

General Service in Malang, January 13, 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 is the second condemnation of the Son of God to the world with all of creatures in it who reject the sound of the second trumpet nowadays, the shepherding word, or the true teaching word which is hard, sharper than any two-edged sword, and repeated to sanctify the congregation until being perfect like Jesus. It also means that they reject the sanctification and keep the sins.

The condemnation of the second trumpet is signified by the great mountain which is thrown into the sea.

The great mountain refers to the sins which increase up to the peak or the sins of eating drinking, namely smoking, getting drunk, drugs abuse, *et cetera* and the sins of marrying-being given in marriage, namely adultery with all of its kinds.

The sea refers to the Gentiles.

Isaiah 17:12

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!

So, the great mountain burning with fire which is thrown into the sea refers to the Gentiles who are powered by the sins of Babylon.

In consequence, "a third of the ships were destroyed." [Revelation 8:9b].

Revelation 18:17-20

18:17 'For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance

18:18 "and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?'

18:19 "They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.'

18:20 "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!"

"A third of the ships were destroyed" means that the people who trade on the sea are powered, dragged, and destroyed by the sins of Babylon.

Habakkuk 1:14-15

1:14 Why do You make men like fish of the sea, Like creeping things that have no ruler over them?

1:15 They take up all of them with a hook, They catch them in their net, And gather them in their dragnet. Therefore they rejoice and are glad.

Spiritually, they refer to the people who are like fish of the sea which swim from one to other place day and night without rest.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- One is busy to look for the physical thing until he forgets and does not look for God.
- Being busy in doing sins up to the peak, namely the sins of eating-drinking and the sins of marrying-being given in marriage.

The consequences are as follows:

- He does not experience the rest, peace, and silence, but only the weariness, heavy burden, difficulties, bitterness, tears, being unhappy, or the atmosphere of curse.
- He becomes the woman of Babylon who is perfect in wickedness and uncleanness, the bride of Satan, or the false church that will be destroyed forever.

So, God helps men who are like the fish of the sea who are in curse and aim at the perdition through the casting of the net of the Gospel or the word of God. If the men can receive the net of the word of God, they will be glad and rejoice.

There are two times of the casting of the net of the word of God or the Gospel as follows:

1. The casting of the net of the Gospel word, the Gospel of salvation, the milk, or the good news.

Luke 5:4-8

5:4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

5:5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."

5:6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

5:7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

5:8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

Ephesians 1:13

1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.

Proverbs 25:25

25:25 As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country.

The gospel word preaches the first coming of Jesus to the world as the only sinless man but He must die on the cross to save the sinful men.

The processes to receive the salvation from God are as follows:

- Believing Jesus as the only Savior.
- Repenting, stopping sinning, returning to God, or dying to sin. [Luke 5:8].
Through the preaching of the word, we can realize, regret, and confess our sins to God and other people. So, we will experience the forgiveness by the blood of Jesus. After being forgiven, do not do the sins anymore, but die to sins. It starts from the sins of hatred and lie. We are set free from the hand of Satan and return back to the hand of God.

- The water baptism.

Romans 6:4

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 true water baptism is that one who has repented or died to sin must be buried in water with Jesus and he will arise from the tomb of water with Him. So, the heaven is opened, and we get the new life or live in righteousness.

If we are righteous, we will be peaceful. It refers to the fish which have entered the net of the gospel, been saved and blessed, and become blessing for other people.

[Luke 5:7] After being blessed, we must be watchful so that we do not drown in the blessings. We are drowned if we are egoistic and selfish. We must remember other people, namely God who gives the blessing by giving the tithe and the special offering and other people who are in need by giving to and visiting them. After that, we can enjoy the blessing of God.

Luke 5:10

5:10 and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men."

Romans 6:12-13

6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

6:13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

We will catch men. It means that we become the instruments of righteousness, namely the servant and the minister of God who serve Him faithfully and righteously. We are used to bring the fish of the sea or the sinful men to enter the net of the Gospel or receive the salvation from God through testifying. Testifying refers to affirming the salvation.

