man cannot worship Jesus.

The conscience should know something that is wrong.

The consequences are as follows:

1. Miscarriage or not having the life renewal, but keeping on being the man of blood and flesh that is sinful.

Numbers 12:1-3, 10, 12

12:1 Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

12:2 So they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also?" And the LORD heard it.

12:3 (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)

12:10 And when the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam became leprous, as white as snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was, a leper.

12:12 "Please do not let her be as one dead, whose flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb!"

The facts found in it are as follows:

- Leprosy or self-truth. It means covering sins by blaming at others and God or the true teachings and pretending to do good things.
- Stumbling in words or making God's heart and others grieved.

God permits us to face the people with the self-truth, so we can be meek. Having a mistake, we must confess. If we are righteous, we must keep silent or not plead ourselves.

2. The death. It means spiritual death, not being active or fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God, not reading the Bible and worshiping God anymore, but only committing sins up to the peak and there is the second death or perdition.

[2 Kings 2:21-22] **God helped with the salt.** It means as follows:

1. **The salt of sanctification by the fire of the true teaching Word.**

Mark 9:49

9:49 "For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.

The heart is sanctified from the seven evil, unclean, and bitter desire by the fire of the Word to become the holy heart to be filled by the Holy Spirit with the seven manifestation.

Isaiah11:2

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

2. Making peace with God and others.**Mark9:50**

9:50 "Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."

We confess and forgive sin one another, so the blood of Jesus washes all sins and our heart can be peaceful to be the dwelling place of Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit works in our life.

Romans8:26

8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

As a result, Holy Spirit helps us to worship God with a broken heart. We confess that we are only the clay that is not worthy or precious. We return to the hands of the Creator.

Genesis2:7

2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

God blows the Holy Spirit, so the dead can be made alive. It means that Holy Spirit is able to sanctify and change us from the fleshly man to the spiritual one like Jesus is, namely we can be obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore. There is power of preservation in the midst of the difficulties in the world. Impossible things can be made possible. Holy Spirit gives the beautiful successful future life.

John20:21-22

20:21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Jesus gives the gifts of Holy Spirit that determines our ministry, so we can be used in the revival for the edification of Christ's body.

God blesses you.