

General Service in Malang, January 06, 2019 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 8:8-9

8:8 Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.

8:9 And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

The second trumpet is sounded. It refers to the condemnation of the trinity of God for ones who reject the sound of the trumpet or the preaching of the shepherding word which is hard, sharper than any two-edged sword, and repeated to sanctify our life.

The second condemnation is signified by a great mountain burning with fire and thrown into the sea.

Isaiah 17:12-13

17:12 Woe to the multitude of many people Who make a noise like the roar of the seas, And to the rushing of nations That make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!

17:13 The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters; But God will rebuke them and they will flee far away, And be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, Like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

The great mountain refers to the sins which increase up to the peak or the sins of eating-drinking, namely smoking, being drunk, and drugs abuse and the sins of marrying-being given in marriage, namely adultery with all of its kinds, lesbianism, homosexuality, and wrong marriage which come from the burning lust and the desire of the flesh.

The sea refers to the tribes of the nation or the Gentiles.

So, the great mountain burning with fire and thrown into the sea refers to the Gentiles who are powered by the sins of Babylon which are encouraged by the burning desire or the lusts of the flesh like a Samaritan woman who did the divorce-re-marrying five times.

In consequence, the sea became blood. It means being thirsty, unsatisfied, and dry in spirituality.

The sign is that one begins to lie, gossip, slander, blame and hinder, and justify and support the false teaching. If one is dry in spirituality, he is not fervent in spiritual thing and activity anymore, but he lives in sins up to the peak and enjoys it until the second death and he perishes forever.

The solution so that the water does not become blood is that it must become the sweet wine. It means entering the marriage supper of the Lamb on the glorious clouds when Jesus comes for the second time.

The process is as follows:

1. The many waters must enter the six waterpots.

John 2:6-7

2:6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

2:7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

The meanings are as follows:

- Every fleshly man must be shepherded well and correctly so that he is neither wild nor obedient the burning desire and the lust of the flesh.
- From many waters, there are only six waterpots. It means that only a few of the fleshly men get the mercy of God to be chosen to enter the good and correct shepherding.

The requirements are as follows:

- Persevering in the shepherding pen. In Tabernacle, it refers to the Holy Place.
In the Holy Place, there are three instruments which refer to the perseverance in doing three main services to God.
 - a. The Golden Candlestick refers to the perseverance in doing General Service to get the fellowship with Holy

Spirit God in the anointing and the gifts of Holy Spirit.

- b. The Table of Showbread refers to the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching word and sacrifice of Christ.
- c. The Golden Altar of Incense refers to the perseverance in doing Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the trinity of God, so we cannot be touched by the trinity of Satan. The proof is that we get the peace in the midst of the waves of the sea of the world like Jesus who slept in a stern in the midst of waves. All things become easy and light or we are never drowned.

In the shepherding pen, we are like a branch which attaches to the true vine, so we will produce sweet fruit and wine sooner or later.

- Eating the shepherding word, hearing, and obeying the sound of the trumpet which is entrusted by God to a shepherd to be preached faithfully, sequentially, and repetitively as the spiritual food for the congregation, so they experience spiritual growth until they are mature or experience the sanctification and renewal and become as perfect as Jesus.

The shepherding word becomes a command to control our steps as follows:

- a. Leading us to enter the shepherding pen. The success of the preaching of the shepherding word is bringing the sheep to enter the shepherding pen.
- b. Leading us to go out from the pen to the other pen or to enter the fellowship of the perfect body of Christ.
- c. It continues to lead us to enter the last shepherding pen, the New Jerusalem, or the eternal heavenly kingdom. There is beautiful and successful future life which is promised by God.

The result are as follows:

- We cannot be powered by Babylon. The shepherding pen is the evacuation place from Babylon.
- The miracle happens that water can turn into sweet wine. Outside shepherding pen, there is no miracle but only temptation. The aim of miracle is to make us near God and be united with Him forever.

2. We must experience the great miracle, namely the life renewal from water to the sweet wine.

What must be changed?

- The heart must be renewed first.

John 2:3

2:3 And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

The anxious and fearful heart must be changed into the one which surrenders fully to God. If one is worried, he cannot be righteous and faithful. He also cannot prioritize the service and ministry. So, his life cannot be changed, but bent over for eighteen years in the temple of God.

Proverbs 12:25

12:25 Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.

It is the same as being stamped by Antichrist with number 666.

1 Peter 5:7

5:7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

The right attitude is casting all of our care to Jesus or the Good Shepherd who has surrendered His life to preserve our life physically, so we can live in abundance until we can give thanks. He also preserves our spiritual life, so we can live in righteousness and holiness, until we can say "I shall not want" or become perfect.

John 2:4

2:4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."

The impatient heart must be changed into the patient one. Being patient in suffering, we can give thanks to God.

1 Peter 5:1

5:1 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed.

We are also patient in waiting the time of God by not taking our own way which is not in line with the word and actually is the dead lock and perdition.

The matter of God has not helped us yet means as follows:

- a. God is still busy with our life to sanctify us so that we are patient.
 - b. God wants to give us the sweet wine or the heavenly joy in the suffering.
 - c. So that after we are helped, we can be His witness.
- o The deeds are changed.

John 2:8

2:8 And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it.

The disobedient deeds which resist against God because of egoism or selfishness must be changed into the obedient one regardless of any risk we must take until the flesh does not speak anymore.

1 Peter 5:5-6

5:5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.

As a result, God will lift us up, exalt, and make all things successful and beautiful in due time. The obedience is the beginning of success.

- o The tongue or word is changed.

John 2:9

2:9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

It is until we can taste the sweet wine, namely the tongue can confess the sins. Lying or not confessing sin and blaming others means that there is bitterness.

The sweet wine also refers to the good and right words which become blessing for other people until we can worship God. It means that we have the words of faith which attract the mercy of God.

Mark 7:28-30

7:28 And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."

7:29 Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

7:30 And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

For example, the woman of Canaan who had a child who was demon possessed could justify and receive the hard word of God. It means that she confessed that she had many mistakes and was not worthy, so she did not blame other people. She also confessed that she was powerless, so she only hoped to the word of God, cried out, and surrendered to Him. So, the miracle of God will happen. The faith which is added with the mercy of God will become miracle.

All problems are finished by God, even the impossible one. The sick one is healed, the destroyed marriage and children will be restored, and there is beautiful and successful future life. Lying on the bed means that we are peaceful in the midst of the shakings in the world.

Revelation 22:20

22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

It continues to the last words of faith, namely we are sanctified and renewed to be perfect, so we are worthy to welcome the second coming of Jesus on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.