Luke 5:6

5:6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

We must be watchful because the net is breaking. It means that we must increase our spirituality because the temptation

and the sins on the last days are increasing too. We must not only stay in the net of salvation, gospel, good news, or the blessing of God so that our net does not break and we do not return to the sea or the old life which aims at the curse and perdition.

For example, Simon Peter was a great man but returned to the sea of the world or become a fisherman.

John 21:3,7

21:3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing

21:7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

If the fisher of men returns to the fisherman, he is in total failure, naked, ashamed, and worse than before, and cannot be glorified with God, but perishes forever.

2. The casting of the net of the gospel of the glory of Christ, the solid food, or the Bride Tidings.

John 21:6,10-11

21:6 And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

21:10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught."

21:11 Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken.

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.

Matthew 25:6

25:6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'"

The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ preaches the second coming of Jesus on the glorious clouds as the King of all kings or the heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify and renew us until being perfect like Jesus, so we are ready to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

In the second casting of the net, there were one hundred and fifty-three big fishes which were caught, but the net was not broken. It means that the preaching of the true teaching word which is sharper than two-edged sword makes people who are counted by God.

Ezekiel 20:37

20:37 "I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;

Being counted means being shepherded.

Proverbs 7:10-12

7:10 And there a woman met him, With the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart.

7:11 She was loud and rebellious, Her feet would not stay at home.

7:12 At times she was outside, at times in the open square, Lurking at every corner.

One cannot stay in home, love to quarrel, and look for trouble. Divorce will multiply problems or destroy the marriage. Reconciling means finishing the problem.

The feet which cannot stay at home mean not being shepherded, but wandering so he meets the woman of Babylon. If one is not shepherded, he will be failed and naked sometime.

So, nowadays, we must be shepherded, because we are like a sheep for the slaughter whose distance is only a step with the death.

The requirements of being shepherded are as follows:

- We must be in the shepherding pen or have the perseverance in doing three main services as follows:

- The General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts of Holy Spirit.
- The Bible Study Service and Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching word and sacrifice of Christ.
- The Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love.

So, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the trinity of God and we cannot be touched by the trinity of Satan.

- We must hear and obey the voice of the shepherd, shepherding word, or the sound of the trumpet which is repeated. So, we will experience the spiritual growth until we are mature. It means experiencing the sanctification and renewal continually until we are perfect and result in the number one hundred and fifty-three.

One hundred refers to ten multiplied by ten. It means hearing and obeying the word.

Fifty refers to the Pentecost or the anointing of Holy Spirit which makes us fervent in spirit to serve and minister to God.

Three refers to the body, soul, and spirit which are renewed until being the same as the image of the Trinity of God or having nine fruits of Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23

5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 5:23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

The Love, joy, and peace refer to the image of the Father God.

The longsuffering, kindness, and goodness refer to the image of the Son of God.

The faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control refer to the image of the Holy Spirit God.

Ecclesiastes 7:29

7:29 Truly, this only I have found: That God made man upright, But they have sought out many schemes."

The fact found in it is being honest about the word of God and our life, namely being honest in confessing our sins and everything.

Isaiah 53:3

53:3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Jesus was willingly not counted so that we can be counted by God. The honest one will be counted by God.

The results are as follows:

- A hair of our head is numbered. It means that God is able to preserve and protect us in the midst of difficulties in the world until the age when Antichrist rules over the world for three and a half years up to the eternal life.

Matthew 10:30

10:30 "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

- God watches, cares our deepest feeling, and gives us peace, so all things are easy and light and all of our problems are finished by Him.

Exodus 3:7-8

3:7 And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.

3:8 "So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

- God counts and watches the steps of our life because there is only a step between us and the death.

Job 31:4

31:4 Does He not see my ways, And count all my steps?

A step or a cubit is the measurement which is used to measure the Tabernacle. It means that every step of our life must be used in edifying the spiritual Tabernacle or active in the ministry for edifying the perfect body of Christ.

Romans 10:15

10:15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

The steps of the people who are used or sent by God are the successful and beautiful ones. It continuous until the time when He comes for the second time that we are changed to be perfect, so we are worthy to welcome His coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.